Quick guide to food & beer in Czech Republic

(by Vojta)
Knedlik – The One

• Three kinds (roll, potato, fruit)
• Usually in power combo with pork, lettuce and sauce. Good with any meat and sauce
• Translated to English as dumpling
• My record: 23
Klobasa

- Sausage-like, typically with bread, mustard and beer; or in goulash.
- Often sold at soccer matches and similar occasions
Smazeny syr (fried cheese)

• Just melted cheese in crust...
• ... but people love it 😊.
• Usually in every restaurant, good choice if you don’t trust the cook very much.
• With mayonnaise and French fries / potatoes.
Food in restaurants.

• You don’t have to leave big tip, waiters are paid pretty well. Usually about 5%.
• If there is nobody eating in the restaurant, don’t eat there.
Where to buy food?

• Many supermarkets: Tesco, Kaufland, Liedl, Albert, Billa... Pretty much the same.
• Underground stores: usually run by non-Czech people. Cheap, non-stop, not very good.
• Always be careful, and look at what you get.
Pivo (beer)

- Very good.
- Very healthy.
- Very good.
- Very cheap.
- Very good.
- Very accessible.
- Very good.
Pivo – facts

• Beer is either light or dark.
• Degrees: 8, 10 (3,5-4,5% of alc.), 12, 14, 18...
• Usually in 0.5l glasses / bottles (equals 17oz)
• Contains B vitamins, good for food processing.
• In Czech Republic, average person drinks 320 beers per year.
• My record: >12
Pivo – brands

• Pilsner Urqell – more expensive, one of the best, slightly different brewing process -> more healthy.
• Gambrinus – most widespread, not the best, but better than nothing.
• Svijany – not very known, liked by beer experts. Many various and unique kinds.
Pivo – brands

• Kozel – widespread, cheap, similar to Gambrinus. Dark one tastes like coffee. Name means “goat”.

• Bernard – not very widespread, but pretty good. Some funny fruit flavours.

• Starobrno – very nice taste, not recommended for a weak stomach.
Pivo – brands

• Staropramen – local to Prague, average taste.

• Velvet – also local to Prague, very good beer, little more expensive.

• Budvar – one of my favourites, good price and good taste.