



ON THE TOWN

Pub Watch

Captain Morgan Tent

Beside the Hotel Thermal
Open daily from 9am to 6am

KVIFF's official cocktail bar is situated a few steps from the monolithic Hotel Thermal, so festivalgoers who emerge shaken from the latest Midnight Movie in the Small Hall can stumble straight into the tent for a comforting quaff. The tent is an unpretentious hot spot with upbeat dance tunes, accommodating hours and a well-stocked bar. As the venue's name suggests, this is the perfect spot to kick off an evening of revelry with your friends and then watch the sun rise with a mojito in your hand.

Sklípek

Moskevská 2
☎ 353 220 222
Open daily from 11am
"till as long as it takes"

For a classic old Bohemian-style meal in simple, unpretentious surroundings, you could do a lot worse than this cozy cellar restaurant and bar. The menu lists all the (highly filling) classics from goulash to schnitzel, or řízek, all done with panache, along with the ever-popular beer sop *smažený syr* (fried cheese in breadcrumbs). What's more, it's all at prices a student of film could manage (main courses range from 80 - 250 CZK). Situated at the top of Moskevská Street, Sklípek is at

a slight remove from KVIFF central, which makes it the perfect place to take a break over a few cool Zlatopramen beers on its outdoor terrace, well away from the festival hordes.

Venezia

Zahrádní 43
☎ 353 229 721
Open daily from 11am
"till at least eleven"

Just a one-minute walk from the Hotel Thermal, this favorite of festivalgoers and staffers for years back is still at it, with an airy terrace overlooking the action. It's a great place to meet, deconstruct a film and take in pasta or a steak and a frothy *Budvar* (35 CZK). The Italian sauces and cheeses are

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tasty and the pizzas, with generous toppings, are a step above what others offer, all in the price range of 100-260 CZK. Steaks and grilled seafood are more pricy but also well done. Particularly delectable are the trout, pike-perch and turbot, which is a bit of a novelty in the land-locked Czech Republic.

Cafe Bar Retro

TG Masaryka 18
☎ 353 100 710
Open from 11am till
"early morning during the fest"

Always a scene with youthful locals, this is one of those rare venues in Karlovy Vary that's just as lively year-round as during the film festival. But it's well known

to festival fans too, with its location just off the main shopping street, a three-minute walk across the River Teplá from the Thermal. The house special cocktails, fruit drinks and ice coffees go well with hot days and warm nights, while meal options are generally light. Retro also has an appealing terrace on the slope of the cobbled street out front, handily equipped with a retractable cover in case the sun is just in your imagination. The menu covers the bases, with soups, salads, light appetizers and pastas (50-150 CZK), plus the usual traditional Czech offerings (120-250 CZK), which certainly do the job - even if gourmets probably won't be impressed.

Side Events

Adults with kids in tow can enjoy a family-friendly dose of Czech culture under the **Chebský Bridge** today. Events kick off with the Karlovy Vary Music Theater's presentation of "Frantik the Kangaroo" at 4pm, followed by screenings of short films for kids at 5pm. Take a break for dinner, then stake out a spot near the Thermal to catch the festival fireworks - an opening night tradition - at 9.40pm. Looking for an older crowd? Several of Karlovy Vary's finest nightclubs are kicking off the festival with DJ performances, including **Cafe Rotes Berlin** and **W Club**, starting around 9pm, and the **Energy Drink Club**, underneath the Thermal, around midnight.