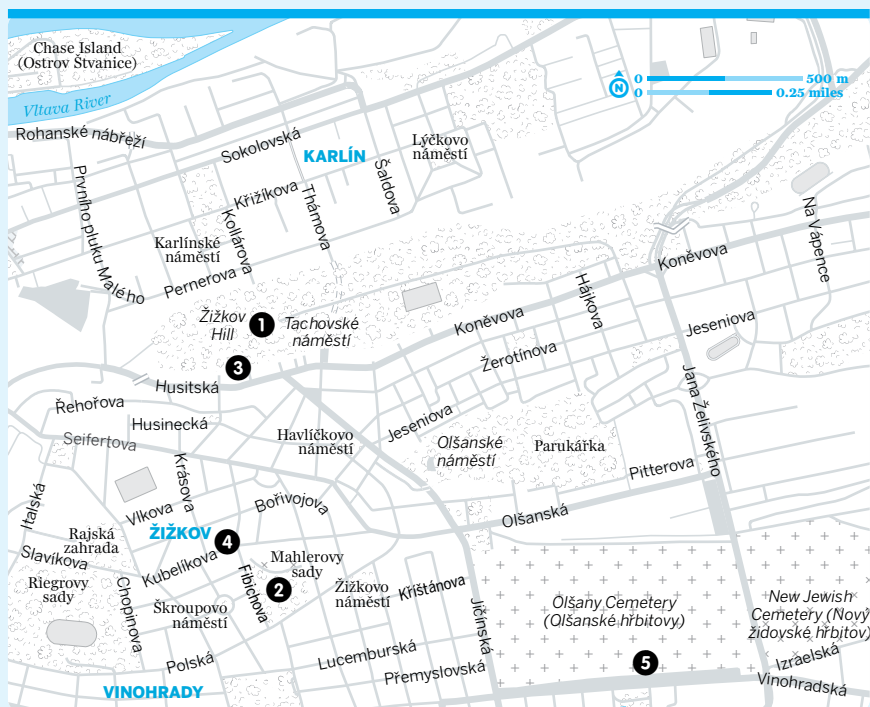


Žižkov & Karlín

Neighbourhood Top Five

- 1 Pay a visit to one of Prague's most prominent landmarks, the **National Monument** (p147), where you can learn about 20th-century Czech history, and visit the laboratory where communist president Klement Gottwald was enbalmmed.
- 2 Ascend to the top of Žižkov's other noteworthy landmark, the **TV Tower** (p149), for outstanding city views.
- 3 Enjoy the ultimate Žižkov experience – a crawl of its classic, crowded pubs, including **U Vystřeleného oka** (p152).
- 4 Rock up to a live gig at the **Palác Akropolis** (p153), a stalwart of Prague's alternative-music scene.
- 5 Take a stroll among the art nouveau monuments of **Olšany Cemetery** (p149), Prague's biggest and most atmospheric burial ground.



For more detail of this area, see Map p346 ➔

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

The viewing platforms in Žižkov's TV Tower are open until midnight – dodge the daytime crowds and turn up just in time for sunset to enjoy a really special view of the city.

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Café Pavlač (p149)
- ➔ Bisos (p151)
- ➔ Essence (p151)

For reviews, see p149. ➔

Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Bukowski's (p152)
- ➔ Pivovarský Klub (p152)
- ➔ U Slovanské Lípy (p152)
- ➔ U Vystřeleného oka (p152)

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Best Live Music Venues

- ➔ Palác Akropolis (p153)
- ➔ Fatal Music Club (p152)
- ➔ Kuře V Hodinkách (p151)
- ➔ Hospoda Parukářka (p153)

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Explore: Žižkov & Karlín

Named after the one-eyed Hussite hero Jan Žižka, Žižkov was one of Prague's earliest industrial suburbs. It has long had a reputation as a rough-and-ready neighbourhood, and was full of left-wing revolutionary fervour well before the communist takeover of 1948.

Today it is one of Prague's liveliest districts, with more bars per capita than any other part of Prague. It's pretty rough around the edges, which puts off a lot of visitors, though it's as safe as the rest of the city. There are a couple of major sights which could be covered in an afternoon, but the main attraction here is the bars.

The mostly residential suburb of Karlín lies to the north of Žižkov, squeezed between Žižkov Hill and the Vltava River. It was devastated by the floods of 2002, and since then has been undergoing massive redevelopment, with office complexes rising along the banks of the river. The older part of the district, along Křižíkova, is another up-and-coming area, with lovely art nouveau buildings, great for some aimless wandering – Lýčkovo náměstí is one of the prettiest squares in the city.

Local Life

➔ **Hangouts** Tourists are notable by their absence in Žižkov and Karlín, so most places are 'local'. Café Pavlač (p149) is a popular place for weekend brunch, while Kuře V Hodinkách (p151) pulls in local crowds with live music as well as good food.

➔ **Park Life** Sunny days see crowds of locals out for a stroll in the park. The most popular spots are Žižkov Hill (locals often refer to it as Vítkov Hill) and Parukářka – the latter has a great beer garden (p153).

➔ **Football** Supporters of FK Viktoria Žižkov are even more passionate than fans of Sparta and Slavia – drop in on a home match for a real Žižkov experience.

Getting There & Away

➔ **Bus** Buses 133, 175 and 207 run from outside Florenc metro station along Husitská at the foot of Žižkov Hill, useful for the Army Museum and National Monument.

➔ **Metro** There are no metro stations in Žižkov itself; the nearest is Jiřího z Poděbrad on line A, a five-minute walk south from the TV Tower. Line B runs through Karlín.

➔ **Tram** Lines 5, 9 and 26 run along Seifertova, in the centre of Žižkov, while lines 3 and 8 run along Sokolovská in Karlín.