

# 133 premieres

Don't hesitate come and discover new excitement just waiting for you in the Czech Republic. There are children's entertainment parks, adrenalin and sports areas where you can enjoy an extensive choice of activities. Recharge your batteries in comfortable hotels with excellent gastronomic services or in specialized wellness centres providing perfect care for your body and mind. Recharged you can then visit unique castles and chateaux with all their lavish furnishings or museums and historical monuments that will evoke events from history. The Czech Republic is an ideal place for your holiday.

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# CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT

Everyone wants their children to have the best. Come to the Czech Republic for a wide choice of various attractions from many fields of activities (history, sports, nature, etc.). All events for children take into account their emotional souls and tough bodies and parents can then develop their children's skills and improve their knowledge in an entertaining way.



- Baby Park Janské Lázně
- Dvůr Králové Evening Safari
- DraXmoor Haunted Castle
- Discover the Middle Ages at Hrubá Skála Castle
- Děčín ZOO Paradise Islands
- Ostrava ZOO Botanical Park
- Antique Mechanical Toys in Mělník
- ZOO Ohrada, Hluboká nad Vltavou
- Workshop of the Alchemist Master Bonacin
- New Water Trams Plough the Vltava River
- Prague ZOO – the Indian Gaviol Crocodile Pavilion
- Steelinka Sightseeing Train

[www.ski-school.cz](http://www.ski-school.cz) **Baby Park Janské Lázně** The first rope park for small children in the Czech Republic. In addition to a large park with 40 obstacles between 4 and 12 metres above the ground there is also the first rope park for small children 100 and 140 cm. tall. Other sporting facilities are also available: four-wheeled bikes, all-terrain scooters (accompanied by an instructor you will set out on a cable-way trip to Černá hora, for an exciting down-hill run both on asphalt and forest roads, abseiling, basic archery training, Nordic walking (walking with special poles), rafting suitable even for families with children and last but not least tandem paragliding.

[www.zoodk.cz](http://www.zoodk.cz) **Dvůr Králové Evening Safari**

In the summer months the zoological gardens in Dvůr Králové nad Labem are running the "Evening Safari", the only one in Europe. On mild summer evenings, after dusk, the excursion evokes all the sensations of a journey to an actual African safari park. From the bus visitors can see Southern Lechwe antelope, marshbuck antelope and African Watusi cattle. The summer paddocks at the ZOO contain another 500 kinds of animals (zebras, buffalos, giraffes and rhinos...). In 2009 visitors will be able to see zebras and antelopes from their tents, bungalows and caravans in an African camp that is being prepared at present.



## DraXmoor Haunted Castle in Dolní Rožínka

The castle presents an eerily incredible exhibition combining fascinating exhibits, original cellars, a medieval fairy-tale market place, and a stylish tavern with magical attendants, witches' brews and a children's play area.

[www.western.cz](http://www.western.cz)



## Discover the Middle Ages at Hrubá Skála Castle

[www.poznejstredovek.cz](http://www.poznejstredovek.cz) Come and experience the everyday life of times gone by at Hrubá Skála Castle in Český ráj (Czech Paradise). When visitors to the castle enter the grounds they are transported back to old times and everything they see around them gives a clear picture of life in the Middle Ages. The historical scenery, characters from castle life, knights and magicians make up an eye-catching and interesting daytime programme. Also included are the sales and exhibition of medieval merchants and craftsmen who, with their products and craft shows, are an accurate component complementing the entire programme. The project also has a children's area. An entertainment and sports area based on classic Czech fairy-tales and fairy-tale characters is being opened for children in the castle gorge. Part of the castle park is taken up by a sports ground called "Conquering the Castle", with archery, trampolining, abseiling, 'bridging' and other fun activities.

## Děčín ZOO Paradise Islands

A unique exhibition with a large aquarium presents endangered species of reptiles, amphibians, fish, and invertebrates. Each visitor to Paradise Islands goes aboard the fabulous Flying Dutchman ship to become a sea-farer and discoverer.

The tour is arranged as a journey around the world, during which the incredible life on the sea bed, on the mangrove coast, in the tropical rain-forest or in the semi-deserts can be admired.

[www.zoodecin.cz](http://www.zoodecin.cz)

## TIP!

### Antique Mechanical Toys in Mělník

A new long-term exhibition of electric model trains and construction kits, from such companies as Merkur (Metropol), Edison, Vašek and Märklin, in the Regional Museum at Mělník. Come and see historical electric model trains, metal construction kits, children's model steam engines and other clockwork mechanical toys. The exhibition also includes a demonstration journey of electric model trains through a miniature model landscape and a small workshop for children where they can construct their own models from a Merkur kit. The best works will be displayed as part of the exhibition.

[www.muzeum-melnik.cz](http://www.muzeum-melnik.cz)



## Ostrava ZOO Botanical Park

There are many kilometres of new paths and trails in the park that not only naturally connect the existing zoological exhibitions with the surrounding valuable and unspoilt landscape but they also offer a whole range of new stops and educational places for visitors. Newly opened exhibitions present a rare wild beast the red panda and the white-neck crane.

[www.zoo-ostrava.cz](http://www.zoo-ostrava.cz)

## ZOO Ohrada, Hluboká nad Vltavou

The zoo garden lies close to the beautiful castle at Hluboká nad Vltavou. Its attractive location and cosy atmosphere make it an attraction for everyone not just small children. One of the finest new pavilions is the water exhibition, with Eurasian otters and aquariums for fish and crustaceans. In addition, the public have shown great interest in the Australian corner with its kangaroos, parrot aviaries and night-time terrarium. The ZOO opened its new Centre for Environmental Education and a new American Fauna Pavilion, which has been named Koati after the native name for the South American Coati, or Ring-tailed Coati.



[www.zoo-ohrada.cz](http://www.zoo-ohrada.cz)

## Workshop of the Alchemist Master Bonacin



Uncover the secrets of alchemy at Moravská Třebová castle at an interactive exhibition dedicated to the important Moravian politician and aristocrat Ladislav Velen of Žerotín, his personal doctor M. E. Bonacin, and alchemy at the dawn of the modern period. The castle tower contains a restored alchemist's laboratory with a furnace, coded recipes, mysterious distillation containers, a model of the alchemist and various other items.

[www.zamekmoravskatrebova.cz](http://www.zamekmoravskatrebova.cz)

## Prague ZOO – the Indian Gaviel Crocodile Pavilion

Seven young Indian gaviel (or gharial) crocodiles, which are threatened with imminent extinction in the wild, can now be seen in a special new pavilion. Prague zoological garden has become the only European ZOO where these gaviel crocodiles are bred. Outside of India, breeding gaviels are found in only 10 ZOOS in four countries (the USA, Japan, Singapore and Sri Lanka), which altogether have only 19 breeding individuals. The Prague group of 3 male and 4 female gaviels is a record number. The Indian gaviel, whose natural habitat is the rivers of the northern part of the Indian subcontinent, is evolutionarily in its way of life and with its formidable, bizarre appearance, a wholly unique crocodile.

[www.zoopraha.cz](http://www.zoopraha.cz)



## New Water Trams Plough the Vltava River

Two new boat lines are cruising the Vltava River in Prague. They connect not only both banks of the river, but also the islands in the centre of the capital city. One line connects Smetana Quay at the National Theatre, Sřelecký and Slovanský Islands with the southern tip of Dětský ostrov (Children's Island). The second boat goes from Jiráskovo náměstí to Výtoň, then on through Smíchovská náplavka (Smíchov dock) to Císařská louka (the Emperor's Meadow).

[www.prazskebenatky.cz](http://www.prazskebenatky.cz)



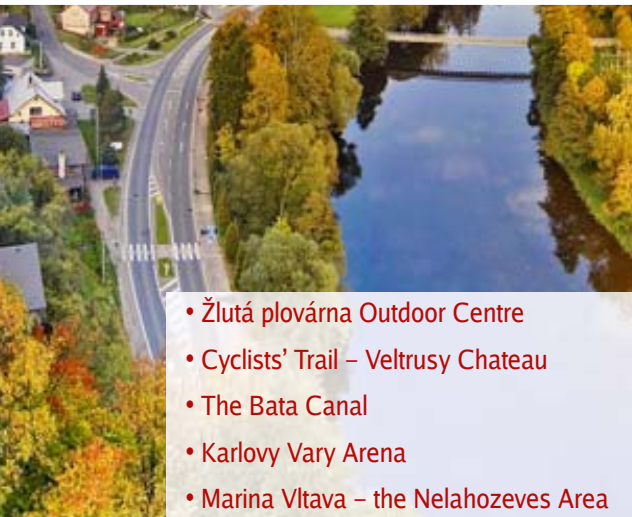
## Steelinka Sightseeing Train

Set out on a trip to explore the variety and beauty of the Slovácko region on board the Kovosteel road train. The train provides a wide choice of rides, as it doesn't just operate on one fixed route or place. In the spring and summer passengers can travel by train round the heart of the region – the royal town of Uherské Hradiště and its surroundings. Visitors can enjoy entertainment and satisfy their hunger for knowledge in activities and on specially prepared routes.

[www.kovosteel.cz](http://www.kovosteel.cz)

# ACTIVE RELAXATION

In today's hectic world everybody dreams of relaxation. And it is the active holiday full of unexpected experiences that everybody will recall together with friends. The Czech Republic has any number of opportunities for you to be yourself. Take a look at a castle from your bicycle, explore the river banks from the boat deck or play golf under a medieval castle.



- Žlutá plovárna Outdoor Centre
- Cyclists' Trail – Veltrusy Chateau
- The Bata Canal
- Karlovy Vary Arena
- Marina Vltava – the Nelahozeves Area
- Aquapalace Prague
- Blansko Aqua Park
- Porta Bohemica Cruise Ship
- Ostravice Golf & Ski Resort
- Hodonín Summer Swimming Pool
- GolfYacht Prague



## Žlutá plovárna Outdoor Centre in Malá Skála

Žlutá plovárna in Malá Skála is a unique sports and recreational centre in Český ráj (Czech Paradise) where you can rent boats (kayaks, canoes for 2 or 3 people, rafts), mountain bikes, four-wheeled bikes and other types of sports gear. There is also a beach volleyball court, a clay court for football-tennis, attractions for children (a trampoline, a climbing wall) and Sundisk, the largest rope centre in the Liberec region. Žlutá plovárna is a popular destination for walkers and bikers and a great place for swimming in the Jizera River.

[www.zlutaplovarna.cz](http://www.zlutaplovarna.cz) • [www.lcmalaskala.cz](http://www.lcmalaskala.cz)



## Cyclists' Trail – Veltrusy Chateau

Visitors can now take a guided tour through the grounds of Veltrusy Chateau by bicycle. The trail is 8 km long and has 11 stops. See the reconstructed Laudon's pavilion, which was built as a sluice gate for the canal. And don't miss the Marie Theresa pavilion set in the middle of the open riding arena, one of the largest in Europe.

[www.zamek-veltrusy.cz](http://www.zamek-veltrusy.cz)

**The Bata Canal** The Bata Canal was originally built in the 1930s as a waterway connecting Otrokovice in the Zlín region and Rohatec in the Hodonín region. Originally the canal was used to transport lignite from mines in South Moravia to the Bata works and for irrigating the surrounding fields. Since the 1990s, it has undergone a process of gradual renewal to make it suitable for tourist cruises. Regular cruises on large excursion boats, boat renting or houseboat holidays are also very popular. Near the Otrokovice rowing boathouse, a new harbour has been built consisting of a concrete landing stage, bollards and a launching ramp.



[www.batacanal.cz](http://www.batacanal.cz)



## Karlovy Vary Arena

A new multifunctional arena, exhibition, sports, cultural and congress centre with a local as well as a non-regional significance has the largest roofed area for organising various types of events in Karlovy Vary, which is at the same time one of the most modern in the Czech Republic. The area will contain a multi-purpose arena for 6,000 spectators (in concert lay out up to 8,000 spectators) and a training hall connected to it by a corridor.

[www.kvarena.cz](http://www.kvarena.cz)



## Marina Vltava – the Nelahozeves Area

Marina Vltava is a new sports and recreational area with a harbour near Prague, surrounded by beautiful scenery and many historical and cultural sights. The area is located in an attractive environment on the bank of the Vltava River, in the birthplace of the world-famous composer Antonín Dvořák, directly under the Nelahozeves renaissance castle, on the Prague – Dresden bike path. Services include mooring, boat rental and service, cruises, a bike store and rental, a restaurant with a terrace, accommodation and an information centre with public internet access.

[www.marinavltava.cz](http://www.marinavltava.cz)



## Aquapalace Prague

The water park in Čestlice near Prague has, in addition to the water-world attractions, spa and relaxation services, restaurants and bars and a new four-star hotel. The 2,500 m<sup>2</sup> of water surface area includes spiral slides, a space-bowl and a kamikaze slide, a swimming pool with artificial waves, a diver's training tube, a wild river, padding pools, a coral swimming pool with built-in aquariums, an outside area with swimming pools, water slides, saunas, etc. Those who love to relax can enjoy a large spa and a wellness centre. The area also includes a fitness centre with workout and stretching machines, a cardio zone and spinner bicycles.

[www.aquapalace.cz](http://www.aquapalace.cz)



## Ostravice Golf & Ski Resort

This new modern sports area for golfing and cross-country skiing is situated between the two highest mountains of the Beskydy Mountains range (Lysá hora and Smrk). Play golf on a championship, 18-hole, par 72 parkland style course.

Cross-country skiing fans can enjoy a 3.75 kilometre long and 7.5 kilometre wide cross-country skiing area, with lights and artificial snow-making equipment. When the first frosty days arrive, the maintained track area can be used for both classic and skating styles.

[www.ostravice-golf.cz](http://www.ostravice-golf.cz)

## Porta Bohemica Cruise Ship

Porta Bohemica (Gate of Bohemia) is the name of a canyon-like valley on the Elbe River through which the river enters the Czech Central Mountains (hence, the name of the ship). This new cruise ship accommodates 249 passengers and cruises the 41-kilometre route between Roudnice nad Labem and Ústí nad Labem.



[www.osobnilod-portabohemica.cz](http://www.osobnilod-portabohemica.cz)



## Blansko Aqua Park

The swimming pool in the aqua park includes four 25-metres swimming lanes, three springboards, a "wild river" with a small rocking pool in the middle, a toboggan, a water slide, a bubble massaging bench, four water jets in the wall of the swimming pool, three water gargoyles, a mushroom fountain and two water springs in the bottom of the swimming pool. The children's swimming pool consists of two interconnected pools with diameters of 4 and 6 metres and a mushroom fountain. At the back of the complex there is a wide sand beach with a playground for children from 3 to 12 years and two beach volleyball courts.

[www.sluzby-blansko.cz/aquapark.html](http://www.sluzby-blansko.cz/aquapark.html)



## GolfYacht Prague

Golf Yacht Prague is the world's largest golf yacht. Anchored on the Vltava River, it is a new and unique facility for golf and yachting. Within its 2,400 m<sup>2</sup> of living space, the golf yacht offers 34 original rooms, including nine luxury apartments, an exclusive restaurant with a salon and terrace, a golf shop, and a wellness centre offering both Thai and classical massages. The golf conference hall, with a bar and three modern golf-training simulators also deserves attention. The bar can be changed into a conference hall or a dance floor through an original technical design.

[www.golfyacht.com](http://www.golfyacht.com)

# TIP!

## Hodonín Summer Swimming Pool

The new grounds with three pools with an overall water surface area of over 2,000 square metres can hold up to 3,500 visitors at a time. All the pools at the new Hodonín swimming pool complex are constructed from stainless steel and have special water features. These include a 58 m long toboggan and a 15 m slide in a large pool, which also has swimming lanes, a section for diving, and artificial waves. A small recreational pool with a 'wild river' and massaging benches is mainly for rejuvenation.

[www.teza-hodonin.cz](http://www.teza-hodonin.cz)

# ADRENALIN SPORTS

Everyone longing for outstanding adventures will find the Czech Republic ideal for adrenalin sports. Activities that release adrenalin into the bloodstream have a positive influence on the human psychic. So don't hesitate and improve your well-being in one of the centres specially selected for entertainment as well as adventure.



- Pilsen Rope Centre and Climbing Tower
- Špindlerův Mlýn Stump Trail Bike Park
- Automotodrom Brno
- Offpark Sušice
- PROUD Rope Centre, Zadov
- Ostravice Opičárna
- 1st Giant Mountains (Krkonoše) Bobsleigh Track
- Vertical Park Harrachov
- Entertainment and Adventure in Prague

## TIP!

### Pilsen Rope Centre and Climbing Tower

The site consists of 20 obstacles situated at the height of 8 metres and a freely accessible climbing wall. Visitors can try low rope obstacles – obstacles up to 1 metre above the ground, training in protection, high individual and team obstacles, jumps or "Big swing" (a jump that can only be made by one person with the direct assistance of an instructor and at least one other person).

[www.summit-drive.cz](http://www.summit-drive.cz)



### Špindlerův Mlýn Stump Trail Bike Park

From the top station of the Hromovka chair lift route in Špindlerův Mlýn in the Giant Mountains (Krkonoše) rolls a newly constructed bike trail called the Stump. The trail consists of a 500 m technical single trail and has features not seen before in the Czech Republic. It is possible to connect to the trail from the existing MTB downhill trail at the Hromovka top station. After completing the trail, it again joins the original downhill trail and continues on to the Svatý Peter ski centre.



[www.skiareal.cz](http://www.skiareal.cz)



### Automotodrom Brno

Adrenalin lovers can not only watch spectacular races at the Masaryk Circuit, but also experience a drive around the racing circuit or a sprint to the finish line along the fastest stretch, or the hill climb. The compound also has a minibike track, go-carts and off-road. The circuit can be also used by in-line skaters.

[www.brno-circuit.com](http://www.brno-circuit.com)  
[www.automotodrombrno.cz](http://www.automotodrombrno.cz)





### Offpark Sušice – the Biggest Adrenalin Centre in Šumava

[www.offpark.cz](http://www.offpark.cz)



Sušice Rope Park has grown amongst the living trees, and now has more than two kilometres of ropes and 34 barriers on three tracks with different levels of difficulty. Offball (zorb) involves rolling down a slope in a transparent bubble at up to forty-kilometres an hour. With jumping shoes you can take jumps of up to 5 metres long and 2 metres high. A five-kilometre downhill ride, with a height difference of 370 m, can be conquered using an off-road scooter. The largest castle ruins of Rabí Castle is just one of the attractions of the three-hour, 12-kilometre sightseeing cruise by raft on the Otava River. The autumn flying experience is well worth trying using a controllable acrobatic kite (at optimum wind speeds of 4 to 10 m/s). Just imagine up to 50 seconds of free fall with an experienced tandem-pilot, followed by three to five minutes of parachute flying - tandem skydiving from an altitude of 4,300 metres and at a speed of 200 km per hour is an experience never to be forgotten. Enter a new world and explore the bottom of crystal clear water in a quarry with an experienced instructor using professional scuba diving equipment.

**TIP!**  

**PROUD Rope Centre, Zadov**

Here, both children and adults have the chance to overcome their fears and tussle with three circuits of suspended rope obstacle courses, each with a different level of difficulty. Shaky footbridges, nets, crossings and a range of original obstacles that cannot be found at any other rope centre within the Czech Republic are all there for visitors.

[www.lanovecentrum.cz/zadov/](http://www.lanovecentrum.cz/zadov/)



[www.opicarna.cz](http://www.opicarna.cz)

**Ostravice Opičárna** The rope centre consists of more than five routes full of rope and natural obstacles hanging in the tree canopy at a height of 3 to 12 metres above the ground. Anyone interested in innovative and active entertainment can enjoy this safe, high-adrenalin way of seeking new experience and adventure.

### 1st Giant Mountains (Krkonoše) Bobsleigh Track

Relaxpark is a newly built sports and relaxation centre in Pec pod Sněžkou. The park is open all-year round, and evening bobsleigh rides are major attraction for visitors. The mountain bobsleigh track with its unusual route down a steep-sloped hillside, with a multitude of turns and special circuits that, in many places, are as much as 8 metres above ground and with a 90-metre elevation is exceptional. Three underground slides, trampolines for up to eight people and a rope centre are also available in the park.

[www.relaxpark.cz](http://www.relaxpark.cz)



### Vertical Park Harrachov

Harrachov rope centre is situated in the Krokonoše National Park at the confluence of the Jizera and Mumlava rivers. The area covers approximately 5,500 square metres and consists entirely of countryside. The rope centre has: a low-obstacles course, a newly opened section with low team obstacles, a training climbing wall, several problem-solving' activities, 10 individual and 5 team high obstacles (4-11 metres) and, finally, the Challenge Tower with several vertical obstacles and a 12 metre high platform, which is the starting point for an 80-metre long cableway. You can also try a bungee trampoline, a giant swing or a climbing wall in the new Vertical Park.

[www.verticalpark.cz](http://www.verticalpark.cz) • [www.classicoutdoor.cz](http://www.classicoutdoor.cz)



**TIP!**  

**Entertainment and Adventure in Prague**

The year-round bobsleigh track at Prosek, the first and only bobsleigh track in Prague, offers a range of attractions and new features. A rope-chute with rope obstacles has been recently installed and is the longest rope-slide with the greatest degree of elevation in the Czech Republic. Imagine two towers joined by ropes 180 metres long and with an elevation of 45 metres. Then, with just a little courage, you ready on the pulley, to rush down the hillside at breathtaking speed at a height of 6 metres. Plus you can try out your skills in the connected rope-park.

[www.bobovadraha.cz](http://www.bobovadraha.cz)

# TASTE EXPERIENCE

Do not miss our local famous delicacies during your visit to the Czech Republic. Beer, cakes of cheese, quality wines and dumplings (Czech side dish specialty) are just some of them. Your taste buds will never forget the unique combinations of delicious food and drinks prepared for you by gastronomic gurus. Tasting these traditional specialties in a pleasant milieu will greatly enhance the charm of the moment.



- Pilsen Brewery Yard
- Villa Richter and the St. Wenceslas Vineyard Complex
- Pilsner Urquell Beer Brewing
- Valtice Underground
- Žofín Garden on Slovanský ostrov in Prague
- Hilton Hotel Cloud 9 Sky Bar
- Noem Arch Restaurant & Design Hotel Brno
- Hotel and Restaurant U hejtmana Šarovce
- A "Beer Paradise" – the 1st Beerarium in the World

## TIP!

### Pilsen Brewery Yard

The complex includes the Purkmistr Hotel, a beer hall with a brewery, a restaurant, a conference hall, a wine restaurant and a bar. Here, visitors can see and experience the making of beer and taste the newly rediscovered Purkmistr recipe, as well as a line of special beers. The beer hall also offers specialties suitable for serving with beer, Czech cuisine, and grills in the courtyard. Visitors will love the period fittings and typical brewery atmosphere created by the copper brewing kettles, situated directly in front of the beer hall.

[www.purkmistr.cz](http://www.purkmistr.cz)



[www.villarichter.cz](http://www.villarichter.cz)

### Villa Richter and the St. Wenceslas Vineyard Complex

A prestigious site in the centre of Prague, an imposing villa, a unique greenhouse, a restored vineyard, a scenic view from the terraces, cellars carved out of the rock face, extensive gastronomic facilities – all are suitable for various uses, from organising large garden parties, social events and congresses (around 800 places) to intimate business meetings. Visit the Villa Richter restaurant and taste French and Italian culinary specialties as well as classic Czech dishes. The scenic terrace, set amidst the St. Wenceslas vineyard, offers specialties to accompany wines from the best Moravian and Bohemian winemakers.

### Pilsner Urquell Beer Brewing

The new exhibition of Pilsner Urquell shows the manufacturing process and raw materials used to brew this world famous beer. The exhibition is in the historical brewhouse, renovated to its original appearance in the first half of the 20th century. The largest personal lift in the Czech Republic, it can hold 72 people, elevates visitors to a panoramic projection point with a revolving auditorium. Visitors can watch parallel views from the production area of the brewery. Learn about the importance of special yeasts that are traditionally used to produce this beer and see the final part of the exhibition a renovated brewhouse from the 1930s.



[www.prazdroj.cz](http://www.prazdroj.cz)



### Valtice Underground

Half a kilometre of reconstructed 700-year old cellars have been opened to the public in Valtice with the assistance of wine makers from the Sedláček Vineyards of Valtice. The tour of the Valtice underground includes a museum dedicated to bricks and fossils. In addition to being a place for holding social events, visitors can see a display of the best wines from the vineyards of Valtice wine makers. A novel feature of the Valtice underground are the Sklepiči (cellar masters), specialists in serving wines in cellars with knowledge of the viticultural environment and the unique terroir of the vineyards (French, meaning the total agricultural fitness of a specific terrain for cultivating vines).



www.zofingarden.cz



### Žofín Garden on Slovanský ostrov in Prague

A new roofed garden restaurant, Žofín Garden, with an enchanting view of the Vltava River and the historic heart of Prague. A sun-lit orangery, a garden restaurant and an open kitchen have been developed between the main building of the Žofín Palace and the historic garden summerhouse. The restaurant is full of pleasant surprises, thanks to its interior designed as an orangery with live citrus fruit trees and palms, its cosmopolitan atmosphere, and the "live kitchen", as well as, for example, the emphasis on quality ingredients for its menu that even include bio products. Furthermore, Czech specialties and grilled dishes are also available.

### TIP!



#### Hilton Hotel Cloud 9 Sky Bar

The Hilton hotel has ambitions to have the best bar in Prague. Its newly opened Cloud 9 sky bar is the first true sky bar in the city. Situated on the roof of the Hilton Prague Hotel, forty metres above the ground, Cloud 9 boasts a truly unrivalled view of Prague. In addition to a wide range of delicious cocktails, the bar also offers special delicacies in portions ideal for sharing gourmet experiences with friends.

www.cloud9.cz



www.noemarch.cz

### Noem Arch Restaurant & Design Hotel Brno

The building has been designed to make it seem like a boat moored in a harbour. It offers a wide range of services, modern global gastronomy, and accommodation in luxurious rooms that resemble ship cabins. The restaurant run by the world-renowned chef Roman Hadrbolec is part of the new hotel. His cooking is full of diverse and well-balanced flavours, using fresh ingredients, Asian herbs and his own combination of spices.

### Hotel and Restaurant U hejtmana Šarovce

This well-known Hotel and Restaurant U hejtmana Šarovce in Uherské Hradiště has been reopened to the public after extensive reconstruction. The building now offers its guests friendly get-togethers in a medieval blacksmith's forge, a visit to a wine room, or an original Irish pub. On the menu are classic dishes of lamb or mutton, as well as dishes seasoned with typical Irish spices or herbs. In the medieval blacksmith's forge, guests can savour grilled specialties prepared over an open fire right before their eyes.

www.hotelsarovec.cz



### TIP!



#### A "Beer Paradise" – the 1st Beerarium in the World

A Beerarium or a "Beer Paradise" has opened at the Chodovar family brewery in Chodová Planá. The restaurant Stará sladovna (The Old Malthouse) was opened in the building of the original malthouse and it offers not only 150 seats amidst the brewery equipment, but also a large terrace with a brewery garden (300 seats) with a view of the historical complex of the brewery buildings. The beerarium introduces its guests to a world of beer technology and gastronomy. Moreover, visitors can also use the original beer spa. Beer-grain wraps and lymphatic massages have been recently added to the spa services.

www.chodovar.cz

# COMFORTABLE ACCOMMODATION

The variety of accommodation in the Czech Republic makes it easy for you to choose the perfect combination of comfort and style to suit your requirements. You can spend a relaxed holiday in chateau rooms taking you back to the past, in luxury hotels with top equipment or in traditional country houses typical of life far from hectic cities.



- Hotel U Tří čápů
- Hotel General
- Aria Hotel Prague
- Iris Congress Hotel
- Designhotel Sax
- Clarion Congress Hotel Prague
- Hotel President
- Chateau Mcely Hotel
- Top Hotel Praha
- Hotel Karlov in Benešov
- Dvůr Míče Hotel Complex
- Jelen Guest-house in Vranov
- Bukovanský mlýn Grounds Extended
- Bečva Villa Resort in the Beskydy Mountains
- Angelo Hotel Pilsen
- Courtyard by Marriott Pilsen
- Omnia Hotel at Janské Lázně
- Hotel Opat in Kutná Hora
- Hotel Kempinski Hybernská Prague
- Avalanche Hotel in the Jeseníky Mountains
- Zbiroh Chateau
- Hotel Morris in Česká Lípa



www.hotel-general.com



**Hotel General** This luxury hotel in Prague invites you to a unique walk through military history. Each of 20 elegant rooms and suites is inspired by the lives of famous generals and commanders from world history. Apart from the luxury accommodation, the hotel has a gourmet international restaurant, a stylish wine bar, a conference room with bar, a sauna and parking in hydraulic-operated garages.

www.utricapu.cz

**Hotel U Tří čápů under Prague Castle** This luxurious five-star hotel is situated in the quiet setting of the Little Town quarter under majestic Prague Castle, in close proximity to tourist attractions, famous sites and renowned restaurants of Prague. It offers an exceptional and original setting, sensitively fitted into the premises of the historical U Tří čápů house. The hotel offers accommodation in 10 deluxe double rooms, 8 standard double rooms and 2 single rooms. The low number of rooms gives it the intimacy and homeliness of a small hotel, whilst at the same time it meets the high levels of quality and service.

www.ariahotel.cz

**Aria Hotel Prague** This five-star hotel is situated in the enchanting Little Town quarter, architecturally the most beautiful part of Prague, a stone's throw from Charles Bridge and within walking distance of all the well-known historical sites. Each of the four floors of the Aria Hotel is dedicated to a different musical genre - jazz, opera, classical, contemporary music. Each room then celebrates a particular artist or composer eminent within the given genre, from Dvořák to Elvis, from Mozart to Billie Holiday.





## Iris Congress Hotel

This new four-star hotel is part of the multi-functional Slavia sports complex in Prague. It has 149 rooms, and conference facilities with a maximum capacity of 250. Naturally, the restaurant provides Czech cuisine as well as international specialties.

[www.hoteliris.cz](http://www.hoteliris.cz) • [www.jerome.cz](http://www.jerome.cz)



## Designhotel Sax

This hotel in the Little Town quarter of Prague has new interiors designed in the 1950s to 1970s style by the architect Jaromír Pizinger. The exclusive furniture is mostly original from that period, created by top designers of the time – Pantone, Colani, Saarinen, Eames, and others. The Hotel Sax has retained a classicist appearance, yet the building itself dates back to the 14th century and was named after the blacksmith Sax who then owned.

[www.sax.cz](http://www.sax.cz)

## Clarion Congress Hotel Prague

This comfortable four-star hotel with a modern congress centre and the Fénix shopping gallery is just 10 minutes away from the centre of Prague. The hotel's accommodation comprises 559 rooms, including 25 luxury suites. A wide range of food is available through three gastronomic emporia. There is also a wellness and fitness centre with a swimming pool.



[www.cchp.cz](http://www.cchp.cz)



## Hotel President

This five-star hotel offers first-class services and an unforgettable view of Prague. The Hotel President is located on the right bank of the River Vltava, right in the heart of Prague, close to Prague Castle, the Jewish quarter and the Old Town. With its 130 modern rooms, including 32 Junior Suites, 3 Senior Suites and 1 Presidential Suite, our hotel is suitable for the most fastidious of clients. Hotel President Prague came first in the "Small Business Hotel" category for Central Europe in the first annual Business Destinations Awards 2008.



[www.hotelpresident.cz](http://www.hotelpresident.cz)



## Chateau Mcely Hotel

The first five-star ecological hotel in the Czech Republic. The reconstructed chateau provides modern comfort in a neoclassical romantic style. The chateau was originally the country seat of the aristocratic family of Thurn-Taxis and is situated within the legendary St. George's Wood on the Viniční Hill above the little village of Mcely, close to the Jabkenice nature park.

[www.chateaumcely.com](http://www.chateaumcely.com)



[www.tophotel.cz](http://www.tophotel.cz)

## Top Hotel Praha

The entire hotel complex, which consists of 16 interlocking and connected buildings, extends over an area of nine hectares and it is newly reconstructed. Its area and capacity makes it one of the largest hotel complexes in Europe. Visitors will find accommodation, a congress centre, five restaurants, a wellness centre, tennis, bowling and many other services – all under one roof. The congress centre is the largest in the Czech Republic, with a total of 5,000 seats. Guests can be accommodated in 930 rooms and there is an extensive Japanese garden and a lot of greenery throughout the grounds of the hotel.



www.karlov4stars.cz



**Hotel Karlov in Benešov** In the historical heart of the city of Benešov, far from the rush of traffic, an architecturally unique complex of hotel rooms and services has sprung up after extensive reconstruction and the completion of the original ground floor houses. One of the most beautiful places in the neighbourhood is Konopiště Chateau, which lies on several tourist paths. We also recommend visiting the castles in Český Šternberk, Vrchotovy Janovice, Jemniště and Růžkovy Lhotice.

### Dvůr Míče Hotel Complex

In the middle of the forests lies a 300 year-old farmstead, now reconstructed as a hotel complex. This farmstead is just 4 kilometres from the ancient castle of Křivoklát. The 50-bed hotel can accommodate guests in both single and double bedrooms, as well as in four-bedded apartments. There is a wide selection of leisure activities available in the vicinity of the farmstead, including, hiking, cycling, fishing, horseback riding, carriage rides and trips to see the night life of the forest wildlife.



www.dvur-mice.cz



www.vranov.com

**Jelen Guest-house in Vranov** This guest-house, the first in Moravia to obtain the EU Ecolabel, is situated close to the Podyjí National Park. The accommodation in the stylish suites is reminiscent of the gracefulness of the beginning of the last century. The Jelen guest-house provides accommodation with a view of Vranov Castle and it is also a great starting point for activities such as trips to the natural beauty of the Podyjí National Park, sightseeing trips (castles and chateaux along the Dyje River, the historical city of Znojmo, and the UNESCO World Heritage Landmarks of Telč and Třebíč) or for relaxation (Vranov lake or thermal spa).



www.bukovansky-mlyn.cz

**Bukovanský mlýn Grounds Extended** The three-star grounds of Bukovanský mlýn are situated on top of a hill between the villages of Bukovany and Ostrovánky, near Kyjov. The windmill, built in 2004, was complemented with a stylish hotel complex in the traditional "Moravian-Slovak" manner and creates an overall impression of a typical traditional miller's farm. Within the grounds is the "Miller's House", with a restaurant offering regional cuisine in a period rustic setting, a traditional vaulted wine cellar with seating and a vinothèque rotunda for tasting the best wines from the Kyjov wine region.

### Bečva Villa Resort in the Beskydy Mountains

This recreation resort is the ideal place to holiday amidst the magnificent wild countryside of the Beskydy Mountains. Many sports activities are available: skiing, golf, horseback riding, hunting, paragliding, parachuting, paintball and more. There is also a fitness centre, a sauna and a massage centre, as well as a swimming pool, and bicycles for hire.

[www.becva-villaresort.cz](http://www.becva-villaresort.cz)



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### Angelo Hotel Pilsen

The Angelo Hotel Pilsen is situated opposite the famous Pilsner Brewery. The Pilsner Brewery Museum, the historical centre and the Synagogue, are located just a few minutes from the hotel. The interiors of the 144 rooms and suits are furnished and decorated in the Far Eastern style, which creates the impression of a non-traditional, contemporary modern design. The hotel has other attractions such as a fitness, a wellness centre with sauna, a steam bath and a wellness bar and a conference hall.

[www.angelo-pilsen.cz](http://www.angelo-pilsen.cz)



**Courtyard by Marriott Pilsen** This four-star hotel is situated on the eastern edge of the historical centre of Pilsen. Nearby are the remains of a fortification, part of which has been symbolically kept. The premises of the complex naturally continue into the vast park that is part of the green belt around the city centre. The hotel is part of the Diplomat Centre complex with its wide choice of shops, office premises and guarded car park for 85 cars.

[www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com)



[www.omnia-hotel.com](http://www.omnia-hotel.com)

**Omnia Hotel at Janské Lázně** Located in the Giant Mountains (Krkonoše) is a hotel that you would normally expect to find in London, New York or Berlin. Hardly noticeable from outside, the building conceals a modern interior with clean lines. This is supplemented by a restaurant with excellent food, a lobby bar, a wellness centre and a large sports hall. The hotel is situated near the funicular, and it is therefore an ideal starting point for getting to know the Giant Mountains (Krkonoše) – be it mountain biking, walking, Nordic walking, cross-country skiing or downhill skiing.



[www.hotelopat.cz](http://www.hotelopat.cz)

**Hotel Opat in Kutná Hora** Originally one of the oldest patrician houses, today the Hotel Opat offers 17 stylishly furnished rooms and suites, the elegant Mincovna (Mint) restaurant, with seating for 50, an outdoor terrace, a salon for 12 and a unique underground club. The first reference to the house dates back to 1471 and after extensive reconstruction, it has now become a new four-star hotel.

**TIP!**



**Hotel Kempinski Hybernská Prague** This recently opened hotel is situated in a popular place in the centre of Prague close to both the headquarters of major businesses and famous Prague sights. Kempinski Hotels are the oldest and the best class of luxury hotels in Europe, established in 1897.

[www.kempinski-prague.com](http://www.kempinski-prague.com)

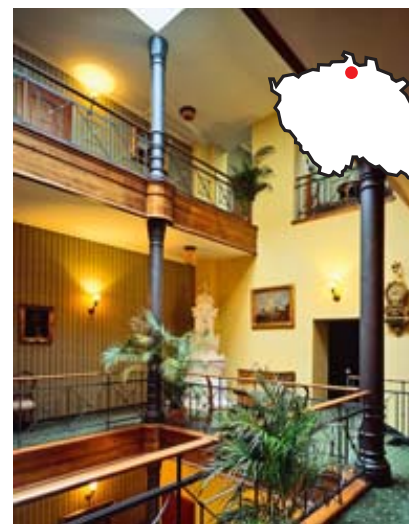
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**Avalanche Hotel in the Jeseníky Mountains**

The hotel complex is located in the Hrubý Jeseník area close to Praděd, the highest mountain in Moravia and Silesia (1,491 metres above sea level). The hotel complex includes a restaurant, a café, an outdoor hearth, nine conference rooms, an indoor swimming pool with counter flow, a fitness centre, a sauna, bowling, a tennis court, and an outdoor fireplace. By prior arrangement, visitors can go horseback riding and, in winter, ride on Russian sleighs right from the hotel. There are many great opportunities for downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, hiking and cycling near the hotel. There is also a stylish wine cellar on the premises.

[www.avalanche-hotel.cz](http://www.avalanche-hotel.cz)



[www.hotelmorris.cz](http://www.hotelmorris.cz)

**Hotel Morris in Česká Lípa** This four-star hotel provides deluxe accommodation in 28 rooms furnished with luxurious antique furniture and antique accessories from the baroque, rococo and renaissance periods. Hotel guests can choose from single rooms, double rooms, apartments or two-storey maisonettes. The hotel also has a stylish Old Czech restaurant with classic Czech cuisine, a wine cellar, training and seminar halls, wellness services, and a wide range of outdoor activities.

**Zbiroh Chateau** Zbiroh Chateau (55 rooms with double beds), surrounded by an English park, includes a large number of lounges and halls, a medieval tavern, the chateau chapel and the oldest castle keep tower in the Czech Republic. The chateau is the perfect location for many activities from sports to historical and adrenalin charged attractions. A second chateau tour has been opened and includes the underground hermitage, the keep tower, the prison of the Bohemian Lords and the unique chateau well, the deepest well in Europe.



[www.zbiroh.com](http://www.zbiroh.com)

# CASTLES AND CHATEAUX

The varying and interesting history of the country considerably influenced the architecture of the Czech Republic countryside, to which castles and chateaux undoubtedly belong. Their interiors reflect the connection between the lives of their inhabitants and the rich originally preserved furnishing. The general impression of a visit to these bearers of history is increased by their surroundings of large woods, well kept gardens and parks.



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**Litomyšl Castle** The exhibition at Litomyšl Castle is dedicated primarily to historical keyboard instruments and the castle theatre. In addition to the unique collection of pianos, theatre backcloths and curtains, priceless works of art that were previously stored in the inaccessible castle depository have been installed in five large halls. These include a collection of baroque portraits, tapestries, historical mirrors, part of the Delftware collection and other remarkable works of art. The castle and the castle grounds are registered on the UNESCO Heritage List.

[www.litomysl.cz/zamek/](http://www.litomysl.cz/zamek/)



[www.mesto-polna.cz](http://www.mesto-polna.cz)  
[www.muzeum.ji.cz](http://www.muzeum.ji.cz)

**Polná Chateau** The interior of Polná Chateau, the result of renaissance and baroque reconstructions of an original 13th century gothic castle, now houses permanent exhibitions of the Vysočina Museum. Guided tours for visitors include the refurbished "Hall of the Natives". The depository is a recent addition. The chateau has permanent tours where visitors can see a dungeon, a pharmacy, a merchant's store, and old craft industries and three halls – the Armorial Hall, Dietrichsteins' Hall and Kunštáts' Hall.



### Telč Chateau Gallery

The Chateau Gallery is the third guided tour introducing visitors to a relatively unknown aristocratic seat, Veselíčko, which has past connections with Telč through families and property. Telč Chateau is one of the jewels of Moravian renaissance architecture. The historical centre of Telč is registered on the UNESCO Heritage List. Its attractiveness is enhanced by the very sensitive approach of its owners to its heritage, thus preserving the original interiors in very good condition.

[www.zamek-telc.cz](http://www.zamek-telc.cz)

### TIP!



### Luka nad Jihlavou Baroque Chateau

The chateau has been reconstructed according to the original extant records. The result is superb, with beautiful interiors, a chateau garden with a fountain and its own riding-stables, where you can stable your horse. The chateau has eight double-bedded apartments, a large conference hall, a restaurant with international cuisine and three lounges.



[www.chateauuluka.cz](http://www.chateauuluka.cz)



### Summer in the Josef Hlávka Chateau in Lužany

Exceptionally the chateau will be open to the public to commemorate 100 years since the death of the important Czech architect and philanthropist Josef Hlávka, one of its previous owners. The chateau contains the original apartment and chapel of Josef Hlávka, dating from the end of the 19th century, and an exhibition dedicated to his work, life and his foundation. The chateau park will also be open.



**Kratochvíle Castle** After the completion of a difficult restoration of the stuccoed and painted decorations, the interior furnishings of the last Rožmberks – Vilém of Rožmberk and Petr Vok, from the 16th and early 17th centuries are now on display on a newly opened guided tour of the renaissance interiors. Visitors to the castle can now see the Great Hall in its original form. This hall, with a replica of the original ornamental floor tiling, is an outstanding example of renaissance stucco art. Visitors can now also see for the first time other rooms, including Petr Vok's study and bedroom, the Great Anteroom, the Golden Room and the Regent's Room.

[www.zamek-kratochvile.eu](http://www.zamek-kratochvile.eu)

### Reconstructed Chotoviny Chateau

Chotoviny Chateau in Southern Bohemia, not far from Tábor, has been reconstructed and is open to the public. The chateau is surrounded by a French garden and a protected English park. This classic-style chateau, dating from 1770–80, was built by Cardinal Kašpar Migazzi on the site of a 13th century fortress. The current appearance of the chateau dates from 1873, when it was changed by Jan Nádherný to the neo-renaissance style.



[www.yellowchateau.com](http://www.yellowchateau.com)



### Zákupy Chateau – Rare Paintings from the 19th century

Paintings by Josef Navrátil, a notable Czech painter and decorator, are among the most significant works of their kind in Europe. Visit the social and residential interiors in which the abdicated Austrian Emperor Ferdinand V and his wife, the Empress Maria Anna of Sardinia, lived in the second half of the 19th century. There is also a marvellous chateau garden with decorated baroque terraces and a personal elevator dating from 1718 (probably the first outside of France).

[www.zamek-liblice.cz](http://www.zamek-liblice.cz)

### Grabštejn Castle

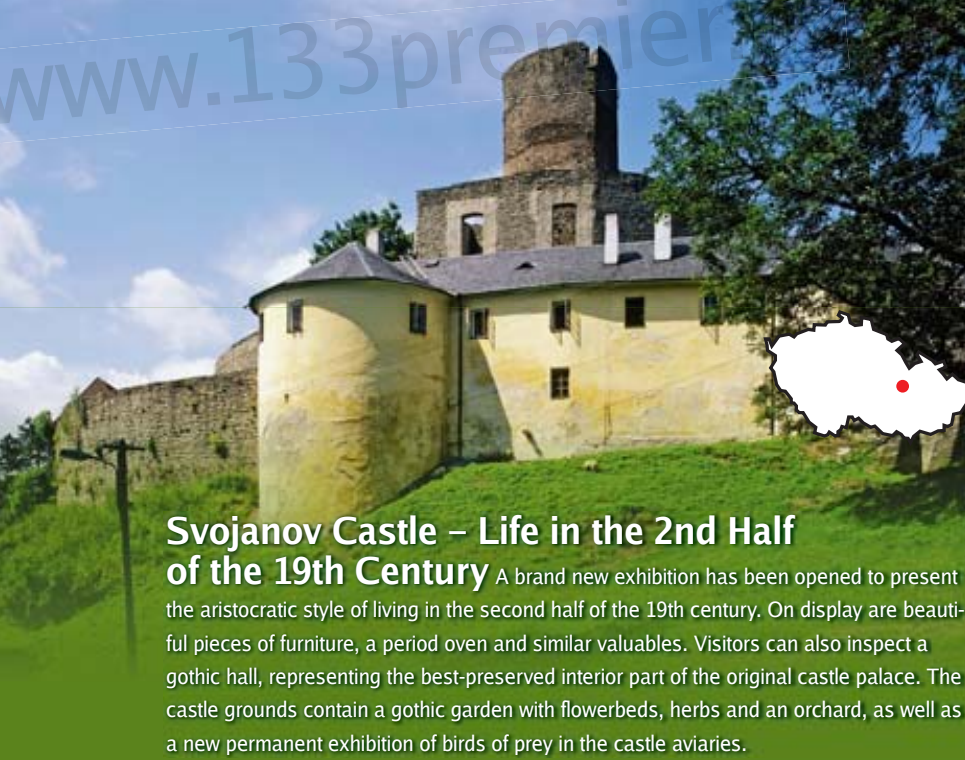
Recently, Grabštejn Castle has been transformed from a ruin in a military zone to a pearl of the renaissance in northern Bohemia. Visitors can now see more than 20 rooms of the upper castle, as well as a vault and towers. The votive painting from the time of Jiří Mehl of Střelice (16th c.) has been successfully restored and visitors can admire this painting in the castle's entrance hallway.



[www.grabstejn.mikroregion.info](http://www.grabstejn.mikroregion.info)



**Liblice Chateau** The reconstruction of the rooms in Liblice Chateau, has created a modern conference centre that fulfils the growing need for rooms equipped with the latest conference equipment and technical facilities. The fusion of baroque chateau architecture and conference rooms with up-to-date equipment, used to organise seminars or training courses at the international level, is unique.



## Svojanov Castle – Life in the 2nd Half of the 19th Century

A brand new exhibition has been opened to present the aristocratic style of living in the second half of the 19th century. On display are beautiful pieces of furniture, a period oven and similar valuables. Visitors can also inspect a gothic hall, representing the best-preserved interior part of the original castle palace. The castle grounds contain a gothic garden with flowerbeds, herbs and an orchard, as well as a new permanent exhibition of birds of prey in the castle aviaries.

[www.svojanov.cz](http://www.svojanov.cz)



## Karlštejn Castle with New Areas for Visitors

A gothic castle established in 1348 by Charles IV occupies an absolutely unique position among Czech castles. At the top of the rocky promontory stands the monumental 60 metre high Great Tower and a system of monumental fortification. The third floor of the Great Tower at legendary Karlštejn Castle, which is stocked with historical articles and weapons, is now officially open. What is more, visitors can see a model of the castle, which gives a distinctive bird's-eye view.

[www.hradkarlstejn.cz](http://www.hradkarlstejn.cz)



## Romance of Southern Bohemia at Chateau Oltyň

This neo-renaissance castle is not only a relaxation, cultural and educational centre with accommodation in the chateau's apartments, but also a centre for cultural and social events. It is located 12 kms west of Tábor. Regular exhibitions of paintings, photographs and sculptures of various artists are arranged in the chateau's new art gallery. A number of noteworthy historical monuments can be found in the surroundings as well as extensive tracts of interesting forest extending to the River Lužnice.

[www.hradkarlstejn.cz](http://www.hradkarlstejn.cz)



## Castle near Jimlín Lives Again

The first mention of the castle dates from the 14th century, when the knight Závěš of Jimlín, who fought on the side of Jan of Luxembourg, built his fortress above the village of Jimlín. The original fortress was converted into a castle in 1465 and was later rebuilt again in the renaissance style. Between 1815 and 1816, it was used as a military hospital. After a difficult reconstruction the castle is now open.

[www.muzeumlouny.cz](http://www.muzeumlouny.cz)



## Rychnov nad Kněžnou Castle

The baroque Castle of Rychnov nad Kněžnou was built from 1676–1690, during the period of František Karel Libštejnský of Kolowrat. The original, existing tour takes you around the castle interior, and includes the Kolowrat collection of family pictures. A new tour takes visitors through a connecting corridor that leads to the Holy Trinity Church. After visiting the church, the tour enters the bell tower, which holds the third largest bell in Bohemia, named Kryštof. Then go on to inspect a civil bunker, secretly built at the beginning of the 1970s to shelter 50 leading officers in case of attack.

[www.kolowrat.com](http://www.kolowrat.com)



[www.oltyne.cz](http://www.oltyne.cz)



## Potštejn Castle Ruins

The ruins of Potštejn Castle, the history of which stretches back to the 13th century, is constantly attracting more and more visitors to the scenic valley of the Divoká Orlice River. The ruin of the medieval castle recently acquired a new roof, and a tourist nature trail. In the castle grounds stands the St. John of Nepomuk chapel dating from 1766, the last stop on the "Sanctuaries of the Holy Sepulchre" Stations of the Cross route dating from 1754, and a "Treasure", about which the writer Alois Jirásek wrote in the book of the same name.

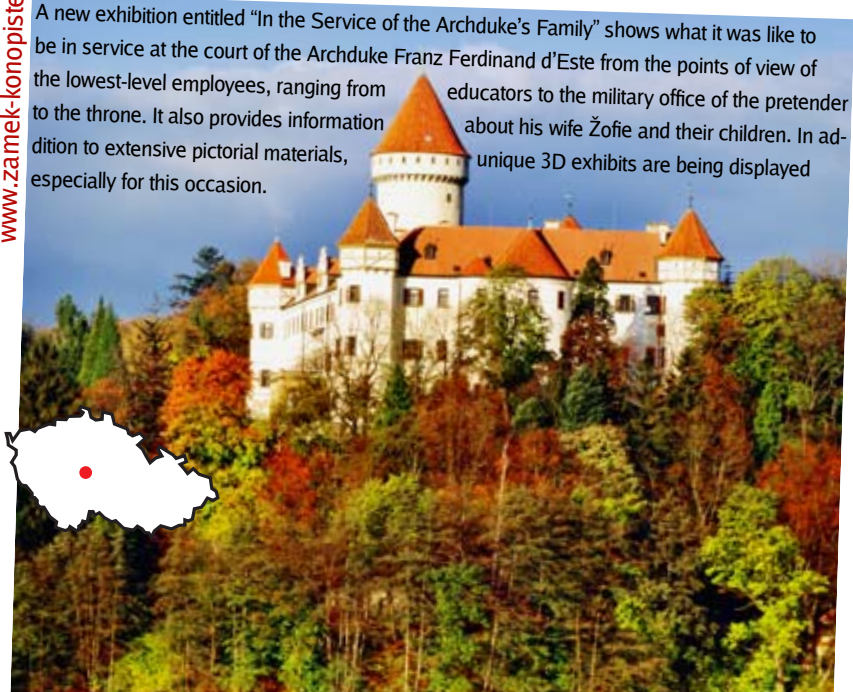
[www.hrad-potstejn.cz](http://www.hrad-potstejn.cz)




## Konopiště Chateau

A new exhibition entitled "In the Service of the Archduke's Family" shows what it was like to be in service at the court of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand d'Este from the points of view of the lowest-level employees, ranging from educators to the military office of the pretender to the throne. It also provides information about his wife Žofie and their children. In addition to extensive pictorial materials, unique 3D exhibits are being displayed especially for this occasion.

[www.zamek-konopiste.cz](http://www.zamek-konopiste.cz)





**Lednice Chateau** The once inaccessible rooms, now newly reconstructed, depict life on the noble estate. The chateau is surrounded by a lovely park with the Minaret and the English style Janův Castle ruin. In the grounds visitors can also see the Malawi aquarium and the birds of prey show. The Lednice-Valtice area has been part of the UNESCO World Cultural and Natural Heritage since 1996.

[www.zamek-lednice.com](http://www.zamek-lednice.com)

## Blind Visitors to Křivoklát Castle

Křivoklát Castle is one of the oldest and most significant castles of the Czech princes and kings. Its origins date back to the 12th century. A unique new project, called the Blind Castle, includes a special tour for the blind and visually impaired that allows them to touch and feel the exhibits. These visitors carry a small model of the castle so that they can visualise which part they are passing through. The special tour guide provides a detailed description of the inside of the rooms of the castle. Visitors use sound and their intuition to improvise and discover the interesting surroundings, literally with their entire bodies.

[www.krivoklat.cz](http://www.krivoklat.cz)

**Mníšek pod Brdy Chateau** The guided tour of the chateau, which lies in the foothills of the Brdy Highlands, approximately 12 km south of the outskirts of Prague includes 11 historical rooms modelled as if occupied by the lower nobility at the beginning of the 20th century. A new guided tour introduces visitors to the rooms in which the last owners of the chateau lived daily. The rooms are furnished in such a way as to provide their inhabitants with both comfort and the necessary social settings.

That life was lived to the fullest is indicated in the bedchamber of the Lord and Lady, as well as in the rooms for children and guests.

[www.zamek-mnisek.cz](http://www.zamek-mnisek.cz)

## Letovice Castle

The first castle season is opened by a tour called "The Course of Reconstruction". The grounds of the castle are presently undergoing complete reconstruction, and the castle is getting ready for its opening in the following seasons. At the moment visitors can walk through the entire castle, though this will not be possible in the future.

[www.zamekletovice.cz](http://www.zamekletovice.cz)

## Staré Hrady Castle

This gothic castle has been extended by a renaissance chateau and the surrounding area is a unique renaissance complex with figural graffiti. The circular tour includes the exhibition "Life under the Emperor Franz Joseph I". There is an educational trail in the cellars called "Back to the time of fairy tales", which is intended for children and adults alike. Here, 100 fairy-tale creatures come alive. It is also an important European location within the Natura 2000 network, as there is a colony of lesser horseshoe bats in the castle grounds.

[www.starehrady.cz](http://www.starehrady.cz)



## Bítov Castle Kitchen

A newly renovated historical kitchen which was still being used by the owners of the castle, the noble family of Daun, at the beginning of the 19th century. One hundred years later, Baron Jiří Haas turned it into a kitchen for his pets, a pack of around 200 dogs who were looked after by 15 people. The palatial interiors of the castle are captivating with the extent of the neo-gothic illusionary painted decoration of each hall. The walls are completed with a collection of artwork from the so-called second wave of German and Austrian romantics, Schnorr von Carolsfeld, Karl Russ, Fendi and Wilhelm Camphausen.



## Valtice Chateau

A section of 4 rooms, which is now open to the public, will be used as a picture gallery in the future. The area will be completed with original furniture auctioned in Amsterdam in 2008. The nearby classicist structure Kolonáda na Rajstrně is also accessible. In its immediate surroundings, a baroque garden was constructed, but this was later transformed into a natural landscaped park. The castle is part of the UNESCO World and Cultural Heritage.

# HIKING

See the natural and cultural wealth of the Czech Republic and set out on a journey that will include not only tourist paths. Enrich your view at lookout towers; discover a labyrinth of passages and tunnels deep underground or recharge your batteries in protected landscape areas with unique fauna and flora.



- Bohemian Switzerland House
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- In the Footsteps of the Battle of the Three Emperors
- The Large Fürstenberk Garden in Prague



**Bohemian Switzerland House** A brand new information centre has been opened in Krásná Lípa Square offering several interesting services as well as the opportunity of learning more about the natural and cultural heritage of this unique region in an entertaining way. The whole exposition enables visitors to try various interactive exhibits such as: a windmill, a salmon way, a landscape labyrinth and more. The exposition also includes a panoramatic projection "Landscape borne by sand and sea" and a cinema with up to 50 seats.

[www.ceskesvycarsko.cz](http://www.ceskesvycarsko.cz)

**TTP!**  

**Prague's Technical Underground** Under the historical centre of Prague, in a labyrinth of underground corridors and tunnels— so-called 'collectors'— four guided tour paths have been arranged at depths of several dozens of metres beneath the best known historical monuments of the city, including Obecní Dům (Prague Civic Hall), Prašná brána (Powder Tower) and the Old Town Square. Without these collectors, the city could not function. At the moment, the total length of these networks under Prague is almost 90 km. During the tour, visitors will be introduced to the technology required to build the collectors and the way in which the engineering network is laid out.

[www.kolektory.cz](http://www.kolektory.cz)



## Šrotík Lighthouse Observation Tower

This unique on-shore lighthouse opens up views over the Chřiby and the Bílé Karpaty Mountains. It is located in the grounds of the former sugar factory in the industrial zone and its untraditional design in the form of a lighthouse is associated with the philosophy of the waste processing company on whose land it stands. The lighthouse is designed to show the general public "the way through a sea of waste". It is situated 187 m above sea level. The height of the observation tower is 27m and visitors have a view of Staré Město, Uher-ské Hradiště, Buchlov Castle and the Bílé Karpaty Mountain range.

[www.kovosteel.cz](http://www.kovosteel.cz)



## Pilgrimage Tourist Track through the Česká Lípa Region

This tourist track along the Czech-German-Polish border guides visitors through the unique sacred structures along the foothills of the Lužice and Žitava Mountains. The track is a reminder of the original "Old Pilgrimage" that has been extended towards the east and focuses especially on the religious monuments in the Neisse-Nisa-Nysa Euroregion. The main track starts in Zittau in Germany and leads to Horní Police in Bohemia through eight pilgrimage sites, close to which six other sights of interest can be found.



## The Kögler Nature Trail through the Krásná Lípa Region

The 23-kilometre track leads visitors through the protected landscape areas of the Lužice Mountains, the Elbe Sandstone Mountains and the Bohemian Switzerland National Park. More than 40 information boards provide information on geology, nature and history. Many interactive elements have been placed along the trail. A unique technical sight, created by Rudolf Kögler, has been renovated – a three-dimensional geological map of the region, made using local rocks.



## Berghaus Mining Path in the Giant Mountains (Krkonoše)

Surrounding the village of Černý Důl, there are many remains from past mining activity, and some of them can be seen on a roughly 1-km woodland educational path. Visitors will see a depression created by an 80-metre deep shaft of a buried uranium mine, a miners' water flume, rock folds and the entrance of a medieval mine. Ten information boards contain examples of ore processing, geological profiles, maps of mines and photos taken underground.

[www.cernydul.cz](http://www.cernydul.cz)

## TIP!

### Týn nad Vltavou Underground Attraction

The town has opened newly discovered underground tunnels that emanate from the town's small chateau and stretch beyond the courtyard and under the town square, where they connect with the cellars of the town's houses. Visitors can currently traverse almost 200 m of opened tunnels. All the narrow and winding tunnels, which were all cut by hand, have efficient lighting. Of particular interest are the areas at the entrance and exit with their brick vaults.



## The Chinese Pavilion in the Vlašim Chateau Park

The Chinese Pavilion is, to this day, a dominant and rare romantic structure within the chateau park in Vlašim. Reconstruction of the pavilion is now complete, and it is accessible to the public. The interior of the pavilion is furnished in a Chinese style and complemented with a glass bell and Chinese porcelain figures. Aviaries were built near the pavilion. The present form of the Chinese Pavilion is the result of alterations carried out in the 19th century.

[www.vlasimskypark.cz](http://www.vlasimskypark.cz)



## In the Footsteps of the Battle of the Three Emperors

This six-hour educational tour on this engrossing Napoleonic theme provides a comprehensive explanation of the historical facts behind the battle, both in the terrain and in the current exhibitions at the chateau in Slavkov (Austerlitz) and in the Brno Regional Museum - the Cairn of Peace. A non-traditional guide (a soldier brought forward in time from 1805 to the present) allows visitors to enter into the story of the battle and learn everything about the military strategies, manoeuvres and way of life, as well as about the impact of the battle on the population.



## The Large Fürstenberg Garden in Prague

The Large Fürstenberg Garden beneath Prague Castle has now been opened to the public following reconstruction. Visitors can walk through its ten terraces, covering an area of 1.5 ha, and enjoy the view of Little Town quarter, as well as the whole of Prague. The garden forms part of the Palace gardens and is adjacent to the Little Fürstenberg Garden and the Polish Embassy.

# MUSEUMS

Take a look at history in unique Czech museums. You will find not only exhibitions focusing on different historical periods or personalities, but also interesting jewels, e.g. interactive learning of history (ride through the underground corridors in a mining tram, find a fabulous treasure, learn to recognize baroque elements by touch etc.) Museums in the Czech Republic – it is more than just a mere touch of history.



- The Seidel Photographic Studio Museum
- The Krásno Mining Museum
- The Treasure of Tábor Exhibition
- The Emma Destinová Museum
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## The Seidel Photographic Studio Museum

[www.seidel.cz](http://www.seidel.cz) This museum gives you the opportunity to tour the house (built in 1905) where the photographer Josef Seidel, and later his son František, both lived and worked. They captured on film, among other things, a part of the Šumava borderland that has already disappeared. In this house, which was used until 1949 as a family house and a photographic studio, nearly 140,000 glass plates and celluloid negatives were preserved. They provide a true pictorial chronicle of Šumava and of the ordinary life of people in the borderland during the first half of the 20th century. In addition, the original furniture and equipment of the house, and especially that of the photographic studio, were also well preserved, with many period instruments, props and decorations.



[www.omks.cz](http://www.omks.cz)

## The Krásno Mining Museum

Take a ride on a working narrow-gauge railway in the museum which is situated on the original outdoor space of the Vilém mine. This circular railway was built between 2003 and 2008 and is 197.6 metres long and has five arches. An artificial tunnel with special "hajcman" metal reinforcements, air-pipe ventilators and other mine equipment creates the feeling of travelling underground. The mine railway uses a BND 30 locomotive made in 1973.



**The Treasure of Tábor Exhibition** Thanks to the 'Treasure of Tábor Exhibition', you can be there when coins are actually discovered, from the most significant coin find of the Jagellon dynasty in our country. During the general reconstruction of one of the houses in the historical centre of the city in 2001, two ceramic jugs filled with 3,956 silver coins weighing 7.5 kg were found. According to period conversion, this amounted to nearly 46 threescores of Czech groschens. The oldest coins date back to the period of Charles IV, the newest coins are from 1525.



### The Emma Destinnová Museum

The chateau in Stráž nad Nežárkou, contains a permanent National Museum exhibition on Emma Destinnová, the famous Czech female singer, who used to own the building. Visitors can see more than 200 items related to her private and artistic life (costumes, fans, jewels, letters and photographs). Music is played at the exhibition, and there is also a new concert hall and two amphitheatres for musical events. It is planned that concerts and music courses for masters will be organised here.



### The Svitavy Museum – Seeking David’s Star

One hundred years have passed since the birth of Oskar Schindler, who saved almost 1,200 Jewish lives during World War II. To mark this occasion, a new permanent exhibition has been opened in the City Museum in Svitavy that maps the life of this world-renowned native of Svitavy. It is called “Seeking David’s Star – Oskar Schindler – Fair-Minded Among the Nations”.



[www.muzeum.svitavy.cz](http://www.muzeum.svitavy.cz)



### Pilsen Museum of Horrors

The museum is situated in a lower excavated basement, with a well-preserved well, and an upper cellar space. The building, like the whole of Pilsen, is interwoven with legends, fairy stories, mysterious creatures and ghouls. Take a tour among separate exhibitions full of ghouls and replicas of supernatural and fairy tale beings that relate to the history of Pilsen and the Pilsen region. See the mythological Prince Radouš, water sprites, witches, Saracen demons, the burning dog, dragons and other nasty creatures typical of the region under Radyn castle.

[www.muzeumstrasidel.cz](http://www.muzeumstrasidel.cz)



**The Moser Glass Museum** The museum describes the history of glass production from the start of the company (in 1857) until the present time. The museum also includes a sample room as well as the newly enlarged premises of the brand name store. The exhibition presents historical exhibits, glass-making tools, medals, decrees and other ancient documents, photographs, pattern books, catalogues and early promotional materials. Part of the exhibition shows examples of glass provided by the factory to monarchs and other famous people.



### The First Czech Cycling Museum

The museum is located in the reconstructed baroque granary of the Nové Hradky chateau. The ground floor contains displays of a representative collection of bicycles dating from their earliest days to the second half of the 19th century, a substantial part of which consists of exhibits from the Austrian-Hungarian period. There are two panoramic exhibitions – the first representing the period covering the world wars, the second giving us a peek into an historical repair workshop and an original sales room from the early 1930s.



[www.muzeumcyklistiky.cz](http://www.muzeumcyklistiky.cz)



### TIP!

**The Paper Museum** The handmade paper mill at Velké Losiny, has always been an attractive destination for many visitors. In addition to a presentation on traditional paper manufacturing, and a wide range of original products, the museum’s exhibitions have also provided a look into the many centuries old history of the craft. The tour also gives us a look at the entire production process and a visit to the original main workplaces in the traditional production of handmade paper. An additional tour focuses on the technical “backstage” of traditional paper production – the sources of energy and the drive for the mill’s production equipment.

[www.rpv1.cz](http://www.rpv1.cz)



# TIP!



www.chrudimka.cz/ahoj

## The Chrudim Black Theatre Museum

Close to the well-known Museum of Puppetry Cultures, the Black Theatre Museum has been opened in the former Capuchin monastery in Chrudim. The museum is unique in Europe. Visitors can see a variety of puppets, scenery and stage props from Germany, Switzerland and Czech puppet theatres. The exhibition is set in black rooms and the luminescent illumination makes it very impressive.



**Carrosserie Sodomka** The new exhibition in the Vysoké Mýto Regional Museum documents the history of the well-known Sodomka Company, a flagship of Czech car bodywork. It was especially famous in the 1930s and 40s for making elegant and luxurious bodywork for passenger vehicles. Hana Benešová, Jan Werich and Jára Kohout are just some of the famous names who owned a car with a body made in this workshop.

[www.muzeum.myto.cz](http://www.muzeum.myto.cz)



**The Josef Gočár Museum** The museum and gallery in Bauer's Villa in Libodřice near Kolín, recreate the period atmosphere of the early 20th century. The exhibition displays many preserved household items – in particular bathroom fixtures, fireplace equipment, built-in wooden cupboards and library shelves. The interior also contains period cubist furniture and exhibits of fine and applied arts. The first floor houses an exhibition dedicated to the history and reconstruction of the villa, Josef Gočár and Czech cubism in general, and the modern architectural monuments in the region.

www.nm.cz



## The Josef Suk Memorial in Křečovice

The new memorial at the birthplace of the violinist and composer Josef Suk (1874–1935) is situated in the house where he spent a substantial part of his life. The original furniture is preserved in the memorial, as well as Suk's Bösendorfer piano, a collection of china, paintings, sculptures, medals, and minor items that Josef Suk brought as souvenirs from his journeys throughout Europe. The exhibition in the remaining part of the memorial is devoted to the Czech Quartet and Suk's compositions. The exhibition is accompanied by a new multimedia projection.



## Schwarzenberg Palace Baroque

The permanent Baroque in Bohemia art exhibition can be seen in the reconstructed Schwarzenberg Palace in Hradčanské náměstí (Hradčany Square) in Prague. Approximately 160 sculptural exhibits and 280 late renaissance and baroque paintings created from the late 16th to the end of the 18th centuries in the territory of the lands of the Crown of Bohemia, are presented within a 4,000 m<sup>2</sup> space.

[www.ngprague.cz](http://www.ngprague.cz)





## The Story of Coronation Ceremonies at Prague Castle

Up to now part of the permanent exhibition has been dedicated to the coronations of sovereigns of the Přemyslid, Luxembourg and Jagellon dynasties of the Czech State in the Middle Ages. The new section deals with the modern period after the Habsburgs took over the throne. The exhibition presents, in chronological order, the most important state ceremonies that took place in Prague Castle, along with monuments from the respective period, thereby presenting all in its logical entirety.



www.pribeh-hradu.cz



## TIP!

### Revealing the Mysterious Face

The museum in the basements of the Italian Court in Kutná Hora reveals the mysterious and to a great extent the dark face of Kutná Hora. Criminals, witches, heretics and fire raisers, as well as their judges, jailers and executioners are all on display. In addition to these sordid characters, visitors will also learn about instruments of torture, degrading practices and scaffold blocks. The exhibition starts with a photographic display that takes a look at the past. It approaches Kutná Hora from different points of view and therefore also shows the hidden corners of the old town.

www.odhalenitajemnetvare.cz



## The Prague Bells Exhibition

Come to the tower of Saint Nicholas's Cathedral in Prague and see a unique exhibition called "Prague Bells". The exhibition is situated in the narrower tower of the cathedral, which was previously used as a watchtower for the Little Town quarter. Visitors can learn more about the history of the tower at its entrance. The first floor is dedicated to the production of bells and the history of Prague's bell foundry, it contains precious authentic and historical exhibits related to the production of bells.

www.pis.cz



www.ebelcoffee.cz



## Coffee Museum Prague

The first coffee museum in Prague is situated on the grounds of the old Hegert's brickworks in the Little Town quarter and, following on from those in Amsterdam, Vienna and London, is the fourth in Europe. Visitors can learn how to roast coffee beans and grind them correctly. In addition, various legends and posters with coffee as the theme can be seen, as well as a map of the world denoting the areas in which coffee is grown and information about particular plantations with samples of their coffee. Part of the exhibition includes historical coffee-making apparatuses and coffee sets, including a Turkish coffee set made from brass and a Viennese apparatus for preparing home-made espresso.

## Charles Bridge Museum

The idea of a permanent exhibition about the history of Charles Bridge originated with its 650th anniversary. It occupies several rooms of the original Křižovnický Hospital and the Holy Spirit (St. Francis) Church in Křižovnické Square near Charles Bridge. The aim of the exhibition is to present the cultural-historical context of the foundation, development, and present-day state of this exceptional construction. The museum has a model of Prague from around the year 1000 with marked ford crossings over the Vltava River which were then fundamental communication connections. The most important exhibit is a model of Charles Bridge together with Judita Bridge.

www.muzeumkarlovamostu.cz



# WELLNESS RELAXATION

Have your well-being pampered and discover the ideal combination of peaceful relaxation and undemanding activities in a pleasant environment. Experience the care of professional therapists who will offer you salt caves, massages, relaxation baths, yoga, pilates, strength etc. A healthy lifestyle – the main motto of your holiday in the Czech Republic.



- Pure Spa
- Brno AWA Salt Spa
- Wellness Hotel Frymburk
- Liberec Babylon Wellness Centre
- Klášterec nad Ohří Evženie Health Spa
- Hvězda-Skalník Hotel Wellness Centre
- Karlovy Vary's Thermal Spring from Underground
- Hotel Kazdův Dvůr Spa & Wellness
- Legner Hotel Zvánovice Forest Spa
- Bohdaneč Spa Relaxation Centre
- Beskydy Mountains Beer Spa
- SwissHouse Spa Hotel
- The Alpská růže Villa in Luhačovice
- Klatovy Salt Cave
- Spa Hotel Felicitas
- Svatá Kateřina Resort
- Hotel Mlýn Karlštejn Relaxation Centre

[www.palaishotel.cz](http://www.palaishotel.cz) **Pure Spa** The luxury five-star Hotel Le Palais in Prague has opened a new spa. Ligne St Barth cosmetics used for skin treatment, come from the Caribbean island of Saint Barthélemy and because of the natural ingredients used in producing them give the cosmetics significant stimulating and revitalising effects. The cosmetics consist of a comprehensive range of products for both men and women and can be used for the whole body, including the face.

## TIP!

[www.solnelazne.awa.cz](http://www.solnelazne.awa.cz)

**Brno AWA Salt Spa** Two salt caves are now available for the comfort of clients – the Adam salt cave (with a more meditative character) and Eva (primarily for child therapy). They are run so that adults and children do not disturb one another, and so they can receive the benefits of salt therapy in the caves in the most convenient surroundings. They were constructed using 27 tonnes of rock salt and dust salt brought from the Dead Sea.



**Wellness Hotel Frymburk** This largest wellness hotel complex in the Czech Republic is situated on the shore of Lipno Reservoir in the town of Frymburk. The hotel provides high-quality accommodation, gastronomic services, wellness and spa services. In the wellness centre visitors can try Turkish baths or the "chromotherm", a multi-functional water tunnel that can be used to apply various types of wrap. Sauna and steam lovers will find here the entire world of sauna, which also includes cooling down with snow in a snow cave. The spa also offers a fitness centre, squash, bowling or tennis.

## Liberec Babylon Wellness Centre

Within an area of 400 m<sup>2</sup>, it contains various relaxation procedures to pamper you to your heart's content. Twenty procedures are available, including sauna, aromatherapy, relaxing calm spaces for resting, a Hamam Turkish bath, a solar meadow, a salt cave and a small fitness centre, complete with cardiology monitors and massage equipment. "Wellness Hotel Babylon" is a new product which provides a combination of wellness treatment with entry to the aqua park, sauna world and accommodation.



## Kláštorec nad Ohří Evženie Health Spa

The bath house now offers a number of treatments and wellness stays. Guests can now enjoy a roofed swimming pool, hydro-massaging equipment, various kinds of baths, electro-treatment, sauna, balneal therapy, other physiotherapy procedures, and a wellness relaxation centre. Try mineral water from three springs in the mineral water filling room. The well-known Evženie mineral water spring was discovered in 1883, and several years later it was declared a healing spring.

[www.lazneevzenie.cz](http://www.lazneevzenie.cz)



## Hvězda-Skalník Hotel Wellness Centre

The Hvězda-Skalník spa hotel in Mariánské Lázně is located in a quiet part of the spa quarter close to the colonnade and park. The new Aqua Wellness Centre is available in the hotel, with a swimming pool, a whirlpool, a salt chamber and a fitness centre. It also has an original iodine salt cave, constructed of natural salts from the Red, Dead and the Black seas. Massages, a sauna and a steam bath are also available. A unique innovation for comfortable relaxation, is the tepidarium with infrared heaters.



## Karlovy Vary's Thermal Spring from Underground

Visit the pavilion of the Thermal Spring Colonnade in the centre of Karlovy Vary, and see the main spring which spouts 12 metres high. The exhibition takes a tour through the underground of the Thermal Spring, showing you the complex of pipes that supplies 14 health resorts, the regulatory bore-holes and spring sintered sedimentation on the walls in the corridors. The current route in the reconstructed historical Karlovy Vary Thermal Spring underground is 20 metres longer than before and takes visitors up to the old spring area.



**Hotel Kazdův Dvůr Spa & Wellness** This luxurious new four-star complex is located close to the town of Františkovy Lázně, in the beautiful surroundings of the Krušné Hory Mountains, in the picturesque village of Vonšov u Skalné. It offers clients undisturbed rest and relaxation combined with comfort and service from our professional staff.

[www.kazduvdvur.cz](http://www.kazduvdvur.cz)



### Legner Hotel Zvánovice Forest Spa

The forest spa offers comprehensive health, beauty, restoration of harmony and vitality services. The Spa has exceptional programmes that include a salt cave, pearl and peat baths and rehabilitation massages and gentle massages with warm lava stones. Horse riding, petanque, croquet, paintball, archery, quadricycles, zorbing etc are also available. The hotel's premises also has a high rope park.

[www.legner.cz](http://www.legner.cz)



[www.llb.cz](http://www.llb.cz)

### Bohdaneč Spa Relaxation Centre

Take advantage of an extensive range of massages, baths and pack and wrap techniques in the White Pavilion's Relaxation Centre. Experience our new service for 2008 - a dry carbon dioxide bath. The carbonate dioxide bath is a very effective procedure for fortifying your health and increasing your joie de vivre and vitality. The essence of this bath is enclosing the body (except for the head) in a special plastic pouch filled with pure carbon dioxide, in which the person rests.



### Beskydy Mountains Beer Spa

The Bahenec mountain Wellness Hotel is situated in the area of Slezské Beskydy, under Kyčera mountain (890 m) very close to the Polish border. The friendly environment is suitable for families with children and those who want calm, wooded surroundings and mountain ridges. A special feature is the BBB Beer Spa, the only one in the Czech Republic.

[www.bahenec.cz](http://www.bahenec.cz)  
[www.pivnilazne.eu](http://www.pivnilazne.eu)

**SwissHouse Spa Hotel** The hotel provides spa and wellness stays in modern and very spacious suites. It is situated in a peaceful quarter of the city of Mariánské Lázně, 200 metres from the healing springs. The treatment programme includes comprehensive care for each guest and is prepared individually based on his or her medical examination. For this kind of stay, the emphasis is on using natural treatment resources and traditional spa methods.



[www.swisshouse.cz](http://www.swisshouse.cz)





**The Alpská růže Villa in Luhačovice** This cultural monument is a characteristic example of Alpine-style architecture. It is situated right in the calm centre of Luhačovice spa, near the colonnade and mineral springs. Come and experience an unforgettable and fully gratifying holiday. Relax with our health baths and massages using essential oils scented with rose, lavender or jasmine.

### Klatovy Salt Cave

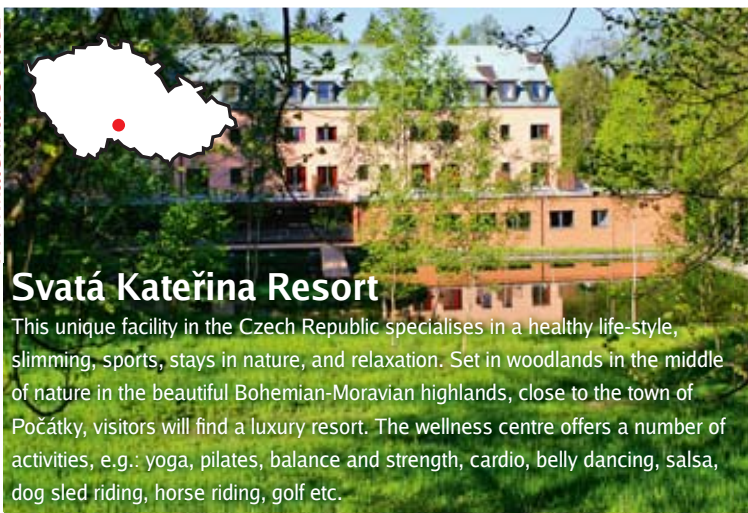
The curative effects of salt have been known for centuries. The newly opened salt cave in Klatovy is formed by salts from the Dead Sea and the Black Sea as well as from salt mines in Pakistan and Poland. The walls of the cave are made of massive salt blocks and the floor is covered with a 20 cm thick layer of salt. There is also a salt pillar, a waterfall, air humidifiers and colour therapy located in stalactites on the ceiling. There is even a salt pit for children where they can play.



[www.solnajeskynekt.cz](http://www.solnajeskynekt.cz)



**Spa Hotel Felicitas** A newly opened four-star hotel in the spa town of Poděbrady offers complete services under one roof. The hotel is situated directly on the spa colonnade opposite the central fountain, near the famous flower clock. The hotel also includes a wellness centre offering cosmetic services, a hairdresser's shop, manicure, pedicure, sauna, steam, hay bath, a fitness centre and a solarium. It has its own swimming pool with a whirlpool.



### Svatá Kateřina Resort

This unique facility in the Czech Republic specialises in a healthy life-style, slimming, sports, stays in nature, and relaxation. Set in woodlands in the middle of nature in the beautiful Bohemian-Moravian highlands, close to the town of Počátky, visitors will find a luxury resort. The wellness centre offers a number of activities, e.g.: yoga, pilates, balance and strength, cardio, belly dancing, salsa, dog sled riding, horse riding, golf etc.

## TIP!



### Hotel Mlýn Karlštejn Relaxation Centre

The romantic hotel located on the bank of the Berounka River below Karlštejn Castle, only 25 km from Prague, is set in the beautiful environment of the Český kras (Bohemian Karst) Protected Landscape Area. In a newly created relaxation centre hotel guests have available a sauna, a whirlpool and a small fitness centre and far from the hotel is an 18-hole golf course. A nearby sports ground has tennis courts, a football pitch and a volleyball court. The location is excellent for hiking, cycling, horse riding, water sports and fishing.

[www.hotelmlynkarlstejn.cz](http://www.hotelmlynkarlstejn.cz)

# MEMORIES OF HISTORY

Extant monuments evoke memories of significant personalities and important milestones in Czech history. Immerse yourself in the mystic depths of the underground by visiting a medieval well, get a taste of entertainment in a garden casino or get closer to the legends by seeing our architectural jewels.

- Mikulčice – Valy National Cultural Monument
- The Sts. Peter and Paul Rotunda at Starý Plzenec
- The Moravian Museum of Literature in Rajhrad
- Mělník Underground and a Medieval Well
- Mitrovský Summer House Brno
- Flemmich Villa in Krnov
- In the Footsteps of the “Black Madonna”
- The Unique Fortress in the Town of Olomouc
- The Jičín Synagogue
- Martinický Palace in Prague



## The Sts. Peter and Paul Rotunda at Starý Plzenec

After a wait of more than 30 years the pre-romanesque Rotunda of Sts. Peter and Paul at Starý Plzenec near Pilsen has been completely and extensively reconstructed. This National Cultural Monument is, according to some sources, the oldest complete ecclesiastic monument still in existence in the Czech Republic. The rotunda was established in the second half of the 10th century as part of a Slavonian fortification above the Úslava River. Inside the rotunda is a small display of copies of the most interesting archaeological finds and a layout of the complete fortification.

www.staryplzenec.cz

## Mikulčice – Valy National Cultural Monument

The first museum exhibition of the archaeological finds from Slovanské hradiště in Mikulčice was opened to the public in 1960. Now, visitors to the museum can see two permanent exhibitions and, afterwards, replicas of the foundations of eight churches from Mikulčice and a prince's palace, situated outside the museum.

[www.mikulcice-valy.info](http://www.mikulcice-valy.info)

## The Moravian Museum of Literature in Rajhrad

After extensive construction work, the Museum of Literature is now open in the Benedictine Monastery in Rajhrad. Rajhrad had long been famous as a centre of culture. From the monastery gallery, for example, came the gothic passion paintings of the Master of the Rajhrad altarpiece, at the moment stored in galleries in Prague and Brno. In the past the Rajhrad Library had a collection of the illuminated manuscripts of Queen Richeza and other rare early prints.



www.muzeumbrennska.cz



**Mělník Underground and a Medieval Well** Starting in Náměstí Míru (Peace Square) take a tour of part of the underground spaces of Mělník, including a medieval well from the 14th century, accessible only through a 150 m long underground corridor. Look deep into the well at the emerald-like water and also look up at the late 19th century vault from which long stalactites hang. The well is 54 metres deep, with a water column of 7 metres and it is 4,543 metres wide at the widest point immediately above the surface, and 3,943 metres at the entrance to the well. Because of its size the well is registered in the Guinness Book of Records as the widest well in the Czech Republic.

[www.melnik.info](http://www.melnik.info)

## Flemmich Villa in Krnov

The reconstruction work on the Flemmich Villa, the architectural jewel of Krnov in the district of Bruntál, has finally been completed, and now it is used as a cultural centre, hosting a range of exhibitions and other cultural events. The former family estate of the well-known Krnov factory owner Theodor Flemmich will be the main exhibit of a museum to be created here, together with an exhibition of individualistic modernist art.

[www.miks.krnov.estranky.cz](http://www.miks.krnov.estranky.cz)



[www.ub.cz](http://www.ub.cz)



## In the Footsteps of the "Black Madonna"

In the Dominican church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary in Uherský Brod, there hangs the Byzantine-style image of the "Black Madonna", which is entangled in legends. Worshippers have held it in special regard since the Middle Ages. Today, you can see not only the image, but also learn more about the history of the entire church.



## Mitrovský Summer House Brno

The only summer house preserved in the town of Brno (and in the whole of Moravia) was built by count Antonín Arnošt Mitrovský as a garden casino next to a decorative French and a natural English garden in 1779–1794. The ground plan is late baroque, the building itself is built in the early classicist style. After several years, during which the cultural monument was not accessible, the Mitrovský Summer House in Brno is now open to the public again.

[www.letohradekbrno.cz](http://www.letohradekbrno.cz)

## The Jičín Synagogue

The Jičín Synagogue is one of the few relatively well preserved Jewish monuments in Český ráj (Czech Paradise). Built at the end of the 1770s, it represents a very valuable period record of synagogue architecture. After a long, seven-year gradual reconstruction, the synagogue has now been newly opened. Part of the synagogue that has remained well preserved to this day is the cabinet where the Torah scrolls are kept, which is clearly a modified baroque altar, purchased from the Church of St. Ignatius in Jičín following the abolition of the Jesuit Order.



## The Unique Fortress in the Town of Olomouc

A Habsburg fortress from the 2nd half of the 19th century with a pentagonal ground plan is open to the public after more than 150 years. In the fort XVII area a coaching inn and a military museum with a permanent exhibition focusing on fortification architecture and a military history of the 19th century are located. The size of the area is approximately 60,000 m<sup>2</sup>.

[www.forty.cz](http://www.forty.cz) • [www.fortovyvenec.cz](http://www.fortovyvenec.cz)



## Martinický Palace in Prague

Martinický Palace, one of the most beautiful renaissance buildings in Prague is located in Hradčanské náměstí (Hradčany Square). It contains original sgraffito paintings with motives from the Old Testament, late renaissance painted girder ceilings and wall fresco paintings. The interior includes a typical dining room, a study and a bedroom. Visitors can thus imagine what life was like back in the renaissance era.

[www.martinickypalac.cz](http://www.martinickypalac.cz)



[www.basevi.unas.cz](http://www.basevi.unas.cz)

# NATIONAL TRADITIONS

Traditions and customs are the foundation of every nation. Elements of folk culture in unique open-air museums or reserves can be found throughout the Czech Republic. Displays of historical crafts and work tools provide a close look at the life and work of preceding generations.



- The Nový dvůr Letohrad Crafts Museum
- Moravian Tapestry Manufacture
- Selský dvůr Guest-house – Agrotourism Complex
- Trávníky Educational Path
- Bernard Grange
- Monastery Garden Zahrada in Broumov
- Hoslovice Open-Air Museum – the Grounds of the Water Mill
- Podorlický Open-Air Museum at Krňovice

## The Nový dvůr Letohrad Crafts Museum

There are dozens of new exhibits on display and the exhibition of mechanical machines has been enlarged. Now visitors can see a saw-mill department with three historic frame-saws and workshops of wood-processing workers. Tools used by shinglers, wheelwrights, coopers, carpenters and cabinetmakers are on display in the woodworking shops.

[www.muzeumremesel.cz](http://www.muzeumremesel.cz)

[www.gobelin.cz](http://www.gobelin.cz)



## Moravian Tapestry Manufacture

Visitors to the new exhibition hall can see not only hand-tied and woven carpets and tapestries being manufactured and historical tapestries renovated, but also an extended exhibition of ready-made textile work. Weaving workshops are held as well. In 2008 the Moravian Tapestry Manufacture celebrated its 110th anniversary since it was established. The same year also saw the opening of Schlattner's café.

[www.selsky-dvur.com](http://www.selsky-dvur.com)

## Selský dvůr Guest-house – Agrotourism Complex

Visit this Alpine-style farmyard for cosy accommodation. Horses are stabled right below the apartments, and visitors can not only ride them but also learn more about other activities that the keeping of horses includes and requires. The Country Yard is situated in northwest Bohemia, at the foot of Krušné hory (the Ore Mountains). Everyone will love the beautiful view of the picturesque valley with Perštejn resort, and the Doupov Mountains.





**Trávníky Educational Path** The Trávníky educational path, that takes visitors to the historical area of timbered and brick houses in the urban conservation area, is now open in Železný Brod. It shows numerous examples of folk architecture, brick classicist houses and sandstone fountains.

### Monastery Garden Zahrada in Broumov

This mysterious place surrounded by walls of stone is an ideal location for exhibitions, concerts and performances of artists of various kinds. This unique area with its original unrivalled atmosphere is located north of Broumov Monastery.



**Bernard Grange** A new tour of the Centre for traditional crafts at Bernard Grange in Královské Poříčí near Sokolov focuses on traditional crafts and it includes a visit to a museum and an agricultural exhibition. Also a new information centre and a restaurant will be available. As an additional attraction, you can take part in an archery tournament, a bowling championship in the nearby chateau, or a ride home in a historical automobile.



### Hoslovice Open-Air Museum – the Grounds of the Water Mill

The oldest and unique water mill in Bohemia is situated not far from Strakonice. The grounds of Hoslovice consist of the original grinding room with living quarters, a cow shed with a tool house and a barn with thatched roofs and walls of timber, masonry bricks or mixed materials. There are also a pond with a mill race, an orchard and meadows.

[www.muzeum.strakonice.cz](http://www.muzeum.strakonice.cz)



### Podorlický Open-Air Museum at Krňovice

The Podorlický Open-Air Museum at Krňovice lies in the neighbourhood of the Orlice Nature Park near Třebechovice pod Orebem. The grounds of this museum contain folk architecture, historical machines and appliances seen in the homes of village and towns people in the Hradec Králové and Orlice Foothills areas. There are also examples of period crafts, machines and work tools essential to life in earlier generations.



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