

Accommodation in Prague for our meeting 15-18 April 2010. Ready for booking!

I think when we are coming together for a short time from many different countries for this meeting it is useful if most of us are staying within easy reach of each other. The social context, and ease of contact, can be very helpful for exchange of views and informal interaction between participants.

We are indebted to Kateřina Trlifajová of the Center for Theoretical Study for her investigations of hotels and accommodation that might be suitable for us, for her recommendations and for her help in making provisional bookings. (She and I have been investigating and discussing this for many weeks!)

We have settled on two places to recommend particularly.

These are the U Tři korunek (Three Crowns Hotel)

<http://www.three-crowns-hotel-prague.com/en/main.html>

email: fom@3korunky.cz [Use this email for booking – see below.]

where a twin-bedded room (available for single occupation) with en-suite bathroom is normally 59E per night but because we are several, they offer us at 50E per night (including breakfast), or 60E for two people in the room. This seems to be good value.

And U hejtmana (Pension Blaník, in the same street (Cimburkova Street)) offers similar, but more spartan, accommodation for 30E per person per night (36E for two people). This is without breakfast, but breakfast is available across the road for 3.5E. They say, as you will see, 'cash only' for payment. See

<http://www.blanikpension.eu/>

email: info@blanikpension.eu

BOOKING DETAILS: For the Three Crowns, do **not** click on Reservations from the Webpage (as I did first, you are taken to an agency 'bookassist' and have no chance of the discounted rate). The hotel management advise that our participants book directly using the email above which is for the Front Office Manager, Barbara Benešová. Please give name, that you are 'for Bolzano conference', date of arrival, departure, number of people in room, credit card details as usual (type and number, expiry, name as on card, 3-digit security number). They charge the first night on the card as a deposit (in spite of what it says on website, but we are getting a discount!). I have just done this procedure myself successfully.

Obviously I haven't experience of booking at Pension Blaník but I suspect again it is best to book by email as given.

We have made provisional bookings of 15 rooms in the Three Crowns and 7 rooms in Pension Blaník and they have agreed to keep these bookings for us until the end of February. April is already 'High Season' in Prague.

Please let me know if you have any difficulties in booking at either place, or if you have questions. Full details of both places are on their webpages.

Cimburkova Street and area has much accommodation so if for any reason you have to be later in booking, or these places are full, perhaps you can try somewhere else in the neighbourhood. Kateřina tells me about Cimburkova Street:

"It is in Zizkov, a special part of Prague from the nineteenth century, quite romantic but not everywhere reconstructed." And

“it is fifteen minutes by the tram number 9 from Seifertova to Narodni, the tram stop is five minutes from the hotel, the tram goes approximately every 5 minutes, then it is five minutes by walk to the Austrian Cultural Center. Or maybe half an hour by walk from Seifertova, but it is not too pleasant. The underground is not suitable.”

We plan to visit Techobuz on the Sunday 18th but should be back into Prague and finished by 16.00 so if you need to go Sunday evening, you could. But if you can stay the Sunday night too, please do – some of us certainly will. It'll be good to arrive by the Thursday afternoon (15th) - expecting to have an opening session at about 16.00.

Steve

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