



## Welcome to Říčany ————— A city full of life!

Říčany is a picturesque town with over 800 years of history, located on the southeastern edge of Prague. Its unique location, transportation links, charming nature, and vibrant social, sports, and cultural life offer a high quality of living. In Deloitte's survey, it has repeatedly ranked as **the best place to live** in the Czech Republic.

Experience the vibrant atmosphere and explore the beautiful surroundings. Discover not only the sights in Říčany but also its six other parts (formerly independent: Jazlovce, Kuří, Pacov, Radošovice, Strašín, and Voděrádky). **Be inspired by the energy** of 17,000 residents who actively shape the community all year round. Enjoy sports, culture, and fun. Welcome to a city full of life!



## ŘÍČANY CASTLE RUINS

### A mysterious spot in the heart of Říčany

• Once the seat of powerful lords, the castle was left to decay after being seized by Jan Žižka's troops. Over time, locals used its stones for building homes. The impressive ruins of the early Gothic castle are tucked behind the square and school, yet they dominate the view from Mlýnský Pond and the road from Kolovraty.

The ruins of Říčany Castle are among the oldest in the region. Built between 1260 and 1270 by Ondřej of Všehromy, the chief chamberlain of King Přemysl Otakar II and founder of the Říčany family, it was once a gem of noble castle architecture. A 3D model in the courtyard shows its original design.

Imagine the castle in its prime. The lower part of the palace was used for storing food, weapons, and ammunition. The main vaulted hall and the lord's living quarters were on the second floor. The courtyard façade of the palace, parts of the donjon

(defensive tower), and the well in the center of the courtyard (now a wooden replica) have been preserved.

During the Hussite Wars, the castle was captured by Jan Žižka, its inhabitants left, and it fell into ruin. Locals took the slate for building material. Later, a quarry was even opened beneath the palace.

### What was life like in the castle during the Middle Ages?

• Watch the detailed visualization by the Říčany Museum.

### Fascinated by the Middle Ages?

• Play the geolocation game Treasure Hunt in Medieval Říčany and experience life in the castle and town! Download the Geofun app for free on Google Play or the App Store.



Cannonballs from the conquest of Říčany Castle



Visualization of Říčany Castle

Na Hradě



Geofun: Treasure Hunt in Medieval Říčany





## GEOPARK ŘÍČANY

### What makes the Říčany Geopark special?

• It's a unique space to explore geology and nature. Admire a diverse display of landscapes, unlike any other in the Czech Republic. In a small area, you'll find limestone outcrops, basalt columns, scree fields, a pond, a tunnel, and a cave with real stalactites. There are also volcanic bombs, a large flint, ancient trilobites, a petrified tree, and a fascinating range of plants.

### What can you experience in the Říčany Geopark?

• Try panning for real Czech garnets in the pond, uncovering fossils at a paleontological site, or exploring a cave with a helmet and headlamp. The park hosts programs for schools, summer camps, and even teachers who want to teach about geology in an engaging way. Visit and explore yourself! From April to October, many public events take place – regular Geo-afternoons for families or themed events like “Hunting for Trilobites and Dinosaurs”, “Volcanoes, Earthquakes, and Tsunamis”, “Journey to Prehisto-



ry”, or an amateur mineral fair. The lab allows you to cut, polish, and grind stones. Kids can play in the pond, crawl through the cave tunnel, or slide down the woolly rhinoceros slide. The Geopark can also be reserved for private events like birthday parties or team-building activities. It is run by the Říčany Museum in cooperation with the 1st Elementary School.

**What's next?** • The Geopark's entrance marks the start of the Říčany Astro Trail, a two-hour route around the town. Discover the planets of the solar system and fun tasks for kids. Or try the adventure game “Space Conquerors” for older kids and adults. The trail guide is available at the museum, the info center, or online.



Geopark Říčany  
Masaryk Square  
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Astro Trail





### CHURCH OF ST. PETER & PAUL

**A landmark of the square** • This originally early Gothic church was built at the same time as the Říčany castle. During the Thirty Years' War, it was almost destroyed, like the rest of the town, and later rebuilt in the High Baroque style. You can still find original features – medieval walls, a pointed Gothic window arch, and frescoes in the side chapel. Look up at the entrance to see the statues of the saints to whom the church is consecrated.



### MARIAN COLUMN

**A tribute for protection from wars and the plague** • This Baroque column with a statue of the Immaculate Virgin Mary dates back to 1699. If you know the Marian Column on Prague's Old Town Square by Jiří Bendl, it won't surprise you that it inspired the one in Říčany. Interestingly, while the statue of the Immaculate Virgin should have a halo with twelve stars, the Říčany statue has only ten. Where did the other two go?



### STOLPERSTEIN INFORMATION BOOTH

**An old kiosk with powerful stories** • Stolpersteine (stumbling stones) also commemorate Jewish citizens in Říčany who left their homes and never returned, as they were murdered during World War II. Most of them can be found on Masaryk Square. Learn more at the information booth built from an old kiosk – it features info panels and videos. You can also view the Holocaust memorial plaque on the Old Town Hall building.



Stolperstein  
Masaryk  
Square 83



### CHARITY SHOP KOLOBĚH

**By locals, for locals, and more!** • Koloběh was created through the participatory budget program "Surprise Říčany". Volunteers work in this unique shop, offering everything from books and clothing to children's items, toys, and kitchenware. All proceeds go to those in need in Říčany and its surroundings.



Koloběh  
Masaryk  
Square 13





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## TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER

### All about Říčany in one place

• The Říčany Info Center is located on the ground floor of the Old Town Hall and is your key to exploring the town and the Micro-region of Josef Lada. Need tips for the best trips or great dining spots? Here, you'll find everything about current cultural and sports events, advice on transport and

parking in Říčany, as well as information on the best accommodations and restaurants. At the Info Center, you can find tourist and cycling maps, guides, books, postcards, and a wide selection of local souvenirs and gifts. Visit the Říčany Info Center and discover all the hidden treasures of Říčany! Smiles, advice, and free internet.



Tourist Information Center  
Masaryk Square 83



Interactive Map  
Discover Říčany



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## ŘÍČANY TOWN GALLERY

**An oasis for art lovers** • The Town Gallery is located on the first floor of the Old Town Hall on Masaryk Square. It focuses on contemporary art, hosting solo and group exhibitions. Come and see high-quality artworks and exhibits that match those of prestigious Prague galleries! You can also find sculptures and installations around Říčany as part of outdoor exhibitions.

📍 Masaryk Square 83



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## OLD TOWN HALL AND THE CONCERT HALL

### The town hall hides a secret under its roof

• The Old Town Hall has stood in the square since 1864. Until 1912, the small hand showed minutes and the large hand hours. Today, the clock works as it should, but the town hall hides another surprise! In 2017, 19th-century ceiling and wall paintings were discovered during roof repairs. They were restored, giving Říčany a unique hall, open during gallery hours and public events.







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## TERŠÍP HOUSE AND MAGIC GARDEN

**A Neo-Baroque gem on the square** • Teršip House on Masaryk Square stands out at first glance. This Neo-Baroque building with a mansard roof features remarkable stucco decorations. It was built in the 1870s, and its current form was shaped by lawyer Karel Teršip in the 1920s. Today, it houses the Hus Library. Looking for some rest? Walk through the arched passage and find yourself in a truly magical garden. Relax



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on benches overlooking the Mlýnský Pond, enjoy water play areas, or read the engaging educational panels. In summer, you might catch a cultural event like an open-air concert or a summer cinema. You can also rent a boat from the Info Center, moored at the pier.



Jan Hus Library  
Masaryk Square  
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## MLÝNSKÝ POND

**A slightly hidden pond** • Mlýnský Pond was one of two defensive ponds for the local medieval castle. While the other, Lázeňský, has become a meadow, sports grounds, or homes, “Mlejňák” remains. It lies a bit off the city’s hustle, retaining an almost rural charm. A mill once stood here, operating until shortly after World War II.

**Relax by the water** • The pond offers a charming view of Říčany’s skyline with the castle, school,

and church. You can explore it by walking or cycling along the path that passes through. In the season, rent a boat from the Info Center and enjoy a ride on the pond.

Or stroll along the boardwalk over the water’s surface. The walkway connects the Magic Garden to a playground with a rope park under the castle.



Trail around  
Mlýnský Pond  
Podhrázká





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## ŘÍČANY MUSEUM

### A small museum for big joys

• Exhibitions here are hands-on – make a star projector, build a castle, work with wood, experience medieval cooking, make a felt bat, touch a meteorite, embroider, understand trees, or explore the Earth's core. It's all at the museum on Rýdlova Street! Exhibits cover various topics for both kids and adults. The museum also offers creative workshops, clubs, educational programs for schools and kindergartens, and inspiring events for families and teachers. In the museum shop, you'll find nature exploration tools, books, teaching materials, and unique gifts.

**Natural Garden** • If you need some fresh air, climb into a giant bird's nest in the garden or borrow a picnic blanket and relax. Visit the insect hotel, see budgies and cockatiels in the aviary, read the fun info panels, and learn how water flows through the landscape.



**Meet the animals!** • Across from the main museum building, you'll find a yard with chickens and rabbits, cared for according to welfare standards. Kids without access to farm animals learn here how to treat them in a way that keeps them useful and happy. The yard is open during public events, like Goat Afternoon or wool-crafting programs.



Říčany Museum  
Rýdlova 271/14







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## OLIVOVNA

**Take a deep breath!** • Stroll around Olivovna and enjoy the fresh air that has attracted children from distant cities for years. The children's sanatorium was founded by the Oliva couple in 1896 as a home for abandoned and neglected children. They attended school here and worked on the fields. Later, it became a children's health resort, and from 1922, it hosted a unique forest school where children spent most of their therapy outdoors. They studied in the orchard, napped outside, worked in the garden, and often

went for walks, swimming, or skating. Today, the center treats respiratory and mobility disorders as well as obesity. The area also offers cultural experiences. Concerts and theater performances take place in the chapel and nearby park, and film fans enjoy the summer cinema. Tours of the park or chapel are available by prior arrangement.



Olivovna  
 Olivova 224/108



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## JAPANESE GARDEN AIZEN

**Japan in Říčany?** • Aizen is one of the largest Japanese-style gardens in Europe. It was founded in 1998 by Petr Typlt and has gradually evolved following the vision of Takumi Mizokami and Osamu Okamura.

**Why visit Aizen?** • The garden is beautiful year-round but open to the public only from April to

October. Although it is further from the city center, the walk is well worth it. In the warmer months, you might encounter tai chi or yoga enthusiasts or attend a cultural event like a children's day or summer cinema. It's also perfect for a picnic. Kids will enjoy the hidden corners, water features, and grassy areas for various games. Dogs allowed on a leash.



Japanese Garden Aizen  
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## NATURAL SWIMMING AREA JUREČEK

### What makes Jureček special?

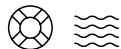
- The swimming area was created on the Rokytka stream during the First Republic era. The site, featuring a pond and restaurant, was named after one of its enterprising tenants, Antonín Jureček. Between the world wars and later, it was a popular destination for many notable personalities. During walks here, you might have encountered stars of the silver screen and other prominent artists.

### What can you experience today?

- Enjoy swimming – the water is cooler but usually clean, as the

Rokytka flows through a forest and is not polluted by agricultural runoff. Besides natural swimming, you can enjoy snacks from the buffet or restaurant, a children's playground, a beach volleyball court, a ping-pong table, and a rich cultural program in the season – concerts and film screenings. Or take a walk: the path around the pond is lined with wooden sculptures by a local artist, and children will love the rope park.

📍 Ke Koupališti



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## 50TH PARALLEL IN ŘÍČANY What do Říčany, Krakow, Kharkiv, and Winnipeg have in common?

- They all lie on the 50th parallel! At the Jureček swimming area, you'll find a granite marker across the path indicating the parallel's course, information boards, and a nearly three-meter obelisk. Kids can play on the nearby playground, and adults can use the outdoor gym.

📍 U Jurečku



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## MARVÁNEK RECREATION AREA

### An afternoon program for everyone

- Marvánek offers fun for all. You can reach it via the bike path by the scout clubhouse or from Řípská Street. There's a beach, paddleboat rentals, a water playground, a kids' playground, and mini golf. Enjoy refreshments at the local pub with outdoor seating or use the barbecue area.

📍 Řípská

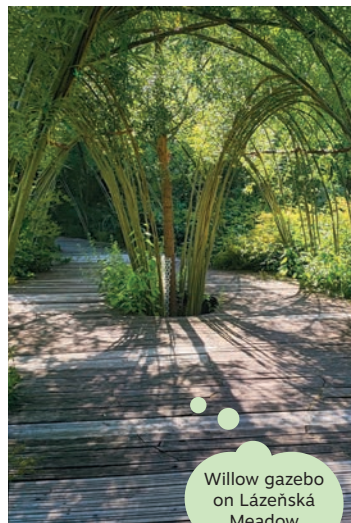




Rope park  
below  
the castle



The waterfront  
of Říčany creek



Willow gazebo  
on Lázeňská  
Meadow



## WHERE TO FIND PLAYGROUNDS

**Playgrounds Everywhere** • Říčany is full of playgrounds. From the square, it's a short walk to Lázeňská Meadow or the rope park playground under the castle. At the start of Olivova Street, there's a park with trampolines. Marvánek's water playground is also a highlight. For sports, visit the Sokol area in Radošovice with sports fields, ping-pong tables, a rope pyramid, and a climbing wall. Near Elementary School U Říčanského lesa, you'll find fields, a pump track, an outdoor

gym, and a large climbing wall. The skatepark near Černokostelecká is also worth a visit.

## WHERE TO GO FOR A WALK

**Get outside!** • Říčany and its surroundings are full of great places to explore. Choose from a variety of routes on the Říčany Museum website in the "Where to Go" section. Find route descriptions, photos, tips, and fun tasks for all ages. **Educational Trail Říčansko** • This 9 km trail takes you through city, forest, and field paths, with 18 stops introducing you to the area's culture, history,

and nature. Starting at Masaryk Square, it runs past the castle ruins, ponds, through the Říčany Forest, along the Rokytka stream, and ends at Jureček natural swimming area.

## WHERE TO ENJOY CULTURE

**Říčany is full of life!** • Throughout the year, you can find various cultural events for the public. Regular events include the Říčany Festival, unique violin concerts by Pavel Šporcl on a floating stage at Jureček, the Říčany Masopust, and the August Pohoda Jazz Festival.



Playgrounds



Where to go  
on a trip



Cultural Events in Říčany







Pathway in the  
Pohodové Valley  
below the dam

## WHERE TO RIDE A BIKE

**Cycle Route to Prague** • Enjoy a pleasant bike route from Mni-chovice through Věstary, Světica, Strančice, and Říčany to Kolovraty in Prague. Some stops have picnic spots with fire pits, seating, and play areas. Apopular stop is Ladova ves near Světica, with a covered seating area, bike racks, a wooden devil sculpture, and themed boards with kids' tasks. You'll also find a willow tunnel and a charcoal kiln replica. The route includes rest stops and

varied attractions, like a wooden boardwalk by Mlýnský Pond in Říčany. **Need a bike?** • Use Nextbike! Download the app, add credit, and rent a bike at various locations in Říčany. The first 15 minutes is free.

