

POSÁZAVÍ



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Posázaví area – the paradise of paddlers, bikers and hikers. Let yourself guide by the flow of the river that gave the name to the region. It will take you to interesting historical monuments, mysterious places, adrenaline experiences as well as oases of peace. Just pick up what you are longing for..



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Konopiště Park



A few minutes is all you need to understand why the successor to the Austro-Hungarian throne, Franz Ferdinand d'Este, built his family residence in this oasis of peace and contentment. Enjoy the atmosphere of a romantic landscaped park stretching over 340 hectares. Maybe your journey will take you to the Rose Garden, or to the reconstructed cork gazebo. A big attraction, especially for young visitors, are the peacocks which you can meet in the park, the forest game enclosure, but most of all George the bear who inhabits the run in the castle moat.

In 2002, Konopiště Park was declared a national cultural monument. 231 woody plant types and cultivars have been labelled in it. There are nameplates on some of the trees.

You can come to Konopiště from Benešov by eco-train, or along an educational trail called Follow the Bear with the Bear. Another educational trail will take you through the history and nature of the park, which was deservedly included in the list of national cultural monuments. During the walk you can rest in the wooden gazebo on the Tuškov mountain, where there is also a small children's playground.

Within sight of Konopiště, but away from the tourist crowds, lies the former fortified settlement of Chvojen with the church of St. Jacob and Philip, surrounded with legends about the Celts. See for yourself the truthfulness of the claims about the energy that visiting this place gives a person. Or take a trip to the nearby ruins of the Kožlí [goat] castle, first mentioned in the year 1318. Its romantic appearance even mesmerized Karel Hynek Mácha.

Just four kilometres west of Konopiště, the landscape is dominated by Chlum mountain (506 m), in which pyrite, pyrrhotite and red iron ore (iron oxide) were mined in the years 1655-1660. The 47 m "Ladislav" tunnel, in which experimental mining took place in the years 1830-1834, has been preserved on the south-easterly slope.



Konopiště



It is our pleasure here in our information centre located in the central parking under the castle to tell you where to go and what not to miss in Konopiště. You can also purchase tickets to see the castle. While waiting for the guided tour, you can visit the little local shop with a wide range of souvenirs. Or you can also have an excellent coffee in the **FERDINAND BAR**.

Take a walk to the castle park. While in the Rose Garden, take a rest in the **ROSE CAFÉ** and get some good coffee or ice cream. You can for instance sit down outside on a bench

and enjoy the view of the renovated Cork Pavilion or the blooming flower beds between which beautiful peacocks walk around like in a promenade.

Růžová Kavárna

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opened according to the opening hours
of the Rose Garden in the park



Do you need more than just one day to see Konopiště? Then you are kindly invited to **PENSION KONOPIŠTĚ******. You can take a choice in six stylishly furnished apartments; you can enjoy your breakfast in the glassed lounge while overlooking the unique motorcycle exhibits. The local museum offers representative exhibition of history related to JAWA company, including unique

trophies documenting the achievements of Czech motorcycle brands in the 20th century. The museum is also used as the official museum for the factory. Would

you like to see more? Then you can visit the Motorcycle and Technical Museum in the nearby village Netvořice. Mr. Jiří Stibůrek is a collector and author of the museum exhibits as well as those in the exhibition of Konopiště. Beside JAWA motorcycles there are cars, tricycles, wheelchairs, motorcycles with sidecars, special stationary motors, vintage tractors as well as technically historical attractions exhibited herein. Altogether about 200 exhibits many of which are really unique.



Pension
Konopiště
★★★★

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If you prefer active recreation, you can test your dexterity in an outdoor game for all age categories, called Discgolf, which is based on throwing special discs (frisbees) into wire baskets. You can walk around the guest house surroundings while you're playing it, or you can play it in the nearby training zone beside the terrace of the reopened Nová Myslivna restaurant.

Benešov



TOWN BENEŠOV is situated nearly 40 km south-east of Prague, within the sight area of the river Sázava. It has wrongly been called as the Konopiště Castle surrounding area. Its history actually began much earlier than the history of the mansion whose last private owner was Franz Ferdinand d'Este, successor to the Austro-Hungarian throne. You can see it for example on the ruin of Franciscan Monastery in Benešov district Karlov. This was founded in 1247 by Tobiáš of Benešov who was a provost in Vyšehrad. At the sight distance of the monastery there is a brick bell tower with one of the oldest bells in Bohemia region. The bell was cast in 1322 by a craftsman called Rudger.

Just a few steps away but also the time of several centuries, this is the distance between Karlov and the centre of Benešov. The square called Malé Náměstí includes a Secession style building of the Museum of Art and Design with an exhibition of drawing and graphics of Czech artists of the 20th century. In this building there is also the museum of Podblanicko region that invites you to an imaginary trip leading to the history of Benešov and the history of the 102nd Infantry Regiment. The trip is closely associated with both the town and Franz Ferdinand d'Este.

It is quite easy to walk through Benešov on feet. You can take a rest time for your tired legs while riding on the eco-train which will take you to all interesting places that you

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should not miss when visiting this town. The ride will bring you to the nearby castle Konopiště and back.

The newly-opened Benešov **EXPERIMENTA** underground offers a unique interactive game with light and sound directly in the centre of the town, underneath the town hall building. In Benešov you can also enjoy a great day of adventure with you children, on the "Follow the Bear with the Bear" children's trail filled with quizzes and puzzles.

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In the historic part of Benešov and very near the centre of the town there is the **BELLEVUE KARLOV HOTEL** with elegant garden, terrace and restaurant. It represents new concept and trends related to a rural settlement. Ladislav Lábus, an architect, created its current appearance. The building won a prestigious award in the competition called The Best of Reality in 2008.

You are invited to come and discover the unique atmosphere of modern architecture with first-class services that are able to satisfy even the most demanding guests. The non-smoking hotel consists of 28 rooms and apartments located in several houses connected by an underground passageway. It also includes two rooms for accommodation with pets. Then it also includes sauna, whirlpool and massages.

Restaurant Na Karlově can provide you with a remarkable gastronomic experience. You can get convinced of the skills of this culinary team. You can taste Leg of rabbit on garlic, served with Carlsbad dumplings, homemade

Benešov



smoked bacon and caramelised shallots or beef cheeks stewed on red wine with soft mashed potatoes. You may come together with your children or friends to enjoy one of the thematic weekends; you will experience an evening full of fun and surprises.

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Are you fed up with history and willing to get some active rest time instead? Then you shall visit **S-CENTRE** in Benešov. Rich range of both sportive and relaxation activities is available for visitors of all age categories. The sport complex includes tennis and badminton courts, beach volleyball court, hall for small-sized football, hall for aerobic, Finnish and steam sauna, whirlpool, outdoor pool, bowling

and many other facilities. You can enjoy excellent cuisine in the restaurant with summer terrace, mostly Italian one. The services include the hotel with accommodation facilities for up to 63 people and lounges with conference equipment.



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Both places are in imaginary ways connected by the **BREWERY FERDINAND**. This is the brewery that Archduke Franz Ferdinand d'Este had moved from Konopiště to Benešov in 1897. Production of local beer is still based on the original recipe that uses barley malt taken from own floor malt house as well as the best saaz hop. Beer Ferdinand is characterized by its golden colour, sparkling clarity, strong taste, fullness of flavour and high foam. History is also reflected in names; for example in the semi-dark special product Sedm Kulí (seven bullets) or in the light lager d'Este. Brewery also provides the visitors with tours of selected plants which are available on request. While in the courtyard, you can see the wired hop field or you can walk through the outdoor instructive trail.



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You can taste the regional beer, Ferdinand, for example in the **RESTAURANT U ZVONICE** [belfry restaurant], which is located in the peaceful environment of the oldest part of Benešov. You can also come here for good food. It offers selected delicacies of international cuisine, which it prepares from quality Czech raw ingredients. An outdoor terrace with a grill is opened during the summer months.

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Jemniště



On the way ten kilometres distant from Benešov there is another noble residence – **JEMNIŠTĚ CASTLE**. This castle has been associated with the family of Sternbergs since 1868. Jiří Sternberg currently lives here with his wife Petra, son Vojtěch Václav and daughter Isabela. They renovated the memorial building; they opened it to the public and arranged exhibitions. They also opened Café Custoza where they sell genuine homemade desserts. Then they furnished romantic apartments. For their guests they prepare own game meat. They created the halls for weddings; established Alpinium and Rosarium in the park and planted hundreds of plants and trees. Come to convince yourselves! Or you can also get impressed by the unique style of the brand *Hunting Dress Code* Petra Sternberg from the workshop of castle lady.

Richly furnished rooms provide the impression as if their residents have just left somewhere for a while. Open suitcase, clothes laid out on the bed, prepared table in the dining room, decorated tea service in the lounge – just pour a golden drink to it and dip your lips... How about to feel a real life of castle lords? Do you want to try it by yourselves? All you have to do for this is just about renting one of the apartments in the castle. And then you can just make your imagination free. Who were the people in the past that lay down on bed with the sky above, used a hand-painted sink, got warmed by the fire in the fireplace...? You can also take a walk through landscaped gardens or have a picnic prepared in the corners of the castle park.



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| April, May | Sat, Sun and public holidays | 10:00–16:30 |
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| July, August | daily | 09:00–18:30 |
| October | Sat, Sun and public holidays | 10:00–17:30 |
| November, December | only by prior arrangement | |

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NEVEKLOV REGION



Neveklov



The region **Neveklovsko** lies in the wedge between the rivers Vltava and Sázava. It is a picturesque countryside with many tourist attractions. Right in the centre of **NEVEKLOV TOWN** there is the town hall; originally a Renaissance building from 1598, currently used as a bank branch and cinema. The monument located in the middle of the square of Jan Heřman is a **me-**

mento of ejection of inhabitants of the region during the Second World War – the region was used as a ground for weapon training site of SS soldiers in those times. The **St. Havel church** is also worth seeing. This church has probably been existing since the 13th century. Later on, it was rebuilt in Baroque style. However, its masonry seems to be mainly Gothic. Neveklov is also a place where ancestors of the famous family of **Kubelík** were born; Jan Kubelík – violin virtuoso of world-wide reputation, Rafael Kubelík – legendary conductor and René – excellent violinist who is currently concertmaster of the Philharmonic Orchestra in Konstanz, Germany. Virtuoso Jan Kubelík has his memorial at the local Sokol house.



Tloskov has been connected to Neveklov since 1550. One of its owners was a significant Czech industrialist, Čeněk Vincent Daněk (1826–1893), co-founder of Breitfeld and Daněk, the company which later became part of Českomoravská-Kolben-Daněk (ČKD), the largest engineering company in the former Czechoslovakia.



You can go from Neveklov to the **mountain Neštětická**. On this mountain is a lookout tower built in 1927. This tower commemorates the brutal suppression of peasant rebellions in 1627. You will reach it when going from the village **Chvojínek** where you can see an early Gothic church of St. Václav that was also used as the background of the film Kytice. The film-makers were also impressed by the noble pond near Neveklov which has been used in the film Vesničko Má středisková. The entire region of Neveklovsko is interwoven with the system of hiking and biking trails. There is for example a popular cycle route **Greenways Prague–Vienna** stretching through this region too.



Neveklov Region



You can also see the local countryside while sitting on horseback. You can stop in the **FARM HEROUTICE** that specializes in horse breeding and agro-tourism. In the unspoiled nature just nearby the water dam Slapy, the farmers operate stables, arena for equestrian events, indoor riding course, accommodation and stylish restaurant.

Avail of the services of a reputable local riding school, focused on training children – Heroutice Farm has been here since the birth of pony sports in the Czech Republic. But you can choose from a wide selection of weekly and weekend recreational stays for all age categories.



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Castle which is called **Jablonná nad Vltavou** is also worth seeing. This castle is listed among cultural monuments of the Czech Republic. You can explore the local unique exhibition of classic furniture and interior equipment supplied by reputable companies.



Nebřich



Do you long to walk through the treetops? It's possible; all you have to do is come to **LANOVÝ PARK SLAPY** [cable park Slapy] in a canyon above the stream which flows into the dam reservoir bay at the bottom of the Živohošť bridge. And then, under instructors' supervision, you can take one of four trails leading above the enchanting ravine. The new Zip Line trail offers a half kilometre slope across the whole park.

Entry isn't forbidden to small visitors, either –the **Baby Park** awaits them here. If they are more grown up, and not interested in obstacles for nippers but too small for the big cable park, they can try out its "Junior" variant, built at a two-metre height and secured with safety nets.

An expansion of Junior Park is the **Mini Zip Park** – sloped for children. This year, the operator expanded children's activities to a new locality, Moninec, where they have opened the **Junior Park Moninec**, which offers even more original obstacles.

It may be possible to visit the Cable Park practically any time, any day. Outside its operating hours your group must number at least 15, and you must telephone in advance to arrange the visit.

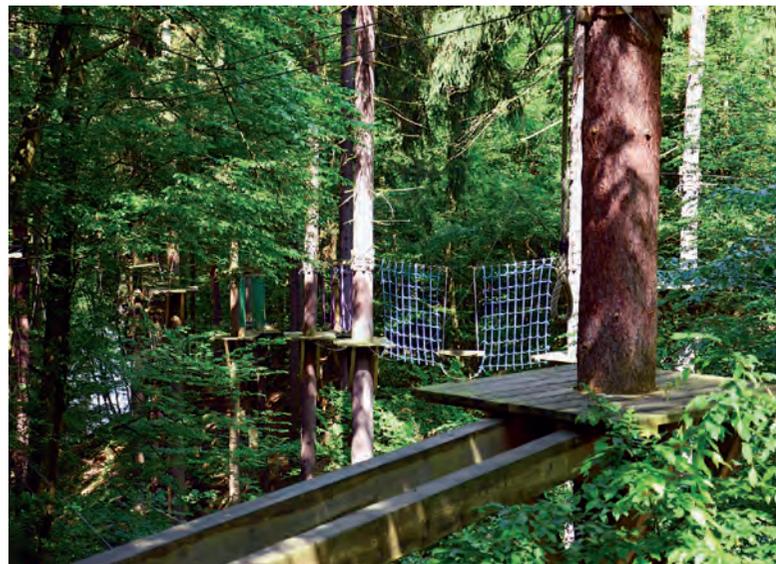
A personal trainer should be arranged by telephone, at least one day in advance!

Lanový park Slapy, Nebřich

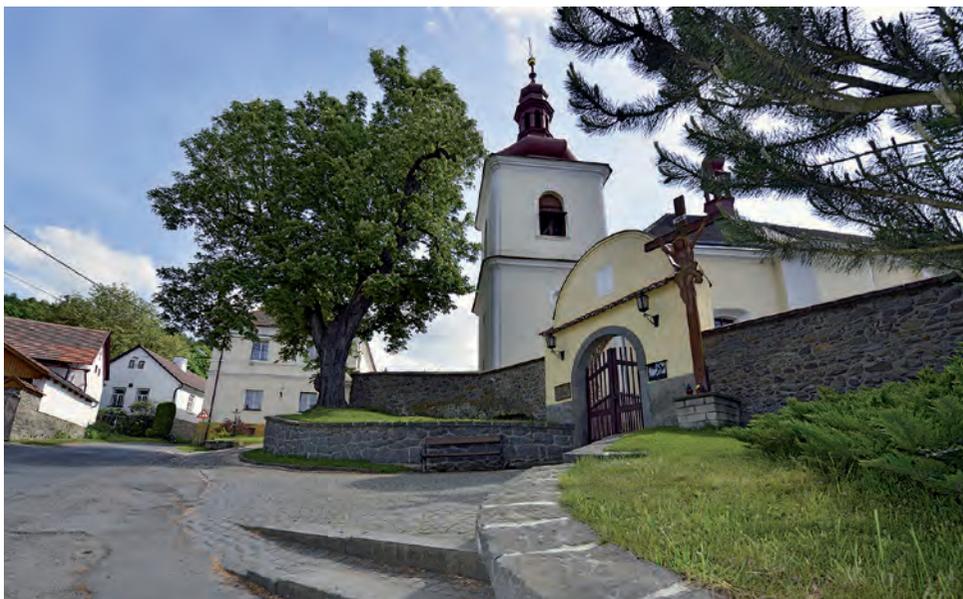
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July, August daily 10:00–18:00



Křečovice



While wandering in the region, you can also visit the **VILLAGE KŘEČOVICE** situated near the water dam Slapy. You will probably know the village. It is simply due to the fact that this village is quite popular among film-makers. For example, there were films *Farářův Konec* or *Není Sirotek jako Sirotek* made right here. However, the real fame came together with the comedy of Jiří Menzel **Vesničko Má Středisková**. Well, you can see here much more than just a yard of quirky driver Pávek or a house of his co-driver Otík Rákosník.

Music composer **Josef Suk** was also born here in Křečovice – you can see his birth room and the museum. Linden alley which was awarded as Alley of the Central Bohemia Region 2012 is also named according to the composer. The **St. Lukáš church** is also worth seeing. You can get unusual experiences if travelling to the surrounding areas too. For instance to the rock hills **Psané Skály** named after the ancient religious texts carved in stone. You can also see the former Celtic **Oppidum Hrazany** right here.

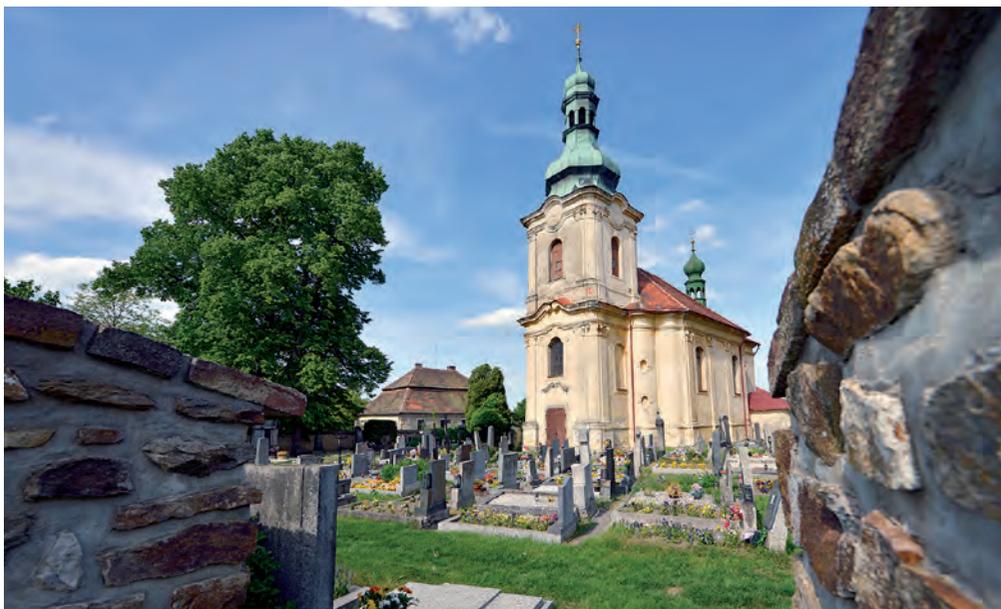


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Maršovice, Poličany



When travelling in the hilly countryside between the Sázava and Vltava rivers, you should not miss the small **TOWN MARŠOVICE**. Its dominant building is the Church of Annunciation, built between 1774 and 1775. You can see the church well from all sides around. It was therefore nicknamed as "Hradčany", according to Prague Castle. While going to explore the surrounding area – you will see rectory house, morgue with ossuary or the statue of St. Vojtěch.

You can also take a nice walk or bike ride in the surrounding area. You will be led to the unjustly neglected castle ruins Stájice. The castle was proba-

bly built at the beginning of the 14th century on the nearby hill Stejc. However, there are only some overgrown mounds remaining in the middle of the forest. History of the village Zaječí is even older. This village forms one of the parts of Maršovice – the first mention comes from the times of 999. And while wandering through the local picturesque countryside, you can see many repaired chapels and calvaries.



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Are you looking for a place for mental relaxation and meditation? You will find it in the **MONASTERY KLÁŠTER NAŠÍ PANÍ NAD VLTAVOU** which was built in the nearby village Poličany by Trapists (Cistercian order with strict observance). You can take part in the liturgy of nuns in the monastery church. If you want to spend longer time in silence and peace, you may use the services of the local guest house. This guest house includes a small shop with products of monastery of Poličany and monastic products from other monasteries of the Czech Republic, Italy and France. You can taste biscuits, jams, chocolates, candies or herbal tea!



Or you can have gilded icons drawn, based on old-time artistic techniques. They also create and sell paintings and greeting cards here.

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Benice

Are you looking for an oasis of tranquillity? Then you should visit the **BAROQUE ESTATE BENICE**. This estate is situated in a lonely place in a beautiful, slightly wavy countryside full of forests and meadows, ten kilometres distant from the castle of Konopiště. The unique building which is listed in the cultural heritage list was built in the shape of an equilateral triangle that represented the symbol of St. Anna. There are Old Kladruby horses here in the local stud. These horses belong to the oldest continuously kept breeds in the world. You can ride on horseback or in a contemporary carriage drawn by imperial horses. You can sit in a restaurant with home cuisine and bread or relax in stylish attic rooms. Children may palm and feed the pets and ride the ponies or donkeys.



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Netvořice Region

This region, between the Vltava and Sázava rivers, is regarded as the cradle of strawberry-growing in Bohemia. It was here, in the economic court of the St. Vitus chapter of Chlístov in Teletín near Netvořice that Rudolf Strimpl, one of the promoters of growing these sweet messengers of the summer, worked as an

administrator. In the year 1896, he had a friend in America send him field strawberry seedlings, which he cultivated and grew on a large scale here. From here, the strawberries subsequently spread to Bohemia and Moravia.



Netvořice



NETVOŘICE village is situated only eight kilometres from Neveklov. The first written mention about this village comes from the year of 1205. However, this region was already inhabited in the Stone Age and Bronze Age according to archaeological findings. You can have a look at the history of this region, for example as visiting the **town museum** with permanent exhibition of Týnec stoneware, unique collection of plates, bowls, tiles and other products of the ceased factory from the close town Týnec nad Sázavou.

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THE FAMILY-HELD MUSEUM OF ENAMEL PRODUCTS is definitely worth visiting. Here you can see products of Czech and Slovak enamel plants from the second half of the 19th century. You can enjoy beauty, colourfulness, shape diversity and usefulness of teapots, cups, pots, jugs and pans of households of our ancestors. Then you can also buy a special gift or souvenir in the local shop. Do not forget to visit the stylish junk shop too. If you are feeling tired of your long journey, do not hesitate to lay your head in the stylish dormitory.

Netvořice

People who are keen on motorcycles will certainly enjoy their stay in Netvořice too. You can visit the local **MOTORCYCLE AND TECHNICAL MUSEUM** dedicated to the old-time technical skills of Czech designers. Beside 120 motorcycles there are cars, tricycles, wheelchairs, motorcycles with sidecars, vintage tractors. The exhibition forms a part of the unique collection of Jiří Stibůrek. Other exhibits are shown in Jiří Stibůrek's Museum of Motorcycles in Konopiště.

A collection of motorcycles

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July, August Tue–Sun 10:00–17:00



HOTEL VŠETICE, part of the Všetice Estate, is found near Netvořice. The hotel offers a capacity of up to 97 beds in two buildings separated by a park and ponds. While staying here, your free time can be livened up with additional activities in the



park (pool, zorbing, rope net, archery, fishing, rafting, bungee running). The other part of the Všetice Estate consists of an equestrian compound which, in addition to an outdoor sand arena, also includes an indoor 21 x 55 m hall. You can come and visit the sporting and social events which the equestrian compound organizes annually.

Hotel Všetice

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JÍLOVÉ REGION



Jílové u Prahy



When travelling in the region of Posázaví, you cannot miss the royal gold-mining town **JÍLOVÉ U PRAHY**. Lovers of history, tourism and adrenaline experiences will certainly enjoy this place. The town was founded in the 13th century as a mining settlement. Its rich history is closely associated with gold mining.

There are three important memorials of Pre-Hussite period located in the historical centre of the town. One of them is the **church of St. Vojtěch** with the unique Gothic board-shaped altar – the interior was used in the Oscar-winning film *Amadeus* (Miloš Forman). The dominant of the square belongs to the **town hall** with preserved municipal roundhouse which was created on the basis of the the original tower-shaped fortress.

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The **house Mince** is also an important memorial. This house was used as a centre for managing the process of gold mining and tax collection in the past. It is currently used as the **regional museum** with permanent exhibitions aimed to extraction and processing of gold, history of the region and tramping as well as the nature of the region Posázaví. These permanent exhibitions are usually complemented by other exhibitions with different topics during the year time.

The picturesque countryside of the Sázava river valley also encourages for trips. This valley is surrounded by massive uplands. There are many marked hiking trails here. They will lead you for example to the Žampach Bridge which belongs to the highest stone railway bridges in the country. They can also lead you to the overlooking **tower on the hill Peř** offering view to the wide landscape.

Do you long for adventure and self-overcoming? Well, you should go to explore the drifts in gold-mining territory of Jílové u Prahy. For example, the drift Josef in Dolní Studený or the drift of St. Anthony of Padua in which the last work was carried out in the first half of the 18th century. The youngest era of gold mining in the region of Jílové u Prahy is reminded by the drift of Halíř which was founded in the middle of the 20th century.



Jílové u Prahy



You can also get stylish refreshment in the town Jílové u Prahy. For example, you can visit the **RESTAURANT FLORIAN** which is located in an old townhouse in the square. This house was formerly owned by the master Edward Kelly, the renowned alchemist of Emperor Rudolf II. You can take a choice of dishes related to the Bohemian region, those which are regularly modified according to particular season and current offer of raw materials of Czech suppliers and farmers from the surrounding areas. Get tempted especially by mature beef meat from bio-eco breeding of Jílové u Prahy. This meat is processed by baking, slow stewing and grilling on the hot charcoal.

The ground floor restaurant with fireplace has a total capacity of 80 seats. On the first floor you can find the main hall with a fireplace and gallery. There can be up to 110 people present here – it is the ideal place for social and cultural events. There is also a separate lounge with 18 seats available to be used for smaller events. **In the summer time we can open the outdoor area.**

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The trips can be carried out in the surrounding countryside too. There is the **forest Hornopožárský** and its highest point **Grybla**. It is situated in the south-east direction of Jílové u Prahy, on the right bank of the Sázava river. On its southern side there is a steep ravine, made by the Panská cliff, with a small vantage point. The Kněží Hora [prince's mountain] rises to the west of the Grybla peak.

There are marked hiking and biking trails stretching through the forest. Among others destinations, they can also lead you to the protected natural monument Vlčí Rokle. This is the chine overgrown with original beech trees which are even 200 years old. The slopes are covered by the "stone sea" formed by huge granite boulders. You can reach this place from the village **Pohoří**, for example.

It also includes the village **Chotouň** which becomes a paradise for skiers in the winter time. The local ski resort features the slope with artificial snow. This slope is especially suitable for beginners and intermediate skiers. It also includes three ski lifts, school for skiing and snowboarding, serviced rental shop and refreshment stall.

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Lešany



Do you like military history? Well, you should visit the **MILITARY TECHNICAL MUSEUM** located in the former artillery barracks between the villages Krhanice and Lešany. And please, be aware that you will spend a few hours here. It takes some time to go through the large exhibition with more than 700 historic tanks, cannons, motorcycles, armoured vehicles, trucks, passenger military vehicles, missile technology, engineering equipment and logistic material originating from the period stretching from the year of 1890 to the current time. The museum equipment is exhibited in ten halls, under six shelters and also outdoors. The collections are

really unique as for their range and composition. They rank among the most important European institutions of this type. The admission to the museum is free. There are several events associated with introduction of military equipment in motion held every year at the opening ceremony and during the summer season. The museum is accessible for free.

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And after you get here, you should stop in the nearby village **Lešany**, the picturesque village the poet **František Hrubín** grew up. The story of his famous Romance for Křídlovku

takes place right here. When exploring the surrounding areas, you can stop in the local castle converted into the shape of pension with a restaurant, pizzeria, pool or bowling.

RIVERS SÁZAVA AND VLTAVA



Rivers Sázava and Vltava

You can go with us upstream the river Sázava. We can start in the place where the Golden River (as it was once renamed by hikers) flows into the river Vltava. There is the **island of St. Kilian** situated in the close vicinity of the junction. In the shade of tall trees, the remains of a Benedictine monastery are hidden. The

monastery was probably founded by Prince Boleslav II in 999. The monastery was destroyed in the attack of Hussites in 1420. Then it was never restored again. It also included the fortified **settlement Sekanka** located on the rocky bill above the confluence. It ceased to exist after 1278.

But first let us make a small detour to the water dam of Štěchovice. The waterworks were commissioned in 1944. The dam is 120 metres long and 22,5 metres high. On the left side there is the power plant with two Kaplan turbines. This power plant compensates the outflow from the dam lake under the power plant of Slapy. Below the power plant courtyard there is the high pressure power plant of Štěchovice II fitted with the reverse Francis turbine. It is powered by water from the upper reservoir on the top of the hill Homole which is filled with water at the time when the electricity power is sufficient. You can visit the Information Centre of hydroelectric power plants in Štěchovice upon a previous appointment during the entire year time, see the phone numbers 607 107 453, 608 308 759. You can order the tours on weekdays from 7 to 15 o'clock.



But let us go back to Sázava. On the left bank and just a few kilometres apart from the confluence with the Vltava River there is the Village Hradištko which is one of the largest recreational areas around the capital city Prague. Its history experienced the sad events of violent expulsion of the population during the Second World War and construction of the military training site for weapon exercises of SS Army. The tragic moments are reminded by the instructive trail Vystěhované Hradištko. Hradištko includes the village **Pikovice** which is considered as the cradle of tramping in the Czech Republic. The hill **Medník** which is 416 metres high and which rises up above Pikovice village is a significant botanical locality. There is a rare plant of the liliaceous family – **Dog's Tooth** – growing up under the tree tops of oaks, hornbeams and beeches that cover the slopes. It is the only one location of its appearance here in the Czech Republic.

The popular **trail Posázavská** begins right in Pikovice. It was designed by Jo-



sef Kliment (1858–1938), a Prague teacher and long-time member of the tourist club. The first section was inaugurated in 1920. The several-kilometre-long section between Pikovice and Žampach belongs to the most attractive parts of the trail. Do you want to make sure? Well, you should climb up to the **viewpoints** named after **Rais** and **Kliment**.

Pikovická Jehla (Needle of Pikovice) is an interesting rock formation; it is also called **Pikovický Komín**. It was here on the right bank of the Sázava river even before the construction of the local railway line. The line goes in the close neighbourhood. It is stretching up to the height of 20 metres from the line. It is also more than 40 metres high while taken from the river level. However, only climbers can enjoy the view from the summit fitted with a wooden cross.

Kamenný Přívoz, Břejlov

When you go upstream the river Sázava, you will get to **KAMENNÝ PŘÍVOZ**. You can visit the small church of St. Ludmila, located on the rocky hillside above the mill Podskalský. While standing aside the river, you may recall the old times when wood was floated here – Jan Morávek, the local native and writer, described lives of the “floaters” in his books.



There is the **MILL BREJLOV** situated on the left bank of the Sázava river, three kilometres from Týnec. The hotel building is washed by the river on one side and the grassy area with seven cottages is situated on the other side. This area also includes the playgrounds for volleyball and football tennis, bike room, large fireplace, parking place and the mole for convenient boat landing. The countryside restaurant and garden with homemade specialities operate every year beginning in the month of April. There are grilled meat and fish, fresh vegetable salads, homemade desserts and sherbet glasses.

The village **Prosečnice** is not much distant from here. Workers in local quarries were extracting stones. These stones were also used for paving the courtyard of Prague Castle. Extraction works experienced the greatest boom in the late 19th century when the quarries were owned by Archduke Franz Ferdinand d'Este – the stones of Prosečnice were transported even to Vienna in those times. How? On the newly built railway though. Sanatorium for patients suffering from lung diseases was opened in Prosečnice in 1922. That was the largest sanatorium in the country. The sanatorium was used as a school for so-called panzer grenadiers during the Second World War. That school belonged to the SS training site. The way from Prosečnice to **Krhanice** is only three kilometres long. Actor Otakar Brousek (1924–2014) was born right here.

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Týnec nad Sázavou



Týnec nad Sázavou, the town which is famous for renowned stoneware and motorcycles of JAWA. Count Franz Josef of Vrtba founded stoneware manufacture right here in 1791. In 1812 he built a new factory building in the Classicist style. This building is now

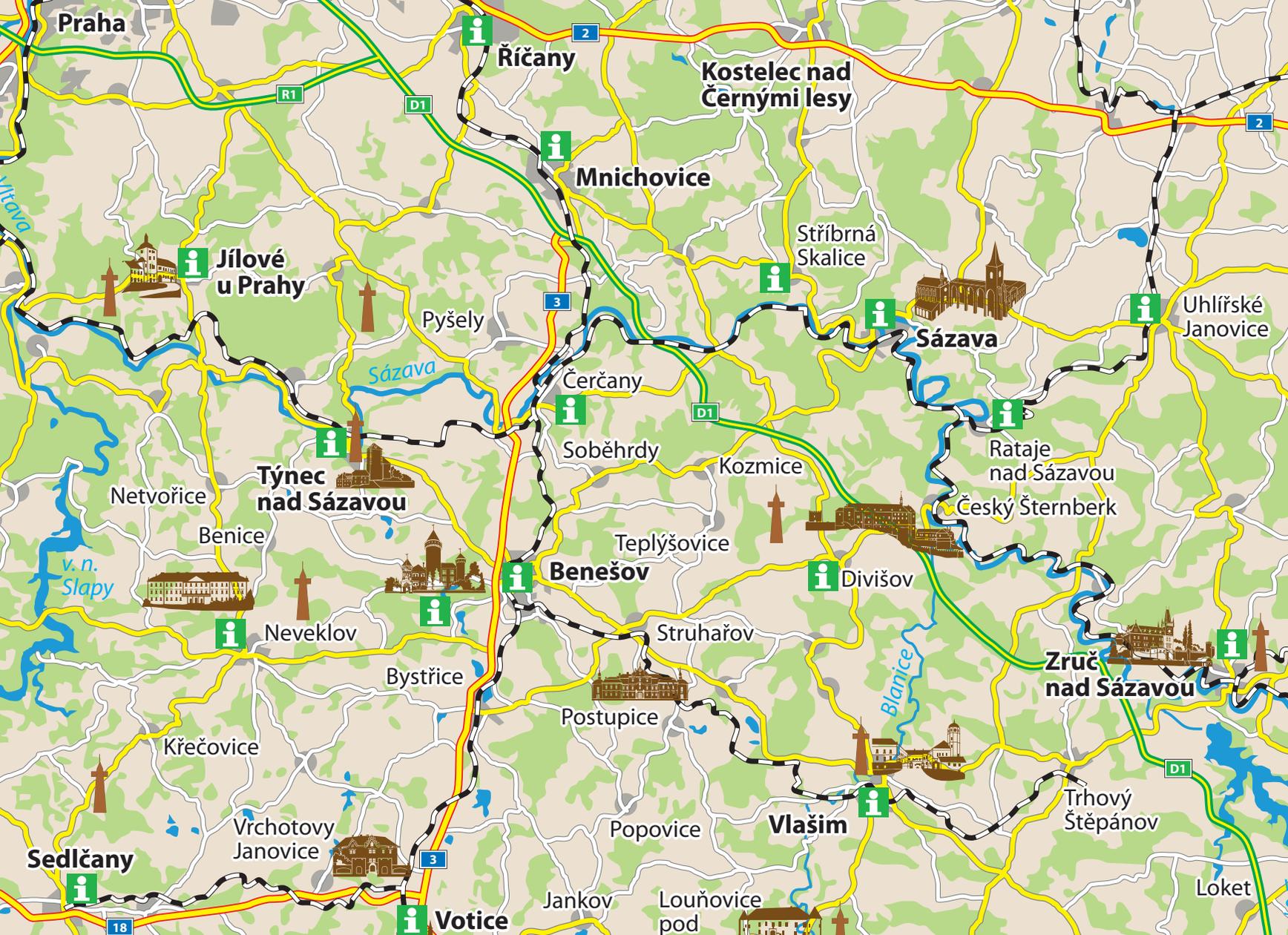
used as a **HOTEL** and **COMMUNITY CENTRE**. There are also the multi-purpose hall, training rooms and large garden with summer stage. Tourist Information Centre provides a wide range of services. It also operates as the reception of the hotel and seasonal hostel.



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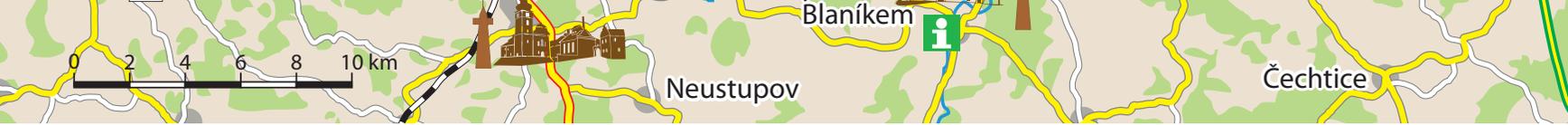
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Further and detailed information about the region can be found at www.posazavi.com

Týnec nad Sázavou



Castle with the museum, gallery and the precious exhibition of Týnec stoneware are considered as a real jewel of the town **TÝNEC NAD SÁZAVOU**. The castle includes the stone Romanic rotunda from the 11th century and also the watch-tower located in the prismatic Gothic tower from the 13th century which is also a summer residence of protected bats (*Myotis Myotis*). Popular tourist destinations also include the Gothic Church of St. Šimon and Juda and the Neo-Renaissance house U Micků.

Industrial production was started in 1930 by **Ing. František Janeček** who built up a metal foundry on the right bank of the river (now METAZ). He also re-built the former spinning-mill on the left bank of the river into the form of a factory producing automobiles with the brand Minor and then later motorcycles **JAWA**, especially the famous "Pérák" and "Kývačka". František Janeček's stay in Týnec nad Sázavou is also reminded by the three-storey round-shaped villa from the First Republic times, in addition to the above-mentioned two factories. However, the villa is not open to the wide public.



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www.tyneckevlneni.cz



Týnec nad Sázavou



Well, you can see and experience much more in Týnec. Do you long for motion? You can visit the multi-purpose playground or skatepark. You can try out the rope pyramid. Well, you can use one of the cycling routes in the region or the instructive trail with geocaching. You can walk through the forest park. Do you want to go shopping? Try the shopping zone for pedestrians. Meanwhile, children can play in the Parent Centre Motýlek (butterfly). And you may get accommodated for instance in a campsite by the river.



There are ruins of the castle **Zbořený Kostelec** located just near the town Týnec nad Sázavou. The castle was built in the 14th century to guard the trading route which led across the Sázava river. Allegedly, the Czech king Václav II also participated in establishment of the castle.



The **NOVÉ BRODIENTÉ** restaurant and pizzeria also offers a pleasant experience. It's located in a large three-floor villa built around the year 1910, in the immediate vicinity of the Sázava v Brodčích river, Týnec nad Sázavou municipal area. You can come here for pizza and quality food at reasonable prices, or just to sit down with a Miscela d'Oro brand coffee or a glass of wine. You can also have a pleasant time in the large garden with a children's corner and animals, right beside the Sázava river. Cyclists and canoeists also welcome!



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Týnec nad Sázavou



However, Týnec nad Sázavou is primarily known a centre for paddlers. The outdoor centre **BISPORT** is based right here. The staff can lend you boats; prepare routes of paddling trips on the Sázava river for you. They will provide you with complex service, including accommodation. Do you prefer riding a bike to the boat? This is not a problem either – you can borrow bikes and get some information of where to go to experience real adventure. And if you still feel that you need more, you can test your courage at the local rope park.

Bisport water sports base in Kácov

Want to hit the water, but far from Týnec? Doesn't matter. The Bisport base in Kácov can also offer you quality services; you can take trips down the river from here. You can then lay your head down in the local tourist hostel which accommodates up to 30 guests.

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Týnec nad Sázavou



You do not have to walk a long way to refresh your energy. There is the **RESTAURANT NAD ŘEKOU** situated together with Bisport under one roof. The restaurant provides specialities of Czech and international

cuisine, including pizza from a traditional wood oven. You can also enjoy them outside on the terrace with romantic view to the river. Bikers are welcomed here thanks to our successful certification!



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Poříčí nad Sázavou, Čerčany



There is the town **POŘÍČÍ NAD SÁZAVOU** which shall become another target of your journey. The town was founded by merging three historical settlements together. The town can boast of several significant buildings. One of them is the Romanic **Church of St. Petr a Pavel** from the turn of the 11th and 12th centuries; the other building is the **Church of St. Havel** from the early 13th century.

And now we can go back to the Sázava river. There is the village **ČERČANY** right in front of us. The old water tower «U Sekalů» is one of its dominants. The tower is located by the capping piece of the railway station. The dilapidated building was repaired and saved against demolition by the civic association Posázavský Pacifik. If you want to stay longer in Čerčany, you can use the services of **Tábořiště Paluba**. They provide accommodation in tents fitted with base structure. The premises include the playground with artificial surface, tennis courts, refreshment kiosk and swimming pool. You can finish your wandering in Posázaví region in the village **Vysoká Lhota**. Take some time to get a tour in the local castle with the museum of carriages, wagons, saddles and harnesses. Many of them were used in popular films, like for instance in the legend-

ary fairy tale **Tři Oříšky pro Popelku** (Three Nuts for Cinderella). In the guided tour, you can see the cellar from the 11th century fitted with torture chamber. You can also see a part of the little castle. You may get some refreshment and buy souvenirs.

Further wandering in the middle course of the Sázava river can be started in the village **Lštění**, on the left bank of the river. Its foundation is related to establishment of the nearby Slavic settlement that is also mentioned in **Cosmas Chronicle**. The **church of St. Kliment** is the dominant of the valley; it was built in the early 14th century. The original British folding bridge of engineering troops (Bailey Bridge) also belongs to interesting technical memorials. It has been connecting the villages **Lštění** and **Čtyřkoly** since 1949.



Senohraby

Now leave Lštění for the nearby village **Zlenice**. You can use the ferry boat to cross the river to place of confluence of the Sázava river with the stream Mnichovický. This romantic place which is located in the territory of **Senohraby** municipality belongs to very popular tourist sites. **Public river basins** were created here at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries. They are still operated to give you pleasant cooling on hot summer days. You may get refreshment in the local **BAŠTÍRNA** which is open from May to mid-September daily from 10 am. You can get something small to eat, roast sausages or enjoy a juicy steak. There are interesting concerts held on the stage every Saturday!



If you prefer walking to swimming, you may climb up to the castle ruins **Zlenice-Hláška**. That castle was founded in the early 14th century. The castle was destroyed during Poděbrady wars in the years 1463–1465. Soldiers of Zdeněk Konopišský of Sternberg damaged and burned the castle completely. Only the masonry of the tall



tower remained preserved, as well as the masonry of residential buildings, gates and perimeter walls with rounded corners and ditches. The remains of the castle and also the hill on which the castle is located are called Hláška (watchtower), according to a small settlement which used to belong to the castle before it was destroyed too. The association called Zlenice has been making all efforts to save this national culture monument. To support these activities, the association organizes cultural and educational events for wide public. You can climb up to the small view tower and look around. You can reach the inside of the castle using the newly-built wooden footbridge. Near it, you can see a stand with a "living picture" depicting what the castle may have looked like in the past.

The **VILLAGE SENOHRABY** is located on the route of **water sprite walks** which connected the region of Posázaví with the neighbouring region of Říčany. They walking routes lead on the existing hiking trails which are fitted with marks or also on the new routes created by restoration of the historic ones. The routes will lead you to in-

teresting places in Senohraby, Lensedly, Kaliště, Turkovice, Ondřejov, Čtyřkoly and the surrounding areas. The places provide fun and relaxation for people of all age categories. The smallest visitors will be guided by sprite Brčál, known from the book called Bubáci a Hastřmani which was written by Josef Lada, writer and painter.

Sázava

You should certainly stop in the town **SÁZAVA** just here nearby. It is one of the most beautiful places in this region. However, one day is not quite enough to visit this town. In the town there are the Slavic settlement from the 8th and 9th centuries, two prehistoric Neolithic settlements and Neolithic limestone quarries. However, the most famous historical period is associated with coming of

the Christian **hermit Prokop**. According to the legend, Prokop founded Benedictine **monastery** on a hill above the right bank of the river at the beginning of the 11th century. The monastery became the major centre of Slavic education and literature in the early time of Middle Age. The area is listed as a national culture monument.



Sázava

Places associated with the Saint Prokop legend will be shown to you by the instructive trail **Votočnice**. The trail leads across the floodplain meadow with artificially made pools. According to the legend, Saint Prokop was turning back right here when ploughing so-called **Devil's groove** together with the devil himself. You shall go to the chapel with a water spring V Lázních; this is the place where Prokop should have met Prince Oldřich – this has been the old pilgrimage place since the immemorial times. Do you long for tranquillity? You will find it in the area of the Church of St. Martin.

Visit to **Zeměloď** may become an uncommon experience. This is the construction of Michael Reynolds, an American architect.

Did you know that **Jiří Voskovec**, actor, writer, playwright and lyricist was born in Sázava? Then later he liked coming back to this place. He together with his colleague **Jan Werich** wrote the famous play West Pocket Revue right here. **Michal Viewegh**, book writer, also described his childhood in Sázava region, in the book *Báječná léta pod psa*.



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| January, February, March | closed |
| April, October | Sat, Sun, holidays 10:00–17:00 |
| Week days only for pre-booked groups | |
| May, September | Tue–Sun 10:00–17:00 |
| June | Tue–Sun 10:00–18:15 |
| July, August | Tue–Sun 10:00–18:45 |
| November, December | for pre-arranged groups to 21. December |



Sázava, Glassworks František



František Kavalír is another significant personality associated with the Sázava region. he was a founder of the local glasswork factory. The smelting plant in which the new **CENTRE OF GLASS ART** was opened is named after him; it is called **FRANTIŠEK**. You may take a visit to the unique collection of modern glass. Just enter the unique two-storey exhibition hall Noah's Ark and also other parts of the exhibition. There are about 400 works created by glass artists in the International IGS glass workshops in Nový Bor during the period of 1982 to 2006. If you are lucky, you may see glass artists working in the local workshops in one of two tours. The centre organizes courses for both professionals and general public. It also provides design games for students of elementary and secondary schools.

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Sázava



You can overnight in the area **SÁZAVSKÝ OSTROV** (Sázava Island) that provides several different types of accommodation, dining and leisure activities. There are fully equipped apartments and mobile homes available. You may tent or park with caravans in the camp all year long. You can use the shared bathroom facilities with showers. Children will

certainly enjoy the playground with a cable car; sport enthusiasts can play football tennis, football or volleyball. There are Russian skittles, outdoor table tennis, giant trampoline and fireplace. If you wish to ride on the Sázava river, you can rent a punt boat. There is a tavern Sázavská Taverna providing meals in the range from finished and quick meals up to grilling steaks on an open fire. There is also a beach bar providing comfortable relaxation by the river in the summer time.



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While in Sázava, you can head to the little town **RATAJE NAD SÁZAVOU** which is located on a rocky hill between the Sázava river and the stream Živý Potok. The name was given according to ploughers who were working on the local soil. Interesting facts related to the history of the town Rataje nad Sázavou and surrounding areas are available in the museum situated in the local **castle**.

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Farm Prak, Český Šternberk



You can use a car, bicycle or walk to reach **FARM PRAK** [Prak Estate], lying in seclusion 15 minutes' walk from the car park beside the Český Šternberk castle. From the car park, you can reach us using the new educational trail. The estate, a well-known wedding location, lies in places from which this castle was attacked with siege catapults. You are invited to relax in stylish rooms of the premises in the middle of large



meadows. You can enjoy the herd of **Lipican horses** whose breeding the farm specializes in and also other livestock. Or you can also walk on the new instructive trail leading to Drahňovice where you can get a tour in the small glassed museum of fire-fighters with historical fire-engine, fire equipment and uniforms, right in the centre of the village.

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From here, it's only a short distance to Český Šternberk. Walkers, canoeists and cyclists are all welcome in the local **RESTAURANT POD HRADDEM** [restaurant under the castle]. Its new owner decided to bet on traditional Czech home cuisine; you can see for yourself how successful he's been. Stop here to taste the local sirloin beef, outstanding home-made ice cream from Opočno, or let the finalist of the "master bartender" competition pour you an excellent beer. When the weather's nice, you can even sit in the outdoor garden.

Are you looking for an interesting souvenir from

the region of Posázaví? You might be satisfied with some promotional material or a tourist mark; you may take a choice of some of the products of regional producers offered here.

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Castle Český Šternberk



far. During the tour you will get familiarized with the stories of those last who lived in the castle in the 19th and 20th centuries. You will have the chance to see the ways of their life. For example, you will see the furniture used in interiors, fashionable decorations or the first electricity installation in the castle back in the year of 1911. Wonderful collection of copper engravings from the Thirty Years War will be accompanying you during all the route. It is one of the largest monothematic collections of graphic sheets in Europe. Have you already seen the castle and do you want to know anything else? You can take a commented walk or ride around the aristocratic mansion with a tourist guide!



Come and see the reason why the **CASTLE ČESKÝ ŠTERNBERK** has been the dominant of the central Sázava region for more than 770 years. There have been 20 generations of Sternbergs living inside the majestic stone residence so



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June–August Tue–Sun 09:00–18:00
The final tour starts 45 minutes prior to closing time.
The castle is open all year around for pre-booked tour groups.

Český Šternberk



self be surprised by dishes from home-made recipes, and tried-and-tested ideas from raw ingredients from local suppliers. The beautiful French Park is also inviting for walks and picnics.



After a tour or a demanding excursion, refreshments are available in the **ČESKÝ ŠTERNBERK CAFÉ** in the castle courtyard. Every day, it offers a wide selection of home-made desserts and ice cream. You can enjoy home-made fruit dumplings, and the menu also includes soup, ready meals, salads, hot dogs and filled croissants.

If you would like to stay longer, avail of the services of **PARKHOTEL ČESKÝ ŠTERNBERK**, lying directly opposite the castle on the other bank of the Sázava river. It has 19 rooms available, with enchanting views of the castle and the river. In the local tourist restaurant with an outdoor terrace, you can let your-



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If you prefer a family environment, you can visit **PENSION ČTYŘLÍSTEK** which is located within the sight distance from the castle. You can take a choice of four rooms with facilities or a new apartment with a private entrance.

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The bakery belongs to the local grocery shop where the cakes are also sold. You can enjoy them right on the place, for example in a small restaurant garden. You can also have a good coffee or tea with them.



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experience when visiting the **brewery Hubertus** in Kácov. This brewery was established back in 1457. If you are interested in the methods of preparing beer, you can get an appointment for a tour.

You can sit in the brewery restaurant Šalanda and overnight in the local hotel.

Next you can stop in the small **TOWN KÁCOV** which is one of the most popular places in the central region of Posázaví. While being here, you can also get a tour in the newly opened **Baroque castle** where the museum with an exhibition of the history devoted to Kácov town and surrounding areas is held. There is also the exhibition of historical radios and galleries. The castle is connected with another monument building by using a corridor – **parish church of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary**.

In the square you can see the **sculptural group** of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary with the statues of Fourteen Holy Helpers. Princess Anna Marie Francisca of Tuscany had it built in 1730. Other tourist attractions can be explained on the **instructive trail Okolím Kácova**.

You can have both pleasure and feeling of useful



Zruč nad Sázavou

Do you want to experience the atmosphere of one of the most beautiful and most romantic **river confluences** in the country? Well, you can go to the village Soutice, roughly four kilometres from the dam of the water reservoir Švihov where the river Želivka flows into the river Sázava. They are like coffee and milk – golden-brown colour of Sázava and crystal-clear water of Želivka...

The beautifully renovated **castle in ZRUČ NAD SÁZAVOU** will welcome you early while you are on longer distance. In two guided tours, you can have a look at interiors of the local castle which has been expensively renovated by using European supporting funds. You can climb up the castle tower or visit the **Kingdom of dolls and teddy bears**. While in the regional museum, you can familiarize with the exhibition **Od Verpánku k Batovi**.

This exhibition is devoted to development of shoemaking craft in the town. Children have the chance to en-



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joy the **historical-educational knight trail of Milota Kolowrat** in the castle moat or in the playground with the unique **ball line**.

VLAŠIM REGION
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Vlašim

Undoubtedly, another attractive place for tourists is **VLAŠIM**, the town located 20 kilometres from Benešov. Even the easy walk through the centre may become an interesting excursion of architectural styles. The town's history reaches back to 1318 when the castle above the Blanice river was mentioned for the first time. The Church of St. Jiljí was built in the first half of the 16th century; the building of deanery and the old Town Hall refers to the Baroque style; the 19th century is represented by a former credit bank; the Hussite Church belongs to the modern style of the First Republic.

When visiting Vlašim, you cannot miss the local **castle park**; this is a green oasis of tranquillity amidst the rush of the town. It was founded in the last third of the 18th century by the Auerspergs. It was on the site of the former game park. Like the castle itself, it is also accessible for the wide public. You can get a tour either by yourselves or with a guide. You can get a journey into history by going through its winding paths. You can be guided for example by a legend of the giant Samson; you can go to the Chinese pavilion, the old castle or bath tub.



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Guided tours through the castle park are available during the season.

They will surely recommend that you visit **MUZEUM PODBLANICKA**, which has branches in the Vlašim castle, Benešov and Růžkovy Lhotice. In Vlašim, it offers the exhibitions **Castle Parks** and **History of the Vlašim Castle, With an Accurate Bead – the Tradition of Shooting and Weapons Production**, as well as the long-term **Mirror of the Past** exhibition. In three of the castle's decorated halls, in an exhibition titled **The Auerspergs**, you can get to know the history of the lineage of the local manor's last owners. The castle tower offers an unparalleled view of the town, while the **Mystery of the Vault** exhibition lures you underground. The museum organizes exhibitions, concerts and presentations all year round.

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The Benešov branch has seen the opening of an exhibition devoted to the history of Benešov and its surroundings, and the region's artistic heritage.

If you're interested in ethnography, you can view the exhibited folk clothing and textile, furniture, painted glass and plastic art. The **Náš Pluk** [our regiment] exhibition will bring you closer to the history of the Benešov military garrison, beginning at the end of the 19th century.

Tour of the exhibition in Růžkovy Lhotice will lead you to the region of tones. It shows the region of Podblanicko as a musical phenomenon. During the time from 16th to 20th century, the region was related to extraordinary number of personalities of Czech and European music: Jan Dismas Zelenka, Josef Suk, Zdeněk Fibich, Richard Wagner, Gustav Mahler or Antonín Dvořák. Young Bedřich Smetana experienced his happiest times right in Růžkovy Lhotice. His family owned the local castle in the years 1835–1844.

Kondrac



The picturesque village **KONDRAČ** is situated at the distance five kilometres from Vlašim, at the foot part of the famous mount Blaník. The **Church of St. Bartoloměj** is situated in the village square; the church was built in the 12th century. Take a while for the tour. The ancient origin of the building is recalled by the Romanic body with two round-shaped towers. The Gothic body with sacristy was added in 1360. The altar and pulpit were taken from the church in the flooded village Dolní Královice. This village had to be sacrificed due to the water reservoir of Švihov.

There is the **parish museum** located near the church. It is the only one museum of this type in the Czech

Republic. The museum provides authentic interior of a rectory from the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries. You are invited to visit residence of a village priest – you can find a huge oven, wooden cupboard, tiled stove or ancient bed right here. There is also good smell of beeswax, printing ink – and sounds of children's laughter! The parish museum is full of life. You can go to the craft workshop and make a candle, handmade paper, batik scarf or glycerine soap. Or just walk in the herb garden with plants having a symbolic significance of the Church. There is also a small run-out for sheep and goats. Undoubtedly, these animals used to be an integral part of parish farm in those times.



If you decided to stay longer, you can enjoy hospitality of the local tourist **hostel U Blanických Rytířů**. There are 5 rooms with own bathrooms, including one room suitable for disabled persons. The hostel is equipped with a kitchen, general public room, public Internet, washing machine, depository and bicycle rental service. The **hostel of TJ Sokol Kondrac** is suitable for less demanding visitors, sportive camps and school trips. This hostel is located near the football pitch. The clubroom with fireplace and TV is on the ground floor. The **ski lift** is operated in the winter time when the snow condition is adequate.



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Dining – The **restaurant U Matoušků** is known throughout the region. This restaurant provides its guests with traditional Czech cuisine, including proper portions at a reasonable price.

From Kondrac, you can then take interesting trips around the area – on foot or by bicycle. You might try the In The Footsteps Of The Blaník Knights cycle trail. Another goal could be the **Blaník House Of Nature visitors'** centre, located at the foot of Velký Blaník near Krasovice. Here, in addition to light refreshments, you will find staff willing to provide you with tourist information about the District Of The Blaník Knights geo-park and the Blaník Protected Regional Area, or you can buy a souvenir. Inside

the House of Nature, your attention will be drawn to the exhibition devoted to the geo-park's nature and the legend of the Blaník knights. You will even find a surprise here in the spirit of Cimrman.

In the immediate vicinity of the Blaník House of Nature, the **geological exhibition of the Podblanicko** rocks presents the region's geological history using rock samples. The Blaník House of Nature is the starting point of the **"Towards Blaník With The Knight"** educational trail, which leads across the peak of Velký Blaník in the direction of Louňovice pod Blaníkem. The fourteen information panels are complemented with seventeen entertaining stops for children.

It is only a short way from Louňovice pod Blaníkem to the **gold mine Roudný**. Do you want to know more? Just go on the instructive trail which will familiarize you with the history and functioning in the time line from the Middle Age to the 50th of the 20th century. Small visitors of the tour will be guided by knocker Ruda. The trail is freely accessible. It is more suitable for walking due to more demanding terrain.



VOTICE REGION
KRAJ BLANICKÝCH RYTÍŘŮ



Notice

When you leave the Sázava river behind you and go to the South-west, you will come to the region which a writer Jan Herben called the Czech Siberia due to its cooler climate. There are many historical attractions and natural beauties. The town **VOTICE** is considered an imaginary gateway to them.

Walking around Votice starts in Comenius Square with **sculpture of the Virgin Mary** from the first half of the 18th century as well as the Town Hall from the year 1661. You can watch them while being at height – the **view point Václavka** in the tower of **Church of St. Václav**. The church belongs to the so-called **Vrtba circuit** which is stretched through the most significant religious monuments in the town related to the Vrtba family, former owners of the Votice estate. It also includes a rectory, **Church of St. Francis of Assisi with the adjacent monastery area** as well as the **Chapel of the Holy Sepulchre** in the local cemetery which is a true copy of the Sepulchre of Jerusalem from the year of 1685. You may visit the Jewish cemetery with reconstructed ceremonial hall. Commented tours of the town Votice, Gallery of St. Francis, Jewish cemetery – provided by the Information Centre of Votice.



The **PENZION U MODRÉ KOČKY** is situated opposite the church tower. It provides accommodation, dining, outdoor seating area with the playground for children and the cellar with wines. Even the bikers who find the tip for a trip in the surrounding areas on the map Votická Kopretina containing nearly 200km of the recommended biking routes for both families with children and skilled bikers.



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Votice Region



The **Kolem Votic za Poznáním** [around Votice in search of knowledge] educational trail offers interesting experiences. It will take you to the Lysá settlement, to the Chapel of St. Vojtech, to Mysletice, Hory, Hostišov and Polský Vrch. In addition to information about the Czech Siberia's flora and fauna, you will get to know its history, legends and famous personalities. Children can live up the trail by completing entertaining tasks. The excursion trail is eight kilometres long, and has a total of nine stops. It passes through undemanding terrain, and can be walked in three hours.

In nearby **NEUSTUPOV**, you can see a village square with an alley of linden trees. The Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, with original Romanesque foundations, is located on it. The memorable "Kaplíř's linden tree" commemorates the fate of the owner of the local manor, who was

executed in the Old Town Square. You can swim in the nearby Podvršíský pond.

Nature lovers will be lured by the **DŽBÁNY – ŽEBRÁK NATURE PARK**, with a vantage point in the Kaliště village. Near **OLBRAMOVICE**, you can take a walk through the Podhrázský Rybník nature reservation, and in the village you can visit an exhibition in the newly-reconstructed granary. The **EKOCENTRUM ČAPÍ HNÍZDO** [stork's nest eco-centre] with an educational trail through various biotopes and exhibitions of both farm and wild animals, offers interesting experiences. The cable park, cute lemurs and horse riding will attract mainly young visitors.

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Vrchotovy Janovice, Vojkov



While in Olbramovice, you can go further on conditioned or renewed old roads to the instructive trail **Po Stopách Sidonie Nádherné**. It will lead you to **VRCHOTOVY JANOVICE**, the village distant 8 kilometres from here.

The castle and park, which are included in the exhibitions of the National Museum in Prague, still have their charm given to them by the last aristocratic owner of the castle, Beautiful Sidonia from Borutín (1885–1950). The Baroness was a friend of significant persons of cultural life. She was the muse of painter Max Švabinský, poet Rainer Maria Rilke or journalist Karl Kraus.

Do not miss the unique historic collection of more than 150 bells accompanied by rings, voices of chimes and contemporary music.

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You can visit **ŠPEJCHAR VOJKOV** which lies just five kilometres from Vrchotovy Janovice. The huge Baroque building from the half of the 17th century was included in the castle which was formed up after renovation of the fortress with yard. The first mention of the fortress comes from the year of 1537. There is the brewery cellar preserved on the other side of špejchar (granary). It was used already in the 18th century, according to entries in the books. There is the sale exhibition of ceramics, porcelain, tiles and tiled stoves located in the granary. There are also wines of the significant Romanian producer Murfat-

lar Romania available right here. Products of these wine companies are prized by several international awards. You can test their high quality in some of the regular tasting courses. The granary is also animated by exhibitions, lectures, theatre and concerts.

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Miličín, Jankov

The **VILLAGE MILIČÍN** lies in the direction South of Votice, in the heart of the Czech Siberia. Its dominant is the Church of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary, built by the Rosenbergs in the Gothic style in the years 1380–1384. It was rebuilt in Baroque style in 1754.

Information of the history of the village, interesting facts and information of the surrounding areas can be found in the instructive trail of Čeněk Kraupner, a prominent citizen of Miličín (1872–1951). It will lead you to the nearby mount **Kalvárie** with Calvary and the Chapel of Lord Suffering or to the **Lion of Miličín** – the rock hill resembling the king of animals with its shape. The legend says that the lion is the fossilized guard of Blaník knights.

Trip to the **VILLAGE JANKOV** may also be surprisingly interesting. The village is situated in



the east direction from Votice. On the day of 6 March 1645 there was one of the worst and bloodiest battles of the Thirty Years War on Czech territory. Swedish troops of General Lennart Torstensson defeated the imperial troops here. The battle of Jankov was a signal of the end of the war suffering. Treaty of Westphalia concluded in 24 October 1648 brought the definitive end to the suffering. This historic event is commemorated in the authentic environment by The freely accessible **memorial** unveiled in 1995 and also the instructive trail **Po Stopách Bitvy u Jankova** (on footsteps of the battle of Jankov). The march held in memory of the victims of the tragic incident takes place under the same name every year.



Ratměřice, Bystřice



The trail leads to the hill Habrovka where the famous battle ended with surrender of the imperial army. Starting in Habrovka, you can also use another instructive trail leading to the **VILLAGE RATMĚŘICE** which was proclaimed a village of year 2010. The title was also awarded thanks to rich social life. Fictional character of a peculiar peasant Oneš whom you may meet on your trips in this village is meant as the integral part thereof. Just visit the local open-air gallery or the **museum of fire-fighters**. Go to

the castle park to see two sequoias which are the largest exhibits of this kind in the Czech Republic.

Now you can walk to the nearby **village Odlochovice** by going through linden alley. While in the square, you may have a look at the small fire-fighting museum. You may get some refreshment in the **castle café** run by clients of the local Integrated Centre of Social Services. Although the castle is inaccessible,

you can still walk in the park, see the gardening site and farm with domestic animals or you can also make up some product in the ceramic or fine art workshop.

The nearby located **village Libouň** with Romanic rotunda from the 13th century is definitely worth visiting too. It is a part of the church of St. Václav. The walls contain partly exposed original frescoes. You can visit the newly renovated castle and guest house to have snack, lunch or dinner.

You will see the entire region like in your hand if you accept an invitation to an overlooking flight. It is just about going to the airport in **Nesvačily**. This is the base for operators of small sport aircrafts and hot-air balloons. It is quite usual that you can get hungry after the flight – so you can stop in the neighbouring **BYSTRICE** to get fresh bread, cakes, pies or fancy breads of the local bakery that is open daily from 16 to 21 pm. And you shall also taste the popular ice cream in the inn U Hlaváčků. The Ludvík Němec theatre festival takes place here every year.





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