

## 5 restaurants with a GREAT VIEW

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### 56 OBLACA

**Mahlerovy sady 1**  
**Žižkov ⑤**  
**+420 210 320 086**  
**[towerpark.cz](http://towerpark.cz)**

Fancy dining in the clouds? This restaurant is located 66 metres above the ground, in the TV tower with its iconic giant crawling babies. They have a good selection of meat dishes here and serve some chic seasonal menus, including veal and strawberry.

### 57 BELLEVUE

**Smetanovo nábřeží 18**  
**Old Town ①**  
**+420 222 221 443**  
**[bellevuerestaurant.cz](http://bellevuerestaurant.cz)**

This lavishly decorated corner building on the waterfront owes its name to its spectacular view of the Vltava and the Castle. Chef Petr Bureš likes to surprise his guests with his take on Czech cuisine, including grilled roe with roasted celery, chestnuts and cabbage, as well as excellent fish and seafood.

### 58 CODA

**Tržiště 9**  
**Lesser Town ③**  
**+420 225 334 761**  
**[codarestaurant.cz](http://codarestaurant.cz)**

On this incredible rooftop terrace with a 360-degree view, chef David Šašek will tempt you with a Czech tasting menu that includes *Jihočeská kulajda* – a traditional sour cream, potato and mushroom soup. Most of the meats are prepared using the *sous vide* method.

### 59 TERRACE AT THE GOLDEN WELL

**U Zlaté studně 4**  
**Lesser Town ③**  
**+420 257 533 322**  
**[terasauzlatestudne.cz](http://terasauzlatestudne.cz)**

Indisputably the best view of the Lesser Town's rooftops and the Castle's palace gardens. That said, they serve an affordable lunch menu (2 courses for just 790 CZK). If it was fine for Obama and Michelle, it should be good enough for you too.

### 60 BASTION PRAGUE RESTAURANT

**Horská 4**  
**New Town ②**  
**+420 736 114 124**  
**[bastion-prague.cz](http://bastion-prague.cz)**

Perched on the city fortifications this stylish restaurant, which overlooks the Nusle Valley and Vyšehrad fortress, is a real gem. The chefs prepare fancy tasting menus of three to seven courses, which are paired with some exquisite wines. The surrounding modern park is also an open air gallery.





## 5 unique CONCEPT STORES

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### 171 INGREDIENTS

Jáchymova 2  
Old Town ①  
+420 224 239 477  
[ingredients-store.cz](http://ingredients-store.cz)

A joint project of Jakub Kopčák and Lukáš Loskot aims to bring unconventional brands to the Czech market. Their range of perfumes and fragrance candles is supplemented by an assortment of natural paints and decorative cosmetics. But everything they sell has one thing in common: all the ingredients are of outstanding quality.

### 172 BISTRO NO. 19

Karolíny Světlé 19  
Old Town ①  
+420 776 797 242  
[no19.cz](http://no19.cz)

This shop sells the best design accessories by Czech and international designers. They all have in common that they are used for food preparation and dining. A small bistro and gallery serve as a meeting place for high-quality food, design, art and the people who make, like and use it.

### 173 CIHELNA

Cihelná 2b  
Lesser Town ③  
+420 257 317 318  
[cihelnaprague.com](http://cihelnaprague.com)

A concept design store with a curatorial selection of the best contemporary Czech glass, porcelain, jewellery, lights, objects and furniture. Over 60 sellers take turns running the space in this unique building, which used to be a part of a brickworks.

### 174 SMETANAQ

Smetanovo nábřeží 4  
Old Town ①  
[smetanaq.cz](http://smetanaq.cz)

A building that received nation-wide media coverage in 2013 after a large gas explosion. It recently reopened its doors to designers of handmade fashion and jewellery. They can rent out studios, sell their creations in a design store and welcome their customers in the trendy groundfloor cafe.

### 175 VNITROBLOCK

Tusarova 31  
Holešovice ⑥  
+420 770 101 231

Covering a floor area of 2000 sq m, this is surely the largest concept store in town selling sustainable fashion and interior design. They host live DJ sets, art exhibitions, DIY workshops or interesting lectures here every week. There is a small cinema in the cellar, a cafe that serves great coffee on the groundfloor and a dance school, on the first floor.



174 SMETANAQ

## 5 hidden gems of **CUBISM**

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### 251 KOVAŘOVIC VILLA

Libušina 3  
Vyšehrad ②

Inspired by the works of Braque and Picasso, its façade creates interesting shadows and animations. The villa itself, and the garden layout, the flower beds, the surrounding fence and even the steps are Cubist designs. The best view is from the front, on the corner of Vnislavova Street and Rašínovo nábřeží.

### 252 U NEKLANA

Přemyslova 11  
Vyšehrad ②

This humble corner apartment building resembles a ship anchored under the Vyšehrad ramparts. The original plans were much more ornate, but the conservative pre-war city council would not hear of it. The most striking elements are the hexagonal windows, through which you can peep inside.

### 253 CUBIST LAMP POST

Jungmannovo náměstí  
New Town ①

Between numbers 13 and 14 stands the only cubist lamp post in the world. The original geometrical concrete pile of truncated cones, half-lamp half-bench, is now kept in the Prague City Gallery. An authentic copy now stands near the church entrance.

### 254 HOUSE OF THE BLACK MADONNA

Ovocný trh 19  
Old Town ①  
+420 778 543 901  
czkubismus.cz

What happens if you turn a cubist painting into real 3D? That was the question Josef Gočár asked himself when he decided to apply this artistic principle in architecture and interior design. Visit the Czech Cubism exhibition and stop in the Grand Orient Café to feast on a cubist cream puff dessert.

### 255 ŽIŽKOV BETLEHEM CHAPEL

Prokopova 4  
Žižkov ⑤

The golden banner above the altar claims that 'Truth Shall Prevail!'. For a Protestant chapel its interior is rather ornate, with walls covered with geometric patterns in warm tones. It is also surprising to find such a gem nestled in the greenery of an ordinary courtyard. Stop in on Monday evenings to attend choir rehearsals.



254 HOUSE OF THE BLACK MADONNA

## 5 unexpected SHORTCUTS

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### 281 UP VLAŠSKÁ STREET TO PETŘÍN HILL

Lesser Town ③

To make the most of your viewing experience in Big Strahov Garden, take the stairs up from Vlašská Street, that start around the corner off Lobkovický Palace (the German embassy). Avoid turning around until you are on the top of the hill to be utterly astonished at the view.

### 282 NA LIBUŠINCE

Vyšehrad ②

Another workout, that will be rewarded with some spectacular vistas. Walk up the stairs toward the Vyšehrad fortress ramparts, pausing briefly on the balcony halfway to look around. Catch your breath and give your legs a rest when you arrive at the top. There is a bar right in front of Saint Peter and Paul Basilica.

### 283 ŽIŽKOV TO KARLÍN TUNNEL

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This pedestrian tunnel connects Thámova Street in Karlín with Tachovské Square in Žižkov. Try to briefly stop in the middle, where neither end of the tunnel can be seen, to test its acoustics. Funnily enough, the tunnel is located along the Camino di Santiago pilgrimage route.

### 284 NUSELSKÉ SCHODY

Šafaříkova 1  
Vinohrady ④

A series of stairs (182 in total) descending from Vinohrady to Nusle. At the top of the staircase you will see some spectacular villas. At the bottom stands a unique timber house that was built in the 1930s for a rich mine owner. During WWII, it was used as accommodation for the Hitlerjugend and nowadays it sadly is rundown.

### 285 KAMZÍKOVÁ

Old Town ①

As a quick escape from the Old Town Square, turn onto Celetná and find the entrance between numbers 8 and 10. It will take you into Kamzíkova, where you will find the 'House at the Black Peacock'. There used to be a famous brothel here, which was frequented by Otto van Bismarck and Gustav Mahler (among others).





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## 5 of the hippest DESIGN HOTELS

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### 406 HOTEL SAX

Jánský vršek 3  
Lesser Town ③  
+420 257 531 268  
[hotelsax.cz](http://hotelsax.cz)

This vintage design hotel is tucked away in the quaint streets under Petřín Hill, next to the mysterious Museum of Alchemists and Magicians. It combines a central location with a peaceful setting. From the hotel's fourth-floor terraces, you can enjoy magnificent views of the Castle and Lesser Town rooftops.

### 407 NYX HOTEL

Panská 9  
New Town ①  
+420 226 222 800  
[nyx-hotels.com/prague](http://nyx-hotels.com/prague)

A former bank by the prominent 20th-century architect Jan Gočár has since been transformed into a hotel. Paying tribute to his style, it combines modern simplicity with street art in the lobby and rooms, which were designed by various young Czech designers. Very centrally-located near bustling Wenceslas Square.

### 408 HOTEL BOHO

Senovážná 4  
New Town ①  
+420 234 622 600  
[hotelbohoprague.com](http://hotelbohoprague.com)

Walk through the imposing lobby to your elegant, beautifully-appointed room with natural shades and materials. When you see the luxurious wellness areas, you might even refuse to ever leave the hotel. Which would be a shame, as it has a fantastic location for exploring the Old Town.

### 409 HOTEL JOSEF

Rybná 20  
Old Town ①  
+420 221 700 901  
[hoteljosef.com](http://hoteljosef.com)

This gem of modernist architecture was ingeniously built into the existing historical building complex. Its bright and airy lobby was designed by a world-renowned architect of Czech origin, Eva Jiříčná. Besides comfortable rooms, the hotel also has its own bakery, so expect warm crusty bread for breakfast.

### 410 MOODS BOUTIQUE HOTEL

Klimentská 28  
New Town ①  
+420 222 330 100  
[www.hotelmoods.com](http://www.hotelmoods.com)

Marvel at this hotel's amazing design scheme, behind its historical façade, with unusual natural materials, Artemide lighting and Hästens beds. This award-winning project by two design students allows guests to adapt the space according to their own mood. Control the lights, music and other elements in the room with an iPhone.

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## RIVER ISLANDS

### to discover

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#### 426 STŘELECKÝ ISLAND

Old Town ①

There is a small sandy beach on the northern tip, a unique spot where the river sings louder than the city. The spired building on the right bank is home to the museum of Bedřich Smetana, a composer who was inspired by the Vltava River for his famous symphonic poem.

#### 427 ŠTVANICE

Holešovice ⑥

A busy motorway cuts through this island, which was traditionally devoted to sports. Prague's oldest tennis club is here as well as a white water training facility and a bicross track. The slightly run-down villa next to it, which dates from 1824, has a bar where alternative theatre performances are organised.

#### 428 ČÍSAŘSKÝ ISLAND

Troja ⑩

Half of this island is occupied by water treatment plants, the other half belongs to horses. Situated between the Royal Game Reserve and Troja, it is a perfect place to ride out. Confident riders (only!) can book a horse with Mr Václav Koudela (+420 603 174 039) for 600 CZK an hour.

#### 429 LIBEŇSKÝ ISLAND

Libeň

From Libeňský Bridge head down the cycling trail for about 500 metres, leaving the sculptor's studio on your right and the community gardens on your left behind you. Find a quirky secret bar at the end of a narrow footpath where you can enjoy a beer (*Yedno pheevo*) or a refreshing raspberry soda (*mullinofka*).

#### 430 SLOVANSKÝ ISLAND

New Town ②

Also called Žofín, after a neo-Renaissance palace. In 1841, the first Czech-made steam engine was demonstrated here. Today, a miniature kids' minitrain runs on the 53-metre-long railway near the playground. There is a fountain with drinking water nearby. Alcohol consumption is banned in the park.

