

TIC BRNO



FOOD AND DRINK:

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"We can distinguish three methods of beer brewing: Czech in Bohemia and Moravia, Swabian in Austria and Hungary and finally amateurish in Germany, Denmark or Sweden, where the brewing process is controlled by a carpenter or a bricklayer."

These are the words of quite possibly the most important Czech brewmaster: František Ondřej Poupě (sometimes spelt Franz Andreas Paupie in German). He spent the best years of his professional life in the city brewery in Brno at the turn of the 18th and 19th century. This brewery used to stand on the corner of today's Starobrněnská Street and Šilingrovo náměstí square.

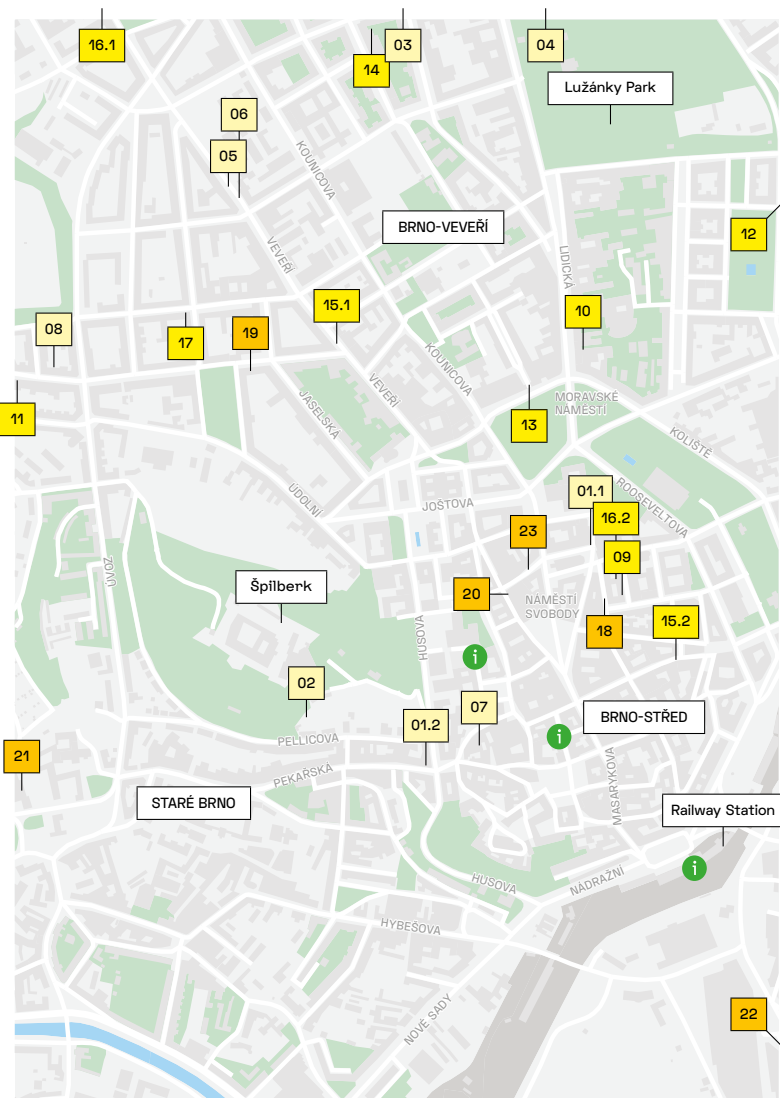
Much has changed since those days, and today we simply cannot refer to the German, Danish or Swedish brewers as amateurs at all – not even jokingly. However, the brewing scene in the Czech Republic has also been developing and increasing recently, a fact which you can verify in the city of Brno too.

The biggest brewery in Moravia (Staro-brno), as well as several smaller craft breweries and home-made beer producers are active in our city now. When roaming Brno's pubs you can rely on time-tested "classics", i.e. traditional beer trademarks and typical Czech or Moravian cuisine, or you can try something else and throw yourself into experimenting with the tasting of craft beers from new microbreweries, as well as less usual beer types – both local and international.

Have fun but drink responsibly, please! So: "Da Deus fortunael!", or "God give fortune!" in English (a traditional greeting of Czech brewers).

Michael Lapčík, drinks columnist

You can remember the Brno culinary scene at home with stylish porcelain. Available at darkybrna.cz or TIC BRNO infocentres.



BEER GLOSSARY:

CRAFTBEER – beer produced in smaller batches, usually in microbreweries.

LAGER – bottom-fermented type of beer with a cold storage finishing stage.

ALE – a type of a beer brewed using a warm top-fermentation method.

WHEAT BEER – a usually top-fermented beer brewed with a large amount of wheat malt.

IBU – unit of a beer’s bitterness.

STOUT – dark beer produced using roasted malt (roasted barley).

IPA – Indian Pale Ale. Originally a British type of ale intended for export to India which later became popular in its home country.

ŠNYT – about a half pint measure of beer intended for tasting but served in a regular large glass covered with a large amount of frothy foam.

LAMBIC – spontaneously fermented beer originally from Belgium, actually a type of wheat beer.



VÝČEP NA STOJÁKA JAKUBÁK
BĚHOUNSKÁ 16, PEKAŘSKÁ 2

Výčep Na Stojáka is based on the offer of small and medium breweries – there is even one of their “very own” special beers brewed under the name “Stojácké Poupě”. Be aware there are really no chairs or benches inside; the only chance to sit down is on the kerb of the pavement during summer months – which people often do during warm summer evenings when in such moments Jakubské náměstí square is

BĚHOUNSKÁ:	
MON-FRI	noon – 11.30 ^{PM}
SAT-SUN	2 ^{PM} – 11.30 ^{PM}
www.vycepnastojaka.cz/en	

reminiscent of the atmosphere of Soho Square in London or some seaside resort promenade. The concept of the taproom arises from the tradition of the 20^o and 30^o of the last century. The experienced bartenders (men only!) will serve you beers besides your regular pint, such as the half portion called a “šnyt” (still in a regular pint mug). As for food you can try, for example, the rediscovered specialty called a “talián”.



U ALBERTA
PELLICOVA 10

Leave the noisy city centre behind and head to Pellícova Street right at the base of Castle Špilberk. Under one of the most famous and popular sights of Brno you will find the pub “U Alberta” with an atmospheric interior. The beer offered in the pub “U Alberta” is mostly of their own production, using the

SUMMER:	
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MON-SUN	4 ^{PM} – 11 ^{PM}
f uAlbertaBrno	

technology of breweries in Hustopeče and Chotěboř. The “fixed star” among the beers is the 11° called “Šalina” (the Brno word for “tram”). Four of the five types of beer on tap are produced locally. Besides beer you can also order a number of premium spirits, e.g. rums from the Caribbean or fruity hard liquors from the Czech Republic’s own Jeseníky Mountains.



NA BOŽENCE
B. NĚMCOVÉ 18

If there was a competition for “the most fairytale” pub in the city of Brno, this pub close to the cultural centre Semilasso would be the winner! “Clear or muddy?” is the bartender’s question when you are ordering a beer, meaning do you want your Poutník beer filtered

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f NaBozence	

or non-filtered. Besides these two choices there is also one more special beer on offer.

You can enjoy the friendly atmosphere here over your pint: the patrons help themselves to a slice of bread topped with a special matured cheese while the children of tired fathers use beer mats to try building columns or pyramids.



PIVNICE U MÍČE
STAŇKOVA 15

A popular pub close to the Lužánky Park. During the winter months it may be a little bit overcrowded but as the Czech proverb says, “for good people there is always space enough”, so you can enjoy your pint standing at the bar counter. The interior is decorated with several sports balls for different

MON-SUN	4 ^{PM} – midnight
f pivniceUMice	

sports, and by banknotes from all over the world stuck to the wall.

The relaxed bartender will serve you a tasty beer from Polička (filtered or non-filtered), as well as some delicious specialties, e.g. bread with matured cheese called “tvarůžky”, bread with streaky bacon or with roast beef.



THE IMMIGRANT
VEVEŘÍ 57

We do not know for sure, if this “immigrant” escaped from the British Isles because of war or because of economic crisis, but what we know for sure is the fact that the “immigrant” brought their beer roots here. The pub serves the standard representative of the Irish brewing industry, i.e. Guinness stout. The bar is also

MON-THU	11 ^{AM} – 11 ^{PM}
FRI	11 ^{AM} – 2 ^{AM}
SAT	noon – 2 ^{AM}
SUN	noon – 11 ^{PM}
www.theimmigrant.cz	

popular for its burgers and salads. The local patrons can also favour local beers such as Hauskrecht or Matuška; altogether there are five types of beer on tap.

Besides the Czech language you can often hear English spoken here and in the glass jar titled “tips” you will see scarcely any Czech crowns.



HLUCHÁ ZMIJE
VEVEŘÍ 55

Several steps below the hustle and bustle of Veverí Street you can enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of this pub. You can taste several different types of beer from different micro-breweries here – to be more exact they have six taps, most of them are lagers but you will find also some ales here.

MON-THU	4 ^{PM} – midnight
FRI	4 ^{PM} – 1 ^{AM}
SAT-SUN	5 ^{PM} – midnight
f hluchaZmije	

Local patrons – and there are usually many of them – are proud of the good quality beers and speak highly of food served, e.g. bread with matured cheese called “tvarůžky” or smoked meat. Historically, this is one of the very first pubs in Brno for non-smokers – the ban on smoking had been valid here for several years before the nationwide ban.



PIVNICE U POUTNÍKA
STAROBRNĚNSKÁ 18

Quite possibly the most “underground” pub in this list. Surprisingly, it is located right in the city centre in the courtyard of a historical building.

This pub isn’t suitable for placid mainstream lovers, or certainly not for five-star resort

MON-SUN	2 ^{PM} – midnight
f PivniceUPoutnika	

worshippers – at the very least because of graffiti-covered toilets. People from a variety of different social groups are visitors to this pub especially due to its atmosphere and sense of belonging – and besides this, because of the excellent beer of course: in this case Poutník (from Pelhřimov) lager. Weather permitting, some visitors prefer standing outside.



U BLÁHOVKY
GORKÉHO 54

MON-SUN noon – midnight
f ublahovky

When a pub maintains its own unmistakable style and high quality for a long time, there is a chance it will be considered an iconic institution – and this is the case of the pub “U Bláhovky”. The pub has everything a “proper” pub should have: many think they have the best Pilsner Urquell in Brno here, as well as the best pork knuckles with tender meat and crispy skin...

Add quirky and sometimes rather unpredictable staff – exchanging an empty beer mug for a full one without asking – as well as the unique atmosphere forming a special “genius loci” or “spirit of the place”, and you are not surprised that there are many visitors who are willing to drink their pint standing outside on the pavement in front of the door.



OCHUTNÁVKOVÁ PIVNICE
LIDICKÁ 10

MON-FRI 3^{PM} – midnight
SAT-SUN 4^{PM} – midnight
www.ochutnavkovapivnice.cz

A chance for tasting several high-quality and rather rare beers in one place, as well as learning some facts about them from friendly and communicative staff – this is the concept of the pub Ochutnávková pivnice.

Available here is the well-known Primátor beer (11° and 12° types), usually five other Czech beers – some of them real rarities – and at least one beer from abroad. This is the daily offer of tap beers, and besides this there is also a selection of dozens of bottled beers. The beer can be accompanied by meat pâté “rillettes” from a local small producer. All combines to make you feel like you are in a beer drinker’s paradise!



PIVNICE NA ŠRÉBRÁKU
JUGOSLÁVSKÁ 34

MON-SAT 4^{PM} – midnight
SUN 4^{PM} – 10^{PM}
f PivniceNaSrebraku

In the city’s neighbourhood of “Černá Pole” (in English “Black Fields”) you will find more than two-hectares of park area which, over one hundred years ago, was the very first gardening colony in the territory of the Austrian-Hungarian Monarchy. Its name is “Schreberovy zahrádky” (“Schreber’s gardens”), and today

there are actually no gardens in this park – but on its edge is the pub “Na Šrébráku”, which is worth a visit.

The most important elements are the friendly atmosphere with diligent staff and especially the quality of beers on tap – among the five different types there is always the 12° from Polička and another four Czech craft beers.

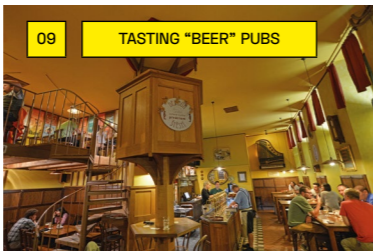


U SAJMONA POD HÁJKEM
BOTANICKÁ 28

MON-FRI 5^{PM} – midnight
SAT-SUN 6^{PM} – midnight
www.usajmona.cz

Opening your own pub at the age of 22? Simon Hájek took this brave step in life, although he could draw on the extensive experience his family gained in the culinary industry. U Sajmona welcomes you with a relaxed, friendly atmosphere and the smell of real food. Whether you try a burger on a

home-made bun or grilled tvarůžky cheese in bacon on bread, you can’t go wrong. They swear on the cleanest pipes in the city, from which flows perfectly treated Chotiboř beer. Regulars apparently prefer the 10-degree variety – so it’s not as difficult to get up in the morning.



ZELENÁ KOČKA PIVÁRIUM
DVOŘÁKOVA 3

MON-THU 3^{PM} – midnight
FRI 3^{PM} – 1^{AM}
SAT 3^{PM} – midnight
SUN 5^{PM} – 10^{PM}
www.pivarium-brno.cz

There are altogether ten taps with beers of local and international producers alike, none of which belong to the “boring mainstream”. And if you feel a little hungry you can order home-made “taljány” (a special kind of sausage) prepared according to the family recipe passed down from generation to generation.

The pub is renowned among experts for organizing guided tasting events every month, usually supervised by brewmasters of the presented breweries.



LUCKY BASTARD BEERHOUSE
BRATŘÍ ČAPKŮ 8

MON 5^{PM} – midnight
TUE-SAT 4^{PM} – midnight
www.lb-beerhouse.cz

Really a heaven for the top-fermented beer lovers. They have only this type of beer here – this is the very first “ale only” pub in the Czech Republic! There are six different ales prepared for your tasting requirements; two of them brewed in the local Lucky Bastard brewery, the rest by Czech or international

producers. You will recognize the logo of the Lucky Bastard brewery by the gentleman’s suit with a bow tie.

Besides the beers there is a portfolio of around twenty types of gin of the highest category behind the bar. For visitors with musical talent a piano is waiting – just ready to be played.



PIVNICE U TEKUTÉHO CHLEBA
MORAVSKÉ NÁMĚSTÍ 14A

MON-SUN 4^{PM} – midnight
f Hercny

The big shop windows lure guests in from the outside, and when you are inside you have nice view through them onto the leafy Moravské náměstí square. The pub was established here recently in the summer of 2016; the clean interior has an angular design in dark and light woods.

The offer of beers changes every single day. Usually there are five to six different craft beers from small Czech breweries – types of beer not very often seen in common, regular pubs. Of course you can also order some snacks here.



PIVNÍ BURZA
VEVEŘÍ 21, JÁNSKÁ 16

Jánská MON-SUN 3^{PM} – 1^{AM}
Veverí MON-SAT 5^{PM} – 1^{AM}
www.pivniburza.cz

Do you want to try something different? Enjoy the night with a beer in quite a different way than usual and become a part of the game! Pivni burza (Beer Exchange) is a living market institution – the prices of particular types of beer depend on the demand from visitors.

You can choose from eight types of beer from the Lobkowicz group (e.g. breweries Jihlava, Černá Hora, Protivín or Uherský Brod). The ordering goes through tablet displays with the current prices of all items on the beer menu. If you are hungry, you can try the hot-dog which stretches almost two-feet in length.



PUB U DVOU PŘÁTEL
TÁBOR 25, BEETHOVENOVA 7

A rather small but cosy and friendly beer pub with a long, prominent bar counter. Six taps with two regular types of lager and four special beers (ale, stout and even cider). You can expect beers from very small or even “travelling” breweries – have you ever tried beer from the brewery “Holá řít”

MON-SUN 4^{PM} – 1^{AM}
f uDvouPratelBrno

or “Kočovný Kozi”? Probably not yet! This pub is also home to Brewniverse beers, produced by the pub itself.

In case you want something different from the selection of tap beers, there is the offer of chilled bottled beers – some of which are really rare limited editions.



LOKÁL U CAIPLA
KOŽÍ 3

MON-THU 11^{AM} – midnight
FRI-SAT 11^{AM} – 1^{AM}
SUN 11^{AM} – 10^{PM}
lokal-ucaipla.ambi.cz

If you are a Pilsner Urquell fan, this pub is a must for you. Perfectly served beer is one “pillar” of this pub; the other is genuine Czech cuisine. The word “genuine” is not just a marketing trick – the chef and his staff prepare the meals from fresh local produce without artificial flavourings and some pre-prepared semi-finished food. You

can have, for example, breaded cheese fried in butter, or a cutlet big “like Brno”.

The decor of the interior is the work of local artist and frontman of the band “Poetime”, Rudolf Brančovský.



STOPKOVA PLZEŇSKÁ PIVNICE
ČESKÁ 5

MON-SAT 11^{AM} – midnight
SUN 11^{AM} – 11^{PM}
www.stopkova.kolkovna.cz

Beer meets history here in this old house called “U Zlatého konička”. The house has foundations from the Gothic period and the pub was here even in the 19th century. The bartender Jaroslav Stopka took it over in 1910. From outside you can admire the neo-Renaissance facade, and as soon as you are thirsty, just

enter. Inside there is a seating capacity for three hundred visitors on two floors.

The Pilsner Urquell in this pub restaurant used to be known far and wide in the past and it must be said that the quality has remained very high to this day, served as it is from the “beer tank”. You can also enjoy a meal here – for example lamb sausages with chilli beans or some typical Moravian dish with cabbage (or better known here as “sauerkraut”)!



PETR HAUSKRECHT – PARNÍ PIVOVAR
PORÁŽKA 3

TUE, THU 4^{PM} – 6^{PM}
www.hauskrecht.cz

Relatively recently, one of the most important brewmasters of our brewing industry’s present time opened his own brewery in this historical complex of a former slaughterhouse, to brew a beer according to his very own concept and ideas. Petr Hauskrecht used to work as a brewmaster for the breweries Starobrno,

Velké Březno and Krušovice – now he has his own production under his name. Every Tuesday and Thursday there are regular two-hour excursions with beer tasting, starting at 5^{PM} (booking in advance is required).

During the guided tour you will see the technology, smell the hops and taste the local craft beer. They produce 11° and 12° as well as one special beer here all year round, plus a lighter 10 beer (called Špilberk) in the summer.



LÍP JAK NA SVĚTĚ
GROHOVA 17

Cozy and modern pub with an emphasis on a broad and varied offer of beers. Home of local breweries AnOtter One, JBM Brew Lab, and Unwanted Heroes. On ten taps you will find specials from domestic production, the best Czech breweries, and also from abroad.

MON-THU 5^{PM} – 11^{PM}
FRI 5^{PM} – midnight
SAT-SUN 5^{PM} – 11^{PM}
www.lipjaknavete.cz



U ČÁPA
OBLNÍ TRH 10

MON-SUN 11^{AM} – midnight
www.pivnice-ucapa.cz

There was a pub in this building more than one hundred years ago sitting on the corner of this square. Across the park is the famous, and Brno’s oldest, maternity hospital where new, “fresh” fathers used to come from to celebrate their new-born babies in those days

many, many years ago. So the name of the beer pub (At the Stork) is very fitting.

You can look forward to their newly refurbished interior and, of course, to their traditionally excellent Pilsner Urquell served freshly from the tank. You won’t regret it, if you order a meal right here. You will find many smoked specialties as well as some other typical, traditional meals on the menu.



PIVOVARSKÁ STAROBRNO
MENDLOVO NÁMĚSTÍ 20

MON-THU 11^{AM} – 11^{PM}
FRI-SAT 11^{AM} – midnight
SUN 11^{AM} – 10^{PM}
www.pivovarska-starobrno.cz

A visit to the biggest brewery in Brno is again a must. You can fulfil this “duty” while visiting the Pivovarská (brewery) restaurant in the brewery complex on Mendlovo náměstí square. You may be astonished by the size of the interior of this beer restaurant and pub,

during the summer months there is also usually a lot of people in the large outside beer garden.

Of course you will find Starobrno on tap (four different types), as well as some other beers from the Heineken group. The local chef is able to satisfy your appetite with some traditional dishes, as well as steaks or salads.



PEGAS
JAKUBSKÁ 4

MON-THU 10^{AM} – midnight
FRI 10^{AM} – 1^{AM}
SAT 11^{AM} – midnight
SUN 11^{AM} – 11^{PM}
brnorestaurecepivnice.hotelpegas.com

One of the first microbreweries in the Czech Republic (and the very first in Moravia) was established together with the pub restaurant in 1992, and became an icon of the Moravian capital’s gastronomy scene. The brewing technology with copper pipes dominates the large interior. On tap there are usually four types

of Pegas beer – lager, stout, 16° semi-dark special beer and top-fermented wheat beer (the last one served traditionally with a slice of lemon). Besides this “basic portfolio” there are some special batches on particular occasions during the year. And you can also have a meal here, of course – we would recommend brewer’s goulash, for example.

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