



FREE MAP FOR YOUNG TRAVELLERS



1 ŠPILAS
The castle built in the middle of the 13th century, was initially made to protect the city, but under the Habsburgs (in the 1830s **Špilbaek** (or Špilas as we call it) was turned into a prison. Today it serves as a museum and is worth a look, chiefly thanks to its dungeons and torture exhibition. Boooming! Take a walk around the castle instead and find the hidden passages where can get a whiff of **85**. Have a game of boules and sit back with a bottle of wine on the brick walls (good for long conversations over a long drop).

LOCAL TIP FROM TONDA
2 1€
There can be any proper Czech celebration without **Chlebiky** (open sandwiches). The best and most fresh ones in Brno are to be found in a small family buffet called **Brno**. You must definitely try the traditional ham and cheese combination on so called 'Paris salad' (mayonnaise based with pickle and salami), then it's up to your taste. Are you having a meeting of a date, or visiting somebody? A box of open sandwiches will definitely open the doors and hearts of the locals for you.)

3 TRADITIONAL FOOD AND PRODUCE
In this shop, you can see what Czech-granny-style cakes look like. And it's not just the cakes, but all the products you can find in **Dobry špiz** are made in the Czech Republic, from cheese and sausages to tea and chocolate. We recommend buying some fruit preserve or pâté as a souvenir.
1 Pekařská 2/ Mon to Fri 07:30 - 18:30, Sat 8:00 - 12:00

4 QUEER NIGHT LIFE
If you are looking for places where the LGBTB community meets, visit one of the places at Pekařská to Hrušova Street. Start at the **Bar by** where you can try various drinks and quality wine, notice also their original bar then continue to Pekařská where you will find **Metro-bar** which is designed as an underground stop, you'll sign your ticket and your barbie can start. If you feel like dancing, go to **Lennon Music Club** a newly-opened and cozy club where the DJ will play really anything you ask for.
1 Bar: Hrušova 8a/ Mon to Thur 16:00 - 02:00, Fri to Sat 16:00 - 3:00, Sun 16:00 - 01:00
Metro-bar: Pekařská 24/ Tue to Thu 19:00 - 24:00, Fri to Sat 19:00 - 01:00
Lennon Music Club: Pekařská 7/ Tue to Thu 20:00 - 03:00, Fri to Sat 20:00 - 05:00

5 RETROGRAPHY
The retro Czechoslovak interior (notice the switches!) is a kind of brand-name of **Café Florentina** and their crockery brings back childhood memories for the locals. Come and see a photo exhibition and taste the Eismelera spread with home-made bread, Kout beer or Malinová - a sweet fizzy lemonade with a raspberry flavour and rich pink colour which we have been loving since Czechoslovakian times. You can arrange a photo consultation here or buy a photo from the exhibit.
1 Kopecká 21/ Mon to Fri 10:00 - 24:00, Sat to Sun 13:00 - 24:00

9 WHAT LURKS UNDER THE GROUND?
The labyrinth of **Brno underground** dates from the Middle Ages cellars. Nowadays, every other claim in the historic city centre leads to the underground labyrinth, which is used by many local daredevils to bring out their inner mode under cover of night. They sometimes crawl out accompanied by the municipal police. As a result, but not very exciting possibility is an air-conditioned tour of the Labyrinth underneath Zelený Trh and the Mint Market's Cellar **2 Zelený Trh 21/ Tue to Sun 09:00 - 18:00**. It's better, however, to visit the Ossuary of St. James' Church **1 Jákobské náměstí/ Tue to Sun 09:30 - 18:00**. It is a place where the remains of 50,000 victims of the plague, cholera and the Swedish siege in the 17th century were placed when there was no more room in the cemetery.

LOCAL TIP FROM BABA
10 HIP COURTYARD
It must have been the destiny of the three paths Starobrnenská, Šlimgrova náměstí and Domlníkarské náměstí to intertwine into three premises connected through a courtyard. **Trojka** is associated - by us - with nostalgia from our secondary school years; however, we still feel comfy there even now. Two worlds meet at the next courtyard gallery, downtown, **U Poutníka**, you'll get beer (don't even try to order anything else if you don't want to be scorned) from a well coordinated group of old mates, while upstairs, there is the new residence of the infamous **Café Alfa**, Mecca of artsy types, which must have left its original address, because of the complaints (about too much liveliness) from concerned neighbours. All in all, in the summer months it's a meeting spot which will swallow you up.
1 Trojka: Domlníkarská 9/ Mon to Fri 10:00 - 01:00, Sat to Sun 14:00 - 24:00
U Poutníka: Starobrnenská 16/ Every day 14:00 - 24:00
Café Alfa: Starobrnenská 16/ Mon to Fri 10:00 - 23:00, Sat to Sun 15:00 - 23:00

11 HIPSTER CAPITAL
If you can ignore the floods of beards, black rimmed glasses and drinking from jars, you will enjoy the locally sourced coffee, or Brno's own Lucky Bastard micro-brewed beer. Yes, local and home-made are the buzzwords at **SKOG Urban Hub**. Everything is done in a minimalist, Nordic style snow-white breezeblock walls and wooden tables. Occasional alternative music events.
1 Domlníkarská 5/ Mon to Thu 08:00 - 01:00, Fri 08:00 - 02:00, Sat 10:00 - 02:00, Sun 12:00 - 22:00

12 THE SECRET VIEW
While passing through Náměstí Svobody, search for a Renaissance building with a gargoyle facade and golden initials 'DPT' above the entrance, it's called **Dům pod zámek**. Enter, go up to the 6th floor (by lift) and find the terrazzo bar up a winding staircase. You'll see the chimneys of a city healing plant, the abandoned Hádý quarry, Špilbaek **1**. The Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul and the AZ tower, the tallest building in the Czech Republic... but we don't really see its beauty, fun fact: it is 111 metres high due to the ex-mayor's interest in numerology. Best time to visit before sunset. Warning: closed in winter (Náměstí Svobody 17)

13 THE COCK CLOCK
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16 PIONEERING CAFE
Společ may have been one of the cafes which started Brno's current coffee boom. Opened in 2000, it hasn't changed much since then: wooden floor and heavy metal chairs with green leather-like padding, round windows in the toilet door that look like a boat cabin, and rich and tasty minestrone soup. As it offers both a breakfast and lunch menu, desserts and all kind of drinks, you can spend the whole day there if you like, and your conversation/reading won't be disturbed because there is no radio or music playing. It's a bit tricky to find as the entrance is a little passage.
1 Dvorní 22/ Mon to Fri 08:00 - 22:00, Sat to Sun 10:00 - 22:00

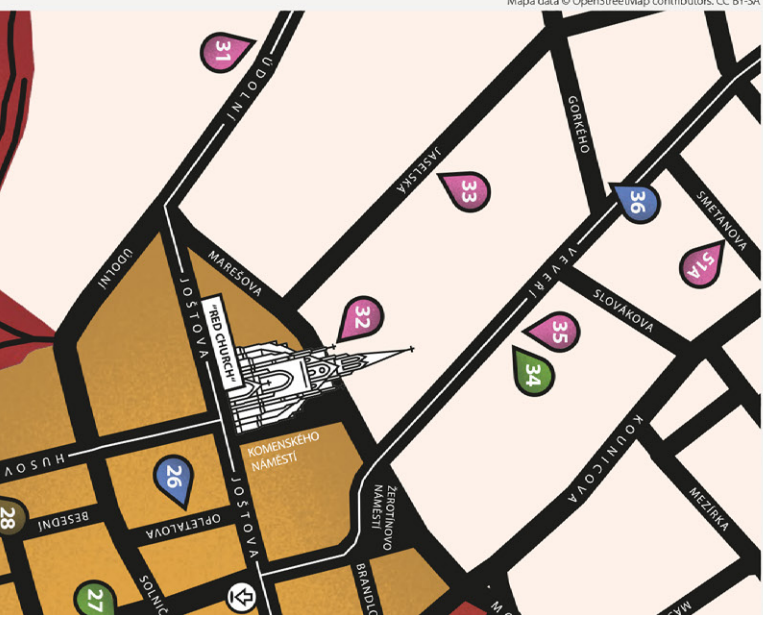
17 NOT THAT KIND OF CINEMA
Once a cinema, now a place to relax and to have fun, **Utopia** is an underground labyrinth that offers tea, drinks, beer, pool, chess, darts and others, all in one place. Yes, it's that big, so be careful, you might get lost on your way to the bathroom...
1 Dvorní 3/ Sun to Thu 14:00 - 02:00, Fri to Sat 14:00 - 04:00

18 THAT SPACE BEHIND THE PLATE GLASS
Koblenz Muz has become a catch-all music and performing arts centre for the whole of the Brno alternative scene. Here, we've already experienced proper EDM, a masterclass from a pornstar, post-punk, futurist anime projection and socio-political provocative theatre. One of the few places in the city which regularly hosts interesting electronic/whatever-music from foreign artists. Shows for 50 - 200 CZK.
1 Sokova 4/ Mon to Fri 11:00 - 02:00, Sat to Sun 17:00 - 02:00

19 NEVER DESERT!
Tucked away behind the entire bunker, **Desert** provides a welcome midnight. Many of us have tried to seek here, young musicians tear their first g students at the Theatre Academy restaurants here, and there are even, bizarre services on the second Sunday of ever **1 Rozsudek 11/ Mon to Fri 16:00 - 03:00, Sat to Sun**

20 LIVE TO EAT, NOT EAT TO LIVE
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21 BACK TO THE JAZZ AGE
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1 Dvorní 3/ Mon to Tue + Sun 17:00 - 03:00, Fri to Sat 17:00 - 04:00



ACT LIKE A LOCAL
GET TO KNOW THE REAL CITY
Brno is great in its own way, there are lots of students, cozy cafes, decent prices, amazing functional buildings and a perfect public transport system. What's more, the centre of Brno is not flooded with tourists, so you can experience an authentic Czech city. It also has its own type of humour - some of the best examples being statues **13 29** in the city centre, and combines the atmosphere of a big, friendly and innovative city with a kind of sleepy village feeling.

DON'T SAY CZECHOSLOVAKIA
Come on guys, it's been more than 20 years since Czechoslovakia split into two separate and independent states. So, please, don't call us Czechoslovakia, we won't appreciate it. (By the way, if you happen to know that 1993 separation agreement was signed in Villa Tugendhat in Brno **46** you will look smart and make us happy! If you still haven't got used to the Czech Republic, good news - we have a new short alternative Czechial!

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BELIEVE IN THE BLUE AND WHITE

Fans of Brno's hockey team, Kometa, are an unusual bunch. An ordinary Czech fan cheers only when his team is winning, but fans of Kometa cheer no matter what is happening on the ice rink and, they still dream of the 11 league titles they won a long, long time ago. Although the official colours of the city are red and white, you may well meet a blue and white wave in the streets from time to time.

EXPERIENCE THE CONTRAST

Over 80,000 people disappear from Brno every Christmas, and a number in summer too, which sometimes leads to shorter opening hours for some bars, pubs, cafes, restaurants... and yeh, it is a big deal in our relatively small city. And where the hell do they go? Home. Brno seems really empty, and without its usual mass of lively students who are an important part of Brno's life and culture.

FORGET ABOUT TAXIS

Use public transport instead! Night transport is especially legendary in Brno. There is a unique system of night buses (called "rozcetzi"), that leave every hour from 23:00 to 05:00 to every part of the city. From "Hlavní nádraží" (main train station). It may happen that you talk to random people and get yourself into situations you've seen only in movies, rather a contrast to the rather cold and antisocial journeys you normally experience during the day.

real nightlife, we recommend starting at about 7 or 8 pm. That's the usual time for here. We usually start in a pub or a cafe with a beer or a glass of wine. We really like just sitting with a bunch of friends, chatting about life and being ironic. In fact, a lot of times we sit like that till closing time and then we try to catch the right night bus home. Alternatively, we may move to one of the crowded clubs and now, with the help of alcohol in our blood, we become dancing beasts.

DRINK BEER LIKE CZECHS

When it comes to drinking beer, we are very warm and friendly, and it is a matter of custom to have a celebratory beer on every occasion. We toast by saying "na zdárna!" (nazdraví). For the whole toasting ritual, watch other tables. Note a beer (0.5 l) is the normal size. Small beers (0.3 l) aren't suitable, even for girls. The head (foam on the top) is a traditional part of a well-poured Czech beer, so don't wait for it to disappear! Drink beer like we do in these pubs, but you can actually drink beer everywhere - it's absolutely okay (and local) to have a beer in a restaurant or cafe, not just in pubs. When we want to go for a beer we often say "šlápně na pedál" (let's go for a beer). In reality, one is never enough, so if someone invites you "na pedál", expect at least three.

LOVE CAFÉS

We spend many hours sitting and people-watching. As going to cafes is such a large part of our lives, you can usually find everything you'll need for the whole day, apart from coffee and tea; beer, wine and spirits are also on the menu as well as snacks and home-made desserts. But many places also offer food for your soul: it may be a concert, an improv-theatre show, an exhibition or a debate. So why go anywhere else? Well, maybe to visit another one - after all, they're everywhere, and new ones are still appearing!

📍 Kopeckého 21 / Mon to Fri 10:00 - 24:00, Sat to Sun 13:00 - 24:00



FEED THE BEAT

Until recently the local house scene had to wander around (partly) illegal village festivals, but then the **Vibe Club** opened and with it deep house, tech house and nu-disco have also started flowing into Brno. We recommend going there on Fridays and Saturdays at around midnight - it still doesn't have to be completely crowded. This minimalist cellar is fit rather for enjoying the music than beer crawls, and people often stay in an electronic trance till the morning.

📍 Stoděnická 20 / Wed, Fri & Sat 22:00 - morning

MARKET WITH TRADITION

The market at **Zelný trh** has been there every single day (except in winter and on Sundays) since the 13th century. You can buy seasonal fruits, vegetables, and flowers. Or have a truly divine scoop at the same name stall **Babky kopceček**. They have vegan ice cream with very unconventional flavours (like lavender, blueberry, mojito or poppy seed). Look for an old-school ice cream van. The market will remind you of the old times when merchants still knew their customers by name. Young locals it is not just for old ladies with poodles, young locals shop here as well. Come in the morning because the best stands close in the early afternoon.

📍 Mon to Sat 07:00 - 17:00

CHILL OUT IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

Do you want the best photo of The Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul? (Petrov?) Go to **Kopčůvské náměstí**. During summer, you can also enjoy the public piano installed there or one of the neighbouring cafes and their summer terraces grab a coffee in the right one (**Café Tingsram**) or some multi-culti food on the left (**Café Pilsat**). Good wine is provided by both of them and it tastes the best under the stars and on the stairs...

Closed in winter; (Náměstí Svobody 17)

THE COCK CLOCK

The controversial **Brno clock** is apparently a reference to the year 1645 when Brno was besieged by the Swedes. As one legend has it, the Swedish general Torstensson boasted that Brno would be conquered by noon otherwise his army would leave. So the good people of Brno rang the bells of Petrov Cathedral an hour early (at 11:00) and saved the city with this cunning trick. The artwork divides opinion: it is supposed to be a clock but people usually call it a phallus, a dildo or a rocket. Don't be surprised if you can't tell what the time is. Most of us don't really know how it works either. Don't forget to be there at 11:00 every day to listen to the chimes and see a glass ball (with the little city flag inside) drop from inside. As only one ball comes out a day, some people get there at 10:00, put their hands in, and wait for a whole hour. Bit of a pain when it rains. Every New Year's Eve the phallus is wrapped in a huge condom-like cover to protect it from errant fireworks.

LET'S DANCE

Metro music bar is a good place to get your dancing shoes on and get to know the multicultural side of Brno life as it is teeming with students and expats. There's live music almost every day. Entrance is mostly between 100 and 200 CZK. Fridays are reserved for Friday Night Fever parties (50 CZK) with the legendary crazy local DJ Schiff who can often be found leaping from table to table instead of doing his job.

📍 Polovinská 6, Aljo Passage / Mon to Sat 19:00 - 05:00

FOR TRUE COFFEE GOURMETS

Cafes really are everywhere in Brno, but as their concepts vary a lot, so does the coffee they serve. These two offer only the highest quality coffee from the best local and worldwide sources, they have well-trained baristas, and also offer alternative coffee styles such as vacuum pou, cold drip etc.

Kafeč and **Coffee Fusion**

📍 Kafeč, Orlí 16

📍 Coffee Fusion, Jiráskova 25 / Mon to Fri 09:00 - 20:00



RING CAFÉ

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71 1400 - 0200, Fri to Sat 1400 - 0400

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71 1100 - 0300, Sat to Sun 1700 - 0300

NEVER DESERTED

Tucked away behind the entrance to a former nuclear bunker, **Desert** provides a welcome refuge: well after midnight, **Desert** of us have tried to solve our existential crises here. Young musicians tear their first guitar strings here, new students at the Theatre Academy read their photographic stories here and there are even, bizarrely, Protestant church services on the second Sunday of every month.

Rooselovce 11

Mon to Fri 1600 - 0300, Sat to Sun 1600 - 0300

LIVE TO EAT, NOT EAT TO LIVE

A family type bistro where food doesn't suit only your tongue but also your eye, that is **Soul Bistro**. Daily offer as well as perennial favourites, creative and turned tastes which are suitable also for gastrovape. For example, a beef sandwich is great both in the summer and winter. But the careful Right opposite the door of this slightly Scandinavian-designed place, there's a trap: a showcase with home made cakes - it's absolutely impossible to resist. Main course for 99 - 279 CZK, soups 55 CZK and cakes around 65 CZK.

Jezevická 7, Mon to Fri 800 - 2200, Sat 1000 - 2300

BACK TO THE JAZZ AGE

If Jay Casby visited Brno, he would definitely go to **Bar, Kury nextstille**: cocktail shakers full of alcoholic drinks found nowhere else in Brno, signature cocktails, tasty burgers (try the mini ones!), staff in classic uniforms, and leather sofas in the bathrooms... but you'll probably be seated somewhere other than there! Some people find it a bit pretentious, but prices are fair - around 150 CZK for a cocktail.

Dvořákova 17, Mon to Tue + Sun 1700 - 0200, Wed to Thu 1700 - 0300, Fri to Sat 1700 - 0400

STAND UP IN PRAISE OF BEER!

Until recently, this square was very special. Then they opened **Wyer** **Neštěstí** (a stylized = standing up), which was soon ranked the best pub in the Czech Republic. In summer, the square is so full of people that no-one thinks twice about cramming themselves here to the fountain, or missing between stages on the left. The best Czech beers from regional micro-breweries are on rotation here - Chmelčák, Rákosník and Hnědko (in name just like it!) - some beer snobs of the menu - such as, I think, an old Czech poppy with sauerkraut.

86, Hnědko 16, Mon to Fri 1200 - 2400, Sat to Sun 1400 - 2400

LOCAL TIP FROM ASIA

EAT, DRINK, WATCH

Visit a cinema with soul and a long history! At the beginning **Kino Souda** was made for industrial workers, now it is owned by Masaryk University, but it is used by everyone of all ages. You can find there the newest movies, as well as the old ones, classics, and festivals that glorify different countries/styles. You may find a movie from your country! So eat a dessert, drink coffee, take a beer (at **Café Bar Souda**) and go for a movie! And after that, you can buy a souvenir from **Scalenterie** - university shop www.kinosouda.cz/en

SMOKING HOT

Help us support a new tourist oddity in Brno. There are several **smoking pipes** and traffic signs hidden all around the city, and iconic locals have begun to worship them as monuments. According to some, they show the Brno's dragon is, to this day, resting in its underground lair. Find your favourite **Smoking Pipe**, catch them all, just as an example: the one on Brochetho street looks like a tripping tree. And please, don't post your smoking hot pics on our FB (page: facebook.com/uehbro).

HORSE, GIRAFFE AND BALLFIE - EVERYTHING AT ONCE

The clock **19** is not enough for Brno. We wanted more! That's why there is a **statue of Jost of Moravia** on his horse (funny as you say, he was actually afraid of them!) in the centre. The icon in the map will help you to find where to look and how to take a ballfie of gigantic proportions! That isn't enough for the gaffe on a T-shirt, bag or necklace, go to the nearby **Place Store** and ask for the Northern (Moravian) collection.

Place Store, Moravské náměstí 4, Mon to Fri 0900 - 1900, Sat 1000 - 1600

JAMMIN' JAMU

Under the Jaráček Academy of Music and Performing Arts in Brno (JAMU), you'll find **Musik Lab**. This young students' club is dedicated to jazz and funk performance and jam sessions. It's one of those clubs where you have to solve an IQ puzzle to find out the right door for the folks.

Operátorská 17, Mon to Thu 1200 - 0230, Fri 1400 - 1330, Sat 1600 - 0330, Sun 1600 - 2400

EVEN MORE BEER

A perfect place to buy a typical souvenir from the Czech Republic: beer! **Phoetika U Modrého lva** is a small shop, where you can get bottled beers from Czech microbreweries like the Hradec, Zdob, Loccor, or the family business brewery Matka. Ask also about local beers: Lucky Bastard and Hauskech.

Celák 19

Mon to Fri 0900 - 1900, Sat 0900 - 1300

WHAT? PRAGUE IN BRNO?

Even though **Praha** is, of course, our capital city, the café is located in the cozy courtyard of the Moravian Gallery. But enough of education (which you can also get here), aside from their cultural programme, this spot is also famous for snacks and home-made ice lollies: would you like poppy with white chocolate or gin tonic and pomegranate flavour? Imagine anything! While there, notice the fresh design details: beer mats, coffee cups, glasses...

Husov 18

Mon to Fri 1200 - 2400, Sat to Sun 1600 - 2400

ART TIP!! FROM FILIP

HUNGRY FOR ART? BRNO CAN FULFIL YOUR ARTISTIC APPETITE

Doesn't matter if you love art or you want to hide inside due to bad weather, try Brno art galleries. From gothic to modern art, from paintings and sculptures to photography, we have it all!

The biggest art institution in Brno is called the Moravian Gallery (Moravská galerie). It consists of three buildings located in the centre. Try: **Pražák Palace (Pražákův palác)** and take a slide to art (literally). Discover modern Czech design, particularly Czech modernism, and don't hesitate to use that slide. Tip: you can buy a combined ticket for more buildings. Don't forget that permanent exhibitions are for free. To check temporary exhibitions visit www.moravska-galerie.cz.

The Brno House of Arts (Dům umění) is the best place in Brno to see contemporary art, from architecture, through paintings, sculptures, artistic installations and photography. There are no permanent exhibitions, only temporary ones.

If you are tired of shopping in Valbka, **Fait Gallery** is a nice break! See modern art: www.faitgallery.com. And it's free!

Galerie Architecture is the best place for architecture lovers: enjoy architectural projects, pictures, models, and learn more about Czech architects.

Pražák Palace (Pražákův palác)

Husov 18, Wed to Sun 1000 - 1800

The Brno House of Arts (Dům umění)

Malšovická nám. 7, Tue to Sun 1000 - 1800

Fait Gallery

Ve Valbce 22, Tue to Sat 1100 - 1800

Galerie Architecture

Sardinská 18, Mon to Sun 1000 - 1800

NUCLEAR SHELTER AND SODA WATER

This shelter was used by the public during the bombing of the last two years of WW2; however, after the Communist takeover in 1948, it was secretly rebuilt as a nuclear shelter for local Communist elites, codenamed **10-Z**, and has recently been opened to the public. You can choose from an audiovisual tour without a guide (179 CZK), and an (even more interesting) night-time tour with a guide and

PRACTICAL INFO

BRNO TOURIST INFO

- at Radnická 8
- April to September
- Mon to Fri 0830 - 1800, Sat and Sun 0900 to 1800
- October to March
- Mon to Fri 0900 to 1800, Sat and Sun 0900 to 1700
- Daily 0900 - 1800
- Daily 0900 - 1800
- at Hlavní nádraží
- Daily 0900 - 1700
- at Spilberk
- Tue to Sun 0900 - 1630

MEETING POINTS

- marked with 19 around 1900 or 2000 these places are quite crowded (especially at weekends) - can be difficult to spot people
- 1 -> the train station -> main train (and night buses) hub
- 2 -> Česká (Čláň)
- 3 -> the cock-clock on nám. Svobody
- 4 -> sculpture of Jost Moravský

SMOKING NOT ALLOWED

smoking inside (restaurants, theatres...) is banned

TIPS

not included in the price -> leave about 5 - 10 - 10% -> we round up the price -> but all depends on your happiness with the service (up to 15%)

PAYMENT BY CARD

- 1 -> supermarkets, shops
- 2 -> most restaurants, cafés, pubs, tourist classics

FOOD SHOPS

If you want to prepare your own dish or snack -> names of supermarkets: Albert, Billa, Tesco, Lidl, Kaufland, Penny market + small local chainstores: Oday, Břeňka

ALCO - BEHAVIOUR

streets, public transport, parks -> drinking alcohol officially not allowed (but, actually, we do drink in parks) in bars and at pub/restaurant terraces -> you can drink whatever you want -> 18+ (summer terraces usually close at 2200 - quiet night hours)

BRNO FREE WALKING TOURS

Guided tours via the most famous attractions and legends as well as hidden spots. All guides work for voluntary tips only.

In-season (May to September) starting everyday at 11:00 (90 min), at 19

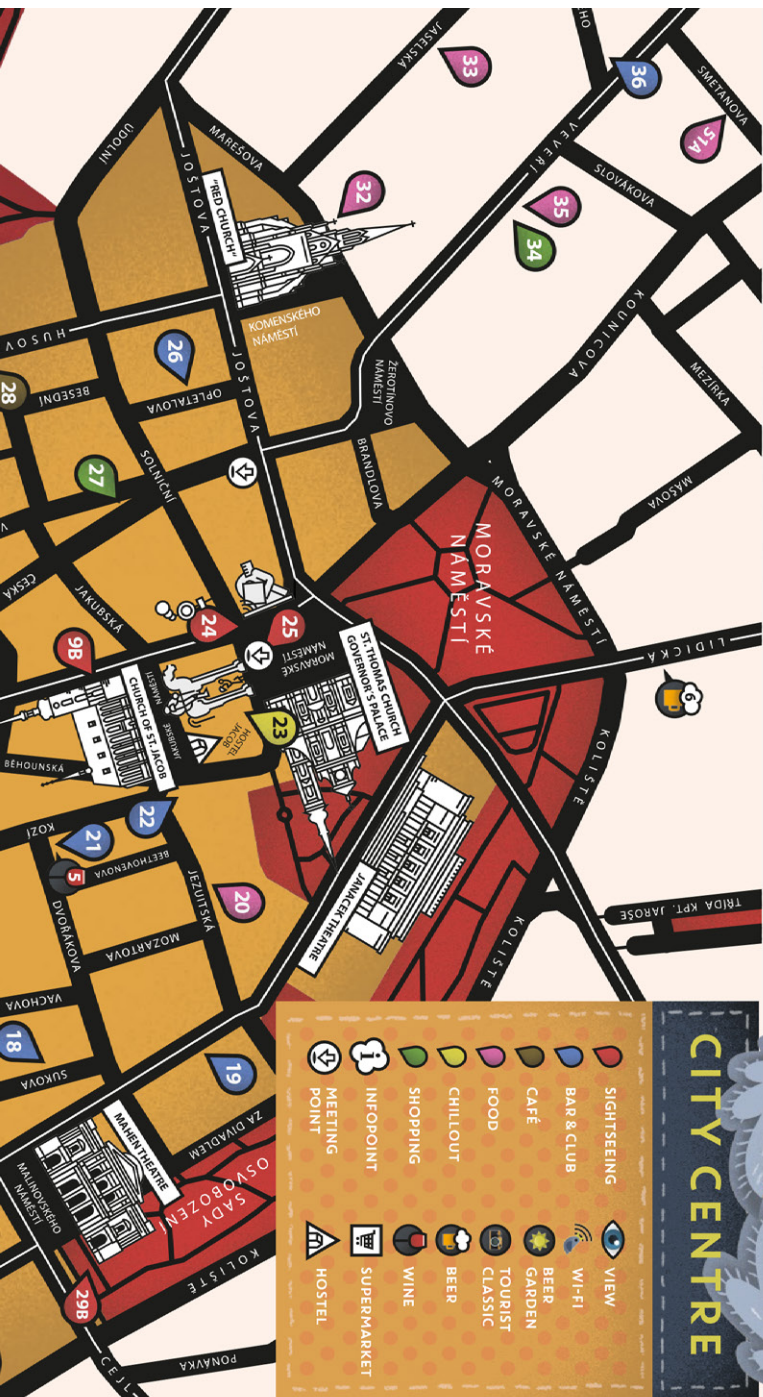
Off-season and different start times on demand.

TRANSPORT

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

TICKETS

- cash -> yellow ticket machines (at some tram stops), newspaper's shops, from the driver (slightly more expensive)
- card -> yellow ticket machines at Hlavní Nádraží and Malšovická náměstí





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31 HIDDEN GARDEN FULL OF TASTES

Probably the best lunch menu – given the price and the quality – in Brno. If you sit in the right place in this looks-like-a-Buddhist-psychiatrist-flat bar, you can see the cooks at **Zahradka Ambrosia**, rustling up some old Czech classic for lunch, an unusual veggie diet or, indeed, a one-type-of-veg main course! Definitely worth fighting for a table in the summer.

① Udištní 37
Mon to Fri 10:30 - 22:30; Sun 11:30 - 21:30

32 BREAKFAST IN THE JUNGLE OR UNDER THE SEA?

Would you like to have late breakfast or another one instead of lunch? Then you can't miss this place: though it is called a café, we recommend the breakfast – served till 13:00 (try the Norwegian one egg smoked salmon, home-made bread) – Arabian cuisine and cakes. They have also gluten-free versions, including Czech gluten-free beer! You will also love the interior, which is full of exotic stuff (hence the name **Aleas**) such as Hippopotamus, amphibus, Griffin, camelopardalis and Ocar Wilde.

① Zvonova náměstí 6
Mon to Sat 08:00 - 24:00; Sun 14:00 - 22:00

TICKETS

cash -> yellow ticket machines (at some tram stops), newsgirls' shops, from the driver (slightly more expensive)
card -> yellow ticket machine at Hlavní Náměstí and Malšovského Náměstí stops
sms -> be warned -> Czech phone numbers only -> number 90065 text "BNCD" (99 CZK / 75 min) or text "BNCD20" (20 CZK / 20 min) or text "BNCD" (99 CZK / 24 hours)
app -> "Seř" (android & iphone) -> user unfriendly!

PRICES

single ticket system for trams, trolleys, buses and trawls
ATTENTION -> PRICES AND ROUTES ARE OCCASIONALLY CHANGED DUE TO RECONSTRUCTIONS
15 min 20 CZK
weekends -> you can use a single
60 min 25 CZK
90 min 27 CZK
24 hours ticket for 2 people
24 hours 90 CZK
long-term pass -> DPMB office at
24 hours 18 (closed on Sun)
5-day 250 CZK

BICYCLE RENTALS

"Rikla" mobile app -> communal pink bikes available on the streets (March to November) -> 240 CZK / month or 24 CZK / hour

"Václav" - pilot project of bike-sharing in Brno, many racks with bikes in the city centre -> 39 CZK / hour, 260 CZK / month, for more information: www.vaclav.cz
cycle map -> www.bronakle.cz/cyklomapa-brno

TO THE NEXT CITY

public transport -> idos.cz or mobile app "Jízdní Řád" national and international coaches -> jizdni.regiojet.cz

TO THE AIRPORT

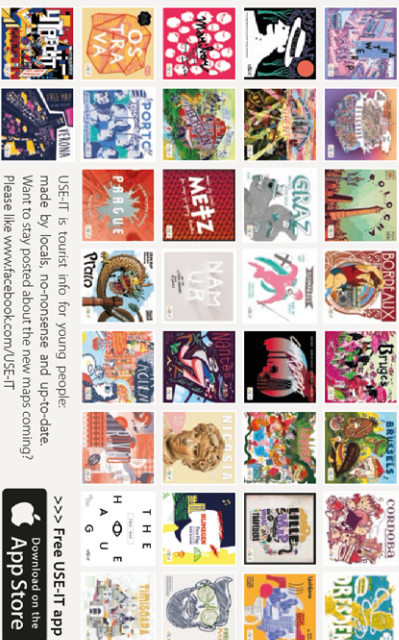
only 20 minutes from the station -> buy the 60 min ticket for public transport
Bus 76 -> from 5:30 until 23:30 -> from the main train station every half hour (00, 3:0)
Bus M89 -> at night -> from the same point every hour, on the hour

SEE ON THE OTHER SIDE

- 1 **Uradium**, Šarouněská 13
- 2 **Justine**, Prokešova 1 - POKŠ 17P

sunbathing students and grannies; an ideal spot for frisbee, picnic, and relaxing. Snowy? Hire a sledge and go for a ride! Story night? Visit the observatory and planetarium at the top of the hill (it's better to book tickets a few days in advance). At **Krevňovka**, there is also an swimming pool with a view of the city (especially pleasant in the evening – usually open till 22:00). You can also take a tour of an area of grand villas through Tůmova and Heinrichova streets.

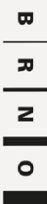
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If you are interested more in great food rather than fancy interiors, this is the place for you. At **U Sójomni pod Hájkem** they have only six dishes, which change from time to time, but "Prostě burger" is for good reason still on. You can get more Czech style food though as well as Czech lemonade called Zonka which reminds us of our childhood or perfectly tapped Czech beer Čeršobor. This is one of the pubs where you can choose the level of foam on your beer (just follow the guide on the board). Try also a slice of bread with "travníky" (Czech matured cheese) while waiting for your meal, but rather hurry, in the evenings they are gone pretty fast!

- 1 Botanická 28/ Moravě 1700 - 2400

BEERBOX

LET'S GO FOR ONE PINT

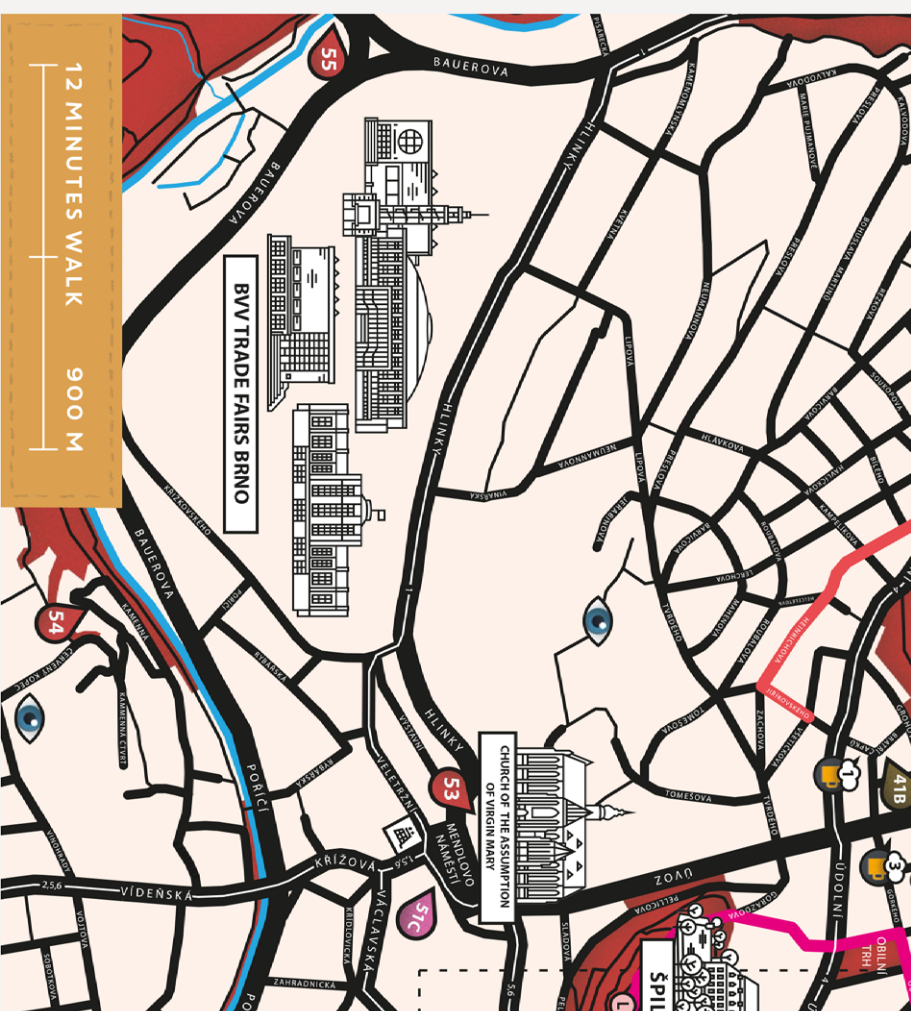
Beer lovers will be pleased with these places as they serve primarily beer. There is always a choice of at least three brands of beer from different Czech breweries and some local microbreweries. Ochutnávková pivnice and JBM Brew Lab Pub generally offer the biggest variety. Lucky Bastard shouldn't be missed by ale lovers nor should Škrtot by enthusiasts of steam punk atmosphere, but we recommend going on a beer tour and trying them all one after another!

Here is a list of some popular beer bars:

- 1 **Lucky Bastard Beerhouse**, Bratří Čapků 8
- 2 **JBM Brew Lab Pub**, Gřebkova 17
- 3 **Zastávka**, Lizec 78
- 4 **Pivnice na Štefánku**, Jirglovská 34

SEE ON THE OTHER SIDE

- 1 **U Alberta**, Pellicova 10
- 2 **Ochutnávková pivnice**, Lidická 10
- 3 **Škrtot**, Křenová 10



HERO TO ZERO HERO AGAIN!

It's surprisingly hard to have been thinking of beer as a functional superstar till it was as good as dead. Nothing was left of the original Pilsener in 1945, and so a stable. Now it's a UNESCO heritage garden (and the view from outside) is a revelation but you can see Villa in the garden of Villa Low-Beer. It's free. If you are reading this when we're sorry guys but you need to at least 2-3 months in advance to see you can try sending an e-mail to a few places may become available. I've made a screening of old movies, e organized there from time to time.

To Sun 10:00 - 18:00, Jan - Feb Wed to 00

FROM MARIANA



There have become very fashionable in find them almost everywhere but my e *Bistro na Omelce* is actually one of beers with a family atmosphere. Have home-made chips and mayonnaise and beer. Politics, Veggie, can have th Czech (Gernhardt-like cheese).

-0000, Sat 11:00-24:00, Sun 16:00-24:00

ENTER A DIFFERENT DIMENSION

Want to find out a unique way of chilling? *Trubka* is an iconic bar with a long history (over 20 years) and a very special atmosphere. You will find there people of all ages, occupations, and hobbies but none of that matters in Trubka. Don't let the look scare you - dark walls, almost no light, spooky decorations and even wicker toilets will make you feel as if you were back in time. Just sit, order a beer and 'topping' (fried bread) and wait till the atmosphere soaks into you. It is said that even the former president of the Czech Republic - Václav Havel, once had a beer on one of the sewing machines (used as tables).

To Sun 18:00 - 02:00

ORDINARY FOOD DOESN'T WORK FOR YOU?

More and more places for people with alternative diets have been springing up in Brno - here are a few tips from us, but check online to find the best for you. *Vegalié* is vegetarian, vegan and gluten free dishes, lunch menu, variety of beers and concerts in the evenings. *Raw with love* is a tiny sweet shop without sugar, yet with delicious and filling desserts, coffee serving is their priority too. An opportunity to try some unusual favours like raw chocolate cake with moss. *Austar* is run by Křehká followers for more than a decade. It makes its name with their all-you-can-eat menu served from Monday till Friday. For 99 CZK. Enjoy your meal sitting next to a fireplace while watching local students and hippie families trying their best not to fall into a food-induced coma.

Vegalié, Slovákova 10 Mon to Fri 11:00 - 01:00, Sat 16:00 - 01:00

Raw with love, Arentská 71 Mon to Fri 11:00 - 18:30

Austar, Mendelova náměstí 10/ Mon to Fri 11:00 - 18:00

HIC SUNT LEONTES

The southern city centre is one of the most expensive property areas in Brno. This should be a modern and shiny expansion of the city centre. However, the project of *Jihl centrum* has been stagnant for a long time, and the area is slowly becoming wasteland. You can design it, destroy it, or conquer it as you see fit. Simply for the modern day. Beware of competition though, some environmental activists have already started cleaning it up.



LOCAL TIP

FROM VOJTA

WHERE HAVE ALL THE BRNO HIPPIES GONE?

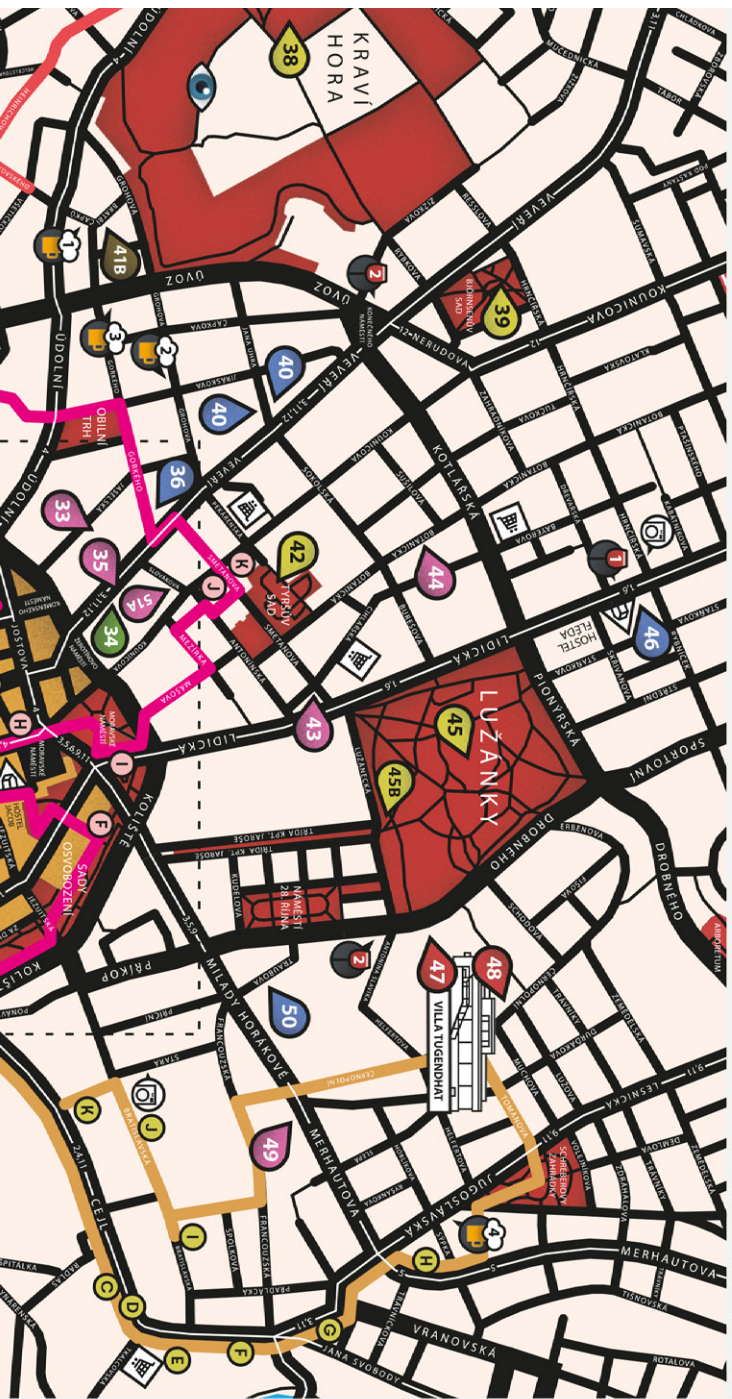
A little village, hidden in an abandoned quarry close to the city centre, was built by factory workers in the twenties, and then redesigned in the sixties by Bohemians to its present cosy artsy state (a fence made of wine bottles). *Kamená Kolonie* nowadays almost has the character of a refuge for nostalgic people moving into these narrow streets to find a restful space where the old Czech traditions still matter (come to celebrate autumn feasts or the beginning of spring). In one of the buildings, you will find Duchařka, the laid-back heart of *Kamená*, with a piano, some old hippies if you're lucky, and a married cameraman-type cheese called 'hermet'.
To Sun 17:00 - 02:00

WALKS

BRNO VIPs AND STATUES

BRNO TOURIST STARTER KIT. DON'T EXPECT MORE THAN A BIT OF PARKS AND VIEWS, A LOT OF WALKING, NEVER-BORING HISTORY AND TAKING A BALLTIE ON THIS BASIC WALK. WHEN BEING ALTERNATIVE IS TOO MAINSTREAM FOR YOU.

Start in *Dentistry* *sady* *A* where an obelisk stands as a symbol of victory over Napoleon. His most famous - and victorious - battle happened about half an hour from Brno, in Slavkov (Austerlitz). The battle is reconstructed every year at the end of November which is noticeable by the higher amount of French people in the city. Then walk along the tiny *Lidka Walkman* *B* which commemorates the leader of the Velvet Revolution in 1989 (the end of the Communist era in our country - Václav Havel). It was once suggested that we name an as-of-yet non-existent avenue in the southern city centre *B* after him, but we're happy that the people jumped for the other option next to the Husa no provázku theatre as a way of commemorating Havel's non-political past as a playwright and Bohemian party-giver. *The little cupid statue* *nearby* *C* is actually the young Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, who held a concert here at the Reduta theatre at Christmas in 1765 when there was a small-pox epidemic in Vienna. When standing in front of the *Old Town Hall* *D* you will see a bent apple on its portico. It was made by Antonín Dvořák, an architect by day and pianist by night - he wanted to show his discontent with the low payment he got for this building. And what happened when they fired him during the construction of the *Church of St. James* *E*? The answer is in a window of the church tower, walking from Naměstí Svobody (clue: some nudity is involved). Next, you can have a look at how we commemorate the defeat of the Swedish army through the means of a *huge dildo* *F* and move on to the *electric lightbulbs* *G* for Thomas Alva Edison, who personally supervised the installation of electric light in Mahrenovo divadlo, the first electrically-lit public building in Europe. Unlike the famous Edison, you'll always find Leos Janáček *H* among the most underrated and overlooked composers (see the section Brno celebs); however, a character from his still discussed opera *The Cunning Little Vixen* *I* has a statue right next to the *maestro's garden house* *J*. While walking there, don't forget to stop at the newest *Brno sculpture sensation* *K* and the *Statue of Justice* *L* in front of the Supreme Administrative Court which wants to say that justice is not easy to carry (and you have to bear the responsibility, firm, or something like that). Despite complaints, the *Soviet War Memorial* *M* stays on the list of national monuments and the 'hitchhiker' as the statue is jokingly called, still announces that WW2 has ended and Brno is free. Buy something for a picnic and head to the most feared prison from the era of the Austro-Hungarian Empire *N* and see Brno through the eyes - actually, the whole head! - of a poet who truly admired it. *Jan Stáček* *O* Finish the walk at the possibly best likeness of the founder of the Czech Republic, Jan G. Masaryk *P* who studied at grammar school in Brno. The Father of the Nation was a horse-lover, sociologist and abstinent - in short, a very atypical Czech politician - who in his free time during WW1 handled all the formalities whilst in exile to form the modern Czechoslovak democracy (1918) and to separate from the Austro-Hungarian Empire after 300 years of their supremacy. If balls are not your cup of tea and you'd prefer architecture <http://www.bramm.cz/en/> or poetry <http://www.bmoport.cz/index/en> these websites will whisk you away to other views of Brno.



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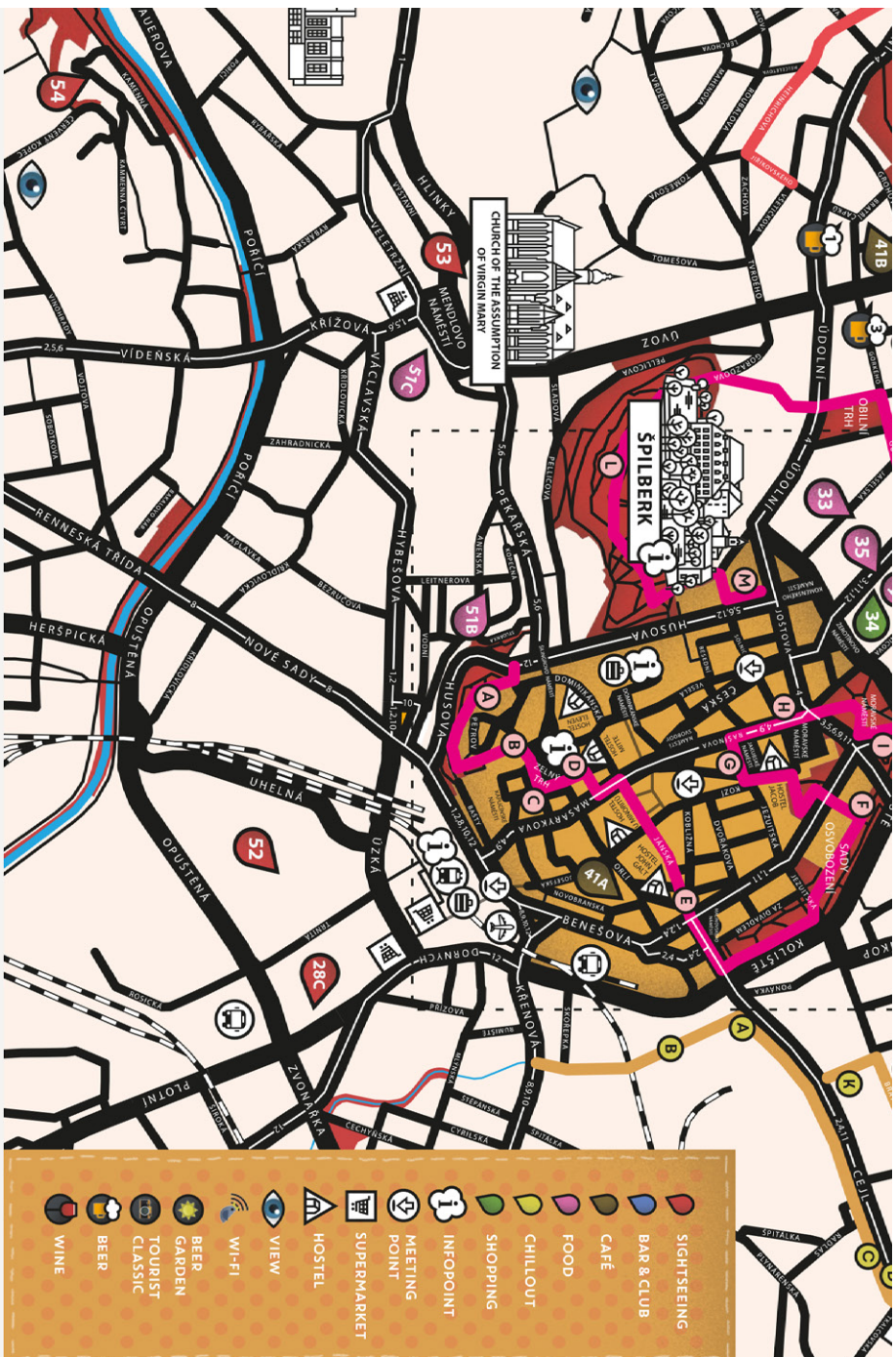
LOCAL TIP

BRNOX

FROM ARTIST
KATEŘINA ŠEDÁ

THE CZECH SAYING "TO KNOW SOMETHING FROM THE FAST TRAIN" MEANS TO KNOW ALMOST NOTHING ABOUT SOMETHING. MOST BRNO'S CITIZENS KNOW THE LOCAL BRNOX, AS IT IS CALLED. ONLY FROM A TRAM: IT GOES THROUGH THE QUARTER AND THEY DON'T GET OFF ANYWHERE THERE.

A lodging house is the last stop for many people in the CZ before being homeless. *Lodging house Pohoda* *A* Café (10) offers the cheapest accommodation in Brno. Some clients stay for a long time and appreciate the humane approach of the owner. *Vilhus street* *B* is one of the most neglected ones in Brno. The facades are mostly battered, some place are occupied by bedbugs and courtyards have been turned into dumps. Some locals are eager to show you all this and they would ask if you know about a rental somewhere else. Brno is famous for its pawn shop network. At *Buzarov* - pawnshop - (furniture, jewelry) *C* Café (2) you can for example see the widest offer of antlers. The *street Café* *D* turns here - this is a place for singing, shouting... Shortly living. Not far away there is a supermarket Albert but it's called *Romagnol* *E*. That's because Romagnol shop there and it used to be Interspar. Don't go to the adjacent park, and if you do so, don't buy anything from anybody there. At Café 76, there is the centre *U Vilky* *F* (At Wdělí) hidden. You need to pass the foliage and porches, find a way through the courtyard and climb up the stairs - that's probably a part of the adventure whose highlight is the food. The cartoon got to be known thanks to appearing in a Czech TV cooking show. Something stronger now, *haunted house* *G*. Yes, locals believe in ghosts. The house at Vranovská 4 has six snakes on the facade, so it is a magic place if the ghosts allow you, you can also take a photo. At Merhautova 37, there is an *elementary school and kindergarten* *H* with a special programme for socially disadvantaged children - this is, local children. The nowadays situation of local families is really not sweet, but that's still nothing compared to the past. During the WW2 the school used to be a gathering place of Brno's Jews. At night, they were notched by trams to the railway station and from there to the concentration camps. At Bratislavská 67, there is the *Museum of Romany Culture* *I*. Apart from all the typical museum artefacts, there is also the *cute Bongo* owned by M. Daniel. His dream



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BRNO CELEBS

THE LÖW-BEER DYNASTY

an important family of businessmen who turned Brno between the 18th and 20th century into 'Moravian Manchester' thanks to the textile industry. Most of their offspring had to flee the country because of the Nazis.

GREGOR JOHANN MENDEL /1822 – 1884/

an Augustinian friar and abbot of St. Thomas' Abbey in Brno who was much into growing peas. As he was well-educated in statistics and combinatorial analysis, he noticed that baby peas is similar both to Murray pea and Daddy pea. He is a founder of the basic rules of heredity and is known as the 'Father of genetics'.

LEOŠ JANÁČEK /1854 – 1928/

an original composer who was inspired by Moravian folk music so much that he invented his own genre. For example his impressionist play opera *The Cunning Little Vixen* includes the sound of a creaking door as well as the last words of his dying daughter. He lived in the garden house (K) of the former Organ School, where he was teaching. There, you'll find a small showroom with Leoš's original piano. Along with Dvořák and Smetana, he is one of the most important Czech composers.

GEORGE PLÁČEK /1905 – 1955/

a genius of physics who was a leading figure in the project of the atomic bomb (Manhattan Project).

MILAN KUNDERA /1929 – /

an everlasting candidate of the Nobel Prize in literature and the author of the novel *The Unbearable Lightness of Being* is Brno born and raised. After the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, he became a banned author and emigrated to France. Since the revolution in 1989 he has been visiting his homeland only infrequently.

