

Smíchov & Vyšehrad

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Neighbourhood Top Five

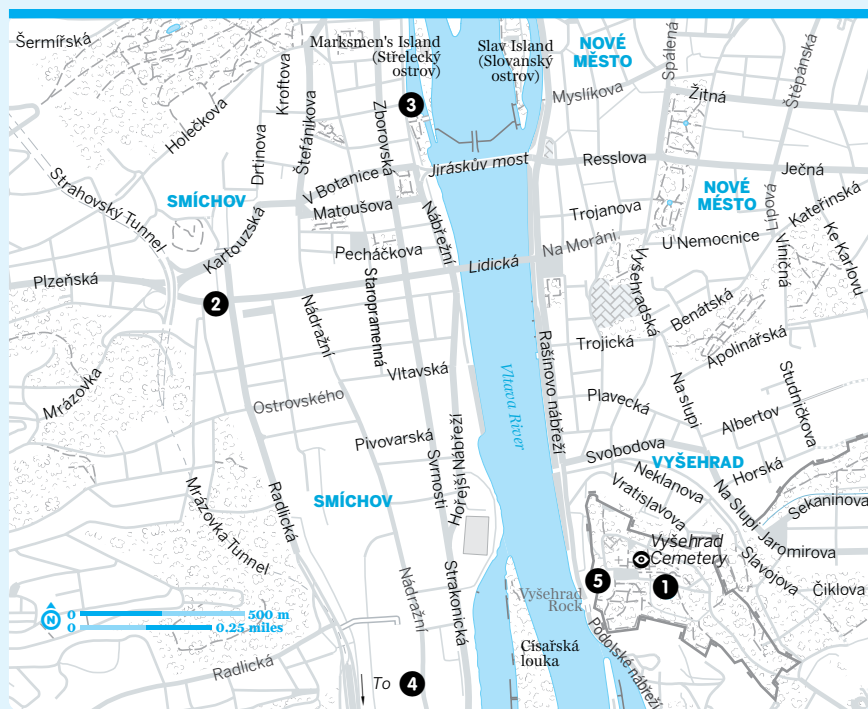
1 Spend an afternoon at the **Vyšehrad Citadel** (p173), enjoying views from the rampart walls over the city. Don't miss the evocative cemetery, with its pantheon to Czech arts luminaries. Pack a picnic lunch and, with luck, catch an open-air concert.

2 While away an evening drinking and discussing at a rowdy Smíchov pub such as **Zlatý klas** (p177).

3 Enjoy a night of high-quality jazz on the river at **Jazz Dock** (p179).

4 Check out some off-the-wall art or a crazy club happening at David Černý's **Meet Factory** (p175).

5 Have a great meal in the open air at **Rio's** (p177) in Vyšehrad.



For more detail of this area, see Map p341 and p342 ➔

Explore: Smíchov & Vyšehrad

While the districts of Smíchov and Vyšehrad both lie to the south of the historic centre, they occupy different sides of the Vltava River and couldn't be more different in character. Smíchov, a former industrial area, lacks traditional sights, but has some good old-school pubs and classic restaurants. It's also home to some great hotels, especially around the Anděl metro station, so you might find yourself spending more time in this area than you thought. Bucolic Vyšehrad, by comparison, feels like a sanctuary. In many ways, it's Prague's spiritual home. Come here to tour the Vyšehrad Citadel and pay your respects to the country's cultural giants buried at Vyšehrad Cemetery.

Local Life

➔ **Hangouts** Don't let Smíchov's gleaming office towers fool you, this is a hard-drinkin' 'hood with some great traditional pubs. For starters, try Zlatý Klas (p177), U Bílého lva (p177) or Hlubina (p178). All of these serve decent food, too.

➔ **Strolling** The parkland of the Vyšehrad Citadel is one of the city's most beloved venues for simply walking around and enjoying a fine afternoon.

➔ **Shopping** Going local in Smíchov is all about hitting the mall: Nový Smíchov (p179) to be precise. There are tons of shops, cafes and restaurants, a big supermarket in the basement and a multiplex cinema up top.

Getting There & Away

➔ **Metro** Smíchov lies on line B (yellow). The heart of the district is at Anděl station. A second metro stop, Smíchovské Nádraží, is further south. Vyšehrad lies 15 minutes on foot from Vyšehrad metro station (on line C, red).

➔ **Tram** Smíchov is easily accessible by tram. Lines 4, 7, 10 and 14 rumble across the Vltava from Charles Square (Karlovo náměstí) to Smíchov; from Malá Strana take tram 12 or 20 south. Vyšehrad is better reached by metro, but trams 17 and 21 run along the river bank below the citadel. It's a steep climb up.

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

The hilltop fortress of Vyšehrad is an oasis of calm in a busy city. The grassy bluffs surrounding the cathedral can be a wonderful place to throw down a blanket and have a picnic, while enjoying the gorgeous views out over the river and onto Prague Castle in the distance.

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Bejzment (p175)
- ➔ Rio's (p177)
- ➔ Na Verandách (p177)
- ➔ Zlatý klas (p177)
- ➔ U Bílého lva (p177)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Pitomá Kavárna (p178)
- ➔ Lokal Blok (p178)
- ➔ Hlubina (p178)
- ➔ V Cafe (p179)
- ➔ Cafe Citadela (p179)

For reviews, see p178. ➔

Best Places to Party

- ➔ Hospoda U Buldoka (p178)
- ➔ Jazz Dock (p179)
- ➔ Meet Factory (p175)
- ➔ Phenomen (p178)
- ➔ Back Doors (p178)

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