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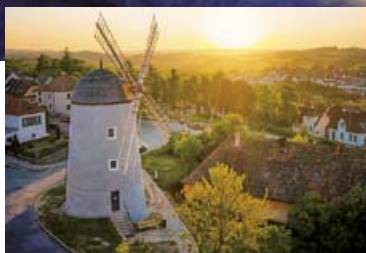


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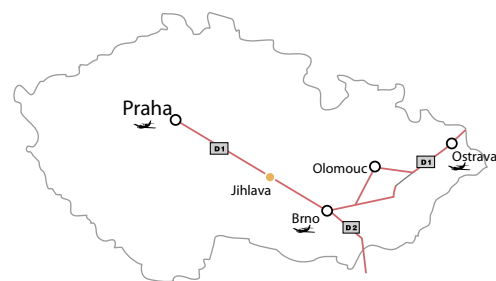
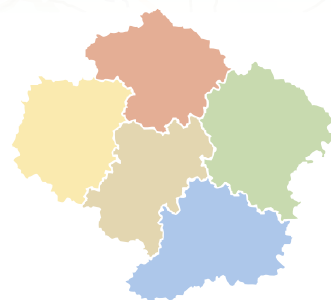


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The new synagogue has been repurposed as a venue for concerts and exhibitions



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The Look at it! tourist edition produces at least five titles a year. Each has its own editor and production team, and is a collective work of several graphic designers, photographers and numerous freelancers. Our thanks go to them and to all our partners from the public and private spheres, without whom we couldn't have carried out such a monumental project. This year, we will publish over 6 million pages of travel tips and inspiring stories about people, their work and their passions. You can find them in digital form at www.lookatit.cz.

Safe travels!

Ivan Marek
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Vysočina is unique. I came to realise this once again while I was writing the 4th edition of this magazine focused on this region at the centre of Czechia. I grew up in these hills, and I have an intimate relationship with the local pristine nature. Still, I am constantly in awe of how many new places get created each year and how the offer for visitors continually improves. There is always something new to visit. Join our journey and see for yourself that Vysočina is the place to be!

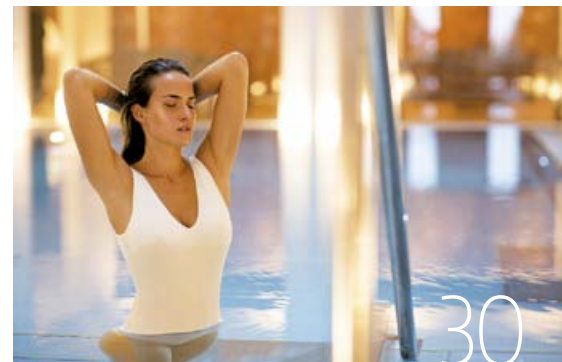


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Chudobín Pine, photo Martin Dolinský

WELCOME TO VYSOČINA

Located at the very centre of Czechia, the Vysočina region is much more than a mere place on the map. It's an area in harmony with nature, beaming with history and culture and offering adventure and relaxation. If you're looking for authentic experiences in the countryside or the hustle and bustle of the cities, this is the right place for you. Vysočina is worth visiting all year round – enjoy it in sunny summer, blooming spring, colourful autumn or snowy winter and discover the charm of this sustainable Czech region.

It boasts pristine nature and promotes a respectful approach to the environment. The landscape features forests, ponds, streams, and meadows, inviting you to find peace of mind through sports or tranquil pursuits like mushroom picking and fishing. With every step, you will feel your body and mind reviving.

Besides the countryside and its natural gems, the region also invites you to journey to the past and visit various historical sites, including three cities with UNESCO monuments. You can also participate in unique cultural and sporting events and immerse yourself in countless fun and leisure activities.

The Vysočina region prides itself on its well-preserved rural life and traditional crafts. While visiting the area, be sure to discover the world of glassmaking, which has been in the region for over four hundred years. Czech glassmaking has even been listed as an intangible cultural heritage by UNESCO since December 2023, proving its artistic value. You can discover its beauty in local glassworks, in the Na Milovské huti Gallery in the Žďár region or the Jakub Glassworks in Tasice in the Havlíčkův Brod region.

Take a moment to browse our magazine and find inspiring tips for weekend getaways or longer holidays. We give you the best that Vysočina has to offer throughout the year. It caters to all, whether you are a family with kids, history buffs, hiking enthusiasts, adrenaline junkies or just souls seeking solace in the middle of the woods or spa pampering.

ESCAPE TO VYSOČINA.



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Vysočina

Combines Traditional Countryside
with the Endless Beauty of Nature



Easter, photo: David Tesař

At the heart of Czechia, on the border of two historical areas of Bohemia and Moravia, lies the unearthed treasure of Vysočina. You are in no danger of meeting crowds of tourists here. So, come discover its unique atmosphere, picturesque scenery and rich traditions.

As one of the regions with the lowest population density in Czechia, Vysočina is the epitome of peace and quiet. The local landscape consists mainly of smaller towns and intimate villages complemented by green pastures, meadows, fields and forests. For those who seek nature and tranquillity, Vysočina is a paradise and an escape from everyday noise and responsibilities.

You can intersperse your nature walking and hiking by visiting the many hidden cultural gems and monuments scattered across Vysočina. Breathe in the Italian Renaissance of Telč, recharge your batteries at the Stone Circle of the Druids in Počátky (Stonehenge's younger sibling) or feast your eyes on the Moravian Versailles – the château in Jaroměřice nad Rokytnou.

Vysočina is also unwavering in its traditions, which are lovingly carried on by the locals, in contrast to the inhabitants of big cities. Besides the stunning landscape, you can also experience many customs and traditions.

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Landscape near Karasín, photo: m-ARK



Carnival, Jihlava; photo: Jakub Koumar, City of Jihlava

Traditional Carnival Revelry

Between Christmas and Lent, which lasts until Easter, people in Vysočina celebrate Shrovetide by holding a traditional carnival. In this pre-Lent period, the towns and villages come alive with a joyful atmosphere and parades of costumes and masks. It features masquerade balls, traditional pig slaughtering and feasts. The customs vary from region to region, but they are always full of joy and warmth.

Drowning Morana and Welcoming Spring

This is a pagan custom that ends the winter period dating back to pre-Christian times. People create a straw figurine symbolising the Slavic goddess of death, Morana, and carry it outside the village, where they throw it into the water while singing. In some places, you can still come across this tradition, also called “Death Sunday”.

Easter Carolling

Easter in Vysočina is so much more

than a celebration of spring and tradition. It is part of the cultural heritage that is much more alive in the countryside than in the city. It's the most important Christian holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. People decorate eggs, bake sweet pastries and chocolate lambs and enjoy the fresh spring air. Christian ceremonies intermingle with pagan customs to create a unique atmosphere. Nowadays, people as-

sociate Easter mainly with boys who go carolling on Easter Monday and symbolically whip girls on their legs with a hand-braided whip made of willow twigs. The whipping is meant to give women youth and life force, and in return, the boys receive a decorated egg, a symbol of new life. The Easter holiday in Vysočina embodies the connection with our ancestors and strengthens the region's cultural identity.



Easter in Telč, photo: David Tesař

Witch Burning

On the last evening in April, you can see witches burning in almost every Czech town and village. It's a folk custom where people gather to make fires to protect them from evil spirits. In days of yore, people believed that witches gathered for sabbaths on Saint Walpurgis Night. The fires were supposed to protect them from their evil spells. To this day, families and villages gather to mark this occasion.

Harvest Festival

It's a celebration of a successful harvest and an expression of gratitude for the bounty. People come together to celebrate and give thanks for the fruits of their labour. Traditional games, music and dance add a joyful atmosphere. If you want to join in the festivities, be sure to come to Vysočina at the turn of August and September.

Carrot Fair in Polná

The second Sunday in September belongs to the traditional Carrot Fair, and the town of Polná turns into a vibrant market full of regional specialities and crafts. It is in honour of the local patron, Saint Ligurias. And since it falls in the carrot harvest season, it is associated with this vegetable. You can try traditional carrot cakes, which are the symbol of this holiday.

Carrot cakes, photo: Tereza Váchalová



Třešť, nativity scenes, photo: Jakub Mertl

Vysočina Potato Festivities

The end of September is all about the potato crops. These are the main crops of Vysočina to the pride of the locals. They celebrate by preparing all kinds of potato dishes, including potato soup, hash browns, potato dumplings with cabbage stuffed with smoked meat, potato flatbread and pancakes and sweet delicacies from potato dough. Some farms in Vysočina organise various competitions for children and adults to mark this festive period.

All Souls' Day

While everyone abroad celebrates Halloween, Czechs commemorate their deceased relatives and friends with All Souls' Day on 2 November. This Christian tradition was originally based on the Celtic festival of Samhain, when, according to tradition, the souls of the deceased return home. It is a grand holiday celebrated by believers and non-believers alike. The cemeteries light up with thousands of candles adorning the graves of the remembered deceased.

Christmas with Unique Nativity Scenes

In December, this Christian holiday commemorating the birth of Jesus

Christ dresses up cities all over the world in festive twinkly lights, and Vysočina is no exception. You will find Christmas markets in almost every town, and some will even feature nativity scenes crafted from various materials. The squares are decorated with a carved Christmas crib with the baby Jesus, straw statues of the Three Magi and tin sheep. Visit Třešť to find a unique exhibition of nativity scenes available to visitors all year round. From 26 December to 2 February, you can even visit some households to witness the tradition of making a family nativity scene passed down from generation to generation. Czechs observe the gift-giving tradition on the eve of 24 December, where families gather for a Christmas dinner, usually consisting of fish soup, fried carp or schnitzel and potato salad. Then, while munching on Christmas cookies, they move to the beautifully decorated Christmas tree, guarding all the presents.

Traditions are an integral part of Vysočina. Explore the sights and nature, delve into the local culture, learn about the customs and rituals and taste typical regional specialities.



The Vysočina region is the only region in Czechia boasting three monuments listed as UNESCO World Heritage sites. These are architectural masterpieces worth visiting, which have already celebrated (or are about to) their pearl anniversary with UNESCO, and two of the heritage sites have undergone a comprehensive restoration to highlight their uniqueness. Set out to explore the relaxed atmosphere of the Vysočina region and spend a few days visiting its triangle of historical sites in Žďár nad Sázavou, Telč and Třebíč.

DISCOVER THE REVIVED BEAUTY OF HISTORIC Treasures in Vysočina

Pilgrimage Church of St. John of Nepomuk at Zelená hora

Since 2015, the pinnacle of Santini's work built in Žďár nad Sázavou has undergone an extensive reconstruction to restore the monument to its 18th-century glory. This pilgrimage site was built by the local Cistercians according to the design of the famous architect Jan Blažej Santini-Aichel. The floor is decorated with handmade tiles, restored furniture, statues, sculptural decorations and stucco. The biggest transformation can be seen in the large windows on the second

floor and the main altar. Part of the restoration also took place on the exterior. The site of the former cemetery between the church and the cloister has been transformed into a pilgrimage meadow. Major work

has been done on the access routes, the facade and the cloister. In 2024, the locals will commemorate 30 years of the site being listed on the UNESCO World Heritage list. To learn more about its history



Pilgrimage Church of St. John of Nepomuk at Zelená hora, photo: Jan Gruber

and the times of its founding, visit the interactive exposition of the New Generation Museum at the castle in Žďár. The entire château complex offers attractive sites and many interesting cultural events throughout the year.

Storybook Centre of Telč and Its Château

The château is worth a visit all year round. After an extensive reconstruction spanning over three years, it reopened to visitors in the summer of 2023. You can now explore the yet unknown premises of the former brewery and granary, which



Třebíč Château, photo: m-ARK

is now the location of the Installed Repository exhibition. It introduces the processes of restoring and protecting valuable objects. The restorers worked in the château chapel and the Knights' Hall with its coffered ceiling. Visitors will also appreciate the modern visitor centre and new sightseeing routes with a tour of the Château Museum, mapping the history of the town and the château. All these new updates attract tourists as well as filmmakers. It is their favourite filming location, especially for fairy tales. Don't miss the enchanted Renaissance square with an arcade, the English garden, several local museums, the Telč Underground, the Tower of the Holy Spirit and the Tower of St. James.

Třebíč: The Town where Christianity Meets Jewish Culture

Třebíč needs no introduction to the fans of UNESCO monuments. The town in the southeastern part of the Vysočina region is a collection of architectural monuments of several periods and religions. The local Jewish quarter, with its cemetery, and the Romanesque-Gothic Basilica of St. Procopius were added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2003. Stroll through the narrow streets of the Jewish quarter, visit the Rear (New) Synagogue from 1669, the Seligmann Bauer House with a

display of typical Jewish living conditions, learn about the saviour of Jewish children Antonín Kalina, peak into the unique Romanesque crypt in St. Procopius Basilica or find out how the Christian and Jewish communities lived together in peace. Visit Třebíč during one of the traditional local festivities. The Revived Jewish Town Festival takes place in July and features period costumes, tours, tastings and music. At the turn of July and August, you can come and experience Shamayim – the festival of Jewish culture.

Cycle through the Vysočina Triangle of UNESCO Monuments

The three UNESCO towns in the Vysočina region form an imaginary triangle you can manage by car in one day. But you'd be missing out. Once you reach the magnificent Romanesque gate of St. Procopius Basilica, succumb to the Renaissance genius loci of the town's square and discover the mystery of the Baroque symbolism hidden by Zelená hora, you'll understand that you should savour the moment. Visit the tourist website www.vysocina.eu and find the Vysočina Triangle of UNESCO Monuments, which will describe the eight-day cycling tour in detail.





Visit Jihlava

CITY OF UNIQUE ARCHITECTURE

The regional capital of Vysočina bore the title of the silver treasury of the Kingdom of Bohemia. In 2022, archaeologists made an exciting discovery on the city grounds. They found tools from a medieval royal mint from the late 13th century. Jihlava also boasts unique architectural masterpieces spanning centuries and will open the Silver House on Masaryk Square this May.



Photo: Eliška Hudcová



Carp Day, photo: City of Jihlava



Photo: Petr Sokol



Photo: Petr Sokol

Only a few cities can be proud of so many architectural landmarks from different historical periods. You can bear witness to medieval fortifications, admire three sacral districts founded by three religious orders in the 13th century and Renaissance patrician palaces housing 16th-century townspeople, discover modern architecture of the functionalist “Sokolovna” and the Brussels House of Culture or ponder the (dis)balance of new and old architecture in the front of one of the greatest “ventures” of the second half of the 20th century – Jihlava’s PRIOR. Go back in time to the 14th, 16th and 18th centuries by visiting Jihlava’s underground, the second largest underground system in Czechia, or return to the 1970s by visiting the Alfa civil defence shelter equipped with an infirmary for the wounded and radiation meters.

Jihlava to Open the Silver House

A new cultural space in Jihlava, combining the historical heritage of the medieval town with contemporary architecture, art and film. That is the Silver House, 21 Masaryk Square. The space used to be a 13th-century royal workshop for mint mark punches and a 15th-century bakery. And until recently, the historic townhouse was filled with the aroma of tea freshly made in the local teahouse. The extensive reconstruction has been led by architect Marek Štěpán. There will be two smaller halls on the upper levels. The attic will house the research room of JAM – a team focused on mapping and promoting the architecture and urbanism of Jihlava, specialising in the mid-19th century to the present. Also, the Brána Jihlavy state-funded institution and the Documentary Film Centre will be located there under one roof. This May, we will bear witness to the opening of this exciting and unusual architectural landmark and get the chance to learn about Jihlava's magnificent past.

Soon, you will learn more about the Jihlava coin on the educational trail or during a guided tour for all ages.

The Story of the Jihlava Coin

The Silver House will also accommodate an exhibition entitled The Story of the Jihlava Coin. In 2022, archaeologists discovered tools from the medieval royal mint from the 13th century in the lower part of Masaryk square. Until now, experts had not known what type of silver coins were minted in Jihlava. And it was thanks to the reconstruction of the Silver House that archaeologists discovered a mint mark punch of King Ottokar II Přemysl of Bohemia depicting two lions with helmets and a mould for casting the mint mark punches of King Wenceslas II portraying a dragon holding a sword dating back to the late 13th century.

Experts rightly believe this house was one of the royal mint operations in medieval times. Silver contributed to Jihlava's fame and glory, which we still see to this day embodied in the Silver House, which is literally permeated by the silver legacy. Its grey facade is enlivened by silver elements featuring stainless steel panelling in the interior and the silver screen in the Documentary Film Centre.



The Jihlava Coin, photo: City of Jihlava: Jakub Koumar

Did you know that Jihlava sits on the border of two lands? It connects Bohemia with Moravia.



Church of St. Ignatius of Loyola, photo: City of Jihlava: Jakub Koumar

Church of St. Ignatius of Loyola Opens to Tourists

Tourists will appreciate the newly opened Church of St. Ignatius of Loyola, whose facade and roof were carefully restored this year. The Baroque church, with its rich interior decoration, was closed to the public for several years but will welcome visitors in April. It represents a well-preserved monument with a decorative facade of rich stucco reliefs depicting angel choirs and a set of six original statues. The interior with Baroque benches has withstood the test of time well, and the large ceiling fresco by the painter Karel František Tepper, from 1717, portraying the Adoration of the Name of God, is unique in Moravia. The fresco is seamlessly intertwined with a later fresco of an illusory altar by the lay brothers Noldinger and Lauterer from 1766. You can visit the church from April onwards during regular opening hours. An audio guide and an option to take a guided tour are available.



Photo: Jakub Wertl

Take a Walk with #Dojihlavy

This exciting concept of regularly held guided walks through Jihlava started last year. It offers you a chance to visit hidden and often otherwise inaccessible objects in the city. The highlight of last year was the outdoor guided tour of the 1920s and 1930s villas of Jihlava. Another popular tour takes you through the Boromean chapel, where you can follow the stories of the Jihlava orphans while exploring the interior of the chapel, built in 1903–1904 to house the city's orphanage and still owned by the Order of the Sisters of Charity of St. Charles Borromeo.



Photo: Jakub Mertl

Since February this year, you can also take a tour of the interiors of the Jihlava Military Chapel adorned by beautiful paintings from WWI on the premises of today's police college in Tolstý Street. You can walk in the Footsteps of Jihlava Legends or explore the Historical City Centre with the Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and much more on announced dates throughout the year. You can find their list on the dojihlavy.cz website or pick it up at Jihlava's tourist information centres.

JAM Trails

You can discover the city's architectural marvels by following the trails offered by the Jihlava Architecture Manual (JAM) available at jam.jihlava.cz. You will learn about the city development from the second half of the 19th century to 1918, follow the weaving trail, take the Jewish trail or explore the garden districts and housing in Jihlava in the first half of the 20th century.



Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, photo: City of Jihlava, Jakub Koumar



Photo: Jihlava Zoo's archive

JIHLAVA'S ATTRACTIONS FOR KIDS

Jihlava Zoo

The zoological garden is open all year round. It is home to more than 260 exotic animal species and it specialises in breeding felines, monkeys and reptiles. The zoo's pride and joy is the tropical pavilion with an aeroplane wreck and a massive playground with a slide.

Vodní ráj Water Park

The largest water park in the Vysočina region offers something for everyone. In summer, it opens its outdoor pools and a paddling pool for children with an 85-metre-long waterslide, water castle, lazy river, aqua zorbing and much more. There are also courts for tennis, foot tennis, volleyball and beach volleyball.

Robinson Amusement Park

It offers dozens of children's attractions spread over an area of 2,500 m². While the kids enjoy the speed slide, cannon shooting range, trampolines, spider webs, monkey trail and labyrinth, you can unwind with a cup of coffee, surf the internet or go crazy and join the children's fun – all attractions are also accessible to adults!

Český mlýn Centre

This leisure centre offers plenty of activities to get your heart rate going. It houses one of the largest and best-rated skate parks in Czechia, a playground with a climbing wall, a play area, a route for training bikes, scooters and tricycles, a 3/4-kilometre-long in-line skating trail, a grassy sports field and an outdoor gym. In winter time, the local ski association maintains a half-kilometre and kilometre-long circuit for cross-country skiers.

Silver Valley Bike Trail

A comfortable and safe trail which leads you along the Koželužský stream and the Jihlávka and Jihlava rivers. It offers a smooth ride through the Silver Valley of Jihlava and is also suitable for strollers and small kids on training bicycles. On the way, you'll encounter playgrounds, the Skalka wetland educational area, a traffic safety park, a zoo, the Robinson amusement park and a pump track, all offered by the Český mlýn centre.



Robinson Amusement Park, photo: City of Jihlava



Vodní ráj Water Park, photo: Vodní ráj

Active Jihlava in Summer and Winter

If you visit Jihlava in the summer, be sure to explore the Silver valley and ride the bike trail along the Jihlava and Jihlávka rivers and visit the Český mlýn sports and relaxation centre in the Jihlava valley with a skatepark, pump track and a bike trail. To cool down on a hot summer day, pay a visit to Vodní ráj – the largest water fun park in the Vysočina region with outdoor pools, a paddling pool and dozens of attractions. Runners can enjoy trails in the Heulos forest park, and cycling enthusiasts can rent bikes through bike sharing. There are more than 100 shared bikes, which are free to rent for the first 15 minutes. The city connecting Bohemia and Moravia is full of active fun, even in winter. From December to February, a part of Masaryk Square in the historic city centre transforms into an ice-skating rink. You will find a cross-country skiing circuit in the Český mlýn centre and downhill skiing slopes in Šacberk near Jihlava.

Nature Trips for Everybody

The city offers many gardens and parks to enjoy. Visit the Heulos forest park with a zoo at the heart of the city, take a stroll along the green corridor of the historical city walls, enjoy the Gustav Mahler and Jan Masaryk parks, the Smetana gardens near the newly built multifunctional sports arena replacing the winter stadium, the Keťásek park neighbouring the bus station and the Legionaries' park near the city's train station. On hot summer days, you can find nice shade under the many leafy, mature trees in the city.



Photo: Jakub Mertl

VISIT TOP EVENTS IN JIHLAVA

Carp Day (March)

The revived celebration of the city's famous victory against marauding knights in 1402. Accompanying music programme, theatre, fencing performance and a fair.

Where: Gate of the Mother of God and Gustav Mahler Park



Carp Day

Mahler Jihlava – The Music of Thousands (May–September)

Classical music festivals



Miners' Processions

The Mining Parade, Miners' Processions (every two years) and Midsummer Fest (end of June)

A celebration commemorating the glorious silver history of Jihlava accompanied by a parade of miners in 16th-century costumes.

Summer with #Dojihlavy (1 June–15 September)

A cultural programme full of concerts, theatre performances for kids, summer games and outdoor cinema screenings in the Heulos amphitheatre.

Where: Masaryk square



Summer with #Dojihlavy

International Documentary Film Festival (25 Oct–3 Nov)

The 28th annual festival of auteur documentaries, the largest in Central and Eastern Europe.

St. Martin's Day Parade (11 November)

The traditional procession of St. Martin is co-organised with the Miners' Association of Jihlava and accompanied by street performances, grand concerts, workshops for kids, theatre performances and fireworks.

Where: Masaryk Square



St. Martin's Day Parade

Christmas Jihlava (December)

Eventful programme, fair, ice rink; all in the historical city centre.

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The HD_J Theatre was established in 1940 and is one of the oldest theatres in Czechia, which boasts, among other things, a regional dramaturgy. For young audiences, it presents classic works in a modern and attractive way and focuses primarily on children spectators. In January 2024, it even launched a new theatre group for kids called HD_Jée.

HD_J Theatre

VYSOČINA'S ONLY PROFESSIONAL STAGE

HD_J² = twice the fun

Cries and Whispers, photo: Igor Stančík



Ball Lightning, photo: Igor Stančík

A theatre that caters to everyone's taste. This perfectly describes the programme offered by the only professional stage (a state-funded institution) in the Vysočina region. It combines four unique spaces – the Big Stage, the Small Stage, the Theatre Club and the Rehearsal Room. Each year, one of the theatre company's five premium plays is dedicated to a significant personality associated with the Vysočina region. This year, they've chosen Zdeňka Havlíčková. The Small Stage is dedicated to children and youth. Classic theatre pieces are transformed into modern performances aimed at capturing young audiences, which has been successful, for example, with Young Werther or Oblomov (playing since February). A free space for creating and holding concerts is the Theatre Club, where the production of Je naprosto nezbytné... was created, which takes us through the milestones of the Czech singer Hana Zagorová. The Rehearsal Room hosts various workshops for children and youth as well as a ballet for adults.

HD_Jée for Kids

They have always had young audiences in mind, organised Fairy Tale Reading events, and, since January 2024, they have been fully dedicated to children. Lo and behold, the HD_Jée company was born. It centres around fairy tales, and its first project is a fairy-tale musical for the whole family entitled Velká porucha (Major Failure), written exclusively for the HD_J Theatre.

Bold Performances and Successful Adaptations

Cult Czech comedy on stage for the first time ever. At the end of last year, the HD_J Theatre showed great courage and enthusiasm when it premiered Ball Lightning. Another popular performance is entitled Cries and Whispers. The theatrical adaptation of the film script by the world-famous Swedish director, writer and playwright Ingmar Bergman has earned the company two nominations for the 2023 Thalia Awards for actresses Lenka Schreiberová and Barbora Bezáková.

www.hdj.cz



Velká porucha play, photo: Igor Stančík



The Shortest Way to Perfect Events

VYSOČINA

Vir Trails, photo: Adrex Base Camp



Třešť Chateau, photo: Třešť Chateau

All roads lead to Vysočina. Take advantage of the easily accessible region at the heart of the country, offering the ideal middle ground (literally) for important conferences, business meetings, training and teambuilding sessions.

The region is characterised by its breathtaking nature, peace and tranquillity. It offers three UNESCO sites, excellent beer, authentic traditional and modern cuisine and over 90 unique venues with 100+ capacity. Are you looking for an unconventional experience? The Vysočina region provides ideal conditions for a successful event and tailor-made venues. You can choose from historic châteaux, charming rural buildings, remote conference venues or modern business spaces. For an overview of all venues,

visit vysocina-konference.cz. All premises offer quality facilities and interesting incentive programmes at reasonable prices.

Combine Work with Pleasure

High work performance can only be achieved when you're motivated and rested. Experience unique moments with your business partners, employees or colleagues, whether trying the adrenaline bike trails in the Svratka valley, the ice wall in Vír, making cider

at Turistatek Javoříce, the skid school in Polygon Jihlava, the bartending show Black Wall Jihlava, with animals and history at the Eden centre in Bystrice nad Pernštejnem or brewing beer and learning from the best at the brewery in Kamenice nad Lipou. Have you browsed the website and need advice on the most suitable venue or the right activity for your business? The Vysočina Convention Bureau staff is at your full disposal.

www.vysocina-konference.cz

The largest-capacity facility in the Vysočina Region

- Tři věžičky Congress Hotel (near the D1 highway – at the Exit 112)
- EA Business Hotel Jihlava (near the D1 highway)
- Luna Conference Hotel (near the D1 highway)
- OREA Resort Devět Skal
- Ski Hotel
- Medlov Hotel
- Chateau Třešť Hotel
- Chateau Valeč Hotel

Chateau Valeč Hotel, photo: Ivo Svoboda



Discover the Magical World of Animals!



Silvery Marmoset



Welcome to the fascinating world of animals from all around the globe. Every step will bring you closer to fascinating facts about rare exotic species and valuable national breeds. The Jihlava zoo is not only a place of entertainment but also an inspiring environment where nature comes alive and touches the heart of every visitor. Discover the beauty of nature, learn about the animal kingdom and be part of a global effort to preserve biodiversity for future generations.



View of the African Pavilion



Eastern Grey Kangaroo



Marabou Stork

What does the zoo do?

- 1. It actively educates its visitors** about the animal kingdom. Information boards, feeding demonstrations and school events raise awareness of environmental protection and care for endangered species.
- The Jihlava zoo boasts a wide range of **unique exhibits**; each designed to best display the natural habitat and needs of the animals.
- The zoo is a **friendly environment for families with kids**. It offers playgrounds, petting zoos with Cameroonian dwarf goats and comfortable seating areas ideal for a whole-day family outing.
- The exhibits are **close together**, so visitors are always sure to see some animals.
- Nestled in the Jihlávka valley and neighbouring the Heulos forest park, the zoo provides the opportunity to enjoy **breathtaking nature** and tranquil atmosphere while walking along the exhibits.
- The Jihlava zoo regularly organises **special programmes and events**. Evening tours, keeper meet & greets or themed events provide visitors unique and exciting experiences.
- The youngest visitors can look forward to **playgrounds**, special events and programmes specifically designed for kids. They make learning about animals fun.
- Give the **gift of a unique experience**: your loved ones can become zookeepers for a day or learn new facts about lemurs, giraffes, tapirs and crocodiles.
- The zoo is a great place **for photography enthusiasts**. Visitors can capture the daily habits of animals in their natural habitat and get unforgettable pictures.
- Reimagine your zoo experience!** The Jihlava zoo also offers evening tours, during which you can observe animals under the cover of night, even those you usually don't see during the day.

Photo: Daniela Oberreiterová



Siamese Crocodile



View of the Asian Pavilion

Fascinating animals!

The zoo is home to countless fascinating animals. Some of them are particularly exceptional and thus popular with visitors:

- 1. Meerkats:** Their active and social behaviour makes them a popular stop.
- 2. Dinagat cloud rats:** The mysterious and rare cloud rats are the largest mouse rodents.
- 3. Giraffes:** The African pavilion is here for you to admire the elegant necks of the Nubian giraffes and the intricate patterns of the reticulated giraffes.
- 4. Malagasy giant rat:** This rare and unusual Madagascar rodent is another unique Jihlava zoo specimen.
- 5. Persian and snow leopards:** Majestic Persian and snow leopards also call the zoo their home.
- 6. Yellow-cheeked gibbons:** The Asian pavilion houses the yellow-cheeked gibbons whose musical and playful nature will catch your attention.
- 7. North Sulawesi babirusa:** The Jihlava zoo is the only place in Czechia that breeds these peculiar and exotic babirusa pigs.
- 8. Siamese crocodile:** You can find one of the rarest crocodile species in the tropical pavilion.

These animals are only a small fraction of the rich variety inhabiting the Jihlava zoo, each providing an unforgettable experience. They are a reminder of how amazingly diverse our planet is.

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Your Hotel between Prague and Brno

Hotel Kotyza

Hotel Kotyza is located in the serene historical centre of Humpolec and offers 41 comfortable rooms. It's the ideal choice for corporate training, being halfway between Prague and Brno.



It offers newly furnished rooms at comfortable prices with a view of the square, the Orlik castle towering over the town, or the hotel garden. It provides free, private paved parking and fast Wi-Fi coverage on the entire property.

Try the Renowned Cuisine

The hotel's trendy restaurant offers traditional Czech specialities, international dishes and a wide range of homemade desserts. It also caters to beer lovers with the excellent local beer Bernard and the world-famous Pilsner from Plzeňský prazdroj. On warm days, guests can enjoy the terrace with its lush Mediterranean flora and a selection of cocktails and other treats.



Starting Point for Exploring Humpolec

The hotel staff can arrange visits and tours of the Bernard Family Brewery with tasting of their unpasteurised beers. The Humpolec area is full of forests and pristine nature, dams, castles and châteaux. You can walk along one of the nature trails or enjoy riding on the newly built bike trails.

www.hotelkotyza.cz



Photo: Hotel Kotyza

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Orlik Castle, photo: m-ARK

Humpolec

The Town Halfway

Humpolec is a great place for a trip or holiday, and not only because of its convenient location halfway between Prague and Brno. The town will always seem only a heartbeat away.



Tower of the Church of St. Nicholas, photo: Milan Makovička



Lookout from the Chimney of the Bernard Brewery, photo: archive of the BERNARD Family Brewery

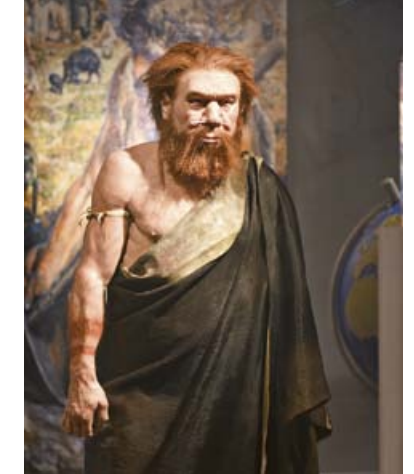
It's Good to Stay on Top of Things

Humpolec offers several opportunities to do just that. There are two lookout points right in the town centre, both unique in their own way. One is from the interior of the tower of the Church of St. Nicholas, once you climb past the

five bells and weights of the tower clock. Another option is to climb the lookout of the chimney of the Bernard brewery, which you can comfortably combine with a tour of the brewery. If you're looking for more of a challenge, go up to the ruins of the Orlik castle towering over the town, and you'll have Humpolec in the palm of your hand. Orlik is also one of the stops of the picturesque Březina nature trail, which takes you from the square through the area of ore deposits to the castle.

Culture, Knowledge and Exercise

Humpolec also offers a wide variety of cultural and social activities. The art connoisseurs will appreciate the 8smička art zone, a modern art gallery with a bookshop and a popular café. In summer, the Stromovka park becomes the scene of the multi-genre festival Summer Platform Humpolec. The Dr. Aleš Hrdlička's Museum boasts exhibitions on anthropology, puppetry, sewing and an exposition entitled "Hell". The town's cultural and information centre offers a wide range of events, such as concerts, theatre performances, workshops, traditional Czech festivals and events for kids. The Zichpil open-air museum, the beekeeping centre and occasionally the Jewish cemetery are also open to visitors.



Dr. Aleš Hrdlička's Museum, photo: Petr Lisý



Stromovka Park, photo: town archive of Humpolec

For those who prefer to be active, there are also many options. Humpolec has a swimming pool, an in-line skating and bike trail, a traffic safety park, a skatepark, a disc golf course, tennis and beach volleyball courts, an outdoor gym and much more. The information centre rents out tandem bikes, off-road scooters and outdoor games such as kubb, pétanque and mölkky.

And what about Hliník?

Hliník is still absent, but in the meantime, before he finally makes an appearance, you can drop by the Hliníkárium located in the information centre building. It's a prank museum dedicated to this phenomenal character from the Czechoslovak comedy Marečku, podejte mi pero! The character has a prominent place in Czech pop culture, so it's no surprise that he has his own plaque in the Stromovka park, right next to a plum tree, another reference to the classic Czech comedy. You can even send Hliník a postcard from your travels to the address: Citizen Hliník, Aluminiová ulice, Humpolec, 396 01. Even though the address is fictitious, the postcard will find its recipient! You can see them all in person in the Hliníkárium, sent all the way from New Zealand.

Humpolec

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Photo: Roman Šulc



Photo: MMR

THE ART OF HUMPOLEC



next to it is an art vending machine, or ArtMat, which pops out boxes of art for a few crowns a piece. In the town centre, you will encounter Richard Loskot's art stop, serving as a space for young artists. Near the Dvůrák pond, there is a statue called "Mlask a Dlask jedou spolu na riviéru" by Jiří Franta and David Böhm.

The 8smička art zone is open from Wednesday to Sunday, always from 10 AM to 6 PM, and the entrance fee to see the exhibition is a token charge of CZK 8.

For new information, go to the 8smicka.com website or the FB and IG channels.

8SMIČKA – Art Zone
Kamarytova 97, Humpolec
8smicka.com

The 8smička art zone was established on 18 April 2018. A former textile factory was transformed into a cultural centre with the help of the patrons Bára and Zdeněk Rýzner. Since then, 8smička has kept its visitors up to date on modern and contemporary art.

The hometown of artists Zorka and Jan Šágl, writer Jan Zábrana and poet Ivan Magor Jirous offers a space that organises three exhibitions a year. These are complemented by art lectures, guided tours, school events, art workshops, public space walking tours, film screenings and many other great events. The first floor is dedicated to an exceptional collection entitled 7+1: The Collector's Apartment, open to the public every Friday. The ground floor houses the exhibition space and a bookshop packed with beautiful books for all ages. There is a playroom with a creative building set and a studio. Part of the space is the Café 8smička with an offer of homemade desserts, delicious coffee and pastries. While visiting, there's plenty more to see besides the art zone, for example, another exhibition space, 8SMIČKA LIGHT – a former newsstand where you can admire art 24/7. Right



Photo: 8smička



The Château in Červená Řečice Shines Again

Photo: Roman Šulc

Červená Řečice is one of the smallest towns in our country, yet it has been an important place since the early Middle Ages. It is nestled in the Trnava valley, northwest between Humpolec (15 km) and Pelhřimov (10 km). It offers visitors a walk through history, pleasant relaxation at the nearby Trnávka reservoir and various hiking and cycling trails.

From the 12th century, the town of Červená Řečice was the centre of a large estate of the Prague bishops, and later, until 1948, it was also their summer residence. The local nature trail will take you through the most important sights. The square is adorned with several houses with preserved Baroque gables and a plague column with a statue of the Virgin Mary, a reminder of the town's difficult past. At noon, the bells of the Baroque Church of St. Mary Magdalene, which has Gothic foundations, resound throughout the town. You cross the park with lush greenery and trees, past the consecrated Gothic church of the Holy Spirit to the oldest part of the town called Račana. You return

along the banks of the ponds to the dominant château. The original Gothic water castle was rebuilt in the 16th century by the Leskovec family. The only fortified Renaissance château in the country is a national cultural monument. Don't be fooled by the later Baroque facade facing the main road. Just enter the first courtyard, and



Photo: Roman Šulc

you'll be greeted by towers, arcades, decorative gables, lining and sgraffito. The octagonal defensive towers really stand out. The château has been open to the public since summer 2023, and the current visitor circuit includes the archbishop's apartment and the archaeological exhibition. An unparalleled contemporary video mapping presents the history of the château and its surroundings through the centuries. The building is the ideal venue for weddings and cultural events. From the square, a nature trail leads down to the river valley with former mills, the Trnávka reservoir and the town beach. You can continue along the red trail to Želiv (5 kilometres) or climb the nearby rock with a romantic view.

www.cervenarecice.cz
www.cervenarecice.info



Photo: Libor Dederá



Vysočina Museum Pelhřimov, photo: museum archive



Chapel of Our Lady of Sorrows and Kámen Castle, photo: museum archive

Vysočina Museum Pelhřimov

CONVEYS THE HISTORY OF THE TOWN AND ITS SURROUNDINGS

In the 16th century, it was the seat of the town council, later the imperial-royal district court and today, the former chateau of the lords of Říčany houses the Vysočina Museum Pelhřimov. The highlight of the building is its Fresco Hall designed by Jan Jakub Quirin Jahn.

History buffs will be right at home in the museum exhibitions. They will discover the oldest objects from the museum's collection, such as the Pelhřimov liturgical book from the 15th century or the late Gothic statue of the Madonna of Červená Řečice. Visitors can also uncover the secrets of how the townspeople lived more than 120 years ago. It also displays a unique three-tier wedding cake from 1885. A part of the chateau houses a collection of artefacts

of the important Czech artists, medalists and sculptors Josef and Zdeněk Šejnost. The biggest attraction of the museum is the Town Prison exposition. It tells of tragic stories authentically recreated in the original premises of the town's prison. Visitors will get a glimpse of a prison cell, chapel and torture chamber. The Vysočina Museum Pelhřimov also operates the nearby Kámen castle. It is undergoing extensive reconstruction as well as construction of modern exhibition spaces and a new visitor centre. It should be open to the public in the summer of 2026.

Chapel of Our Lady of Sorrows in Kámen

While you cannot visit the castle, mainly known as a museum of single-track vehicles, you can explore the Baroque Chapel of Our Lady of Sorrows in the village of Kámen on the route from Pelhřimov to Tábor. It was built on the western edge of the village in the 17th century by Václav František Malovec of Malovice, the castle's then-owner. The interior of the chapel dates back to the

early Baroque period. The altar is dominated by a statue of Our Lady of Sorrows and figures of angels bearing symbols of the Passion of Jesus Christ. In 2017, the Vysočina region took over the chapel and began its extensive reconstruction. Today, it serves as a venue for concerts and social events renowned for its delightful organ.

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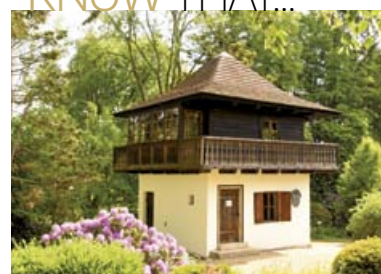


Photo: Vysočina Museum Pelhřimov

The museum also operates the house of the Dean Msgre. František Bernard Vaněk in the Dean's Garden. Its permanent exhibition commemorates the work of this important priest and patron who left an indelible imprint on the culture, sport and civic life of Pelhřimov.

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Fresco Hall, photo: Vysočina Museum Pelhřimov



Slávie Hotel

THE TASTE OF ART NOUVEAU

A varied offer of traditional Czech cuisine and homemade desserts in a pleasant and stylish environment overlooking the picturesque Pelhřimov square with a fountain – that's the elegance of the reconstructed Art Nouveau Slávie Hotel. Come and see for yourself!

The graceful curves and sophisticated shapes of Mucha's style have been imprinted into the uniform facades on the Renaissance-Baroque square since 1913 when the new Art Nouveau Slávie Hotel was built. The style of Art Nouveau is characterised by its ornamentation and decorativeness. It became a remedy for the monotonous "industrial ugliness" of the emerging modern era.

If you want to soak up the authentic atmosphere of the turn of the century, when sitting down with a cup of coffee or a glass of wine and liqueur was part of the lifestyle of the well-mannered and well-off townspeople, visit the local restaurant and Pizzeria & Café which have retained the original vibe. And that's not all. Meetings over coffee with the view of the square sparked long debates, discussions and friendly spats, which often resulted in honourable actions.

Today, the Slávie Hotel offers accommodation in nine newly reconstructed rooms of four-star quality. The rich

menu of the hotel restaurant caters to the locals as well as foodies coming from abroad. The omnipotent master chefs can whip up almost anything. It also offers catering to events that can be held on the hotel premises, for example, in the courtyard wing hall, which consists of two rooms separated by large stained glass doors and can accommodate up to 70 people. It's ideal for weddings, corporate parties, school reunions or ceremonial and funeral luncheons. Don't rush while visiting Pelhřimov. Be sure to stop in front of the portal of



Photo: Slávie Hotel

the Slávie Hotel, and before entering, explore the work of Pelhřimov architect Jan Kotrnoch and admire the artistic details between the windows. You are guaranteed a warm welcome and top-tier service.

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Go Off the Grid IN THE VYSOČINA REGION

Photo: Martin Dolný

Are you killing yourself at work, and stress is an old friend of yours? Leave the hustle and bustle of the city, put down your phone, return to the roots of manual labour, enjoy the pristine nature, peace and calm of the rural Vysočina region.



Photo: DoRa Bio-farm



Photo: Waldsteinovo Zátíší mansion



Photo: Třešnice Mill



Photo: Martin Dolný

The countryside is the epitome of pure nature, mental rest and manual labour that can turn into an extraordinary experience. Hop on a tractor, feed the farm animals, see the world from the saddle and treat yourself to homemade beef, fish, cheese, yoghurt and honey.

Ride a Tractor or Go Fishing

Experience an actual Czech pig slaughter in Bohušice in the Třebíč region and stay the night at **Bednářův dvůr**. They'll even let you drive a tractor. In **Chadim's Mill**, you will be told about flour milling and get a chance to visit a family-run eco-farm with a milling museum. If you want to learn what it takes to harvest honey from the bees and serve it at your table, visit the village of Kostelní Myslová near Telč and its **Nosek Bee Farm**. You can spend the night in a bee house, breathe in the air scented with honey, propolis and pollen, and enjoy their health benefits.

Head to the **Zelené údolí Eco Farm** in Heřmanov near Křižanov to experience true rustic serenity with donkeys, cows and deer all around. Anglers can try their luck at the **Třešnice Mill** in Třešnice in the Jihlava region or the **Forťovna Drážďany Guesthouse** near Kamenice nad Lipou. The **Ctiboř Eco Farm** near Žirovnice in the Pelhřimov region offers cosy accommodation with sheep wool and feather duvets. At the **Tasov Farm** in the Žďár region, you can try various activities and try your luck as a livestock farmer, baker or even a cheese maker for a day. If shooting sports or fishing is your thing or you're looking for a family holiday, wedding or celebration spot, try the **Waldsteinovo Zátíší mansion** near Svatoslav in the Třebíč region.

Animal Encounters for All Ages

Watching horses, pigs and goats is not just a thrill for the little ones. If you

want to spend your holiday in a horse saddle, visit the **Q Ranch Bezděkov** near Pavlov in the Jihlava region.

Every Saturday, the goat farm **DoRa Bio-farm** offers a tour of the stables and excellent coffee and desserts. On weekdays, you can also book guided tours showing you the farm. You can show your kids how to care for farm animals at the **Konvalinka Eco Farm and Guesthouse** in Jimramovské Pavlovice. It also offers family-friendly accommodation. The **Rybníček Farm** in the Pelhřimov region offers horseback riding, advanced riding, authentic countryside and farm life.



Photo: Zelené údolí Eco Farm

Explore Rural Beauty

Vysočina is a place where rich history meets tradition, honest work and craftsmanship. It also shapes the unique culture of the rural region. Discover architectural monuments and village conservation areas, telling stories that should not be forgotten. The colourful facades and Baroque gables illustrate the local folk architecture, which is most prominent in the village conservation area of **Dešov** in the Třebíč region. Less than half an hour away, you can find the **Dašov Mill** with a milling and rural museum. Discover the peasant life of those liv-

ing on the Haber estate from the end of the Thirty Years' War to the abolition of serfdom in 1848 at **Michalův statek**, the National Cultural Monument in Pohled in the Havlíčkův Brod region.

Experience the life of the poor at the turn of the 18th and 19th centuries at the cultural monument **Nápravník's House** in the Zichpil Open-Air Museum in Humpolec or the nearby chapel of toleration which illustrates the unique coexistence of three religions – Christianity, Evangelism and Judaism.

Don't miss the **Glassworks Huť Jakub Tasice**, an exceptionally well-preserved glassmaking open-air museum demonstrating glassmaking from the 18th and 19th centuries. Its first glass products saw the light of day in 1796. Since 2014, the glassworks has been a National Cultural Monument.

How did medieval blacksmiths get by, and where did they get the material? You will find out in the former hammer mill, later water mill, in the picturesque Sázava valley in **Hamry nad Sázavou**. The granary on the château grounds in **Žirovnice** with its exhibitions shows examples of rural art of the past. You can explore local rural traditions and crafts, a rural house and a ceramic nativity scene. While you're here, be sure to visit the 16th-century brewery with its exhibition of button making, mother-of-pearls, sewing machines and a micro-brewery demonstration.

Wrap yourself in the warm embrace of the rural tranquillity, authentic nature, history and craftsmanship of the Vysočina region. Stock up on the countryside calm. More at www.vysocina.eu.

Visit the tourist website www.vysocina.eu for an overview of craft breweries, regional products and gourmet tips with a touch of the countryside.



Roštejn

Roštejn castle is situated in the forests between the historic towns of Telč and Třešť and is worth a visit while being in the area. It offers a wide range of possibilities to spend a fun and rather unconventional day exploring nature and history.

PLAYFUL EXPLORATION OF NATURE AND HISTORY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY



Despite its relatively small size, the castle is one of the most visited sights in the Vysočina region and has been attracting a lot of families with children recently. They can enjoy the self-guided interactive route focused on nature, hunting and gamekeeping. And if you lose track of time while enjoying the myriad of playful activities, that's okay. You can spend as much time as you want here during opening hours. The story of the castle as a former hunting lodge is the topic of the guided tours leading through the furnished period halls. The castle is an interactive experience, and these tours are no exception; they allow visitors to step into

the shoes of the former castle inhabitants and take part in a hunting feast. Another highlight of the castle is its historical wall paintings. These include the herbarium on the walls of the botanical hall or hundreds of heraldic emblems in the blazon hall. It plays host to regular cultural events, such as theatre performances, a jazz festival or fencing and hunting

days. The surrounding area is interwoven with a network of hiking, biking and nature trails, offering abundant activities. The most interesting ones are a nature trail leading from the castle to the current Roštejn game reserve with info boards explaining local gamekeeping and a playful geo exposition at the entrance to the reserve. It reminds the visitors of the local area of the Vysočina National Geopark.



Photo: m-ARK 3x



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Zubštejn, photo: m-ARK



Dalečín, photo: m-ARK

FOLLOW THE Mystical Ruins of Vysočina

You can come here for adventure, history and exploring forgotten stories. By discovering the local castle ruins, you will learn of many ancient tales still shrouded in mystery. Do you want to know more? Then visit Vysočina.

Ruins that Can Tell Stories

Follow in the footsteps of knights, noblemen and beautiful maidens. The Vysočina region provides an area of several square kilometres with a high density of castle ruins. For example, the ruins of the **Zubštejn, Dalečín, Pyšolec and Aueršperk** castles are all located near Vír dam in the Bystřice region.

Another "ruin-rich" area is in the vicinity of Dalešická dam in the Třebíč region. Boating on the reservoir, you will see the ruins of **Holoubek, Kozlov and Kokštejn** castles looming from the surrounding rocks.

Ruins above the Oslava and Jihlava rivers

From the town of Náměšť nad Oslavou, head to the picturesque Oslava valley and three historic **castle ruins of Lamberský, Kraví hora and Levnov**. The red-marked hiking trail is designed for more experienced hikers. Apart from Levnov, the castles were inhabited by bandit knights.

Not far from the village of Dukovany, you will find the ruins of the Rabštejn castle, founded by Conrad I of Brno, son of Bretislav I. After the Hussite wars, however, it became the residence of the bandit knights, and was demolished in the 15th century.

Uncover Forgotten History

To be closer to history and nature, visit **Štamberk castle ruins** near Řasná in the Jihlava region, where you will find a boulder field and rare flora and fauna.

You should also visit the well-preserved ruins of the Gothic **Rokštejn castle** near Brtnice in the Jihlava region. **Orlík castle** from the 14th century towers over the town of Humpolec and offers a great view from the lookout tower embedded in the original castle tower and many tourist events all year round.

Head to the Vysočina region, a place shrouded in mystery where the past comes alive.

www.vysocina.eu



Orlík near Humpolec, photo: m-ARK

Harmony Has a Name

Svatá Kateřina Resort

NO CARS. JUST NATURE. TRANQUILLITY.
SPA. YOGA. AYURVEDA. AND YOU.

The Svatá Kateřina Resort in Vysočina is a place which is lovely all year round and offers the cleanest air in the country. There's no place like this unique combination of vast nature, tranquillity, diverse sports activities, excellent gastronomy, yoga, Ayurveda and spa. A place which goes back to nature.

You'll park your car in the parking lot in Počátky, where the hotel shuttle will pick you up and deliver you to a quiet place in the middle of the woods. Part of the concept is the absence of TVs in the rooms. However, there is still the possibility to connect to the hotel's Wi-Fi. Let your undisturbed stay begin.

Ayurveda Pavilion

This sanctuary seems to be hovering above the surrounding landscape like a revelation. The architect Jakub Tejkl managed to build the structure on 108 stone pillars, creating a timeless architectural marvel that is guaranteed to captivate visitors. The granite stones are 4.5 metres tall at their highest point, connecting the wooden pavilion to the ground, to a specific place and the landscape. Much like roots connect the tree's trunk, branches and leaves to the life-giving soil. The large windows offer breathtaking views

of the surrounding area. It's no wonder the pavilion won the Building of the Year in 2019. The architect managed to combine two different concepts, spa and Ayurveda, in an unparalleled manner. It covers a vast area of 1,600 m²

and consists of two parts. The first is dedicated exclusively to Ayurveda and Ayurvedic therapy, while the second offers various spa treatments. There is a Finnish sauna, a steam room, two large whirlpools with a view of the sur-



Photo: And It's Svatá Kateřina Resort

rounding nature, a pool with massage benches and gentle reflexology – a therapy zone involving walking on stones and pebbles. After a sauna, a dip in the pool or a massage, you can relax outside on the outdoor Sun Terrace. The Ayurveda section offers six specialised treatment rooms with steam cabins for intensive absorption of healing oils after Ayurvedic treatments. The interior is furnished with original furniture to evoke the atmosphere of India. In Svatá Kateřina, you'll experience authentic Ayurveda, learn its principles under the supervision of Ayurvedic doctors and 14 Indian therapists and get a taste of the Ayurvedic diet. In addition to the individual therapies, you can choose from seven Ayurvedic programmes that focus on fatigue and stress relief, back pain, detox, weight loss and women's health issues, such as PMS, menopause and pregnancy planning. If you are new to Ayurveda, you can choose a shorter stay and learn its principles over the weekend.

The resort provides accommodation in three buildings. The Svatá Kateřina Hotel houses a restaurant, a yoga hall and a hotel spa with Finnish saunas, aromatherapy steam rooms, outdoor whirlpools and other therapeutic rooms. The Garrison and Gymnasion hotel buildings allow pets on the premises, so you can bring your four-legged friends with you.

The extensive grounds encourage outdoor activities all year round. You can go cross-country skiing, snow-

shoe hiking, horseback riding, Nordic walking, mountain biking, golf driving, walking or play tennis and enjoy the cleanest air in the country. That's the reason there have been climatic spas here for centuries. The Svatá Kateřina Resort is a place encouraging you to slow down and put aside the duties of everyday life.

Through the Stomach to Healthy Life

The resort's kitchen is worth tasting for several reasons. Chef Adrian Peka is known for working at Wine Food Market and IL GUSTO. His rich experience from abroad echoes in his dishes. You are guaranteed fresh ingredients, locally sourced meat or herbs grown in our garden. The meals are calorically balanced and cater to allergic intolerances and dieting requirements. You can also try Ayurvedic food prepared by Chef Nalin. The vegetarian dishes include all six flavours and are delicious and easy to digest. You'll stay sufficiently hydrated during your stay thanks to the Svatá Kateřina spring.

A Variety of Packages to Cater to Every Need

The Svatá Kateřina Resort offers plenty of packages to choose from; just take your pick from the following: Wellness, Ayurveda, Yoga, Romance, For Women, Destress, Weight Loss, Detox and Rejuvenate. It also includes dates for stays with small children up to 6 years to allow for trips full of family-friendly fun. There is an outdoor playground,



a kid's corner, a spa and a variety of sports activities. If you want to get a relaxing massage, you can book a babysitter.

The Stone Circle of the Druids

Another unique feature highlights the singularity of the resort. Since 2014, it boasts the largest cromlech in Czechia. It is a modern-day replica of a megalithic structure, and the watershed of the Black and North Seas passes through this stone circle. It consists of 33 stones in a regular circle with a circumference of 108 metres. The 34th stone is located in its centre. They can process light, especially the light of the Sun, the Moon and the Earth and cosmic energy. It is a place devoted to meditation and healing. So, what are you waiting for? The resort, nestled in Vysočina's nature, is a must-visit oasis of tranquillity.

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Telč, photo: Aleš Motejl

Region under Javořice Mountain

A PLACE WHERE YOU WON'T GET BORED

The popular Region under Javořice Mountain is an imaginary triangle formed by the picturesque towns of Telč, Třešť and Počátky. The natural landscape between them invites visitors for walks and bike trips.

Javořice mountain is the highest peak of the Bohemian-Moravian Highlands and serves as an unmistakable landmark. It guards ancient ruins, diverse geological formations and rare peat bogs right in the heart of the Vysočina region. You will discover not only beautiful nature but also many monuments, museums and exhibitions. You might even take part in one of the many cultural events held here throughout the year. The area won't disappoint even the foodies with its several micro-breweries, a French bistro, a château restaurant or a stylish 1910s inn, a part of the local manor house.

www.krajpodjavorici.cz

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UNESCO and Rich Cultural Life Visit Telč

The fairy-tale town of Telč, with its UNESCO-listed historic centre (since 1992), is an exceptionally well-preserved architectural complex. It includes a square and a recently reconstructed Renaissance château that invites you to explore one of its five tours. Climb up the St. James and the Holy Spirit towers, descend to the Telč Underground or visit the new museum in the former hospital building or the Museum of Technology. The Oslednice lookout tower offers a breath-

taking view of the town. At the turn of July and August, you can witness a historic steam train passing through. The town hosts a number of events, such as performances by folklore groups "Folklor v máji", Czech-French Music Academy Telč or the longest music festival in Czechia called "Prázdniny v Telči", which lasts for 17 days.

Art lovers will appreciate the exhibitions of the Municipal Gallery "Hasičský dům" or the permanent Míla Doležalová's Exposition. Visit the Telč Underground, a fun multimedia exhibition with a treasure hunt for the whole family. Those seeking active holidays can head to the sports and leisure centres Manor House Court Telč, Ranch in Telč or the Roštejn pond. They can walk along trails leading to one of the oldest lime alleys and the Lipka in-line skating trail. Cycling enthusiasts can take advantage of a number of bike trails, including single trails.

www.telc.eu, www.zamek-telc.cz/en



Telč, photo: town archive



Míla Doležalová's Exposition, photo: M. Pokorný



Malviny Swimming Pool, photo: town archive of Třešť

Get to Know Třešť – City of Nativity Scenes and Famous Personalities

The town of Třešť – a favourite destination of the writer Franz Kafka, the setting of a unique nativity scene tradition and the place with a remarkable synagogue and the largest sundial in Central Europe.

To get your Christmas mojo on at any time of the year, visit the nativity scene collection in the Schumpeter House, the birthplace of the famous economist and political scientist. The display of the wooden carvings uses moss to complete the landscape. One of the most extraordinary exhibits is the communal nativity scene, which has been expanding every year since 2002 during the summer woodcarving event. History buffs will appreciate the local branch of the Vysočina Museum Jihlava or the synagogue with an arcade on the front facade. The permanent exposition commemorates the stay of Franz Kafka and the troubled fate of local Jews. To complete the experience, you can walk through the Jewish part of the city. Near the train station, you will find an



Nativity Scene, photo: town archive of Třešť

exhibition focused on Tesla with old radio receivers, radios, TV transmitters and televisions.

Do you prefer an active holiday? You can go for a run, play disc golf, or have a mindful walk along the "Lesní mysl" trail in the château park; the sky is the limit.

www.trest.cz, www.trestskebetlemy.cz/en/



Třešť, photo: m-APK



Počátky, photo: town archive of Počátky 2x

Film History and Healing Springs in Počátky

A historical town nestled under the Lísek hill, Počátky was famous for its nearby spas. Local Palacký Square was the setting of the famous Czech comedy Postřižiny with the actress Magda Vášáryová.

A distinctive town landmark is the now Baroque Church of St. John the Baptist. In summer, you can climb up its tower and enjoy the view of the surrounding area. You can also visit the birthplace of the famous Czech poet Otakar Březina and learn about his life. The house is operated by the Municipal Museum in Počátky, which is one of the oldest in the region. It houses rich ethnographic collections and displays of crafts and life in the 19th century. To satisfy your thirst for history, be sure to continue to St. Vojtěch's Manor House. The hotel and restaurant will transport you to the elegant times of the 1920s. The local nature trail will guide you through the springs, which are said to have healing powers. These springs gave birth to the local spa, which treated the father of the Čapek brothers. The spa complex was replaced by the Svatá Kateřina Resort, an oasis of perfect tranquility in the middle of the woods.

In addition to the nature, cycling and hiking trails, you can also take a walk through the longest larch alley in Czechia, Valchovská Alley or take the nature trail called the Path of the Old Cloth Weavers. Nearby Lake Valcha, with its beach and facilities, is a popular swimming destination.

www.pocatky.cz





Panský dvůr Telč

MULTIFUNCTIONAL COMPLEX

Plenty of fun activities for groups and individuals of all ages with the option to spend the night, play sports, relax and eat good food – all this you can experience only a few hundred meters from the historic centre of Telč at Panský dvůr Telč (Manor House Court Telč).

The multifunctional complex has become a popular destination for tourists. There is something for everyone. It offers a restaurant with good food and beer from its own microbrewery, a guesthouse with 46 beds, a glamping option (3 houses on stilts with a capacity of up to 6 people), a visitor centre with electric bike rental and a café with a large children's play area. The wide variety of leisure options guarantees a boredom-free stay. There are interesting educational expositions on forestry, agriculture and fishing. Sports enthusiasts can

try the climbing wall and the unique dry tooling route with ice axes. Culture aficionados will be delighted with the choice of exhibitions, concerts, markets, theatre plays, film screenings and festivals. Besides public events, the resort also organises teambuilding sessions, weddings and private celebrations. It offers a loft and ballroom space (both with a capacity of 200 people) and smaller lounges. The resort includes a spacious sensory garden of harmony.

www.panskydvurtelc.cz/en/



Photo: archive of Panský dvůr Telč



Dačice Château

Dačice

The Birthplace of the Sugar Cube

Dačice is one of the oldest towns in southwestern Moravia. The first written mention from 1183 refers to it as a parish settlement situated at the crossroads of trade routes between Moravia, Bohemia and Austria. It spreads over both banks of the Moravská Thaya River, and it is an industrial, social and cultural centre of the region and an ideal starting point for hiking and cycling through the beautiful nature of the Podyjí region and Czech Canada.



U Třech křížů Lookout

The town centre was declared a conservation area in 1990, and the preserved monuments date back to the Renaissance and Baroque periods. The dominant feature of Dačice is the massive Baroque Church of St. Lawrence with its Renaissance tower. Another important Baroque monument located on the opposite river bank is the Convent of the Order of

the Barefoot Carmelites with the Church of St. Anthony of Padua. The highlight of Dačice is the state château, which was declared a national cultural monument in 2003. Originally a Renaissance structure, it has undergone many alterations, the last of which gave it an Empire appearance. The château interior boasts a beautiful Art Nouveau library, a unique Empire staircase, a neo-Baroque chapel, a valuable picture gallery, natural history collections and many personal objects from the old owners. Many smaller sacral monuments can be found in the surrounding area. The local landscape is adorned with hundreds of chapels, crucifixes, wayside shrines and village churches. They offer visitors peace and quiet; they can stop by and rest for a while. The same beneficial

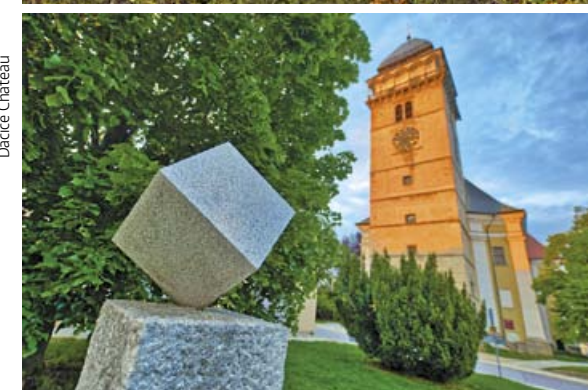


Photo: town archive of Dačice



Château Park

effects are gained by walking through the surrounding landscape, whether along the nature trail, the Otter trail along the river or the Gamekeeper's trail in the nearby forest. You can also go on a pleasant walk through the large château park or along the Way of the Cross leading to the lookout point "U Třech křížů" above the town.

Head to the Dačice visitor centre in the historic Renaissance town hall to learn about the story of the invention of the sugar cube, tips for interesting trips, local cultural events and much more.

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Jemnice

and its 3D Town Model and New Château Expositions

The locals connect the town of Jemnice with the popular historical festival called Barchan. However, this small town with four thousand citizens in the Třebíč region has much more to offer. A new local highlight is a ten-metre-high 3D model of the historic town as it looked before the great fire of 1832. You will find it under the new roof of the reconstructed château.

The 3D historical model (1:100), which includes the suburbs and the village of Podolí from the first half of the 19th century, is located on the château's ground floor. Its creation was preceded by thorough archival research, which also provided complementary information on the inhabitants of the historic houses. It was designed by ethnologist Jana Lochmanová and artist Petr Szyroki. It is based on a map from 1824. The aim of the authors was to capture as faithfully as possible the appearance of the town and the life and work of its inhabitants. When you look closer, you will discover a wooden gate of the slaughterhouse, a freshly dug grave, bow targets under the walls or outhouses and piles of dung in the farm courtyards. Everyone can see where the locals went to get their shoes repaired or needed the services of the blacksmith. Peasants lived in Podolí, while the Romanesque rotunda collapsed just a few years before and the last few stones can be seen by the Church of St. James. The local tavern stood on the right bank of the Želetavka River and opposite the



Photo: m-ARK



Château, photo: town archive

Chapel of St. Elizabeth and the bakery. The château looked similar as today, and the city walls were still standing in their entirety. The town continues to restore the local château, which houses the 3D model and an exhibition of old radios. The next step is to renew the hunting lounge. Although there is still much to do, the château and its adjacent park are already popular destinations for visitors.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Who Started the Fire

According to an urban legend, the fire was started by a local drunkard. He wanted to set the local pub on fire when the innkeeper refused to serve him. He was looking for some straw but only found it in the attic of the neighbouring house on the square. Due to the strong wind, the fire spread quickly, reaching all the way to Podolí, where two old men and two children died because of it. Some houses were utterly ruined. The fire contaminated the water and caused a dysentery epidemic, causing 20 more deaths. People first blamed the local baker. The real arsonist reportedly confessed to his crime on his death bed.

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Sightseeing and Entertainment

ON THE BORDER OF THE VYSOČINA AND SOUTH-MORAVIAN REGION

Don't rush your visit. Find the right accommodation and enjoy the sightseeing in Jaroměřice nad Rokytnou, Nové Syrovice, Moravské Budějovice or even Vranov nad Dyjí. In any case, you will be rewarded with a relaxing and fun time.



Opera Hotel

Not far from the Baroque château in Jaroměřice nad Rokytnou is a pleasant hotel housed in a historically protected building. You will find comfortable and peaceful accommodation in single, double or quadruple rooms and suites with a capacity of 85 people, a conference hall and three lounges. It offers bowling and billiards, a Finnish sauna and the option to book a massage. The hotel restaurant offers delicious food and tailor-made catering for celebrations, weddings and corporate events.

hotelopera.cz



Grasel Guesthouse

Find amazing accommodation a short distance from Moravské Budějovice, in Nové Syrovice. It is named after local native John George Grasel, who was a robber. His name is used in Czech as a common term for a rascal or villain ("grázl") to this day. It is equipped with modern rooms for 37 people in the attic, and apartments for 20 more. It offers an outdoor whirlpool, indoor heated pool, infrared sauna and massage chairs. The guesthouse also has a restaurant. The chef caters to the restaurant clientele and also prepares lunches for delivery using electric cars along five routes. In addition, you can order catering services or just rent catering equipment.

penziongrasel.cz



Panel Apartments

An accommodation option in the picturesque landscape near Vranov dam, right next to the Thaya River and guarded by the ruins of Cornštejn castle. Five separate modern apartments can accommodate 39 people. The heated roof terrace can accommodate up to a hundred people, so you can relax and enjoy yourself. You can take advantage of the indoor heated pool and the Finnish sauna, and your children will be delighted by the playground, playroom, rowing boats and fireplace. In July and August, a small outdoor kiosk offers refreshments, and regular concerts, parties and children's events take place on the terrace.

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Jaroměřice nad Rokytnou: Château and More

The town is dominated by the Baroque pearl, sometimes called Moravian Versailles – Jaroměřice chateau. Once you have walked the chateau corridors and soaked up the historical vibes, you can relax in the chateau's French garden or the adjacent English garden.

The chateau complex encompasses the Church of St. Margaret, which underwent extensive reconstruction, offering visitors a chance to see its renovated interiors since the summer of 2023. Both the Baroque appearance of the chateau and the magnificent church recall the heyday of the Questenberg

family, a period marking the creation of the first Czech opera about the origin of Jaroměřice. Music is still intertwined with life in Jaroměřice, especially the annual International Music Festival of Petr Dvorský, held every August. The Otokar Březina Museum commemorates the work and life of its namesake, an important local poet. It is the oldest literature museum in Moravia, which celebrated its 90th anniversary in 2022. If you prefer nature, make sure to put the Rokytná Nature Park on your itinerary. This unique valley along the meandering Rokytná river stands out for its well-preserved landscape. The river bends and flows around numerous rock formations, creating a unique habitat for rare flora and protected fauna. There is a yellow-marked hiking trail, which can also be completed on a bike.

Water Fun and Go-Cart Racing

The local multifunctional complex offers a wide range of sports activities. A children's traffic safety park is open from April to October. On weekends, small cars and go-karts can be borrowed for free. On hot summer days, cool off in the municipal swimming pool surrounded by trees and grassy areas for sunbathing. Adults will appreciate the large 50 x 30-metre pool, while children will enjoy the smaller pool with a fountain and slide. There is a beach volleyball court and a playground for children as well as other necessities like refreshment stands, changing rooms and on-site parking.



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Restored Beauty of the Baroque Pearl

A masterpiece from the High Baroque period, the Church of St. Margaret in Jaroměřice nad Rokytnou is rightly called the Baroque Pearl of the Vysočina region.

Not so long ago, the church in Jaroměřice was on the verge of closure due to its poor technical condition. Today, it boasts its renewed beauty and attracts visitors who try the guided tours and climb the lookout tower. Thanks to the funding with significant support from the European Union and the outstanding efforts of previous generations, an extensive renovation costing CZK 100 million took place in 2019. Three years later, the church invited visitors to explore its gallery, among other things.

The highlight of the church is its unique roof structure, which the 3D model describes in detail. The restoration of the roof helped save the monumental fresco decorating the church. It also renewed the interior decoration and other objects.

The nave of the church is adorned by unique liturgical furnishings by the prominent academic sculptor Otmar Oliva.

Witness the Splendour Firsthand

You can choose from two sight-seeing routes. Route A takes you through the history of the church, leading through the nave, the old sacristy, the count's oratory and the depository, while showing you the choir loft and the 3D model of the dome. Route B leads through the nave of the church and the community centre to the terrace overlooking the chateau park. In tourist season, you can also climb up the lookout tower.

The space is unique for its **acoustic features**, which are demonstrated

during guided tours through **the sound of the organ**.

The Church of St. Margaret in Jaroměřice nad Rokytnou is a place of spiritual calm and an unrivalled combination of art, architecture and music. Come and see for yourself the unprecedented beauty of the blend of three artistic fields and this one-of-a-kind space. Choose one of the guided tour routes or visit one of the cultural events organised during the year.

The church is open in April and October, always on weekends, from May to September from Tuesday to Sunday and in other months by phone arrangement (phone: 604 907 690). It's possible to book a tour in English or German by prior arrangement.
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Photo: Jakub Mertl 2x



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The Captivating Story of the Miraculous Valeč Château

Do you believe in miracles? In 2008, Mr. Bronislav Vala literally raised the dilapidated ruin of Valeč château in the Třebíč region from the ashes. He turned it into a Renaissance jewel adorning the local landscape and one of the most luxurious and largest spa hotels in the Vysočina region.

The hotel complex consists of a château building, a modern structure, a spectacular spa centre with outdoor pools heated year-round and indoor pools, a sauna world, children's playrooms and a spacious restaurant with seasonal specialties and renowned desserts made on the château premises. It is sought out by individuals and families

with kids, and thanks to the large accommodation capacity and a variety of multi-functional halls, Valeč is an ideal venue for conferences and weddings.

Charming Château Garden

The château garden spans over ten hectares with a park, ponds and a lime alley near the château.



Photo: Château Valeč Hotel

Mr. Vala's wish was to plant a beautiful château garden that would grow together with his grandchildren and bring joy to all visitors of Valeč. He passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in July 2022. However, his legacy continues through the château grounds.



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A Château Full of History and Craftsmanship

The château in Moravské Budějovice has stood here since the late 17th century. Today, it houses the local museum, which is a branch of the Vysočina Museum Třebíč. After a challenging reconstruction, the museum opened to the public in April 2022. There are two permanent and one seasonal exhibitions.

The first exhibition is called Crafts and Trades of Southwest Moravia. The premises house the secrets of trades such as watchmaking, baking, file making as well as hat making, comb and bead making. Documentary films are screened to show selected crafts, and there are interactive tasks for children. The second part presents the former meat shops on Purcnerova street. The second exhibition is entitled The

Story of the Town and Château. It outlines the town's urban development and introduces local personalities. You will see the office of the nobility and the château interiors adapted to the period appearance of the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries. The château premises house seasonal exhibitions devoted to natural science topics, such as The Healing Nature, which talks about the use of herbs in the past and present in human health.

www.muzmb.cz



Château, photo: town archive



Choose the Ideal Wedding Venue

in the Vysočina Region

Are you planning a wedding and have a clear idea of what this special day should look like? Whether you would like a rural wedding, château wedding, church wedding or something untraditional, Vysočina has got you covered.

The Vysočina region has a strategic location in the centre of the country. It offers exciting venues with high-quality services at reasonable prices. Once you have a clear idea of your dream wedding, there are plenty of options.

Rural Wedding

Combining beautiful nature with the celebration of love in a tranquil, peaceful and intimate atmosphere. That would be a typical wedding in the Vysočina region.

1. Kalhov Farm (Jihlava region)
2. Líšenský Dvůr Resort (Žďár region)
3. Samota jak víno (Jihlava region)
4. Stříbrný dvůr (Jihlava region)
5. Heřmanice Farm (Havlíčkův Brod region)
6. Horecký dvůr (Třebíč region)

Stříbrný dvůr, photo: Stribný dvůr



Château Wedding

Feel like a princess on one of the most important days in your life. Surround yourself with beautiful château interiors and exteriors, and take advantage of a full package with accommodation for your wedding guests.

1. Château Třešť Hotel (Jihlava region)
2. Château Valeč Hotel (Třebíč region)
3. Žďár nad Sázavou Castle (Žďár region)

Unconventional Wedding

How about getting married in a brewery, at a zoo or next to a flooded quarry? Explore the possibilities of unconventional wedding venues in the Vysočina region.

1. Bernard Visitor Centre (Pelhřimov region)
2. Jihlava Zoo (Jihlava region)
3. Za Vratama (Třebíč region)



Town Brewery in Polná, photo: SIFA FOTO

4. Town Brewery in Polná (Jihlava region)
5. Hidden Retreat (Havlíčkův Brod region)

Hotel Wedding

Do you want a conservative wedding with comfort and pampering? Then, a full-package hotel wedding is the perfect fit.

1. Medličky Spa Guesthouse (Jihlava region)
2. Rytířsko Hotel (Jihlava region)
3. Lihovar Centre (Třebíč region)
4. Želiv Monastery (Pelhřimov region)

For more tips for your dream wedding, visit www.vysocinasvatba.cz to see what the Vysočina region has to offer.



Žďár nad Sázavou Castle, photo: SIFA FOTO

Panský dvůr Telč, photo: Vysočina Tourism



Spellbound by
the Třebíč

St. Procopius Basilica, photo: town archive

WONDERLAND

A unique town with a rich history and an example of the harmonious coexistence of the Christian and Jewish communities. It boasts many rarities, UNESCO monuments, cafés, alleys of the Jewish quarters and unique exhibitions for children and adults. That is the town of Třebíč in Southwestern Moravia, nestled in the middle of the picturesque foothills of the Bohemian-Moravian Highlands.

World-Renowned Historical Gems

The complex of the former Benedictine monastery with St. Procopius Basilica, the Jewish quarter and cemetery – these are the UNESCO monuments of Třebíč. They are connected by the “In the Footsteps of Abbots and Rabbis” nature trail, revealing stories from the lives of both religious communities. The Rear Synagogue from 1669 is definitely worth a visit. Its interior is decorated with a wall painting from the early 18th century, which belongs among the most beautiful Baroque paintings in Moravia. You can also visit the Seligmann Bauer House, an example of Jewish housing in the interwar period, and then continue to one of the atmospheric cafés in the Jewish quarter. They offer quality coffee, homemade cakes and Jewish sweets.



Crypt of St. Procopius Basilica, photo: town archive



Three Hoods Festival, photo: town archive

St. Procopius Basilica is one of the jewels of medieval architecture. Both experts and laymen will appreciate the wall paintings in the abbey chapel, the Romanesque rosette with its original ten-part stone tracery and the extraordinary crypt, whose vault is supported by fifty columns. In addition to the basilica, you can visit Wallenstein château with four exhibitions of the Museum Vysočina Třebíč, the château ice house, herb garden, château moat and interactive exhibition Journeys Through Time for children and adults alike.

For an eerie atmosphere, step into the Třebíč Jewish cemetery. It is one of the largest and best preserved in Czechia. The Rear Synagogue Visitor Centre offers guided tours of the Jewish quarter. You can choose from two circuits.

Discover Unique Exhibitions

A paradise for kids which doesn't neglect the parents. The interactive exhibition Journeys through Time on the château grounds will transport you to medieval times. The children will be given an opportunity to learn one of the traditional trades. They will try to put bread in the oven or process grain with a grindstone. You can discover what the town looked like in the early and high Middle Ages in the “Forgotten Třebíč” permanent exhibition of archaeological findings from Charles Square. It consists of four halls of displays and is open all year round on the château grounds. The town also boasts the only windmill in the country that used wind energy to crush tanbark. The dilapidated building was renovated in 2020. It houses a display of trades like tanning and shoemaking, interesting facts about tanbark milling and the story of the last tenants.



Windmill, photo: town archive



František Mertl, photo: town archive

Meet the Saviour of Children and World-Famous Painter

Attention eluded him for many years. Now, the whole world knows who he is. Antonín Kalina, a native of Třebíč, saved hundreds of Jewish children imprisoned in the Buchenwald concentration camp during WWII. The Children of Antonín Kalina exhibition in the Jewish quarter will certainly leave an impression. The central exhibit is a forged tree of life with leaves carrying the names of the 860 rescued children.

Třebíč is also linked to the renowned painter František Mertl, aka “Franta”. He donated his collection of works to his hometown. The FRANTA Gallery is located in the National House on Charles Square.



Children of Antonín Kalina Exhibition, photo: town archive

Třebíč to the Fullest

Soak up the town from the gallery of the tower at the Church of St. Martin, which was originally built as part of the town's fortification system. You can also admire one of the largest historical clocks in Czechia. You will get a view of the revived Charles Square – one of the largest squares in the country – adorned, for example, by the Painted House with a sgraffito facade and a gallery inside. Continue with the Black House, the town hall or the National House with a visitor centre and the FRANTA Gallery, housing a collection of modern art. The Jewish quarter awaits you with unique Czech whiskey and the first and only brain gym in Czechia called Mozkoherna, where you can try out modern neurotechnology and score a goal only using your thoughts.

TRIP RECOMMENDATION

Climb up the nearby lookout tower at Pekelný hill and take in the view of the town. The structure consists of a spiral steel staircase and an observation deck at the top. In good visibility, you can even see the peaks of the Alps.



Pekelný Hill Lookout Tower, photo: m-ARK

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TRADITIONS AND
MODERN EXPOSITIONS



Photo: Vysočina Museum Třebíč



Vysočina Museum Třebíč

Activities, interactive exhibitions and unique château space. This sums up the Vysočina Museum Třebíč located in the local château. It certainly deserves to be called a museum of the 21st century. Its expositions cater to all ages, and the château spaces, originally a Benedictine monastery, are open all year round.

Four museum exhibitions are animated with authentic sounds and full-screen video projections. Explore the World of Inanimate Nature with an unrivalled collection of Moravian moldavites and tektites from all over the world, The World of Portals and Gates, which offers a comprehensive view of the history of the Benedictine and Capuchin orders in Třebíč, and Wallensteins in Třebíč exhibition, which will guide you through the château interiors and display a quite extraordinary set of pipes. The fourth exhibition entitled “People. Places. Fates.” introduces the region, its religion and the folk tradition of the paper nativity scene, the fine arts and architecture of the town, the local nature, industry and war history. The château stables host short-term exhibitions, such as the

annual Christmas Nativity Exhibition. The museum also includes the Tympanon gallery organising art exhibitions.

Šmeral's Farm: Centre of Traditional Folk Culture

Are you into the folk traditions and culture of both sides of the Czech-Austrian border? Then, visit the events and exhibitions of the historical Šmeral's Farm on Cyrilometodějská Street in Třebíč, operated by the local museum. Interactive experiences will present the local customs, folk crafts and trades. There are also educational programmes designated for children. The space hosts workshops, lectures and events, such as Mardi Gras, Craft Fair, Easter Rattle, Summer Hayride and dulcimer concerts.



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Invitation to 2024 Events

- 100 Years of Třebíč Scouting Exhibition (24 April–2 June)
- Château in Blue – accompanying programme of the Záměstí festival (7–8 June)
- (Im)prints of the Old Empire Exhibition – Zdeněk Řezníček and his friends Bohuslav Reynek, Josef Florian and others (21 June–3 November)
- Daytime camp for children (22–26 July)
- Daytime camp for seniors (19–23 August)
- Live Café – summer evenings at the museum (end of August)
- Singing at the straw Nativity scene (8 December)



Třebíč, photo: Jakub Mertl

TO VYSOČINA REGION by Train

You know how it is. You plan the trip, avoid traffic jams, find a parking space, keep the kids entertained, concentrate on driving, remember to mount the bike rack and secure the bikes and have the non-alcoholic option instead of the refreshing regional beer special. How about getting rid of all the disadvantages and going on a train trip? The Vysočina region is perfect for train travel. It is an equal distance from all parts of Bohemia and Moravia.

Visit the region's website www.vysocina.eu and the section Vysočina Region by Train, where you will find recommendations for trips, where to eat and where to stay according to your travel preferences, whether in spring, summer or even autumn. Besides, travelling by train is much more comfortable now. Railway aficionados will appreciate the Posázava Pacific train and its nostalgic atmosphere. However, if you prefer Wi-Fi, air conditioning and an electrical outlet, there are plenty of options for you, too.

Map of Towns and Cities Easily Accessible by Train

Whether you are visiting for a day, several days or the whole week, you can use the neat map with all the main railway routes. It lists the cities and towns worth visiting:



Horní Cerekev, photo: Petr Lemberk

• **Žďár nad Sázavou** with the UNESCO monument – **Church of St. John of Nepomuk at Zelená hora**

• **Třebíč** with UNESCO monuments – the historical jewel of **St. Procopius Basilica** and the unique **Jewish quarter and cemetery**

• You can also reach the fairy-tale UNESCO town of **Telč** with its château, château garden and romantic ponds surrounding the square.

The map also lists **Havlíčkův Brod** on the Brno-Prague route, regional capital of **Jihlava** connecting Havlíčkův Brod with Třebíč, and **Horní Cerekev** on route leading from South Bohemia and turning to **Pelhřimov**.

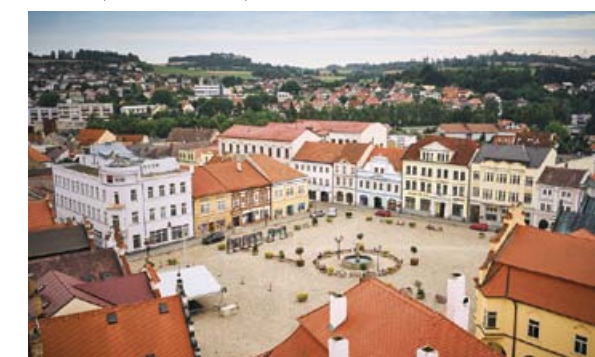
Urban tourism offers plenty of charm. Discover the unique urban architecture, quaint cafés, tasty cuisine, and enjoy a variety of cultural, social and sports activities.

Take advantage of discounted travel using the VDV's (Vysočina public transport) 24-hour or family tickets.

Havlíčkův Brod, photo: Vysočina Tourism archive



Pelhřimov, photo: Martin Dubský



Velké Meziříčí:

City of Change



Photo: Miloš Charvát

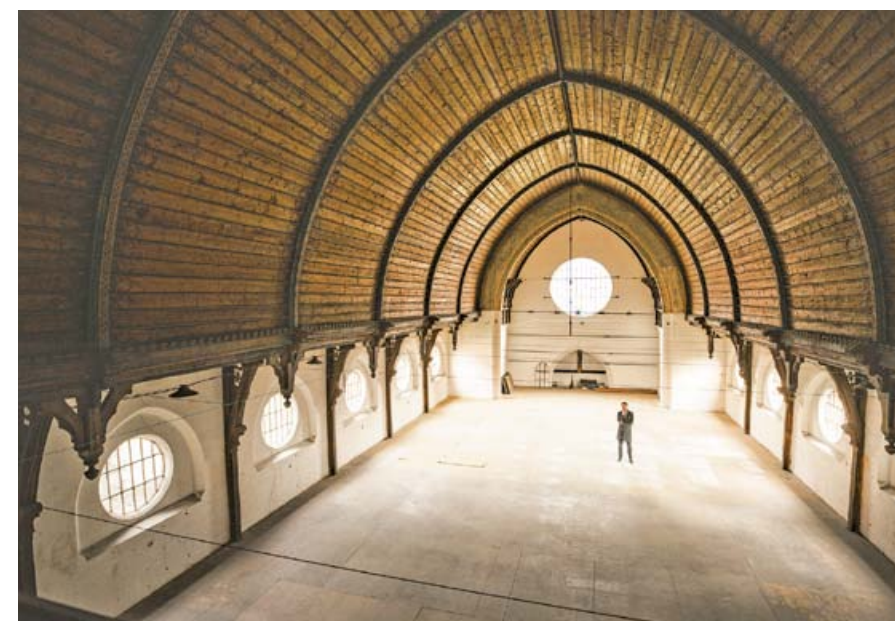
The city of Velké Meziříčí in the East of Vysočina is planning big changes for locals and tourists alike. One such update is the renovation of the New Synagogue, which the city has owned since 2023 and will gradually turn it into a cultural and community centre with a variety of events.

For many years, the New Synagogue was used as a mere market. After the city acquired the building from the Jewish Community of Brno for a symbolic crown last year, a new era full of theatre performances, concerts, exhibitions and charity events is beginning. “Before we proceed with the structural and technical restoration of the monument, which will cost tens of millions of

crowns, we want to remind citizens of the synagogue and its enormous potential,” said Mayor Alexandros Kaminaras. Interestingly, the monument is adjacent to the old synagogue building, which has been under reconstruction and should be open in about a year and a half. In close proximity to the historic centre, you will find the Jewish town with its preserved narrow Jewish houses.



New Synagogue, photo: Jakub Mertl



New Synagogue Interior, photo: Jakub Mertl

Discover the City Centre

The historical centre is dominated by the Church of Saint Nicholas with a lookout tower and the largest illuminated clock in Czechia. Other interesting buildings are the Renaissance town hall with sgraffito facades, the former Lutheran high school – a 445-year-old Renaissance palace, which houses the private gallery of the Kodet artist family (The Kodet museum) since 2022 and the “Obecník” building, which used to be a brewery and now is a restaurant and café.

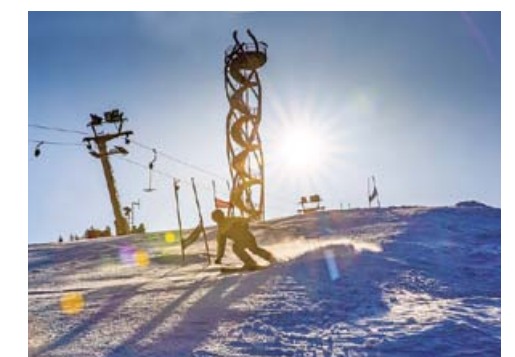
City Updates Coming Soon

The historic square gets a makeover in 2025 with a new visitor centre, bike storage, e-bike charging station and a bistro. Visitors will also appreciate the new bike trails,

which are supposed to connect the two valleys of Velké Meziříčí (Balinka and Nesměř) by 2026. The area offers nature trails and beautiful views.



Balinka Valley, photo: Antonín Havlát



Fajtův Hill, photo: Milan Šustr

The Fajtův hill lookout tower offers a beautiful view of the city. It offers skiing in winter, and downhill mountain biking with bicycles or tricycles in summer. Since June 2023, there has been a display of Jára Cimrman's inventions.

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Jelínkova vila

Velké Meziříčí

On the spot of the former mill and later the Art Nouveau villa of the factory owner Karel Jelínek, now stands Jelínkova vila hotel, restaurant and brewery.

The building, steeped in history and with the subtle malty aroma of beer, offers accommodation in early-20th-century-style rooms as well as modern suites, a relaxation area with a sauna, conference facilities and a cosy restaurant with fish specialities and the quiet clicking of the still operating mill wheel. The fish are kept alive in the flowing fresh water, which guarantees they stay fresh. The chef prepares unique dishes from up to 11 species of local fish and implements special preserving methods. What to order? Popular fish specialities include pikeperch on red lentils, carp steak with bacon, grass carp on tender sugar snap peas, fish chips and fish crackling. They pair well with the excellent Harrach beer, which is brewed on-site and has been winning awards in prestigious beer competitions for 20 years.



Photo: Jelínkova vila



KODET FAMILY MUSEUM

On 1 May 2024, the Kodet Family Museum will open its third season in the historical palace (1578) in Velké Meziříčí.

Visitors are cordially invited to visit the collections of three generations of Kodets – sculptor Emanuel Kodet (1895–1955), sculptor Jan Kodet (1910–1974) and painter Kristian Kodet (born in 1948). While visiting, you can take a break in the courtyard café or the adjacent garden. Motto: The artists of the Renaissance were not the only ones passing down the talent and secrets of their art for generations. It is still possible here and now; just look at the Kodet family.

www.muzeumkodet.cz



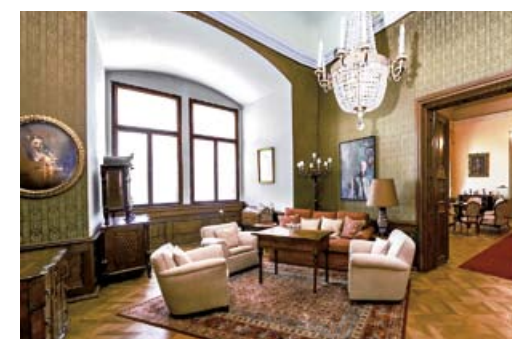
Photo: Kodet Museum



Photo: city archive

Follow the History Trail with THE VELKÉ MEZIŘÍČÍ MUSEUM

Overlooking Velké Meziříčí from the rock above the Oslava river stands a majestic chateau, which has been the seat of the city museum since 1948. The expositions, combining historical settings, chateau furnishing and varied regional collections, will guide visitors from the Middle Ages to the 20th century.



Château Interior, photo: museum archive

The Knights' Hall with fresco decorations will introduce the oldest history of the chateau. One of the scenes, depicting a black knight and a knight with a shield bearing the coat of arms of the Lords of Meziříčí, dates back to the end of the 13th century. Although the fresco has not been preserved in its entirety, a digital projection neatly completes the rest. The aristocratic salons present the fascinating history of the chateau, which was owned by the Pernštejn, Liechtenstein and Lobkowitz families. Explore the rich

picture gallery of ancestors and the collections of the past owners. The interior is decorated with Venetian mirrors, a jewellery box inlaid with tortoiseshell and Marie Antoinette's writing desk. The Sarajevo salon houses a precious relic – a handkerchief with the blood of Franz Ferdinand d'Este – and commemorates the period of Count Franz Harrach, who hosted Franz Joseph I, Wilhelm II and the heir to the throne, Franz Ferdinand, during a military exercise in 1909. He took part in the Sarajevo manoeuvres in 1914 as an aide-de-camp to the heir to the throne and kept the bloody handkerchief after the assassination. On the second floor of the chateau, you can admire the gallery of the Knights of the Order of the Golden Fleece, an exhibition of cold and fire weapons and a unique collection of Japanese lacquer objects complemented by other objects from the Orient. The museum displays also present the history of the region and town life. They will introduce you to guilds, trades and important locals. You will visit the cubist

study and living room of mathematician and physicist František Závřiska and the studio of academic painter Zdenka Vorlová Vlčková. The "From Albite to Granite" exhibition presents the mineralogical collection, including the one-of-a-kind "Heřmanov geodes" that are only found in this location.

During the tourist season, the museum organises several interesting events. There are night tours during the Festival of Museum Nights and the September historical festivities. Throughout the year, the exhibition hall alternates between art and historical exhibitions, presenting the museum's rich collections.

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Heřmanov Geodes, photo: museum archive



Biking through the Vysočina Triangle of UNESCO Monuments

Combine exercise with sightseeing in the Vysočina region. Get on your bike and ride the imaginary triangle to see the jewels of the region in the heart of Czechia. Once you reach the magnificent Romanesque gate of St. Procopius Basilica and succumb to the Renaissance genius loci of the town's square and the mystery of the Baroque symbolism hidden by Zelená hora in Žďár nad Sázavou, you'll understand that you should savour the moment.

Visit the tourist website vysocina.eu and find a bike trail taking you through the UNESCO sites in eight days with a

detailed itinerary of destinations and tips for other exciting places to visit. You can start your journey in Jihlava, visit the city's zoo and second largest underground system in Czechia and continue through Třešť to Roštejn castle and Telč. The next day, you will discover the beauty of the region below Javoříce, the highest peak of the Highlands, and continue through Nová Říše to Třebíč with its extraordinary St. Procopius Basilica, the Jewish quarter, synagogue and renovated windmill. The landscape of the Třebíč nature park and the Oslava valley will take you to Velké Meziříčí and Žďár nad Sázavou. Pay homage to Santini's work in the Pilgrimage Church of St. John of Nepomuk at Zelená hora, visit the local château



Telč, photo: m-ARK

and continue to the Vysočina "sea" – the Velké Dářko pond whose surface reflects the beautiful surrounding nature. Continue along the Sázava River, which will lead you to Přibyslav, Polná, Luka nad Jihlavou and finally back to Jihlava.

Join the Train Chain

Does the route seem too demanding for cycling? Would you rather spend more time enjoying the sights and activities than pedalling an average of 30 kilometres a day? You can load your bike on a train and get a ride for part of the way. The train runs directly from Jihlava to Třebíč, via a branch line to Telč or via Havlíčkův Brod to Žďár nad Sázavou. Sit comfortably and let the magical sound of the rails and the beautiful view of the countryside lull you to tranquillity.



Pilgrimage Church of St. John of Nepomuk at Zelená hora, photo: m-ARK



Náměstí nad Oslavou, photo: m-ARK



Nestled in the Town Walls of Velká Bíteš

Velká Bíteš is a place of peace and friendly atmosphere during the numerous local events. You can discover the remains of its rich history or enjoy a foodie experience out on the town.



The spacious square with its historically protected houses is bustling with activity all year round. For example, the popular **Bíteš markets** are held regularly from March until Christmas, every third Tuesday. Bíteš boasts the unique **church fortress complex of St. John the Baptist** on a hill just off the square. It is a one-of-a-kind building in the High Gothic style. It consists of a two-nave church, a late Gothic fortification with bastions and a two-floor entrance tower. The 14th-century fortification has been preserved almost in its original state and is freely accessible throughout the year. In particular, visitors are drawn to the stone bastions and the preserved

embrasures, which can be seen in fortified castles. Every year, the **Traditional Bíteš Feast** prolongs the summer season. The main cultural programme, featuring a folklore group in traditional costumes, takes place on the weekend. Admission is free. The feast is not only about traditions and costumes but also open-air concerts of popular bands and singers. There is also dulcimer music, plenty of young wine, beer and good food. The **Bíteš Goulash Cook-Off** is a new competition where contestants try to make the best goulash cooked over the fire. The visitors taste them and enjoy the accompanying country music until late in the evening.



Bíteš Feast, photo: town archive

Traditional cultural events in Velká Bíteš

April – **Festival of Amateur Theatre**
August – **Bíteš Goulash Cook-Off**
Second weekend in September – **Traditional Bíteš Feast**



Goulash Cook-Off, photo: town archive

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Young Queen Walk in Velká Bíteš

One of the most poetic traditions that celebrates the coming of spring and the delicate beauty and innocence of young girls. The girls walk in a queen parade, dressed in costumes and singing songs. They go through the village and give out blessings through young green branches. The holiday is associated with Pentecost and takes place between May and June. This living custom, restored in 2003, can be viewed in the village of Březské (7 kilometres from Velká Bíteš).

www.bitesko.cz



Square, photo: town archive



Church of St. Michael in Vitochov, photo: town archive



Miner's Park, photo: town archive

Lovers

ARE BOUND FOR BYSTRICE NAD PERNŠTEJNEM



Lovers' Spot at the Three Hearts, photo: town archive



Miniature Park, photo: town archive

The main town of Zubří with architectural sites, the town museum, the miniature park, the gallows hill, the Eden Entertainment Centre, the lovers' spot at the Three Hearts and the nearby fairy-tale castle of Pernštejn. That gives you a glimpse into the tourist attractions of Bystřice nad Pernštejnem and its surroundings.

Three Crosses – Gallows, photo: town archive



The Bystřice region was famous for mining precious stones and, later, uranium ore. This information and more can be found in the former town hall, which now houses the **town museum**. Its “Live Fish” exhibition is designed for young visitors. Another interesting exhibition is an outdoor one in Zahradní Street called **Miner's Park** displaying mining machinery and the *Vanishing Miner* statue representing the slowly disappearing mining trade. History and architecture buffs will appreciate the **Baroque Church of St. Lawrence** or the **Cemetery Church of the Holy Trinity**. In front of the T. G. Masaryk primary school stands a statue of the first president of the Czechoslovak Republic by sculptor Vincenc Makovský.

If you prefer nature and exercise, try the **climbing wall** in the local sports hall, cool off in the swimming pool and visit the **Miniature Park** containing about twenty models of castles, monasteries and other monuments from the Bystřice region and beyond.

Set out to the nearby ruins of the **Zubštejn, Pyšolec and Aueršperk** castles, to the stone **Church of St. Michael in Vitochov** and **Vír reservoir**, which attracts its visitors by the **Guardian of the Flooded Village** – the European Tree of the Year 2020. Climb the **Karasín lookout tower** to gain altitude and view the surrounding area.

Climb Hora Hill

Centuries ago, the completely barren Hora hill served as the local execution ground. It was supposed to serve as a warning. The hill was reforested in 1853, and a year later, a local widow erected crosses here. Today, only the stone foundation of the gallows stands, accompanied by new crosses. A trail leads up to the top, with places to rest along the way.

Lovers' Spot at the Three Hearts

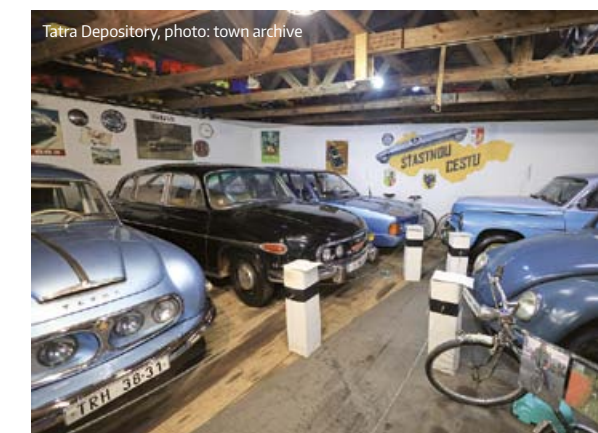
If you are in love, pack a padlock with you when you come to Bystřice to ensure your eternal love. There is a place

near the local swimming pool with a large red heart whose centre is made out of braided metal, perfect for attaching padlocks. This original idea is quite popular, evidenced by over a hundred love confessions. And why is it called the “Three Hearts”? You'll reach the large metal heart by a paved path shaped like a heart and can sit on a heart-shaped bench nearby.

www.bystricenp.cz

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

If you want to know more about the history of the area and local archaeological findings, be sure to look up the book that was written on the subject available at the visitor centre.



Tatra Depository, photo: town archive



The Guardian of the Flooded Village, photo: town archive

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BYSTRICE NAD PERNŠTEJNEM



ALA HOTEL *****

VOICE YOUR WISHES,
AND WE'LL TRY TO
MAKE THEM HAPPEN.



The top-rated spa hotel on [spa.cz](https://www.spa.cz) in 2022 is located in Bystřice nad Pernštejnem. Their philosophy is simple: guests should feel phenomenal, get a great night's sleep, enjoy a delicious breakfast, relax and spend time with family, friends or even colleagues.

In May 2023, the hotel celebrated its fifth anniversary. It is constantly trying to improve, from the selection of the top-quality coffee, new flavours at the breakfast buffet and room amenities for maximum comfort to the range of activities and sporting and cultural endeavours in the area. It offers fifteen luxurious rooms with a total of thirty beds and up to nine extra beds.

Whether you visit the Pernštejn castle, Šiklov mill near Zvole nad Pernštejnem, the Vír dam or take a walk in the beautiful nature, afterwards, you will appreciate the spa centre divided into private and public areas with whirlpools, saunas and cooling and relaxation zones. You can enjoy the spa centre even as a non-guest. All-embracing services also include massages (relaxing, Thai and sports). It's always better to warm up your body first in the spa. You can also log in a workout session in the gym or take a guided yoga class.

Choose from the Recommended Holiday Packages

Do you want a romantic stay for two, enjoy a proper hen party or come for an active spa holiday? You can choose from our many tailor-made packages and enjoy yourself at the ALA HOTEL in Bystřice nad Pernštejnem. Have a great meal, relax in the spa and explore the beauty of the Bystřice region.

alahotel.cz/en/

- gift vouchers for spa centre and accommodation
- a wide variety of holiday packages
- small events for up to 15 people in the hotel lounge
- safe storage of bikes, skis, etc.
- bike rental services (various types including e-bikes)
- vouchers to the salt cave and the town spa in Nové Město na Moravě



Photo: Ala Hotel



Photo: Ala Hotel



ALA GASTRO

Craving Experiences?

Photo: Ala Gastro



ALA GASTRO is a small family-run company operating the ALA HOTEL and offering gastronomy services, with over 25 years of experience. A pleasant walk from the hotel takes you to the Harenda restaurant and Kozlovna pub. Those who enjoy nightlife can visit the Fair Play club. You can also try the Ingot restaurant in nearby Žďár nad Sázavou.

Some of the hotel's holiday packages offer a three-course menu in the Harenda restaurant. This modern eatery meets the most demanding food trends. It uses fresh seasonal ingredients and offers quality dishes to everyone's satisfaction. These can be paired with refreshing tank beer and fine wines. The restaurant can seat up to 80 guests, and there is a free taxi service from the hotel.

harenda.ala-gastro.cz

Combining Czech cuisine and tank beer. That's the stylish **Kozlovna pub** where you will be served by participants of the Beer Master com-

petition of the Velkopopovický Kozel brewery. The Kozlovna pub, the Harenda restaurant and the Fair Play club are all holders of the Brewers' Star award. Their selection includes a light lager from the tank or a premium and dark lager from the keg. When the weather is nice, you can sit in the roofed beer garden and order food from the nearby Harenda restaurant. kozlovna.ala-gastro.cz

Do you enjoy nightclub revelry? Then head to the **Fair Play club**. You are guaranteed high quality beer and other beverages. The front of the club offers booth seating and a bar, while an entertainment area with a foosball table, billiards, darts and punching bag machine is in the back.

They organise themed weekends and music from a jukebox or curated by DJs. It makes it a good choice for a bachelor party, birthday celebration or New Year's Eve bash. It is wheelchair accessible, and it offers a free taxi service from the hotel.

fairplay.ala-gastro.cz

You will find the **original Ingot restaurant** in nearby Žďár nad Sázavou. It is the flagship beer hall of the Gambrinus Brewery, and the service is provided by Gambrinus master bartenders. The beer is accompanied by modern seasonal gastronomy from fresh ingredients as well as traditional dishes. There are live broadcasts for sports fans, two bowling alleys, billiards, darts and a foosball table.

ingot.ala-gastro.cz





1. Museum of Useful Objects

The museum is located in the former municipal school building in Horní Studenec. You can explore historic baby carriages, sewing and shoemaking machines or radio receivers. All objects are part of Jaroslav Jirásek's personal collections.
www.zdirec.cz/muzeum-uzitnych-predmetu-horni-studenec



2. Barn of Beautiful Baubles

How did people live in the past, and what did shoemakers, blacksmiths, carpenters, butchers and barbers use in those times? You can find out by visiting the unique exhibition in Vepřkov near Chotěboř.
stodolakrasnychkramu.webnode.cz

3. Open-Air Museum of Beekeeping

You can discover hives from 1928, imported from Subcarpathian Rus, or what honey bees are used for in the Beekeeping House No. 254 on Dolní Square in Humpolec. Arrange your visit to the open-air museum and the adjacent garden by phone with Mrs. Vlasta Krejčí (phone: +420 723 808 365).
<http://infohumpolec.cz/infocentrum/vcelarsky-skanzen/vcelarsky-skanzen.html>

4. Kamenice Railway Museum near Humpolec

Roman Mach is a railwayman. He turned his garden into a train station and is happy to give a tour to anyone who comes by. There are several railway signals from different times; the crank gate is the most popular.
romanmach.webnode.cz

5. Meteorite Fall Museum and Memorial

The former meeting room of the Stonařov municipal office was transformed into a small museum that explains an unusual natural phenomenon – the meteor shower that fell on Stonařov and its surroundings in May 1808. You can visit it every day during opening hours or by appointment.
www.stonarov.cz

6. Blacksmith's Workshop

In the Old Town of Telč, you will discover a 120-year-old blacksmith's workshop, where you can turn into a blacksmith for a day and craft a nail, a wedge or even a bell. The blacksmithing courses are organised all year round.
 e-mail: kovarna.telc@seznam.cz



7. Milling Museum in Dašov Mill

An exhibition of linen processing, 150 bags from all continents, objects of everyday use – from a child's room to a laundry room – or the Art Nouveau pharmacy equipment. The one-hour guided tour will take you through the history of Dašov, milling and the Dašov Mill itself with the stories of the families who inhabited it.
https://mastna.com/_old/mlyn/mlyn.htm

8. Firefighting Museum

This museum in Heraltice houses three unique objects. It is located in a historic house and features the only preserved fire engine powered by an electric motor by Hrček & Neugebauer Brno from 1930. A manual fire engine and a Magirus rotating ladder from 1896. The museum is open all year round by appointment.
www.heraltice.cz/hasicske-muzeum



9. Museum of Folk Bands

The former firehouse in the Lesonice château houses over 30 historic musical instruments from the descendants of the local well-known brass band Kosmáci.
www.lesonice.cz/kultura/muzeum-lidovych-kapel



10. Kopeček Farmhouse Museum

This farmhouse in Příložany features the rural agricultural machinery used until 1950. You can explore a pea sorter, a beet sifter, a clover sowing machine or a washtub from a single piece of wood. The museum offers guided tours with practical demonstrations.
<https://www.jaromerice.cz/prilozany/d-63422>

12. Jan Pavlíček's Museum of Butchery

The largest collection of butchery equipment in Czechia awaits you in this museum in the centre of Náměst nad Oslavou. It features one-of-a-kind items such as a saw for cutting marrow bones, a lard press and a scale for half a pig. The museum is located in the production complex of the Jan Pavlíček Butchery and Smokehouse and offers expert guided tours.
www.reznickemuzeum.cz



13. Svobodný statek Museum

In the small village of Habří on the banks of the Bobrůvka River stand several buildings with a unique history. The village used to consist of freeholds only. The oldest one ("No. 1") houses a small private museum with an exhibition explaining the history and life in the village.
<https://www.korunavysociny.cz/turisticko-cile/2011-svobodny-statek-c-1>



14. Museum of Retro Dolls

You will find a collection of retro dolls in the old school building in Horní Bobrová. There are over 900 precious dolls, and the museum owner, Mrs. Marie Roháčková, loves to tell their stories to visitors of all ages.
retro-panenky.webnode.cz



15. Trhonce Mill and Sawmill

A place frozen in time. A protected water mill and sawmill dating back to 1551. Guided tours are possible by prior arrangement.
www.mlyntrhonce.cz

15 Things to See in Vysočina



Photo: Just Jimramov



Photo: Lišenský Dvůr

Just Striving for Greatness

The Just guesthouse and restaurant are located in a historic town-house in Jimramov. The building complex from the late 19th century has been enriched by innovations intended to bring new utilitarian and design value without intervening with its historical heritage.

It includes a residential house with six apartments, a former barn now turned into a spa and a newly built restaurant on the site of a former open barn. The restaurant seats 30 and offers great trendy cuisine. During the summer season, guests can also sit outside in the courtyard. The utility room is located in another barn at the rear of the property. There are five parking spaces and a courtyard. "We've created a story of

quality architecture in a small-town setting, which can positively motivate and inspire visitors," says owner Marek Štukhejl.

This project was created through courage, diligence and tenaciousness. Their approach is captured in the guesthouse logo. It is based on the town emblem depicting three surrounding hills – Holý vrch, Padělek and Prosička. These are complemented by the guesthouse

building, the Svratka River, the surrounding forests and the winding road to Jimramov valley. At its centre, it shows the mythical Sisyphus, who tirelessly strove for achievement. "Once you manage to overcome all difficulties, the work won't be in vain, and you'll reach the desired goal. We want to resurrect the faded glory of Jimramov, so it shines like a bright star," explains Marek Štukhejl.

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Photo: m-ARK 3x

JIMRAMOV, More Than the Home of Jan Karafiát's Fireflies

The town of Jimramov is the home of the writer Jiří Stanislav Guth-Jarkovský, the TV series Četnické humoresky, the Mrštík brothers and the children's book Broučci (Fireflies).

It is nestled in the Svratka valley, near the confluence with the Fryšávka River. It still boasts an old-world atmosphere and a view of the beautiful countryside. Come and see for yourself why filmmakers love the region and explore the picturesque valleys, rocks and deep forests. The historical centre is dominated by the former St. John's school with a museum and a local hall of fame. It praises Jan Karafiát, the author of the famous children's book Broučci (Fireflies), the brothers Alois and Vilém Mrštík, Karel Slavíček or J. S. Guth-Jarkovský who frequented the local pub. You can explore the château grounds, the Catholic and Evangelical church or the functionalist villa of Doctor Josef Železný.

Take a pleasant 5-kilometre walk along both banks of the Svratka River with the Trhonic mill and the forest well. Embark on a hiking trip to the surrounding hills – Prosička, Štarkov with castle ruins and Kamenice with a monument to Karafiát's Fireflies – and enjoy the breathtaking views.

www.jimramov.cz



Lišenský Dvůr Resort

*** ACCOMMODATION AT THE HEART OF VYSOČINA

The Lišenský Dvůr Congress and Spa Resort is located on the southern slope of the Buchtův hill in the middle of Žďárské vrchy. It also offers accommodation in three luxury chalets.

All-in-one

The hotel's elegant building emits the history of a 16th-century aristocratic resort and combines the charm of the past with the comfort of the present. In addition to the four-star rooms, the resort now offers three luxury chalets equipped with fireplaces and terraces, offering beautiful private views of the surrounding nature. The hotel restaurant, lounges for corporate and social events, luxury spa, barn, multi-purpose playroom and 3.5 hectares of enclosed grounds with a grassy courtyard and secluded pond make Lišenský Dvůr a resort providing superior privacy for business and social events or undisturbed relaxation.

Conferences and Weddings

The hotel hall with a fireplace and

terrace is equipped with cutting-edge technology and offers a variable arrangement for conferences of up to 50 people. There are two lounges for smaller groups and meetings. Large groups and informal corporate gatherings will appreciate the adapted Conference Barn. All the facilities also serve as an ideal location for a wedding, from the ceremony to the honeymoon suite.

Leisure Activities for All Ages

Families with children, couples and seniors can take advantage of discounted accommodation packages. There are family-friendly rooms and kid's corners, as well as a playroom and playground. The nearby pond with a private pebble beach is available for swimming and paddleboarding. There is also a fire pit for evening or afternoon entertainment.

...Evening Spa Bliss

Whether you went for a bike ride, hiking trip, cross-country skiing or downhill skiing, or you are tired after a long work week, visit the spa centre with three saunas, a whirlpool and relaxation areas.

Lišenský Dvůr, s.r.o.
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Photo: Lišenský Dvůr





There's Nothing Better than a Family Holiday in Vysočina

Jihlava Zoo, photo: Aleš Motejl



Roštejn, photo: Aleš Motejl

Are you planning a family holiday, a weekend getaway or an adventure trip? The Vysočina region offers something for everyone. Relive a fairy tale, meet rare animals, enjoy adventure and sports, go on an expedition and create unforgettable moments for your family that you will remember years later.



Western Town of Šiklův mlýn, photo: Šikland Amusement Park



Křemešník Rope Climbing Centre, photo: Aleš Motejl

Meet the Animals

Jihlava Zoo doesn't have bars, so that you will experience close encounters with more than 270 species of animals from five different continents. More animals await at the **Pavlov Rescue Station** near Ledec nad Sázavou, where they care for injured animals and abandoned pups and organise guided tours from April to September.

More animal encounters: Budišov chateau, Dora Bio-farm near Jaroměřice nad Rokytnou, Bohuslavice Farm, Q Ranch near Pavlov, Hrnčíř Farm near Pelhřimov.

Explore the Natural Beauty

The hills of Žďárské vrchy are one of two protected landscape areas in the Vysočina region. To learn more, visit the **House of Nature** in the Krátká village near Sněžné. Children and adults alike will be thrilled with the modern exhibition with a 3D film screening showing the development of the local landscape and nature. An interactive exhibition with various fun features for kids dedicated to nature, hunting and gamekeeping is located at the **Roštejn castle** in the woods between Telč and Třešť. Visit the forest at night, crawl through an anthill and try hunting without weapons. If you prefer undisturbed nature walks, follow the nature trails through the **Vysočina Geopark** or head to Míchova skála or Javořice.

More tips for nature trips: Nesměř and Balinka valley near Velké Meziříčí, Doubrava Valley nature trail near Chotěboř.

Get to Know the History and Technology of the Vysočina Region

The region knows how to communicate its history and technology. The story of the Žďár monastery and the Zelená hora pilgrimage site is told in the **New Generation Museum** at Žďár chateau. The **Journeys Through Time** exhibition in Třebíč will transport you to medieval times and present the work of the architects of that time. Třebíč also boasts the only science centre in the Vysočina region called Alternátor, with a unique projection sphere simulating cosmic and natural phenomena. Two new exhibitions are also on display in the **chateau in Kamenice nad Lipou**. The first is called **Find the Toy** and displays a set of historical dolls, while the second one, **Steaming**, captures the history of the production of children's steam engines.

More tips on history and technology: Eden Centre in Bystřice nad Pernštejnem, Nativity Scenes in Třešť, the hammer mill in Hamry nad Sázavou, Model Kingdom of Žďár, Tatra Veteran Museum in Bystřice nad Pernštejnem, the Dukovany nuclear power plant, Model Car Museum in Příseka near Jihlava.

Get Active Rest in the Vysočina Region

It is an ideal place for active families. It offers plenty of activities for climbers, cyclists and adrenaline junkies. Visit **the single trails in the Vysočina Cycling Arena** in Nové Město na Moravě, **via ferratas near Vír dam**, the **Březová Outdoor Resort** or the **Křemešník rope climbing centre** and bring home unforgettable memories.

More tips on active trips: cycling around Pílská reservoir and Velké Dářko pond, the Manor House Court Telč, cycling from Jihlava to Rokštejn, mountain carts on Kadlečák and the Přibyslav-Sázava bike trail.

For water fun, head to: Pílská reservoir in Žďár nad Sázavou, Peklo pond in Polná, Dalešická dam, biotopes in Třešť and Jemnice, the swimming pool in Havlíčkův Brod, the Žabák swimming pool in Humpolec, Čenkov quarry and the Nové Rybníky natural swimming pool.

Visit the Land of Fairy Tales

Learn about the popular fairy-tale characters Rákosníček and Karkulka (Little Red Riding Hood) in the **fairy-tale village of Podlešíčko** in the Žďár region. The **Telč House** in Telč offers a large slot-car track and the nature trail entitled **Pohádková Panenská** near Jemnice will take you to a forest fairyland. Visit the **Museum of Records and Curiosities in Pelhřimov**, the **Western town of Šiklův mlýn** near Bystřice nad Pernštejnem or the narrow-gauge railway train **Salón Expres Vagón Polníčka** for some proper family fun.



Eden Centre, photo: Michal Vytlačil

Dozens of trips, numerous interesting places for the whole family and tips for nice cafés, great restaurants and comfortable accommodation can be found on the Vysočina tourist website: **www.vysocina.eu**. It will make planning trips or holidays in all seasons a breeze. Guaranteed!



Model Car Museum in Příseka, photo: Vladimír Kunc



Photo: Medlov Hotel

The Medlov Hotel BRINGS MEMORIES TO LIFE

Klára, Jan and Martin. Martin is Jan's younger brother and Klára is Jan's wife. They literally danced their way to Medlov ten years ago. When they first visited it, they were impressed by its location and architecture. They decided to buy it and, for several years now, they have been building the only hotel in Czechia that aspires to the past and emits nostalgia. Their motto is "Welcome back to the past". They provide an opportunity to remember that life is full of happy moments that can be brought back to life here at Medlov.



Medlov Hotel – archive photo



How It All Started

In 2014, Jan co-owned a Prague dance school and was looking for a place to hold summer dance seminars. He was impressed by the vacant Medlov Hotel in Fryšava, nestled under Žáková hora in Žďárské vrchy, and soon he and his partners bought it. They had no idea at the time that it was a gem combining the architecture of emotional functionalism and progressive Brussels style. It was built in the 1930s by the professional skier Leoš Stehlík. He invited many influential artists of that time, such as members of the Prague Free Theatre – Jan Werich, Jiří Voskovec and Jaroslav Ježek, writers Jan Drda and Vítězslav Nezval and the sculptor Vincenc Makovský. The Medlov Hotel then came under the management of the Revolutionary Trade Union Movement, which turned it into a trade union recreation centre. Fortunately, the transformation was entrusted to the architect Jiří Herzán, who designed it as a unique building in the modern Brussels style. This year marks two important anniversaries for the Medlov complex. Fifty and ninety years of the new and old Medlov buildings, reaching European significance with their harmony and unique architectural heritage. There are a number of social, architectural and creative events which celebrate the curves of the emotional functionalism authored by Alois Wachsman and Pavel Smetana, still clearly visible in the old building, and the clean, progressive lines of the modern Brussels style of architect Jiří Herzán in the new building.

Healing Nostalgia

When the current owners learned of Medlov's history, they knew they had to leave it as it was. "I'm a big nostalgic, and I don't like to change things that have been working for generations," says Jan. That is why a feeling of positive nostalgia permeates the hotel. "Some people think of a familiar tree, others smell the roasted coffee or hear a song they first danced to with the love of their life. The sentimental longing for something that will never fade in our memory. This is exactly what Medlov does," explains Jan. So, welcome back to the past! Stay in a room with furniture from the socialist era, remember what it was like to ride a pedal boat, play Ninepins, conquer all the obstacles in mini golf, lie in the grass and engage your imagination with the shapes of the clouds above. Don't rush your breakfast and dine to the fullest. Traditional recipes, just like your momma used to make. Relive old memories and make new ones that will last.



The Art of Medlov

The lack of funds and will to renovate the hotel in the 1990s are responsible for the fact that the interiors have retained their original character and valuable artistic and architectural vibes. The floors are clad in Cuban and Bulgarian marble, and individual levels are connected by the original staircase with metal railings. Artwork was a must for buildings of the socialism era, so you can admire the outdoor stone sculpture of a seated girl called The Living Spring and the interior decorations of the artistic blacksmith Alfred Habermann – atypical lighting fixtures, grilles, handrails and staircase railings. Another remarkable feature is the artistic design of the Silent Playroom and Bar by the sculptor Alois Chocholáč, who created a hand-carved wooden sculpture and several original driftwood pieces. In addition to the artwork, the interior is also adorned with period furniture. The entrance lobby houses historic scooters manufactured in Czechoslovakia between 1957 and 1964 called "Čezety", intertwined with the Brussels modernist style of the 1960s.

Connected with Nature

Medlov would not be the same if it wasn't standing where it stands today – on the banks of the Medlov pond, in the beautiful landscape of the Bohemian-Moravian Highlands, virgin forests and flowery meadows. The Medlov park and beach are an inseparable part of the hotel, so the owners tirelessly care for this large piece of land. The surrounding meadows are flooded with the yellow flowers of the Lady's mantle. Once a year, they are collected by fairies during the full moon and made into exquisite gin. Be sure to try it at the hotel bar.

www.medlovhotel.cz



Medlov Hotel – archive photo



Čtyři palice, foto: m-ARX

Conquer

THE EIGHT-THOUSANDER OF VYSOČINA

Any seasoned climber knows that summiting an eight-thousander is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. You can conquer it in Vysočina without intense physical training; no need for the Himalayas. Just pick ten 800-metre-high mountains...

...and appreciate the untouched nature of the Vysočina region, feast your eyes on the beautiful views of the surrounding area and go for a cycling trip, relax in a spa or get a dose of adrenaline on bike trails and via ferratas. Get ready for a holiday adventure in Vysočina peppered with numerous experiences.

Reward in the Form of Breathtaking Vistas

Whether you are a hiking, cycling or extreme sports enthusiast, the Vysočina region won't disappoint you. You can climb all 17 peaks of Žďárské vrchy that exceed the height of 800 metres, including the highest peak of Vysočina – Javořice in Jihlavské vrchy. Just pick ten of them, enjoy their unspoiled nature and conquer eight thousand metres

right in the Vysočina region. You can get to the top of Devět skal, Malínská skála, Lisovská skála, Žákova hora, Tisůvka, Bohdalec, Kamenný vrch or Pasecká skála. You will be rewarded with spectacular views in every season. The Žďár region also offers family hotels and guesthouses with spa services, which provide perfect relaxation after your sports activities. The combination of sport and relaxation is rejuvenating for your body and soul.

If You Crave Adrenaline...

Are you looking for sports adventures? Try via ferratas on the Svratka River near Vír dam. There are three in the vicinity. "Jezerní stěna" and "Ledová stěna" are the original easier routes (B-C). The third via ferrata "Horní vyhlídka" is the shortest, but more demanding, offering an outlook over the dam in return. In Vír, you can find three bike trails of easy to moderate difficulty. Single tracks in the bike arena in Nové Město na Moravě will offer you plenty of fun with their sharp turns, steep descents and rugged terrain. You can also find three bike trails for beginners and those with moderate experience in Lipky u Telče. Mount your bike and ride like the wind!

www.vysocina.eu



Vír, photo: Roman Šulc



Vír, photo: Petr Hejda



HORÁCKÁ GALLERY

THE LARGEST ART GALLERY IN VYSOČINA CAN BE FOUND IN NOVÉ MĚSTO NA MORAVĚ

The original Renaissance building on Vratislav Square bears the number 1. But don't expect traditional château interiors; since 1964, it has been home to a gallery featuring the works of important regional artists, many renowned even beyond the regional borders. These are the sculptors and locals Jan Štursa and Vincenc Makovský. If you want to make a thorough

visit and go through all the exhibition rooms, set aside one or two hours. There is, for example, the château cabinet with paintings and historical furniture, a unique collection of regional landscape paintings (Oldřich Blažíček, Josef Jambor and others), an exposition of sculptors Josef Klimeš and Jiří Vašica or the glasswork by Jaroslav Svoboda.

In addition to its own collections in permanent exhibitions, the Horácká gallery uses three of its rooms to organise temporary exhibitions, guided tours, workshops, concerts, lectures, film screenings and other accompanying events for children and adults alike. By taking a stroll through the town of Nové Město, you will soon realise that it is an open-air gallery in itself.



Photo: Horácká Gallery 2x

A new educational programme imitating a real studio is dedicated to Vincenc Makovský. Visitors can try their hand at shaping a portrait sculpture.

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Ski Hotel

The Nové Město Region at Your Fingertips

The Ski Hotel can be found within striking distance of the Vysočina Arena and the Harusák ski resort. It's great for relaxation in a spa or a perfect starting point for exploring the wonders of the Vysočina region, whether on foot, by bike or for cross-country or downhill skiing in winter.

In the past five years, the hotel has undergone extensive renovations to accommodate even the most demanding guests. You can choose from one, two or four-bed rooms and suites or bungalows. You are free to recharge your batteries in the modern spa centre with a counter-current pool, whirlpool, Finnish and steam sauna or massages. Gourmets will appreciate the hotel restaurant with Czech specialities and homemade sweets – all made from quality local ingredients.

Are you planning a conference, a congress or a teambuilding session? Ski Hotel is the choice for you. The nearby Vysočina Arena, famous for the biathlon and mountain bike world cups, presents another highlight. The strategic location in the heart of Czechia, along with many years of experience, fantastic facilities and unlimited free parking, make it a sought-after location.

Ski Hotel is surrounded by the Ochoza forest, which invites you for a stroll. In summer, a short walk through the forest will take you to the local outdoor swimming pool. The hotel's location is also perfect for visiting the local sights,

such as the UNESCO church at Zelená hora, the château in Žďár nad Sázavou or the nearby glassworks in Škrdlovice or Karlov. The sculptures of Michal Olšiak are also one of the popular destinations, along with countless nature trails and other natural monuments in the area.

If you're going on a family holiday, remember that the hotel has a kid's corner open all year round. During school holidays, you can take advantage of the animated programme for small children. Dog lovers will surely appreciate the option of staying with their pets in the Superior rooms and bungalows.

Ski Hotel is the perfect place to stay when visiting Vysočina.

www.hotelski.cz



Photo: Ski Hotel

Photo: Hidden Retreat archive

Glamping

IN THE HEART OF CZECHIA

Would you like to connect with nature without sacrificing comfort? You can try glamping in the picturesque region of Vysočina, which is abundant in serene nature.

Glamping presents an original fusion of nature and luxury. A house on the water in a flooded quarry, a suspended tree house, a wooden mobile house by a dam or a caravan – all of these offer unique ways to enjoy the beauty of the surrounding nature without compromising on comfort.

Hidden Retreat is located in a flooded quarry near Lipnice nad Sázavou, surrounded by rocks and woods. Enter the realm of calm and pristine water. Stay in a cabin with a large bed, a terrace above the quarry and a unique floating sauna. hiddenretreat.cz

Have you ever been to a suspended cabin? Then head off to Batelov in the Jihlava region and stay in **Ootoolno**. A perfect place where time in nature's embrace with an open sky passes differently. Come and see for yourselves. ootoolno.cz



Photo: Ootoolno archive

Zašivárna Polom, a house on wheels, is situated on a hill near the Vír dam and offers an amazing view of the surrounding forests and meadows in all directions. You can refresh yourselves with water from the nearby well. Get enchanted by the spirit of Vysočina. www.zasivarnapolom.cz

Experience an unforgettable night in the secluded countryside right next to a pond, where you can take a morning dip. Get a digital detox treatment, listen to the silence and birdsong and enjoy a romantic evening by the fire. Visit **Posed za humny** in Bohdalov in the Žďár region. posedzahumny.cz



Photo: Forest Garden Family archive



Photo: Posed za humny archive



Photo: Zašivárna Polom archive 2x

Forest Garden Family is perfect for those seeking relaxation, tranquility and harmony with nature. Venture into the bosom of virgin landscape and draw energy from the mystical Melechov peak. The house with a glass gable and a large outdoor terrace is a part of the Hotel Kouty complex, which can be found in Rejčkov near Lipnice nad Sázavou. www.hotelkouty.cz

Glamping in Vysočina is not just about original and luxurious accommodation. It's an experience intertwined with nature's beauty. More tips are available at www.vysocina.eu.



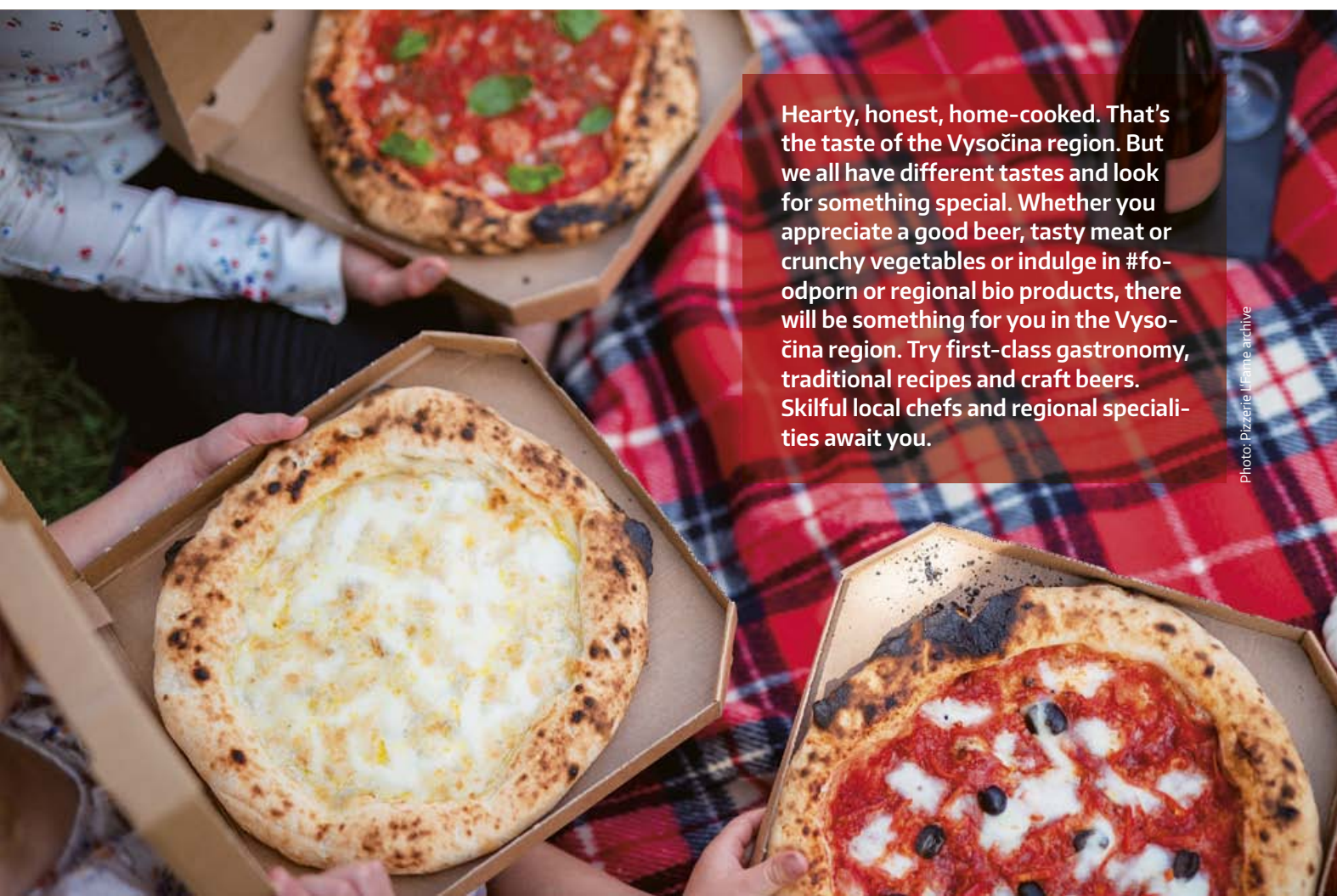


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Get a Taste of Vysočina



Hearty, honest, home-cooked. That's the taste of the Vysočina region. But we all have different tastes and look for something special. Whether you appreciate a good beer, tasty meat or crunchy vegetables or indulge in #foodporn or regional bio products, there will be something for you in the Vysočina region. Try first-class gastronomy, traditional recipes and craft beers. Skilful local chefs and regional specialties await you.

Photo: Pizzeria L'Fame archive

Four Gastro Tips

Street food restaurant – this is **Kiosek Kadov U Staré školy**, which you can find in Kadov in the very heart of Žďárské vrchy. The food is prepared with the utmost quality, echoing the chefs' experience from Prague restaurants. They enjoy preparing Czech, Italian, French or even Thai and Japanese cuisine. In winter, you can find this culinary experience in the Harusák ski resort in Nové Město na Moravě.

Bistro ČTYŘKA is located in a historical building on the square in Nové Město na Moravě. ČTYŘKA is a fast option for breakfast, brunch, lunch or dinner buffet. It has an open smoke kitchen with a wood stove for preparing delicious, simple, but refined dishes with an emphasis on fresh local ingredients.

Have a different taste of Telč in **Bistro Café friends**. You can look forward to fresh desserts, sweet and savoury breakfasts, lunch bistro menus, sandwiches, tapas, fine wines and excellent coffee from a family-run roastery in Italy. Brothers Pavel and Daniel – one loves to cook, the other loves to eat, and together they make authentic Italian pizza. Get a taste of Italy in **Pizzeria L'Fame** in Střítež near Jihlava.

Four Fine Dining Invitations

Local, tasty, surprising. This is the motto of the **Mahler guesthouse and restaurant in Kaliště** near Humpolec. The menu makes frequent use of local seasonal produce, so you can try "truffle summer" or autumn mushroom variations. In **Bistrot de Papa in Horní Dubenky** in the Jihlava region, you will feel like

time has come to a halt. Headed by French chef and confectioner Rémi Decroix, it's no wonder that the place is dominated by a cosy atmosphere and traditional French cuisine.

U Kryštofů restaurant in the Třebíč region takes pride in using quality seasonal ingredients from local farmers. You can try a different menu in every season. **Selský dvůr in Daňkovice** in the Žďár region offers a guesthouse and restaurant with a kid's corner on the terrace. On the menu, you can find a wide selection of predominantly Czech cuisine satisfying all tastes.

Four Variations on Room and Board

Bask in the luxury and comfort of the magnificent **Herálec Chateau**, a five-star hotel near Havlíčkův Brod. The Honoria chateau restaurant offers the highest level of service. Located in the oldest rooms of the chateau, you will be delighted by the tasteful dining experience elevated to the next level by the creations of Chef Michael Zapalač. Delectable gastronomy, exquisite coffee and fine wine, that's what the **U Řeky restaurant and guesthouse in Ledeč nad Sázavou** offers. And much more! The dishes are prepared from seasonal ingredients, the beer on tap comes from Humpolec and the wine from Moravia. Homemade lemonades, fragrant coffee and freshly made desserts are a given.

If you are looking for a stylish fish restaurant, you can visit **Jelínkova vila in Velké Meziříčí**. You can get a taste of freshwater fish specialties made from 100% freshly caught fish and the signature unfiltered and unpasteurised Harrach beer. You can discover a new



Photo: Mahler guesthouse archive



Photo: Bistrot de Papa archive

cultural dimension of a gourmet experience. On the north bank of the Jihlava river in the Jewish quarter in Třebíč, you can find the boutique **Kocour Hotel with a restaurant**, which uses fresh ingredients and offers a selection of Czech

beer, lunch specials, children's menus and a kid's corner. Pets are also welcome. You can find more tips at the Vysočina tourist website www.vysocina.eu.



Photo: Cafe 8smička archive

Where to get a great cup of coffee?

Parents will appreciate the **Vymazlená kavárna** café in Havlíčkův Brod with a large playground for preschool children. Art aficionados will love **Café 8smička** in Humpolec. In the Farská humna park in Žďár nad Sázavou, you will find a mobile café **Za Humny** offering original homemade desserts. In Velké Meziříčí, you can get a refreshing cup of coffee in **Café Termoska**, or visit **Café Paseka** in Jihlava.



Photo: Jelínkova vila archive



Pilgrimage Church of St. John of Nepomuk at Zelená hora, photo: Roman Šulc

ŽĎÁR NAD SÁZAVOU CELEBRATES

30 YEARS SINCE THE PILGRIMAGE CHURCH BECAME A UNESCO SITE

This year, it will be 30 years since the Pilgrimage Church of St. John of Nepomuk at Zelená hora in Žďár nad Sázavou became a UNESCO heritage site. The big day is on 16 August, featuring the “30 Years among the Greats” event.

Since 1994, the Pilgrimage Church has been on the UNESCO list. It has earned its rightful place as a World Heritage Site. The church represents a masterpiece in the Baroque Gothic style by Jan Blažej Santini-Aichel and the architect's most personal work associated with the symbolism of the number five based on the legend of John of Nepomuk. It has been completely renovated. You can admire its architectural beauty and spiritual atmosphere on a guided tour from April to October, or trade it for a tour of the church interior in winter. The Pilgrimage Church is the pride of Žďár nad Sázavou, but it would be a shame to ignore other Baroque monuments and other landmarks,

such as the Basilica of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary and St. Nicholas. In Vysočina, you will find a number of places associated with the architect protégé Santini. Follow the Santini Code in a themed trip with engaging assignments, which you can read more about on the website of Koruna Vysočiny, and visit other mystical spots with Santini's legacy.

www.zdarns.cz/en/
www.zelena-hora.eu/en
www.korunavysociny.cz

Žďár nad Sázavou ★ Koruna Vysočiny

Tips for Local Cultural Events

St. John's Pilgrimage (May)

A spiritual pilgrimage on the Day of St. John of Nepomuk associated with the second largest secular pilgrimage in the country.

Town Day (mid-June)

Annual celebration of Žďár nad Sázavou receiving the status of a town.

Horácký džbánek (mid-August)

Music festival with more than a 40-year tradition.

Slavnosti jeřabin (August and September)

Annual festival of art, music and drama from the Horácko region.

Folk costume pilgrimage to the Church of St. John of Nepomuk at Zelená hora (September)

Pilgrimage with sightseeing of architectural monuments and folklore festival.



Basilica of Our Lady of the Assumption and St. Nicholas, photo: Roman Šulc

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

In the information centre in the Old Town Hall, you can find the world's only Igráček toy of J. B. Santini by modeller Miroslav Svoboda. Only a single one was made just for the information centre. It's not for sale, but you can choose from a wide selection of other signature toys.



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New Generation Museum, photo: m-ARK



Photo: Castle archive



New Generation Museum, photo: Castle archive

Experience Baroque Firsthand ŽĎÁR NAD SÁZAVOU CASTLE

Žďár nad Sázavou castle is an architectural treasure boasting the legacy of the renowned Baroque architect Jan Blažej Santini-Aichel and a place where history comes to life in the form of experience tours and the interactive New Generation Museum. You can also book a night in a charming historical setting.

The former Cistercian monastery invites you for a visit to experience its history, dating back over 770 years. You can marvel at the historical buildings of the former prelatore with ceiling paintings, which later became a castle, and the Basilica Minor and learn about the history of the Kinsky family. The castle, offering rich history and culture, is a perfect spot for family trips, cultural events and unwinding in the café or shopping for regional products.

New Generation Museum

History can be entertaining, especially when presented with cutting-edge technology. You can experience it for

yourselves in the New Generation Museum. After the Velvet Revolution, the castle was returned to Radslav Kinský, who started its refurbishment. His son Constantin later approached Czech and French architects, who used state-of-the-art technology to portray the key moments in the history of the old monastery and castle. Each visitor receives an audio guide. They will find themselves in the times of the former monastery, discover a mirror kaleidoscope, reveal the secrets of the nearby Pilgrimage Church at Zelená hora or try making a book in VR the way it was done in the Middle Ages.



Castle Interior, photo: m-ARK

Spend a Night in a Baroque Tower

Have you ever dreamed of spending a night in a Baroque tower or a former mill? Here's where all such wishes come true. Aside from the three-floor Baroque tower, the guests can choose from the Gardener's house with its regional design or the stylish U Kašny suites in the former academy for the nobility. You can also try the rooms in the former monastery mill from the 17th century in the vicinity of a former brewery. Whichever choice you fancy, you will find a unique style and atmosphere that guarantees an unforgettable stay. The castle is cyclist-friendly, and there are plenty of bike stands and a charging station for e-bikes.

www.zamekzdar.cz/en/



Photo: m-ARK



Unlock Vysočina's Secrets

Želiv Monastery, photo: Michal Petrů

The numerous hills and woodlands were the cause of the late settlement of the Bohemian-Moravian Highlands. Pilgrims and traders in the 10th century passing through the region eventually established the first settlements and built churches and chapels. Due to the difficult terrain, the Bohemian-Moravian Highlands became a safe haven for those hiding from their past and other misfits. Hence, the Vysočina region became a crossroads of three religious creeds, shaping customs, traditions, and language, inspiring numerous poets, painters, compos-

ers and writers. The artists came to associate the genius loci, red rowanberries and long winters with home and their muse. You can find silent testimonies of history scattered all over the region. **Kralice nad Oslavou** hides remnants of a Gothic fortress, where the Unity of the Brethren with their printer found refuge in the 16th century. The brothers printed textbooks and translated books and canticles for their followers. It's the place where the first Czech translation of the Old and New Testaments, **the Bible of Kralice**, was printed. The history of its

origins is presented in the new exhibition of **the Memorial of Kralice Bible**. The largely uninhabited wilderness offered shelter to the fleeing Evangelicals after the Battle of White Mountain. Today, it is the place with the greatest number of Evangelical chapels in Czechia.

Revival of Jewish Culture in Vysočina

Jews followed the trade routes in the Middle Ages as well. The first mention of nine Jewish communities in the Vysočina region dates back to 1345. They lived here relatively undisturbed until the Hussite wars. Later, they

were cast out of the royal cities and laid the foundations of the Jewish communities in smaller towns and villages. As a result, you can find monuments reminding us of the history of Jewish settlement, houses of prayer, synagogues, Jewish cemeteries and entire communities in Vysočina, despite the adversities of the past decades.

Among those, there are several highlights you shouldn't miss. The private Talmud school ("Yeshiva") in **Golčův Jeníkov**, which was established in the late 18th century, is unique in all of Europe. This renowned school became an alma mater for rabbis, judges and teachers, as well as future entrepreneurs. To this day, prominent Jewish figures from all over the world come to pay their respects to **the tomb of Aron Kornfeld, the last rosh yeshiva of the school**.

The ever-present history also emanates from the Jewish quarters in **Třebíč, Polná, Velké Meziříčí, the Jewish bridge in Brtnice, the oriental synagogue in Nová Cerekev** or the **synagogue in the Rural Baroque style in Police near Jemnice**. Jewish culture in Vysočina regularly comes to life through the festivals **Polin in Polná and Shamayim in Třebíč**, which give you an opportunity to bake Jewish pastries or learn Jewish dances.

Reflections of Christianity

Christian symbols, religious heritage and monuments can be found in every corner of Vysočina. Several

monasteries were founded here in the early Middle Ages. You can pay a visit to the most important ones. Aside from the humble Gothic and opulent Baroque styles in **Žďár nad Sázavou** or **Želiv**, you can also admire the genius of the Czech-Italian architect **Jan Blažej Santini-Aichel**.

The **Way of the Cross** above the monastery in **Nová Říše** offers a spiritual pilgrimage. In **Křemešník**, you can rejuvenate body and soul at a miraculous well, where water flows from Christmas to May during the time of the local pilgrimage.

In the Land of Colours, Poetry and Music

Nová Říše is connected with the teaching career of poet Otokar Březina and the childhood of the Wranitzky brothers, who led the royal theatre orchestra in Vienna. In the nearby **Stará Říše**, Josef Florian founded his publishing company, which is associated with a number of important writers and Catholic poets. Florian provided sanctuary to **Jakub Deml, Bohuslav Reynek, Jan Zahradníček and Josef Čapek**.

After his death, it published the poems of **Ivan Martin Jirous** from Humpolec, who married Juliána Stritzková, granddaughter of Josef Florian.

You can also visit the **château in Petrkov** in the Havlíčkův Brod region, where **Bohuslav Reynek** used to live with his wife, French poet **Suzanne Renaud**.

Embark on a journey of discovery of the spiritual aspects of the Vysočina region through meditation and prayer.



Golčův Jeníkov, photo: David Falat



Kralice, photo: Martin Dolinský



Nová Říše, photo: Vladimír Kunc



The five-star boutique hotel Château Herálec offers singular design accommodation and exclusive service in one of the most beautiful romantic châteaux in Czechia. The hotel has received many major awards but its value lies in its ability to transport you back in time.



If you're looking for a place of tranquillity with alluring nature and a unique atmosphere worthy of kings, you've found it. Château Herálec, dating back to the 13th century, is located in the region with the highest concentration of UNESCO historical monuments and is surrounded by the pure nature of the Vysočina region with its deep woods, game preserves, blooming meadows, vast valleys and unique scenery. The château hotel, with its 19 spacious rooms, presents a veritable oasis of zen, where guests can peacefully relax undisturbed. Even high standards and luxury are no impediments to a pleasant family atmosphere of a place where children and pets are welcome.

Unforgettable Experiences

Come and unwind in Spa by L'OCCITANE in the château, which guarantees an unforgettable experience equivalent to the original Spa L'Occitane in the five-star hotel Couvent des Minimes in Provence. The château complex includes an excellent restaurant with fine cuisine. A place that will pamper your taste buds and charm you with its exceptional atmosphere, which is highlighted by the ambience of the oldest halls of the château. The gastronomy follows the best of traditional Czech cuisine with fresh new variations that will please even the most demanding contemporary gourmets. Quality fresh ingredients, which originate from local sources and are free of chemical additives and artificial flavours, will allow you to enjoy the true taste and aroma of the food. The château also takes pride in its collection of French wines from Bordeaux, which is one of the largest of its kind in Czechia.

Zen Zone

If you crave peace and quiet, head to the English garden surrounding the château. It features a Baroque statue of St. Agasius from the first half of the 18th century and a wayside shrine from the 17th century. The revitalisation of the château park restored the historical and species composition of the plants.



Photo: J. Přerovský, Herálec Château

The circular parterre and the simplified circular path were restored according to historical materials. One of the most important functions of the park is its ecological and stabilising role and its contribution to biodiversity through the composition of its species. It's an important habitat for animals reliant on ecosystems with old trees, such as birds, small mammals, bats or insects. It's a perfect place to observe the local squirrels. The château conjoins tradition with luxury and awakens powerful emotions. The park is an open invitation to a picnic with your family or loved ones and offers countless nooks and crannies to spend idle moments of well-earned rest. All of that without any tiresome arrangements, as the staff will gladly prepare a lovely romantic picnic with a basket full of goodies for you. You will certainly come across other magical places of the Vysočina countryside while taking a ride in the château convertible.

OUR TIP

Escape from the City

At Château Herálec, they like to surprise their guests with a number of tempting packages. The most remarkable one is the "Escape from the City", which allows you to join the daily chores at the château and get to know the rural way of life. After work, you can enjoy homemade sausages from Mr. Zajíček, smoked meat from Český Dvůr and smoked bacon from the Němec family farm. The château also prepares vegetarian roasts for those who don't eat meat. The fire menu is best enjoyed by roasting everything yourself on the fire in the château courtyard while sitting on wooden logs. To top it off, you will also receive a package with homemade château products as a thanks for your helping hands.



Photo: David Parík

www.chateauheralec.com

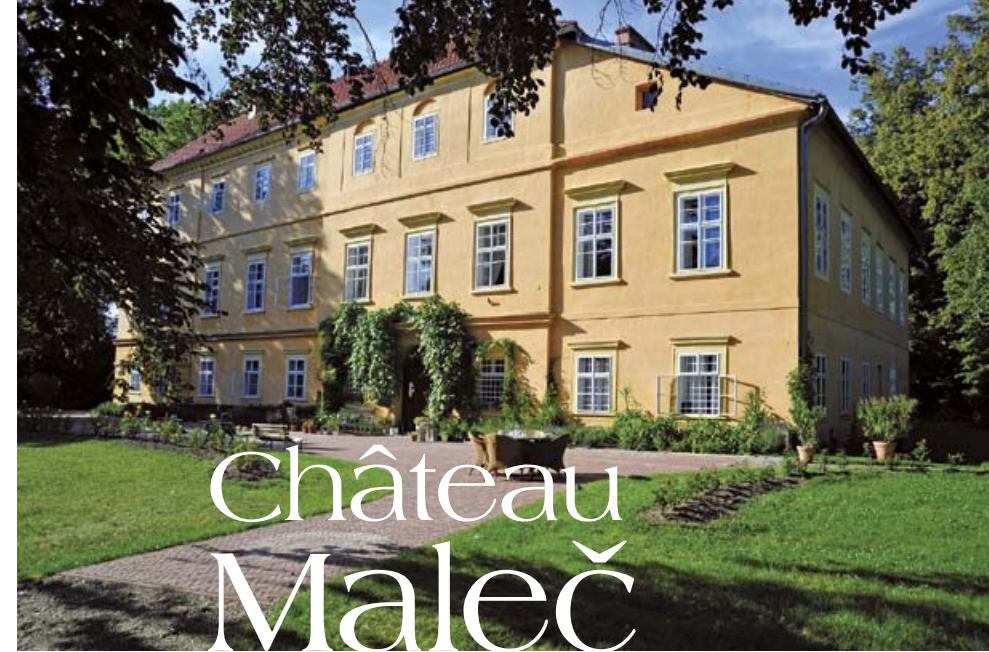


Photo: Maleč château archive

Sunset over the château with a pond, photo: Maleč château archive

Hlinsko Planet

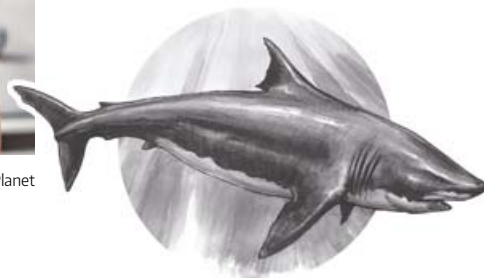
Come Unravel the Secrets of Our Planet Earth

Hlinsko just recently opened a new interactive educational centre – Hlinsko Planet. The exhibition offers visitors a unique perspective and insight into the processes and phenomena shaping our planet.



Photo: Hlinsko Planet

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to journey to the centre of the Earth? Our virtual elevator can take you there. Would you like to create your own volcanic eruption and learn what forces lie behind it? With us, you can try for yourselves. What would it be like to get sucked up by a giant vacuum? Answers to these questions and much more await you in the welcoming environment of the Hlinsko Planet educational centre, which has resided on the premises of the former ETA headquarters since September 2023. The education centre is not a typical amusement park or a playroom. It blends education with an interactive and entertaining form focused on discovering the different aspects of our planet Earth – lithosphere, atmosphere and hydrosphere.



You can experience firsthand what it is like to be a drop of water in an endless cycle, and how water travels through the landscape. The section dedicated to the lithosphere will show you prehistoric animals coming to life through augmented reality and animated clips. Have you ever tried making electricity? Try running electrical appliances in a virtual house. A small exhibition is also dedicated to the starry sky, and you can browse the mini-gallery of ETA products.

Hlinsko Planet is intended for all ages. There is a variety of activities for first-graders, teenagers and even adults who can learn many new and interesting tidbits. The exhibitions are not aimed just at the general public, but can serve as an educational aid for primary and secondary school children and their teachers as a part of their school curriculum. They can learn about geography, physics or geology in a fun way. We offer special educational programmes for just such occasions. The education centre also has a lecture hall and a laboratory with microscopes at your disposal. All information is available on the website, including the programmes and events offered that complement the numerous activities of the centre. We believe that you will be enthralled by our exhibition, have a great time and leave full of new experiences. Hlinsko Planet, a place where education meets adventure, welcomes you with open arms.

www.planetahlinsko.cz



PLACE WHERE THE 19TH CENTURY COMES TO LIFE

This is no ordinary manor house. Only recently opened to the public after years of repairs and restoration, it attracts visitors with a love of Czech history and art. Maleč château near Chotěboř at the foot of Železná hora on the edge of the Vysočina region is closely connected with two important figures of the 19th century – František Palacký and František Ladislav Rieger.

Take a stroll and relax in the English garden with a pond and marvel at the more than 400-year-old building surrounded by flower beds. It's a balm for the soul of

every visitor. But that's not the only reason to visit. The main attraction is the unique and authentic exposition.

The current owners of the mansion, the successors of František Palacký and František Ladislav Rieger, have prepared an engaging and enlightening exhibition dedicated to the two important Czech figures of the 19th century. The story of their illustrious lives presented in their own home will

give you a glimpse of values that are worth striving for even in today's public figures – comprehensive education, general knowledge, consistency of conviction, bold attitude and selfless service to the nation.

The audio guide was prepared by the historian Jiří Štaif and narrated by the actor Jan Hartl. The authentic atmosphere of the tour is underlined by the music of Antonín Dvořák, who loved to visit the château and spend time with his family. Here, he fine-tuned his operas with his librettist – Rieger's eldest daughter, Marie Červinková-Riegerová. Parts of their correspondence have been published, and you can find a copy on the old piano in the château library, where they used to pass time together. The guide includes a version for children, which allows them to learn about the figures and the historical importance of the Czech National Revival period.

www.zamekmalec.cz



Château Chapel, photo: Maleč château archive



The Main Representative Salon, Maleč château archive



Photo: Mila Vaněk



Chotěboř

GATEWAY TO ŽELEZNÉ HORY

The southern gateway to Železné hory. That's Chotěboř, a town built above the valley of the Doubrava River. Aside from the surrounding wilderness, it invites you to visit the church or the Jewish cemetery, try the local beer and attend the annual Town Days.



Photo: Mila Vaněk



The major sights include the Church of St. James the Greater, the Chapel of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, a statue of Ignát Herrmann, the monument to the Hussite warriors or the Chapel of St. Anne from 1902 with a park offering a beautiful view of Železné hory. You can also visit the nearby rock formations Koukalky, and the garden and geopark U Platanu invites you to its exposition of local rocks from Železné hory. Another place to visit is the pools near Chotěboř, a habitat of the strictly protected northern crested newt. On hot summer days, you can cool down in the nearby Břevnice reservoir. The northern edge of town offers an early Baroque château surrounded by an English garden, which is unfortunately closed to the public. You can visit Stromovka park with a concrete statue

Photo: town archive, Mila Vaněk



of the devil by Michal Olšiák commemorating a local legend. Beer connoisseurs will surely appreciate the pubs with local beer. The CEKUS Chotěboř organisation offers a wide selection of theatre performances, concerts and other events. The Ignát Herrmann's library organises various events in its attic, and the entrance hall displays a glass bust of the eponymous writer by the exceptional local glassmaker and artist Vladimíra Tesařová.

From Chotěboř to the Grand Canyon of Vysočina

The most popular tourist attraction of the region is the 5.5-kilometre-long nature trail through the valley of the Doubrava River. The river flows through a canyon surrounded by woodland and creates recesses with boulders and rapids. The information boards on the nature reserve trail will introduce you to a number of local geomorphological formations and typical fauna and flora. A walk through the Grand Canyon of Vysočina is a wonder to behold at any time of the year.

www.icchotebor.cz

Visit annual events in the town:

Town Days – June

Chotěbořské námko – music events on the town square are held every second Friday in summer

CHOTĚBOŘ FEST – a music festival for the entire family next to the ice rink, August

Food and Drink Festival – specialties of Czech and international cuisine, cooking and bartending shows, September

For more information and events, visit:
www.cekus.eu

The Healing Power OF POSÁZAVÍ

Many towns pay tribute to the Sázava River winding through the Vysočina region in their names. The river flows through Hesov in Přibyslav, where the history of local dairy production began in 1924.

The production of camembert from Přibyslav started 70 years ago. The locals drew their inspiration from France, the cradle of brie-type cheese. The production of this delicacy continues to this day, but cheese aficionados may know it as Král Sýrů, Hermelín or Sedlčanský hermelín.

esque valley of the Sázava River by Savencia Fromage & Dairy, which is the largest dairy producer in Vysočina.

Prepared by Vladimír Čejna (R&D Foodservice Manager) on behalf of Savencia Fromage & Dairy Czech Republic, a.s.



Pribináček Celebrates 70 Years

The next milestone came in 1954 when the dairy started producing the Pribináček curd cream. The original product was packed in waxed paper cups sealed with a paper lid. The package included a little wooden stick as a utensil. The shelf life used to be only 24 hours, so it was only available in Prague and Havlíčkův Brod. Thanks to modern advances and sanitary standards, Pribináček is now available throughout Czechia as well as Slovakia. The product range of the brand has also changed significantly over the years. At one point, there were as many as 16 different flavours. Its notoriety earned Pribináček a place in the film hall of fame in the Czech children's comedy Ať žijí duchové, and it became an iconic product and a favourite snack of children and adults alike.

Pribináček in Professional Cuisine

Pribináček has become an increasingly sought-after ingredient in gastronomy for desserts such as cheesecakes or pancakes. Naturally, in its 70-year history, Pribináček has undergone many changes. But one thing remains the same – its delicious curd-cream flavour. Its popularity stands even when generations change. Pribináček is produced in the pictur-



Ingredients (for 10 pcs):

- 125 liters of milk
- 10 eggs
- 2.5 spoons of vanilla sugar
- pinch of salt
- 325 g semi-finished flour
- frying oil
- Pribináček for spreading
- fresh fruit for decoration - strawberries, raspberries, blueberries

Method:

Mix milk with eggs, sugar and salt. Gradually add the flour. Finished dough leave rest in the cold for an hour. Then heat the oil in a pan and fry the pancakes until golden on both sides. Spread the cooled pancakes with Pribináček, roll up and serve with fruit on the top.



Synagogue and the Rabbi's House in Polná

The town of Polná offers numerous interesting tourist destinations. One example is the synagogue and rabbi's house, standing in the middle of the still preserved Jewish ghetto.

Both buildings are owned by the Federation of Jewish Communities and serve as a regional Jewish museum. The synagogue was built in 1683 in the early Baroque style and rebuilt two centuries later in the Neo-Gothic style. During the restoration of the synagogue, which took place in the 1990s and 2010–2014, the interior walls remained unplastered and raw, serving

as the ideal backdrop to the colourful golden-adorned sanctuary and the eternal flame. Only the women's balcony has preserved some fragments of the interior wall paintings. Adjacent to the synagogue is the Rabbi's House, which boasts a vaulted ground-floor entrance. This probably served as a shop, ritual baths – a basic necessity of every Jewish community – and a smoke



Rabbi's House, photo: FJC archive

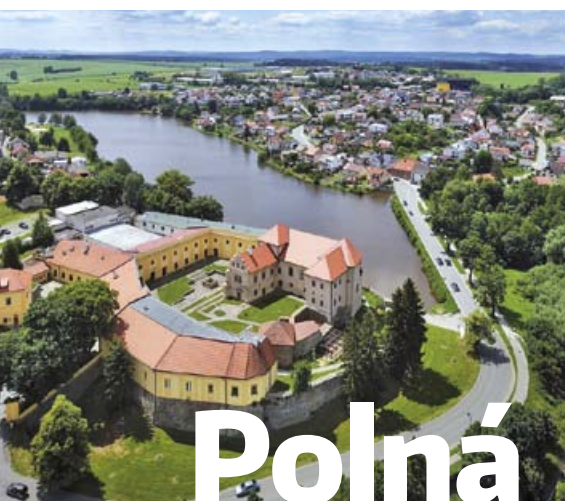


Synagogue, photo: FJC archive

kitchen with a bread oven. The first floor houses the restored "winter prayer room", which was probably used as a classroom of the Jewish elementary school between 1785 and 1850. The original apartment and office of the rabbi now serve as a space displaying "The Stage of Anti-Semitism. The Leopold Hilsner Case" exhibition highlighting the origins and impact of prejudice.



Karlovo nám. 541, Polná
Open: April–October
www.10hvezd.cz/cs/objekt/polna/



Polná

Photo: town archive

It is a picturesque town located on the Haber trail with a vibrant history. For the care of its monuments, it was awarded the title of Historic Town of 2006.

The castle and château complex is the town's cultural and social centre. It includes the town museum, primary art school, cultural centre, château restaurant and cinema. The castle courtyard houses aviaries with birds of prey. Especially in the summer, the complex comes alive with cultural events – theatres, concerts, night tours of the castle, a fairground with birds-of-prey demonstrations and

costumed tours. The town museum offers four sightseeing tours, including the exhibitions of the Pharmacy at the Black Eagle, the Merchant's Shop, the Legion and the Founding of Czechoslovakia. The fifth sightseeing circuit takes you to the Old School of Polná, about 200 metres away from the site. It features a complete classroom from the mid-19th century, the teacher's flat, the natural history cabinet and the smoke kitchen. Polná is a charming town with a rich cultural and social life and many sights worth seeing.

www.mesto-polna.cz/en/



Old School in Polná

Photo: city archive



POHLEĐ Michalův statek Rural Museum

It is the only rural museum in Czechia housed in a national cultural monument. It offers visitors a real insight into the peasant life before the abolition of serfdom in the Czech lands (1848).

The Michal family, after which the farm bears its name, lived here from 1591 until 2000, when the entire property was purchased from the original owners by the municipality of Pohled. That totals

nearly fifteen generations of farmers since the times of Emperor Rudolf II until President Václav Havel. The primary mission of the museum is to preserve the legacy of the peasantry

in all aspects of both everyday and festive life (work, customs, social status, period ideas and attitudes). The homestead itself consists of residential (living room, hallway, smoke kitchen, pantry and separate living quarters) and farm spaces (livestock shelter, granary, shed and barn), a yard with a well and a garden. If you're lucky, you can see the tradi-

tional cattle breed Czech Red Pied on the adjacent farm. In addition to regular tours, the homestead hosts holiday events on occasion such as Christmas, Easter, Midsummer or the King's Day, organised by the municipality and the Society for the Restoration of the Bohemian Kingdom.

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Society for the Restoration of the Bohemian Kingdom

is a community actively influencing public opinion with the aim of sparking a serious debate on changing the form of government of the Czech state.

Currently, we have experience with two basic forms of government – republic and monarchy. Both have evolved over time and today, they essentially differ only in the way the head of state is installed. The immense popularity of royal families in countries where monarchy survived to this day clearly demonstrates that hereditary royal bloodlines with limited executive powers constitute more respectable representatives than presidents elected from the ranks of politicians, actors or entrepreneurs. These countries are still modern and stable democracies today.



When Czechoslovak independence was declared on 28 October 1918, the form of government was not determined. It relied on the opinion of our exiled politicians and the attitude of the victorious powers. The republican form of government was declared on 14 November 1918 at the first Czechoslovak National Assembly. In the euphoria at the end of WWI and the earned independence, the people accepted the republic, but the idea didn't come from their heads. The Czech royal bloodline was not extinguished with the establishment of the Republic. It was merely banished from participation in political affairs, stripped of property and exiled. To the great shame of our contempo-

rary representatives, nobody has found the courage to at least symbolically mend the relations with our royal family, even in the light of the fact that they are direct descendants of the founders of Czech statehood. The mission of the Society is to bring the idea of royal restoration to the Czech throne. We are striving for this seemingly unattainable goal by raising public awareness, organising cultural events and public participation on important occasions, such as the National St. Wenceslas Pilgrimage in Stará Boleslav or in the Michalův statek Rural Museum in Pohled. Thanks to the association, the Michalův statek site was declared a National Cultural Monument in 2014. In May 2021, during an event in Vienna, the Society presented Karl von Habsburg, the grandson of the last Czech King Charles III, with a gift for his 60th birthday – a replica of the crown of Saint Wenceslas.

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Havlíčkův Brod

HNÁT'S SKELETON WILL GUARD THE NEW VISITOR CENTRE

On the south side of the town square, there is a Renaissance building with a tower, a clock and the skeleton of the treacherous Hnát, which resounds across the square every hour on the hour. We are talking about the old town hall, which is now listed as a national cultural monument and will feature a new tourist information centre in the summer.

The old town hall has undergone a complete reconstruction in recent years. Besides the tourist information centre, it will also house a new exhibition on the historical development of the town of Havlíčkův Brod. As in previous years, it will display a historical 3D paper model of the town. The old town hall will also organise a number of cultural events. There will be two new halls on the first floor.

News for Tourists

Besides the new tourist centre and exhibition, the town will also get a new logo, which will replace the current emblem of Havlíčkův Brod. The town hall will unveil all this news upon the official opening of the renovated old town hall in the summer. Upon arrival, tourists will surely appreciate a smoother passage through the town centre. The long-awaited southeastern bypass has diverted thousands of trucks away from the area.

Green Oasis Just Outside the City Centre

Do you prefer to seek out quiet and green urban areas? A few strides from the centre, you will step into a green sanctuary with ponds surrounded by centennial trees. Budoucnost park is undergoing gradual revitalisation. Two of its parts are already completed. The first part features a relaxing pond area, a children's playground with a grassy surface and a wooden kiosk offering coffee and small refreshments. In the second part, you can spend pleasant moments on a bench or refresh yourself at the water fountain at the newly designed crossroads.



Budoucnost Park, photo: town archive

An Invitation to Stimulating Events:

- Opening of the spring tourist season in the Vysočina region (13 April)
- Craft Fair (8 May, 17 November)
- Farmers' Market (May–October, the first Saturday of the month)
- Street Food Festival (1 June)
- Sunday concerts on the square (during summer holidays)
- Cultural Summer in Havlíčkův Brod (Wednesdays during summer holidays)
- European Heritage Days (14 September)
- Half-marathon (14 September)
- 34th Autumn Book Fair (11 and 12 October)

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Photo: m-ARK



Hnát's Skeleton, photo: town archive

REBEL BREWERY in Havlíčkův Brod

Celebrates 190 Years Since Its Founding

It is named after Karel Havlíček Borovský, and this year, it celebrates 190 years since its founding. The REBEL Brewery has been in the same place (the Bukovsky's Knight House) since 1834.

Today's brewery includes the brewery inn with its delicious cuisine and a wide range of bottom-fermented lagers, beer specials and light Rebel beers on tap. The brewmasters brew 115,000 hectolitres of beer a year using traditional methods. The brewery offers 13 types of mostly bottom-fermented beers year-round, as well as top-fermented IPAs. It is one of the few medium-sized breweries with its own canning line in Havlíčkův Brod. They like to transfer their craftsmanship into innovations such as the premium coffee lager with caramel

aroma, chocolate flavour and rich citrus notes called Rebel José. It combines the award-winning Rebel black beer with premium Honduran coffee. You can order the Rebel José beer (a new creation of



Rebel José Beer, photo: brewery archive 3x



2023) in the online store, gift-wrapped with a coffee package and a beer glass. Be sure to try the extraordinary experience of tasting the beer directly from the lager tanks in the brewery cellars. Pavel Pilař and other brewmasters cordially invite you to a guided tour of the Rebel brewery, which ends with a beer tasting.

Měšťanský pivovar Havlíčkův Brod a.s.
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FB, IG: @REBELpivo

Brewery tours for individuals and groups:
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email: exkurze@hbrebel.cz
Book your tour ideally one or two weeks in advance.

Havlíčkův Brod is conveniently located almost in the centre of Czechia. The Brixen Hotel, in a quiet residential area of the town, is a stone's throw from what Jára Cimrman called "the centre of Europe".

*Shine fair moon-beam, shine but lightly
Through the cloudy height; Tell me, how do you
like Brixen? Why so mean tonight?*
Karel Havlíček Borovský

The hotel offers cosy, clean, modern rooms with private bathrooms, Wi-Fi and a rich breakfast buffet. Guests can also stay in apartments with a kitchenette and a whirlpool. The staff's personal approach creates a pleasant and relaxing atmosphere. If you are planning an event, training session or workshop, you can rent the hotel's conference room. The perfect event needs catering. That's why the hotel also offers coffee break variations. Learn about the life of K. H. Borovský. Explore romantic castles, château and ruins and discover family-friendly fairy-tale villages. The Vysočina region is the ideal holiday destination for passionate cyclists and hiking enthusiasts.



Photo: Brixen Hotel archive



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Embark on a Journey Following the Glassmaking Tradition

The Vysočina region has been the centre of glassmaking for over 400 years. Explore the glassmakers art, follow their legacy and learn about glassmaking jargon.

The oldest documented mention of glassmakers in Vysočina is from the Žďár area; later, glassmaking also appeared in Telč, Posázaví and Pacov. The remains of one of the abandoned glassworks can be found in České Milovy in the Žďár region, the location of the Glassmaker's House from the early 19th century. In 2023, it also became the location of one of the most remarkable collections of Czech glass in the Vysočina region. The **Na Milovské huti Gallery** presents more than a thousand exhibits from the 17th to 21st century. Artificial intelligence will guide you through the exhibition using tablets. The process of glassmaking in the Posázaví region is mapped in the **castle exhibition in Ledec nad Sázavou**. You will learn about the operation of glassworks and get to admire the products of famous glassmakers. After a visit to the 220-year-old **glass museum in Tasice** and a tour of the sample glass production of the next generation of the Císař glassmaking family at the **Caesar Crystal Bohemiae Glassworks** in Josefodol near Světlá nad Sázavou, you will get a comprehensive idea of the local glassmaking craft. The exhibition of historical European glass **at the château in Světlá nad Sázavou** presents a luxurious collection from the Baroque to the 20th century.

Czech Handmade Glass Production Now on the UNESCO List

At the end of 2023, Czech handmade glass production made it on the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List. This is an important milestone for the Vysočina region, as it is the



Photo: Vysočina Tourism

second most important glassmaking region in Czechia. For an overview of glassworks and master glassmakers who still handcraft and cut glass, visit the www.vysocina.eu website. It also offers updates on glassmaking, a calendar of events for 2024, trip recommendations and a list of important glass-making sites and glassmakers.



Na Milovské huti Gallery, photo: Koruna Vysočiny

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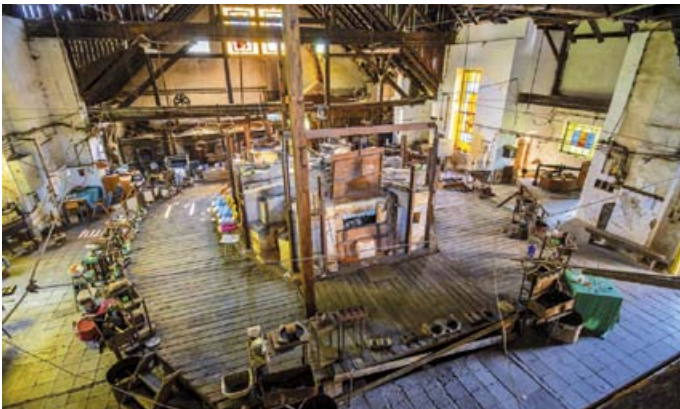
Na Milovské huti Gallery, photo: Koruna Vysočiny

Take the Milovská nature trail and follow the former glassmaking settlements, enjoying a pleasant 5-kilometre walk.



A team of enthusiasts at the Vysočina Museum Havlíčkův Brod has been organising glass melting sessions in a replica of a medieval glass furnace. Visitors can watch the melting and subsequent blowing of glass.

When: end of August/beginning of September
Where: Vlkovsko



Glassworks Huť Jakub Tasice, photo: Jakub Mertl

SVĚTLÁ NAD SÁZAVOU Boasts a New Square



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The Trčků z Lípy square in Světlá nad Sázavou has been given a makeover with several new design and functional elements. It is dominated by an architectural gem – the town's information centre. It is built into the terrace neighbouring the steps to the church, offering a sneak peek through an original window.

If you visit this town of glassmakers, you shouldn't miss its completely renovated centre. After two years of reconstruction, it shines with a brand-new sheen. Both tourists and locals appreciate the information centre built into the terrace below the church. When you climb the two-level staircase, you will reach the terrace, where the town's markets and cultural events are held. The area in front of the town hall has undergone a major visual transformation and is now dominated by greenery. Fans of honest craftsmanship will notice the original railing of the terrace, the gate to the church garden or the unique window of the new information centre. There are bike racks, a smart bench and an e-bike charging station. In the summer months, visitors will appreciate a water fountain and a misting system. To find out more about the town, locate the information board near the church, which has a map of the Světlá region. On the other side of the square, look up the

new info boards listing recommended sites in the town and its surroundings.

Triangle Square from the Middle Ages

As archaeologists discovered during the reconstruction, the town square has had its unusual triangle shape since medieval times. They made a remarkable discovery when they found the original cellars under the now-non-existent Na Poště Inn, which was later replaced by the present-day town restaurant.

Revitalisation Continues in the Church Garden

Improvements are in process behind the square. A viewing terrace and a small water fountain will be built behind the church by the end of this year. It will be turned into a relaxation zone and a cosy little square with a newly repaired entrance to the town's underground, one of the major tourist attractions.



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Follow the new nature trail in the footsteps of Jaroslav Hašek – from the train station to Lipnice nad Sázavou. One of the most renowned Czech writers, who wrote the world-famous The Good Soldier Švejk, made this journey in 1921 with his friend, the famous Czech impressionist Jaroslav Panuška.



Photo: KyTICe



Ledeč nad Sázavou Castle, photo: m-ARK



Nature Trail, photo: town archive

Ledeč nad Sázavou

MEET THE PEARL OF POSÁZAVÍ

Ledeč nad Sázavou, a small town in the central Posázaví region, is situated on both banks of the Sázava River. It takes pride in its rich history, evident by many historical monuments dominated by the majestic castle.

From the castle's 32-metre-high tower, you can enjoy breathtaking views of the town and its surroundings with the highest hill in the area, Melechov. Visit the Church of St. Peter and Paul, see the Marian sculpture and the statue of Master Jan Hus on Hus Square, the Jewish synagogue or the cemetery with Mahler family tombstones.

Medieval Castle Towers over Sázava

The proud dominant of the town is the original Gothic castle, which has been gradually expanded, first in the

Renaissance and later in the Baroque style, until it received its present form. It had several important owners from Czech and foreign noble families. Today, the castle is co-owned by the town of Ledeč nad Sázavou and Kovofiniš, a.s. and belongs to the ten most visited monuments in the Vysočina region. It offers several sightseeing tours and exhibitions on the history of the castle and crafts, a unique collection of historical clocks and an exhibition about glassmaking in Vysočina. Children will be thrilled by the collection of teddy bears, and lovers of the Czech author Jaroslav Foglar can enjoy the only permanent museum about his personality in Czechia.

The Boys from Beaver River Nature Trail

Since August 2023, you can try the new nature trail and follow the footsteps of the boys from Beaver River (characters of the popular Czech young adult novel). You will reach a place visited by the author between 1925 and 1945. He went here on camps with his scout group.



Nature Trail, photo: town archive

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Ledeč nad Sázavou castle is a very popular location for Czech and foreign filmmakers and is located near the geographical centre of the country?



Shooting the Czech Fairy Tale Anděl Páně II, photo: town archive

Open Studio Event in Vysočina



Božena a Karel Rossi studio, photo: Irena Amutidisová

AUTUMN ART FESTIVAL

Every year in early October, over a hundred artists in the Vysočina region open doors to their studios, workshops and creative spaces. Professional and amateur artists, galleries, museums, primary art schools and other cultural organisations bring art and artistic creations to the general public.



Not only can you visit the studios, but also meet the artists in person, talk to them and even try some of their techniques and crafts. Over the years, the event acquired the label “autumn art festival”, referring to the imaginative approach of the local artists. Each year, they prepare a rich accompanying programme for visitors. They offer workshops, interesting lectures on non-traditional crafts, guided tours of their spaces or demonstrations of their art. During the event, entrance to all studios is free.

The open studio events are orga-

nised in two other Czech regions – the South Moravian and South Bohemian regions. You can also visit the studios in Lower Austria, where the entire idea originated. Visitors can find all important information on the website and the event catalogue available at the information centres across the region a month before the event. In 2024, the event falls on the weekend of 5–6 October. It presents a great opportunity to explore the birthplaces of Vysočina art.

Come celebrate the art spectacle and get inspired by the creative spirit of Vysočina.

The festival is organised by the



Tržil-Rossi studio, photo: Irena Amutidisová

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Historical Clocks Museum, photo: m-ARK

Connected with Nature

ZDEŇKA NEZMEŠKALOVÁ: NATURE CONSERVATIONIST AND RESCUER OF GREYHOUNDS FROM IRELAND

The region of Vysočina takes pride in its pristine nature, clean air and abundant protected animals and plants. However, this natural heritage needs our care. People intent on protecting wildlife and natural habitats are well aware of that, as are those who care about our nature and maintaining biodiversity. They point out that today's landscape and fauna often suffer at the hands of humans. One such person is Zdeňka Nezmeškalová, a native of Chotěboř in the Havlíčkův Brod region. She has spent her entire career in the world of nature and animal conservation.



Zdeňka Nezmeškalová and her adopted greyhounds

Can you start by introducing what have you been doing professionally and where have you worked?

I have been attracted to nature and animals since childhood. I studied ecology and joined the Czech Union for Nature Conservationists (ČSOP). I was the coordinator of the Biodiversity Conservation Programme and wildlife rescue stations. I spent 15 wonderful years working with the Union. In 2021, I joined forces with the Czech Animal Protection Foundation. We are implementing a crucial project consisting of educational videos for new animal

breeders. In addition, I have worked in dog-assisted therapy for over 12 years; it gives me joy to combine helping people with animals, in my case, with adopted greyhounds.

You were the coordinator of the rescue stations in Czechia. Can you explain how they work?

Rescue stations are authorised by the Czech Ministry of the Environment. Most of them are interconnected via a national network, which is operated by the Czech Union for Nature Conservationists. These stations must follow certain rules, such as being available by telephone, accepting almost all types of animals, keeping online records and further education and training. A list of the stations is available on the www.zvirevnouzi.cz website or in the Zvíře v nouzi mobile app. If you contact the station with a question or report a found animal, it will recommend the next course of action. Most often, this means taking in the injured or exhausted animal. However, it will often tell the inquirer that the animal doesn't need any help and should be left undisturbed in its habitat.

We only have one rescue station in the Vysočina region – the one in Pavlov near Ledeč nad Sázavou.

Yes, the rescue station in Pavlov has a long history. Initially, it specialised mainly in otters, and that's still true to this day. It has one of the best conditions in Czechia for rearing otter pups that find themselves without a mother. Apart from them, however, it also provides assistance to other wild species. Its educational and awareness-raising activities also have a substantial impact on the public. What I admire most about this station is that it employs people with disabilities.

What are the common causes of injuries in animals?

The majority of the animals admitted to rescue stations have suffered due to human intervention. Everywhere you look, you see our impact on the landscape – whether it's the roads, railways, glass surfaces, encroaching on natural habitats, direct human activity in nature, e.g. with unruly children or dogs and agricultural activity.

One of the objectives of the rescue stations is to raise awareness and educate children about ecology, nature and animal protection. What kind of positive outcomes do you see in these objectives?

Only a well-informed public finds the motivation to make changes. Take the impact of fireworks, for example. My husband told me that he never thought about the impact of firecrackers and fireworks when he was young. There are little things you can do yourself, such as recycling, not littering, implementing bird-friendly measures on your windows, installing a bird feeder in winter and a bird water fountain in summer, avoiding products containing palm oil, taking an interest in nature and much more.



Pavlov station

A specific area of activities is the protection of important natural sites in the Vysočina region. What are they? Can we visit them? And what will we see?

This region is a beautiful part of our country. In addition to the protected landscape areas of Žďárské vrchy and Železné hory, you can also find many smaller protected territories. I'm a patriot, so I have to mention the Doubrava Valley Nature Reserve near Chotěboř, which is a pleasant destination in every season. A black stork flies over your head, a white-throated dipper hops on the water, and if you're lucky, you may even see an otter. Nearby, you can enjoy the peat bogs



Pavlov station

near Velké Dářko pond or the Mohelno serpentinite steppe in the Třebíč region, where you can visit a new ground squirrel observatory.

Are there any other local non-profits or associations making a significant contribution to a better tomorrow?

An important one is the Chaloupky charitable society, which is engaged in environmental education and raising awareness, especially among children and youth. Its history goes back far before the Revolution to the era of the Brontosaurus movement. Thousands of children and even teachers gain new knowledge and then pass it on. There are also local branches of the Czech Union for Nature Conservationists and the Czech Ornithological Society (ČSO).

What are these organisations doing?

They maintain the landscape and fields in harmony with nature and animals, restore wetlands, build water holes, put up nesting boxes, etc. Their activities are endless. For example, the ČSOP currently cooperates with the Vysočina branch of ČSO to raise money to purchase the Na Skřivánku site, a valuable wetland and forest rich in rare bird species and many others.

Your work in rescuing racing greyhounds from Ireland is quite interesting. What inspired you to do that?

Nature aside, dogs are a big part of my life. The greyhounds and I were brought together by a happy accident. I was living in Prague and looking for a dog that would stay on a soft couch rather than required hours of walking outside. I found a retired racing greyhound that was a perfect match. Since it is a very low-maintenance dog, after some time, I got another one. They are both very mellow, which allowed me to turn my home into a temporary shelter for the Chrti v nouzi (Greyhounds in Need) organisation. It tries to find homes for greyhounds mainly from Ireland but also helps those born in Czechia. Every year, several greyhounds from Ireland go directly to their new family. Honestly, having a greyhound is very addictive. Once you fall under their spell, it becomes the love of a lifetime.

ZDEŇKA'S TIPS ON UNIQUE NATURAL LOCATIONS

- Doubrava valley (near Chotěboř)
- Mohelno serpentinite steppe (near Hrotovice in the Třebíč region)
- Hrádek town park (Třebíč)
- Bělinské valley with a nature trail and bird observation deck (near Čikov in the Třebíč region)



Doubrava River Valley

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Eastern Moravia

Destination Worthy of Return

Eastern Moravia is a region of contrasts, offering architectural gems and natural landscapes. On the one hand, Zlín with its straightforward functionalism; on the other, Luhačovice and its storybook buildings by Dušan Jurkovič, the wood poet architect. You can also admire his distinctive colourful style a few kilometres further when hiking in Pustevny.

Zlín gave the world the visionary Tomáš Baťa, who in return made the city into a fascinating functionalist place full of greenery. But he wasn't the only one who gave Zlín its modern appearance. The architects František Lýdie Gahura and Jiří Voženilek left their marks, and the world-renowned architect Eva Jiřičná decorated it with her Cultural and University Centre. Take a stroll through Zlín, and you'll feel like being in an open-air gallery of modern architecture. Geometric regularity, brick lining and functionalist frankness create an impressive counterbalance to the abundance of shapes and colours of the spa

town of Luhačovice and the Wallachia area. The spa complex heals the body and uplifts the mind not only with its mineral springs but also with the aesthetics of buildings designed by Dušan Samo Jurkovič. He is also the author of many other important villas and the music pavilion, while one of the famous spa hotels even bears his name. Be sure to pay a visit to the Sun Spa, which was completed by Jurkovič in 1903, and among its most famous visitors were the composer Leoš Janáček and actor Vlasta Burian. It has undergone extensive reconstruction and now springs back to life.

Functionalist Architecture of Zlín, photo: m-ARK

Soláň, photo: m-ARK



Zlín kraj bez hranic

Cosy Wallachia

The unmistakable mark of Jurkovič's wood poetry at the Maměnka and Libušín mountain shelters and Tanečnica Hotel will delight your soul while hiking in Pustevny. The whole Wallachia region and the wooden houses scattered across its rolling landscape invite you to visit, boost your body and lift your spirits. For a cultural experience, head to Soláň, known for its rich art history and an outdoor gallery. Enjoy a well-deserved rest and recharge your batteries at the spa centre in Velké Karlovice. To complete the architectural experience, make a stop in Rožnov pod Radhoštěm. The town's dominant is a seven-storey wooden lookout tower built in the Wallachian Open Air Museum based on Jurkovič's drawings from a hundred years ago. Don't forget to taste local gourmet gems, from the delicious fruit cake called "Frgál" with various fillings to dried fruit and the "slivovitz" plum brandy.

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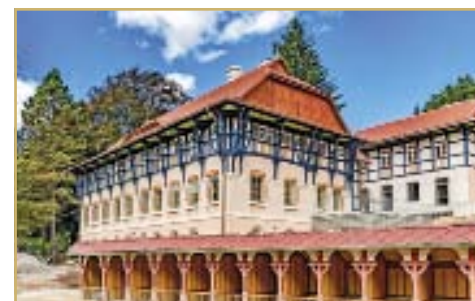


Photo: archive of Eastern Moravia

SUN SPA

Enjoy the early-20th-century atmosphere of the once-vibrant sun spa designed by the architect Dušan Jurkovič. Freshly renovated, the area comes back to life.



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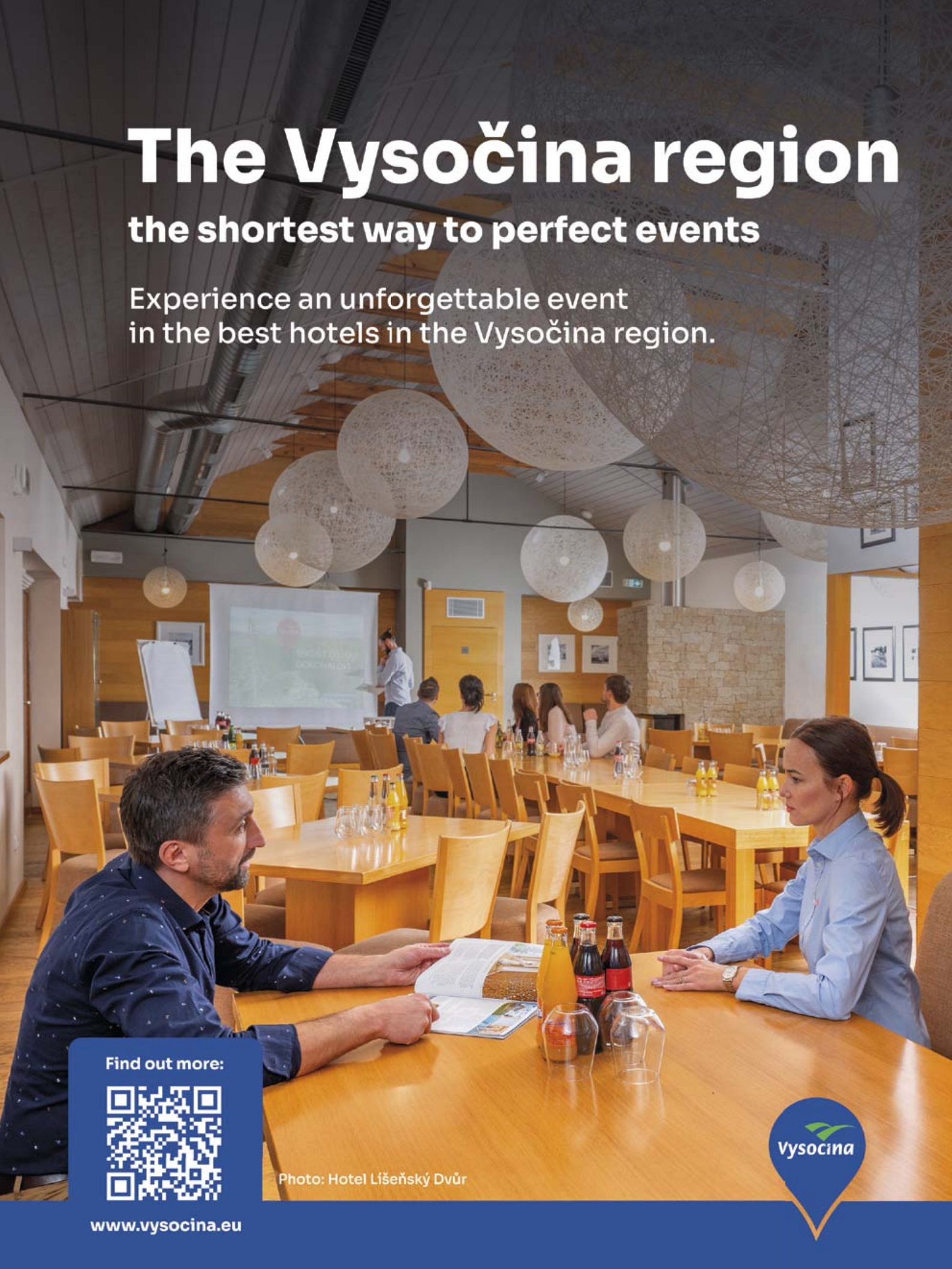


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