

## SHOPPING

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# SHOPPING

In the last decade or so Prague's shopping scene has changed beyond recognition. A massive influx of global brand names and a wave of glitzy new malls crammed with designer outlets, smart cafés and big Western brand names has left the city's main shopping streets looking very much like those of any other European capital.

Imported goods often carry Western European prices, but Czech products remain affordable for Czechs and cheap for Westerners. While tourist gift shops outside Prague – see Karlštejn (p230) or Mělník (p233) – have smaller selections, prices are significantly lower. If you're hunting for bargains, the word 'sleva' means 'discount'.

## SHOPPING AREAS

The city centre's single biggest – and most exhausting – retail zone is around **Wenceslas Square** (Václavské náměstí), its pavements jammed with browsing visitors and locals making beelines for their favourite stores. You can find pretty much everything here, from high fashion and music megastores to run-of-the-mill department stores and gigantic book emporia. Many of the more interesting shops are hidden away in arcades and passages, such as the **Lucerna Palace** (Map pp108–9).

The other main shopping drag intersects with the lower end of Wenceslas Square, comprising **Na Příkopě**, **28.října** and **Národní třída** (Map pp88–9 and (Map pp108–9). Most of the big stores and malls are concentrated on Na Příkopě, with the biggest of them all – the **Palladium Praha Shopping Centre** (Map p106) – at its northeast end, opposite the Municipal House.

In Staré Město, the elegant avenue of **Pařížská** (Map pp88–9) is lined with international designer houses including Dior, Boss, Armani and Louis Vuitton, while the back streets to its east are home to boutiques operated by Czech fashion designers. In contrast, the winding lanes between the Old Town Square and Charles Bridge are thronged with tacky souvenir shops flaunting puppets, Russian dolls and 'Czech This Out' T-shirts.

In recent years many new shops have opened up outside the centre, notably in Vinohrady (Map p121), which is good for antiques and designer furniture; Smíchov (Map p138), dominated by the huge Nový Smíchov mall; and the suburb of Zličín on the far western edge of the city, which has a vast shopping centre ranged around Tesco and IKEA.

## OPENING HOURS

Prague shops usually open anywhere between 8am and 10am, and close between 5pm and

7pm on Monday to Friday; major shops, departments stores and tourist businesses also open on weekends, but more local shops may be closed on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

## CONSUMER TAXES

Value-added tax (VAT, or DPH in Czech) is applied at 5% on food, hotel rooms and restaurant meals, but 22% on luxury items (including alcohol). This tax is included in the marked price and not added at the cash register.

It is possible to claim VAT refunds of up to 14% of the purchase price for purchases totalling more than 2000Kč that are made in shops displaying the 'Tax Free Shopping' sticker. They will give you a Tax Free Shopping voucher, which you then need to present to customs for validation when you leave the country (which must be within three months of the date of purchase). You can then claim your refund either at a duty-free shop in the airport (after passing through passport control) or from a cash-refund office back home (within six weeks of the purchase date). For more information, see [www.globalrefund.com](http://www.globalrefund.com).

## HRADČANY

### ANTIQUÉ MUSIC INSTRUMENTS

Map pp70–1

Antiques

☎ 220 514 287; [www.antiques.cz](http://www.antiques.cz); Pohořelec 9;

🕒 9am–6pm; 📍 22, 23

It may not get the prize for most inventive shop name, but this place is a real treasure-trove of vintage stringed instruments. You'll find an interesting stock of antique violins, violas and cellos dating from the 18th century to the mid-20th century, as well as bows, cases and other musical accessories.

In the same premises you'll find the **Icon Gallery**, a luminous collection of Russian and Eastern European religious icons, as well as lots of other decorative *objets d'art*, watches, porcelain and Art Nouveau glassware.

## HOUPACÍ KŮŇ Map pp70–1

Toys

☎ 603 515 745; Loretánské náměstí 3;  
🕒 9.30am–6.30pm; 🗓 22, 23

The 'Rocking Horse' toy shop houses a collection of carved wooden folk dolls, old 1950s wind-up tractors, toy cars and – surprise – even a couple of rocking horses. There are quality toys and art supplies you won't find anywhere else in Prague, but for a typically Czech souvenir look out for the famous and ubiquitous Little Mole character, available here in several guises.

## MALÁ STRANA

### VETEŠNICTVI Map pp76–7

Antiques

☎ 257 530 624; Vítězná 16; 🕒 10am–5pm  
Mon–Fri, 10am–noon Sat; 🗓 6, 9, 12, 20, 22, 23

This is an Aladdin's cave of second-hand goods, bric-a-brac and junk with, in all likelihood, some genuine antiques for those who know what they're looking for. There's affordable stuff for all, from communist-era lapel pins, medals, postcards, old beer mugs and toys to crystal, shot glasses, porcelain, china, pipes and spa cups, all presided over by a bust of Lenin.

### SHAKESPEARE & SONS

Map pp76–7

Books

☎ 257 531 894; www.shakes.cz; U Lužického Semináře 10; 🕒 11am–7pm; 🗓 12, 20, 22, 23  
This is a newer and smaller branch of the famous English-language second-hand bookshop of the same name in Vinohrady (see p149).

### PAVLA & OLGA Map pp76–7

Fashion

☎ 728 939 872; Vlašská 13; 🕒 2–7pm Mon–Fri,  
3–7pm Sat; 🗓 12, 20, 22, 23

Sisters Pavla and Olga Michalková originally worked in the film and TV industry before setting up their own fashion label, creating a unique collection of quirky and cute hats, clothes and accessories. Past customers have included Czech supermodel Tereza Maxová, Britpop band Blur and photographer Helmut Newton. There's another branch in **Staré Město** (Map pp88–9; Karolíny Světlé 30; 🕒 10am–7pm).

## CLOTHING SIZES

### Women's clothing

Aus/UK	8	10	12	14	16	18
Europe	36	38	40	42	44	46
Japan	5	7	9	11	13	15
USA	6	8	10	12	14	16

### Women's shoes

Aus/USA	5	6	7	8	9	10
Europe	35	36	37	38	39	40
France only	35	36	38	39	40	42
Japan	22	23	24	25	26	27
UK	3½	4½	5½	6½	7½	8½

### Men's clothing

Aus	92	96	100	104	108	112
Europe	46	48	50	52	54	56
Japan	S		M	M		L
UK/USA	35	36	37	38	39	40

### Men's shirts (collar sizes)

Aus/Japan	38	39	40	41	42	43
Europe	38	39	40	41	42	43
UK/USA	15	15½	16	16½	17	17½

### Men's shoes

Aus/UK	7	8	9	10	11	12
Europe	41	42	43	44½	46	47
Japan	26	27	27½	28	29	30
USA	7½	8½	9½	10½	11½	12½

Measurements approximate only; try before you buy.

### CAPRICCIO Map pp76–7

Music

☎ 257 320 165; Újezd 15; 🕒 10am–6pm Mon–Fri;  
🗓 6, 9, 12, 20

Pick up the score for Mozart's *Don Giovanni* or Dvořák's *New World Symphony* at this eclectic sheet-music shop, and hum away to yourself at the in-store café (or try it out on the in-store piano). Or you might enjoy some country music favourites – how about learning 'Rhinstone Cowboy' in Czech?

## STARÉ MĚSTO

### ART DECO GALERIE Map pp88–9

Antiques

☎ 224 223 076; Michalská 21; 🕒 2–7pm Mon–Fri;  
📍 Můstek

Specialising in early-20th-century items, this shop has a wide range of 1920s and '30s stuff including clothes, handbags, jewellery, glassware and ceramics, along with knick-knacks such as the kind of cigarette case you might imagine Dorothy Parker pulling from her purse.

**BRIC A BRAC** Map pp88–9 **Antiques**

☎ 224 815 763; Týnská 7; ☹ 10am–6pm;

📍 Náměstí Republiky

Hidden up a narrow lane behind the Týn church, this is a wonderfully cluttered cave of old household items and glassware and toys and apothecary jars and 1940s leather jackets and cigar boxes and typewriters and stringed instruments and... Despite the junky look of the place, the knick-knacks are surprisingly expensive; there are two 'showrooms', a small one on Týnská, and a larger one in a nearby courtyard (follow the signs), and the affable Serbian owner can give you a guided tour around every piece in his extensive collection.

**ART DÉCORATIF** Map pp88–9 **Arts & Crafts**

☎ 224 222 283; Melantrichova 5; ☹ 10am–8pm;

📍 Můstek

This is a beautiful shop dealing in Czech-made reproductions of fine Art Nouveau and Art Deco glassware, jewellery and fabrics, including some stunning vases and bowls. It's also an outlet for the gorgeously delicate creations of Jarmila Plockova, granddaughter of Alfons Mucha, who uses elements of his paintings in her work.

**KERAMIKA V UNGELTU**Map pp88–9 **Arts & Crafts**

Týn 7; ☹ 10am–8pm; 📍 Náměstí Republiky

This little shop in a corner of the Týn Courtyard is a good place to look for both traditional Bohemian pottery and modern blue-and-white wares, as well as wooden toys and marionettes, at prices up to 25% lower than at many other outlets in Staré Město.

**KUBISTA** Map pp88–9 **Arts & Crafts**

☎ 224 236 378; www.kubista.cz; Ovocný trh 19;

☹ 10am–6pm Tue–Sun; 📍 Náměstí Republiky

Appropriately located in the **Museum of Czech Cubism** (p100) in Prague's finest Cubist building, this shop specialises in limited-edition reproductions of distinctive Cubist furniture and ceramics, and designs by masters of the form such as Josef Gočár and Pavel Janák. It also has a few original pieces for serious collectors with serious cash to spend.

**QUBUS** Map pp88–9 **Arts & Crafts**

☎ 222 313 151; www.qubus.cz; Rámová 3;

☹ 10am–6pm Mon–Fri; 📍 Staroměstská

This small design studio looks more impressive online than in the flesh, but Qubus – run by leading Czech designers Maxim Velčoský and Jakon Berdych – is worth a visit if you're interested in cutting-edge household accessories ranging from 'liquid lights' (lamps in the form of tear drops) to crystal wine glasses in the shape of disposable plastic cups. Whatever floats your avant-garde boat...

**ANAGRAM** Map pp88–9 **Books**

☎ 224 895 737; www.anagram.cz; Týn 4;

☹ 10am–8pm Mon–Sat, 10am–7pm Sun;

📍 Náměstí Republiky

An excellent English-language bookshop, Anagram offers a vast range of fiction and nonfiction, with an especially good selection on European history, philosophy, religion, art and travel, as well as Czech works in translation and children's books. Seek out the remainders section for some bargain new books as well as second-hand offerings on various topics.

**BIG BEN** Map pp88–9 **Books**

☎ 224 826 565; www.bigbenbookshop.com; Malá

Štupartská 5; ☹ 9am–7pm Mon–Fri, 10am–6pm Sat,

noon–5pm Sun; 📍 Náměstí Republiky

Big Ben is a small but well-stocked English-language bookshop, with shelves devoted to Czech and European history, books on Prague, travel (including Lonely Planet guides), science fiction, children's books, poetry and all the latest fiction bestsellers. There are also English-language newspapers and magazines at the counter.

**BOTANICUS** Map pp88–9 **Cosmetics**

☎ 234 677 446; www.botanicus.cz; Týn 3;

☹ 10am–6.30pm; 📍 Náměstí Republiky

Prepare for olfactory overload in this always-busy outlet for natural health and beauty products. The scented soaps, herbal bath oils and shampoos, fruit cordials and handmade paper products are made using herbs and plants grown on an organic farm at Ostrá, east of Prague.

**BOHÈME** Map pp88–9 **Fashion**

☎ 224 813 840; www.boheme.cz; Dušní

8; ☹ 11am–7pm Mon–Fri, 11am–5pm Sat;

📍 Staroměstská

This trendy fashion store showcases the designs of Hana Stocklassa and her associates, with collections of knitwear, leather

and suede clothes for women. Sweaters, turtle-necks, suede skirts, linen blouses, knit dresses and stretch denim suits seem to be the stock in trade, and there's a range of jewellery to choose from as well.

## KLARA NADEMLÝNSKÁ

Map pp88-9

Fashion

☎ 224 818 769; [www.klaranademlynska.cz](http://www.klaranademlynska.cz);  
Dlouhá 3; ☎ 10am-7pm Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm Sat;  
📍 Staroměstská

Klara Nademlýnská is one of the Czech Republic's top fashion designers, having trained in Prague and worked for almost a decade in Paris. Her clothes are characterised by clean lines, simple styling and quality materials, making for a very wearable range that covers the spectrum from swimwear to evening-wear via jeans, halter tops, colourful blouses and sharply styled suits.

## TEG

Map pp88-9

Fashion

☎ 222 327 358; [www.timoure.cz](http://www.timoure.cz); V Kolkovně  
6; ☎ 10am-7pm Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm Sat;  
📍 Staroměstská

TEG (Timoure et Group) is the design team created by Alexandra Pavalová and Ivana Šafránková, two of Prague's most respected fashion designers. This boutique showcases their quarterly collections, which feature a sharp, imaginative look that adds zest and sophistication to everyday, wearable clothes.

## MODERNISTA

Map pp88-9

Furniture

☎ 224 241 300; [www.modernista.cz](http://www.modernista.cz); Celetná 12;

☎ 11am-7pm; 📍 Náměstí Republiky

Modernista is an elegant gallery specialising in reproduction 20th-century furniture in classic styles ranging from Art Deco and Cubist to functionalist and Bauhaus. Its collection includes those sensuously curved chairs by Jindřich Halabala that are a feature of the [Icon Hotel](#) (p218) and an unusual chaise longue by Adolf Loos, a copy of the one you can see in the drawing room of the [Villa Müller](#) (p141).

## ARZENAL

Map pp88-9

Glassware

☎ 224 814 099; Valentinská 11; ☎ 10am-midnight;

📍 Staroměstská

Arzenal is a design salon and showroom for the striking and colourful glassware of Bořek Šípek ([www.boreksipek.cz](http://www.boreksipek.cz)), one of the Czech Republic's leading architects and designers. Unusually, it is also home to one of the city's best Thai restaurants, [Siam-I-San](#) (p162).

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## DESIGNER BOUTIQUES

- Bohème (opposite)
- Helena Fejková Gallery (p148)
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- Klara Nademlýnská (left)
- TEG (left)

## LE PATIO LIFESTYLE

Map pp88-9

Homewares

☎ 222 310 310; [www.lepatio.cz](http://www.lepatio.cz); Dušní 8; ☎ 10am-7pm Mon-Sat, 11am-7pm Sun; 📍 Staroměstská

There are lots of high-quality household accessories here, from wrought-iron chairs and lamps forged by Bohemian blacksmiths to scented wooden chests made by Indian carpenters. Plus you'll find funky earthenware plant pots, chunky crystal wine glasses in contemporary designs, and many more tempting items that you just *know* will fit into your already crammed suitcase...

## FREY WILLE

Map pp88-9

Jewellery

☎ 272 142 228; [www.frey-wille.com](http://www.frey-wille.com); Haviřská 3;

☎ 10am-7pm Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm Sun; 📍 Můstek

An Austrian jewellery maker famed for its enamel work, Frey Wille produces a distinctive range of highly decorative pieces. Its traditional paisley and Egyptian designs are complemented by a range of Art Nouveau designs based on the works of Alfons Mucha.

## GRANÁT TURNOV

Map pp88-9

Jewellery

☎ 222 315 612; [www.granat.eu](http://www.granat.eu); Dlouhá 28-30;

☎ 10am-6pm Mon-Sat, 10am-1pm Sun; 📍 Náměstí Republiky

Part of the country's biggest jewellery chain, specialising in Bohemian garnet, with a huge range of gold and silver rings, brooches, cufflinks and necklaces featuring the small, dark blood-red stones. There's also pearl and diamond jewellery, and less expensive pieces set with the dark green semi-precious stone known in Czech as *vltavín* (moldavite).

## MAXIMUM UNDERGROUND

Map pp88-9

Music

☎ 222 541 333; [www.maximum.cz](http://www.maximum.cz); Jílská 22;

☎ 11am-7pm Mon-Sat, 1-7pm Sun; 📍 Můstek

On the 1st floor in an arcade just off Jílská, this place is stocked with CDs and LPs of

indie, punk, hip-hop, techno and other genres. It also has a selection of new and second-hand street and club wear for those seeking that Central European grunge look.

## NOVÉ MĚSTO

### GALERIE ČESKÉ PLASTIKY

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Arts & Crafts

Czech Sculpture Gallery; ☎ 222 310 684; www.art-pro.cz; Revoluční 20; 🕒 11am-7pm Mon-Sat; 🚶 5, 8, 14

This commercial gallery is a treasure house of 19th- and 20th-century and contemporary Czech sculpture, paintings, prints and photography. There are regular themed exhibitions, and all items are for sale, at prices ranging from 2000Kč to 2 million Kč.

### GLOBE BOOKSTORE & CAFÉ

Map pp108-9

Books

☎ 224 934 203; www.globebookstore.cz; Pštrossova 6; 🕒 10am-midnight; 📍 Karlovo náměstí

A popular hangout for book-loving expats, the Globe is a cosy English-language bookshop with an excellent café-bar (p164) in which to peruse your purchases. There's a good range of new fiction and nonfiction, as well as a big selection of second-hand novels, newspapers, magazines and – a first for Prague – a dedicated gay, lesbian and transgender section with literature in English, German and Czech.

### PALÁC KNIH NEO LUXOR

Map pp108-9

Books

☎ 221 111 364; www.neoluxor.cz; Václavské náměstí 41; 🕒 8am-8pm Mon-Fri, 9am-7pm Sat, 10am-7pm Sun; 📍 Muzeum

Palác Knih Neo Luxor is Prague's biggest bookshop – head for the basement to find a wide selection of fiction and nonfiction in English, German, French and Russian, including Czech authors in translation. You'll also find internet access (1Kč per minute), a café and a good selection of international newspapers and magazines.

### KANZELSBERGER Map pp108-9 Books & Maps

☎ 224 219 214; www.dumknihy.cz; Václavské náměstí 4; 🕒 9am-8pm; 📍 Můstek

Housed in the tall, glass-fronted Lindt building at the foot of Wenceslas Square,

Kanzelsberger has five floors of bookshelves, with a café on the 1st floor overlooking the square. You'll probably want the top floor, where there's a selection of books in English, German and French, plus hiking and city maps covering the whole of the Czech Republic.

### KIWI

Map pp108-9

Books & Maps

☎ 224 948 455; www.kiwick.cz; Jungmannova 23; 🕒 9am-6.30pm Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm Sat; 📍 Národní Třída

This small specialist travel bookshop stocks a huge range of maps covering not only the Czech Republic but also many other countries. It also has an extensive selection of Lonely Planet guidebooks.

### HELENA FEJKOVÁ GALLERY

Map pp108-9

Fashion

☎ 224 211 514; www.helenafejkova.cz; Lucerna Pasáž, Štěpánská 61; 🕒 10am-7pm Mon-Fri, 10am-3pm Sat; 📍 Muzeum

Kit yourself out in the latest Czech fashions at this *très chic* boutique and showroom. Contemporary men's and women's fashion and accessories by Prague designer Helena Fejková and others are on display, and private fashion shows can be arranged.

### MANUFACTURA ABRAM KELLY

Map pp108-9

Gifts

☎ 224 233 282; www.manufactura.cz; Senovážné náměstí 16; 🕒 9am-7pm Mon-Fri; 🚶 3, 9, 14, 24

This little workshop and studio produces handmade paper using traditional techniques, and sells it in the form of greeting cards, business cards, stationery, calligraphy, antique map prints and photographic prints.

### MOSER Map pp108-9

Glassware

☎ 224 211 293; www.moser-glass.com; Na Příkopě 12; 🕒 10am-8pm Mon-Fri, 10am-7pm Sat & Sun; 📍 Můstek

One of the most exclusive and highly respected of Bohemian glass makers, Moser was founded in Karlovy Vary in 1857 and is famous for its rich and flamboyant designs. The shop on Na Příkopě is worth a browse as much for the décor as for the goods – it's in a magnificently decorated, originally Gothic building called the **House of the Black Rose** (dům U černé růže).

**BELDA JEWELLERY** Map pp108–9 Jewellery

☎ 224 931 052; [www.belda.cz](http://www.belda.cz); Mikulandská 10; ☎ 10am–6pm Mon–Thu, 10am–5pm Fri; Národní Třída

Belda & Co is a long-established Czech firm dating from 1922. Nationalised in 1948, it was revived by the founder's son and grandson, and continues to create gold and silver jewellery of a very high standard. Its range includes its own angular, contemporary designs, as well as reproductions based on Art Nouveau designs by Alfons Mucha.

**BAZAR** Map pp108–9 Music

☎ 602 313 730; [www.cdkrakovska.cz](http://www.cdkrakovska.cz); Krakovská 4; ☎ 9am–7pm Mon–Fri, 10am–3pm Sat; Muzeum

There's a vast selection of second-hand CDs, LPs and videos to browse through here at Bazar, representing a wide range of genres. Czech and Western pop jostle with jazz, blues, heavy metal, country and world music, though with most CDs costing around 300Kč to 400Kč this place is not exactly what you'd call a bargain basement.

**BONTONLAND** Map pp108–9 Music

☎ 224 473 080; [www.bontonland.cz](http://www.bontonland.cz); Václavské náměstí 1–3; ☎ 9am–8pm Mon–Sat, 10am–7pm Sun; Mústek

Supposedly the biggest music megastore in the Czech Republic, with pretty much everything including Western chart music, classical, jazz, dance and heavy metal, as well as an extensive collection of Czech pop. It also sells videos and DVDs, iPods and accessories, and has a large PlayStation arena and internet café.

**FOTO ŠKODA** Map pp108–9 Photography

☎ 222 929 029; [www.fotoskoda.cz](http://www.fotoskoda.cz); Vodičkova 37; ☎ 8.30am–8.30pm Mon–Fri, 9am–6pm Sat; Mústek

One of Prague's biggest camera shops, Foto Škoda stocks a wide range of digital and film cameras, video cameras, film (professional as well as amateur) and photographic accessories. It also sells used cameras, and offers a camera repair service.

**JAN PAZDERA** Map pp108–9 Photography

☎ 224 216 197; Vodičkova 28; ☎ 10am–6pm Mon–Sat; ☎ 3, 9, 14, 24

The friendly and knowledgeable staff members at this long-standing shop are happy to show you around their impressive stock

of second-hand cameras, darkroom gear, lenses, binoculars and telescopes. Models range from the basic but unbreakable Russian-made Zenit to expensive Leicas.

**BAŤA** Map pp108–9 Shoes

☎ 221 088 472; [www.bata.cz](http://www.bata.cz); Václavské náměstí 6; ☎ 9am–9pm Mon–Fri, 9am–8pm Sat, 10am–8pm Sun; Mústek

Established by Tomáš Baťa in 1894, the Baťa footwear empire is still in family hands and is one of the Czech Republic's most successful companies. The flagship store on Wenceslas Square, built in the 1920s, is considered a masterpiece of modern architecture, and houses six floors of shoes (including international brands such as Nike, Salomon and Cat, as well as Bata's own), handbags, luggage and leather goods.

**ZERBA** Map pp108–9 Toys

☎ 221 024 616; 1st fl, Černa Růže Shopping Centre, Na Příkopě 12; ☎ 9am–7pm Mon–Fri, to 6pm Sat, to 5pm Sun; Mústek

This place is a paradise for model-railway enthusiasts of all ages, with a huge range of track and rolling stock in N- and OO-gauge, as well as a good selection of Scalextric racing sets and Matchbox model cars.

## VINOHRADY & VRŠOVICE

**DŮM PORCELÁNU** Map p121 Arts & Crafts

☎ 221 505 320; [www.dumporcelanu.cz](http://www.dumporcelanu.cz); Jugoslávská 16, Vinohrady; ☎ 9am–7pm Mon–Fri, 9am–5pm Sat, 2–5pm Sun; IP Pavlova

The House of Porcelain is a kind of factory outlet for the best Czech porcelain makers, including Haas & Czjzek and Thun, both based in western Bohemia. The flatware, china, blue onion pattern porcelain and other items are priced to draw in local buyers – not tourists. Prices here are a fraction what they are downtown for similar items.

**SHAKESPEARE & SONS** Map p121 Books

☎ 271 740 839; [www.shakes.cz](http://www.shakes.cz); Krymská 12, Vršovice; ☎ 10am–7pm; ☎ 4, 22, 23

Though its shelves groan with a formidable range of literature in English, both new and second-hand, Shakes is more than a bookshop – it's a congenial literary hangout, with a cosy café that regularly hosts poetry



readings, author events and live jazz. Here you can buy magazines, such as the *New York Review of Books*, *Harper's* and *Atlantic Monthly*, and settle down for a read over coffee and cakes.

## ORIENTÁLNÍ KOBERCE PALÁČKA

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Carpets

☎ 222 518 354; [www.orientalni-koberce.cz](http://www.orientalni-koberce.cz); Vinohradská 42, Vinohrady; ☎ 10am-7pm Mon-Fri, to 2pm Sat; 🕒 Náměstí Míru

The 'Oriental Carpet Palace' is a sumptuous showroom stocked with handmade carpets, rugs and wall hangings from Iran and other Central Asian states. The colourful pieces come in all sizes and prices and in intricate traditional designs, and the knowledgeable staff will be happy to help you make an informed purchase.

## PASSION CHOCOLAT

Map p121

Food & Drink

☎ 222 524 333; Italská 5, Vinohrady; ☎ 8am-midnight; 🕒 Náměstí Míru

This French-owned chocolate shop and bakery was an absolute sensation when it opened in 2007. Run by a husband and wife team – he makes the pastries – the secret is the use of high-quality Valrhona chocolate. They also do an assortment of cakes and pastries, including a highly recommended raspberry cream tarte, croissants and a few quiches and sandwiches. Eat in or take away.

## KAREL VÁVRA

Map p121

Musical Instruments

☎ 222 518 114; Lublaňská 65, Vinohrady; ☎ 9am-5pm Mon-Fri; 🕒 IP Pavlova

Handmade fiddles decorate the interior of this old-fashioned violin workshop where Karel and his assistants beaver away making and repairing these instruments in time-honoured fashion. Even if you are not in search of a custom-made violin, it's worth a look just for the time-warp atmosphere.

## PALÁC FLÓRA

Map pp126-7

Shopping Centre

☎ 255 741 712; [www.palacflora.cz](http://www.palacflora.cz); Vinohradská 151, Vinohrady; ☎ 9am-9pm Mon-Sat, 10am-9pm Sun; 🕒 Flóra

You could be anywhere in the capitalist world in this shiny, glittering shrine to consumerism. Slick cafés share floor space

with girly emporia of tiny T-shirts, sparkly make-up and globalised brand names (Hilfiger, Sergio Tacchini, Nokia, Puma, Lacoste, Guess, Diesel, Apple), a full food court, an eight-screen multiplex and an IMAX cinema that keep the crowds coming in the evenings.

## VINOHRADSKÝ PAVILON

Map p121

Shopping Centre

☎ 222 097 100; [www.pavilon.cz](http://www.pavilon.cz); Vinohradská 50, Vinohrady; ☎ 9.30am-9pm Mon-Sat, noon-8pm Sun; 🕒 Jiřího z Poděbrad

Housed in a lovingly restored 1902 market pavilion, this small but searingly trendy mall – completely refurbished in 2006 – has three floors of brand-name boutiques (including Tommy Hilfiger, Sergio Tacchini, La Perla), Sony electronics, jewellery, shoes and household goods. There's a very good café on the ground floor run by the Ambiente local restaurant group. Oh, and it has that obligatory adjunct to all Prague shopping malls – there's a supermarket located in the basement.

## HOLEŠOVICE, BUBENEČ & DEJVICE

ANTIKVITA Map pp132-3

Antiques

☎ 233 336 601; [www.antikvita.cz](http://www.antikvita.cz); Na Hutích 9, Bubeneč; ☎ 10am-5pm Mon-Fri; 🕒 Dejvická This antique shop is a collector's delight, crammed with cases and cabinets overflowing with vintage toys, model trains, dolls, coins, medals, jewellery, clocks, watches, militaria, postcards, porcelain figures, glassware and much, much more. If you have something to sell, Antikvita holds buying sessions on Wednesday and Thursday (from 10am to noon and 2pm to 5pm).

PIVNÍ GALERIE Map pp132-3

Food & Drink

☎ 220 870 613; [www.pivnigalerie.cz](http://www.pivnigalerie.cz); U Průhonu 9, Holešovice; ☎ noon-9pm Mon-Fri; 🕒 1, 3, 5, 25 If you think that Czech beer begins and ends with Pilsner Urquell, a visit to the tasting room at Pivní Galerie (the Beer Gallery) will soon lift the scales from your eyes. Here you can sample and purchase a huge range of Bohemian and Moravian beers – more than 180 varieties from 34 different breweries – with expert advice from the owner, who speaks both English and Swedish.



## PRAŽSKÁ TRŽNICE

Map pp132–3

Market

Prague Market Hall; ☎ 220 800 945; Bubenské nábřeží 306, Holešovice; 🕒 7am–6pm Mon–Fri, to 2pm Sat; 🚶 1, 3, 5, 25

Almost a suburb in itself, Prague's sprawling, slightly depressing city market includes a large open-air area selling fresh fruit, vegetables and flowers, large covered halls housing supermarkets, electrical goods and car accessories, and dozens of stalls selling everything from cheap clothes to garden gnomes. In the eastern part of the market are several antiques warehouses, some of which look like they have emptied a baroque palace or two.

## SMÍCHOV

MAPIS Map p138

Maps

☎ 257 315 459; Štefánikova 63; 🕒 9am–6.30pm Mon–Fri; 🚶 6, 9, 12, 20

Mapis is a specialist map shop with a wide selection of local, national and international maps, including hiking maps and city plans covering not just the city but also the whole of the Czech Republic.

## NOVÝ SMÍCHOV

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Shopping Centre

☎ 251 511 151; www.novysmichov.eu; Plzeňská 8; 🕒 9am–9pm; 🚶 Anděl

Nový Smíchov is a vast shopping centre that occupies an area the size of several city blocks. It's an airy, well-designed space with plenty of fashion boutiques and niche-market stores – for example, you could check out Profimed, which has all the dental-care products you never knew you needed. Besides all the big brand names, there's also a large computer store, a food court, a virtual games hall, a bowling alley, a 12-screen multiplex cinema and a huge, well-stocked Tesco hypermarket.

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