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The Sázava region – that does not mean just the picturesque nooks, deep valleys, rocky gorges and ferocious rapids of the Sázava River, which are rightly admired by boaters, tourists and locals. The region surrounding one of the most romantic Czech rivers offers much more: magnificent castles and chateaux, romantic views, interesting natural landmarks, hiking and cycling trails, horse farms, adrenaline activities, mysterious legends... Let them lure you into visit!

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THE SÁZAVA RIVER

The Sázava is one of the most beautiful rivers in the country, much sought-after by paddlers. It starts from the pond Velké Dářko and after 218 kilometres flows into the Vltava. Some 208 kilometres, from Žďár nad Sázavou to the confluence in Davle, are navigable. The most attractive parts include the rapids of Stvořidla and in the river section between Krhanice and Pikovice. The whole navigable part of the Sázava is surrounded with many natural landmarks and historical monuments. Be-

sides that, there are plenty of campsites, boat rentals, restaurants and buffets. The area is easily accessible by train - for example, the legendary Sázava Pacific Railroad.

The lower course of the Sázava is often called the cradle of the Czech Tramping. It was here that the first campers started to make trips to around 1918. Their legacy is reminded by numerous cottage settlements to this day.

SÁZAVA PACIFIC RAILROAD

This legendary railroad significantly affected the economic development of the entire Sázava region. It was built at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries and led from Prague-Modřany through Davle further on along the Sázava River to Světlá nad Sázavou. Thanks to its romantic setting and bold engineering solution, it rightly ranks among the most beautiful rail routes in the Czech Republic. It leads through beautiful nature and is lined with many historical and natural places of interest.

The railroad became especially popular thanks to wanderers (called tramps in Czech) who would set out from Prague to hike in the local wilderness since the first half of the 20th century. It is possible to take a ride on a steam train or a vintage motor train: just choose one of the Nostalgic Rides that are organized annually by České dráhy a.s. or regularly by the Sázava Pacific Railroad Association.



Photo Libor Sváček

ČESKÝ ŠTERNBERK CASTLE

The magnificent stone estate has been soaring on a rocky spur above the Sázava River for over 770 years. Twenty generations of the Sternberg noble family have lived in between its walls. The tour about the castle acquaints the visitors with the stories and the way of living of the latest owners. The exhibition includes a unique collection of copperplate engravings from the period of the Thirty Years War, which is one of the largest monothematic collections of prints in Europe.

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Photo Libor Sváček

KONOPIŠTĚ CHATEAU

The original castle in the style of the French fortress was apparently established by Prague Bishop Tobiáš nearby his family seat in Benešov around 1294. After the extinction of the Benešovice family, Konopiště passed in 1327 into the hands of the Šternberks (Sternbergs) to remain there for the next 275 years.

During the 17th through to the 19th centuries, a number of influential noble families possessed Konopiště. In 1887, the estate was bought by Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria, who had the chateau rebuilt in the historicizing style and transformed its surroundings into a landscaped park. He founded the Rose Garden with greenhouses and placed his extensive collections in the castle.



In 1921, the Czechoslovak state took over Konopiště from the archduke's heirs and made the chateau and the park partly accessible to the public. During World War II, Konopiště served as the headquarters of the SS nazi organisation. After the liberation, the chateau was reopened to the public in the form given thereto by Ferdinand of Austria-Este. There are four sightseeing tours, comprising the Museum of St. George, the shooting hall and the adjacent Rose Garden with greenhouses. The castle moat is home to the bear George. One of the options of how to get to Konopiště from Benešov is to take a tourist train from one of its numerous stops in the historic centre of this nearby town.

Konopiště 1, 256 01 Benešov
tel.: +420 317 721 366, www.zamek-konopiste.cz



SÁZAVA MONASTERY

Sázava is the third oldest monastery in Bohemia. It is located in a place where a Christian hermit named Procopius settled in a cave above the Sázava River at the beginning of the 11th century. On the hill above the right bank of the river, he founded a Benedictine monastery around 1032 thanks to the Přemyslid princes Oldrich and his son Bretislav. The monastery followed up on the legacy of the missionaries of Great Moravia, Saints Cyril and Methodius, and became an important centre of Slavic liturgy, education and literature. It was also renowned as a place where the poor and the sick found advocacy and healing. The life of Saint Procopius is pictured in the frescoes in the cloister, which have been gradually uncovered since 2007. The monastery is a national cultural monument and Saint Procopius pilgrimage site.



Zámecká 72, 258 06 Sázava
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JEMNIŠTĚ CHATEAU

Since 1868 the chateau has been associated with the Sternberg family. Its current owner, Jiří Sternberg, lives here with his wife Petra, son Vojtěch Václav and daughter Izabela. They have restored the estate, opened it to the public, arranged expositions and furnished its halls for marriages. Café Custozza has been opened here, where the owners offer original home-made desserts. They also sell game from their own hunting grounds – meals prepared of the game meat may be tasted in the castle restaurant too.

Along with the castle restoration, the owners also take great care of the park, founded by František Adam Trauttmansdorff sometime around 1725. The current owners have renewed

the system of paths, established an alpine garden, a rose garden and a natural pond, repaired the historical park, the courtyard of honour and the linden alley, planted hundreds of plants and trees.

The lady of the manor is the author of the elegant Hunting Dress Code by Petra Sternberg brand. Her daughter makes original jewellery of the Czech glass beads and self-made twisted pearls under the brand name Bela.

Jemniště 1, 257 01 Postupice
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www.jemniste.cz



PRŮHONICE CHATEAU

The originally medieval Gothic castle was built on a rocky promontory above the Botič stream, in the vicinity of a Romanesque mansion, from which only the Romanesque Church of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary has been preserved. Today's appearance of the chateau is the result of numerous reconstructions. In the chateau there is an exhibition "Průhonice Chateau and Park, a work of nature and human spirit", presenting the history of the chateau and the park and the Natura Gallery, which focuses on exhibitions of contemporary art. The Průhonice Park and Chateau is owned by the Institute of Botany of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic.

PRŮHONICE PARK

The 250-hectare landscaped park was founded in 1885 by Count Ernst Emanuel Silva-Tarouca. He used the rugged valley of the Botič stream and its tributaries of the Dobřejovice and Zdiměřice streams and founded masterfully chosen vistas as the basis of the park composition. The vegetation was composed of both domestic and exotic trees, groups of trees and shrubs and alternated with meadows, ponds, streams and their blind arms. His lifelong endeavour result-

ed in the stunning landscape work that has become a National Cultural Monument.



Botanický ústav AV ČR, v. v. i.
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In the film footsteps



Do you want to know where the Circus Bukowsky from the thriller of the same name was located? It was in the campground near the Sázava River in Pikovice.



The interior of St. Adalbert's church in Jílové u Prahy appeared in the Oscar-winning film by Miloš Forman Amadeus as well as in the film drama The Bridge at Remagen.



In the comedy Theory of Tiger (Teorie tygra), Olga came to the square of Jílové u Prahy to pick up her husband Jan, who had stolen a herd of goats.

JÍLOVÉ U PRAHY

The royal town of Jílové u Prahy was founded in the 13th century as a mining settlement and its rich past is closely connected with gold mining. Gold attracted the famous alchemist Edward Kelley to Jílové, who owned a number of buildings in the town and its surroundings, including the Mince (Coin) House. The oldest preserved building in Jílové is St. Adalbert Church from the 13th century, which houses a unique altar painted on panels. The square is dominated by the town hall, where the municipal jail has been preserved. The Corpus Christi Church from the 14th century stands at the Jílové Cemetery. In the part of the town called Lázně (Spa), where a healing spring allegedly spews, there is the Chapel of St. Wenceslas.



REGIONAL MUSEUM IN JÍLOVÉ U PRAHY

The establishment of the museum was instigated by its founder Leopold Čihák in 1891. It is located in the Mince (Coin) House, where the royal mining office resided in the Middle Ages. Currently, there are four permanent exhibitions in the museum: The first one, entitled "The History of Gold Mining and Processing", introduces gold from various angles as well as its processing in the Czech Republic and abroad. According to historical records, the gold deposits in Jílové formed the most important gold-bearing district in the Czech lands. The archaeological exposition "Ora et labora" (Pray and work) is dedicated to the Benedictine St. John the Baptist monastery in Ostrov u Davle founded in 999, the oldest history of Jílové and the extinct medieval settlement in Hradištko by Davle. The next permanent display called "Jílové reflected in gold" maps the history of the town

from the 15th through to the 20th century. And last but not least, the exhibition named "Czech Tramping and Nature of the Lower Sázava Region" is dedicated to the landscape delimited by the Vltava and the Sázava rivers and the history of the Czech Tramping movement, which came into existence in the southern surroundings of Prague around 1918.

The museum also operates a nature trail called "The Jílové Gold Mines" that - among other things - leads from the town centre to the accessible mining drifts of St. Joseph and St. Anthony of Padua.

Masarykovo náměstí 16, 254 01 Jílové u Prahy
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BOŽÍ SKÁLA (THE GOD'S ROCK)

This rock formation on the southeast edge of Jílové u Prahy offers beautiful views of the surrounding countryside. It is situated on a hiking trail and is one of the stops of the "Jílové outlook" circuit.

ŽAMPACH BRIDGE

It is one of the highest and oldest railway stone bridges in Central Europe. It lies on the track of the legendary Sázava Pacific Railroad, which runs along the Sázava River between Jílové u Prahy-Žampach and Luka pod Medníkem stations.



Žampach bridge

KAMENNÝ PŘÍVOZ

The village is the birthplace of the writer Jan Morávek (1888–1958), who in his books - rural novels with genre pictures - depicted the countryside and the distinctive inhabitants around the Sázava River to present them to the general public.

HRADIŠTKO

The village of Hradištko is situated on a rocky promontory near the confluence of the Vltava and the Sázava rivers. It consists of four local districts - Hradištko, Pikovice, Brunšov and Rajchardov. Thanks to its good accessibility by boats and trains it became a popular tourist destination and a cradle of the Czech Tramping. The local, 416 meters high, hill Medník is a notable botanical locality - the only place in the Czech Republic where a rare dog's tooth violet grows. The whole site is a National Natural Monument and the oldest Czech nature trail passes through there. The visitors can also walk through Hradištko along the nature trails Vystěhované Hradištko or Sekanka - Ostrov monastery - St. Kilian. The popular Posázavská Trail begins in Pikovice. Its most attractive part is situated between Pikovice and Žampach, where the path is carved in the rock and offers attractive views. An interesting rock formation Pikovická jehla (Pikovice Needle), also called Pikovický komín (Pikovice Chimney), which is a part of the route too, is nevertheless only accessible to mountain climbers who can enjoy the view from its top with a wooden cross.



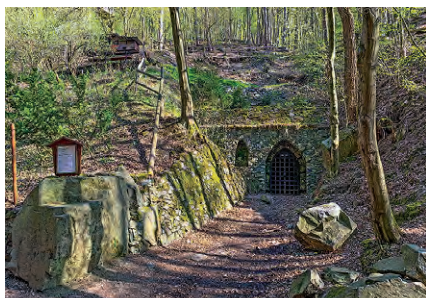
Pikovice needle (Pikovická jehla)



Pepř hill lookout tower



Dolní Břežany chateau



The mining galleries of St. Anthony of Padua

PEPŘ HILL LOOKOUT TOWER

The steel truss structure nearby Jílové u Prahy is 30 meters high, with the viewing platform situated at the height of 18 meters accessible by a spiral staircase.

DOLNÍ BŘEŽANY

The village lies on the southern outskirts of the capital city of Prague at the heights delimited by the Vltava River and the Zalužanka Stream (Břežanský Stream). According to archaeological findings, the area has been settled since the Neolithic Age. The first written record of the village dates back to 1332. It houses a Renaissance chateau with St. Mary Magdalene Chapel.

ZÁVIST OPPIDUM

The largest Celtic oppidum in Bohemia is located on the Hradiště hill above the valley of Břežany. The location is a National Cultural Monument. An educational trail leads through the area. The remains of an early medieval fort are located on the Hradištětko hill between the road connecting Dolní Břežany with Lhota and the valley of Břežany.



Tips for family trips

Educational trails in the surroundings of Dolní Břežany - two circuits familiarize with the local settlement in ancient times. Individual stops are extended with virtual tours of accompanying materials through QR codes. Both routes offer children the chance to get a reward for fulfilment of a task.

Regional Information Centre Závist Celtic Oppidum, which is located in Dolní Břežany, offers an unusual museum exhibition dedicated to the National Cultural Monument Závist. Its focal point consists in so-called Závist CAVE - a multi-projection facility allowing a virtual tour of the oppidum in the 3D space. Visitors can walk around the Celtic fort for a few minutes and get to know the life of our ancestors.

Mining galleries in Jílové u Prahy - a tour of the former mines of the gold-bearing district is suitable for children over 6 years of age. To get to the mining galleries of St. Joseph and St. Anthony of Padua take the educational trail Gold Mines of Jílové. The Halíra gallery is accessible from Borek along the red tourist trail.



Services

FLORIAN RESTAURANT

The restaurant is located in an old burgher house, which was also owned by the famous alchemist Edward Kelley.

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HOTEL TRONÍČEK s.r.o.

The hotel with a restaurant is located within sight of the Sázava River and nearby the Posázavská Hiking Trail.

Žampach 2, 254 01 Jílové u Prahy
tel.: +420 777 186 876, www.hoteltroniczek.cz

OLIVA'S BREWERY

The family brewery offers a restaurant, a guest house and a beer spa.

Za Radnicí 739, 252 41 Dolní Břežany
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CHOTOUŇ SKI RESORT

The ski resort with artificial snow-covered and lighted slope is suitable especially for beginners and intermediate skiers.

Chotouň 52, 254 01 Pohoří
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Oliva's brewery



Florian restaurant



Chotouň ski resort

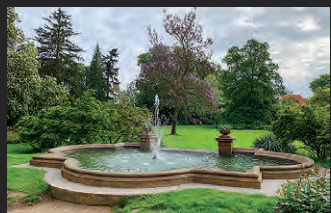
In the film footsteps



The three veterans - Pankrác, Bimbác and Servác - met the begging retired soldier at the Labeška pond in the park of Průhonice.



The chateau of Průhonice formed the backdrop for the fairy tales Rumpelcimprcamp, Long Live Ghosts! (Ať žijí duchové), The Princess and the Flying Cobbler (O princezně Jasněnce a létajícím ševci), The Third Prince (Třetí princ), etc.



The scooters met nearby the pond of the Průhonice park at the end of the TV film based on Jan Werich's fairytale Queen Scooter I (Koloběžka první).



The chateau park in Pruhonice is also home to the traditional Czech cottage, where Cinderella from the black-and-white television film version of the classic fairy tale lived

PRŮHONICE

The most important monuments of the village located near Prague and in vicinity of the D1 motorway include the Průhonice Park and Chateau. Another popular tourist destination is the Dendrological Garden, which, with its 5,000 trees and perennials, ranks among the largest collections of ornamental plants in the Czech Republic.



Tips for family trips

With crayons in the Průhonice Park

Stroll with your children through the Průhonice Park with an illustrated guide introducing in a playful way the history of the monument and drawing attention to its engineering and natural attractions.

Baron Ringhoffer nature trail

The educational trail reminds of the important industrialist of the 19th century who had a dominant influence on the cultural landscape of the Velké Popovice and Kamenice regions. It is 20 km long, begins in Mirošovice and ends in Kamenice. It offers views of the Velké Popovice Nature Park and the countryside surrounding the Sázava River, an excursion in the Velké Popovice brewery, a stroll through the Štiřín Chateau Park, a path through the alley to the Ringhoffer family tomb, a tour of the church with a rotunda, a Jewish cemetery in Kostelec and other places of interest. There are ten information panels along the trail.

Čestlice Aquapalace

This sports and recreational resort features a hotel and three Water World palaces. There are lots of fun, adrenaline and relaxation attractions on an area of over 9,000 m².

Pražská 138, 251 01 Čestlice
tel.: +420 271 104 111, www.aquapalace.cz

VELKÉ POPOVICE

The southern edge of the village is located in the Velké Popovice Nature Park declared in 1993. It is one of the most original landscapes at the eastern border of Prague.



Services

VELKÉ POPOVICE BREWERY

The industrialist František Ringhoffer laid the foundation stone of the brewery in 1871 and the first beer was brewed here three years later. The guided tour will acquaint you with the story of the founder's family, will give you a chance to peek under the lid of the Velké Popovice brewery and will inform you about the whole process of beer production. The beer has been brewed here for over 140 years. At the end, you will meet the brewery's mascot – the he-goat Olda.

Ringhofferova 1, 251 69 Velké Popovice
tel.: +420 323 683 425, www.kozel.cz

AT ANDĚLKA'S (POSEZENÍ U ANDĚLKY)

This family café offers homemade cakes and features a small gift shop. At the same time it serves as an information centre.

Masarykova 38, 251 69 Velké Popovice
tel.: +420 734 446 450, www.posezeniuandelky.cz

ŠTIŘÍN CHATEAU HOTEL

The Baroque chateau built on the site of a fortress from the beginning of the 15th century nowadays serves as a luxury hotel. There is a nine-hole golf course in the chateau park.

Ringhofferova 711, 251 68 Kamenice
www.stirin.cz

Štiřín chateau



Posezení u Andělky



The brewery's mascot – the he-goat Olda

In the film footsteps



On the square in Mnichovice there is a house, which turned into an inn in the historical TV series *Sons and Daughters of Jakub Sklár* (*Synové a dcery Jakuba Skláře*).



Berchtold Chateau of Kunice appeared as a fictional hotel in several episodes of *The Office in the Rose Garden* (*Ordinace v růžové zahradě*) and the *Blue Code* (*Modrý kód*) TV series.



The U Sejků pub in Hrusice together with the "Upper" Hrusice pub became famous thanks to the writer and painter Josef Lada.

To the southeast of Prague there is a tourist area known as Josef Lada's Country, named after one of the most outstanding personalities of the Czech culture – the painter, illustrator and writer Josef Lada (1887–1957), who drew inspiration for his work in here. Besides other things, he set the well-known stories about the Tomcat Mikeš and the bogeymen and vodyanoy to this country.

MNICHOVICE

The town was founded (originally as a village) in 1134 by the Sázava monks who began to spread Christianity here. The dominant feature of Mnichovice is the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was founded in 1140 as a Romanesque basilica by the Sázava abbot Sylvester "to honour Saint Michael and all the heavenly virtues". Around 1330 it was rebuilt into a Gothic church dedicated to the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the tower, there are three big bells— Jan, Burian, and Watchmaker (Hodinář), one smaller bell and a clock.



Tips for family trips

Journey with Tomcat Mikeš

The educational trail begins in Hrusice and ends in Říčany. It features 12 stops with panels introducing passages from the book about the Tomcat Mikeš and Lada's pictures. It is suitable for both hikers and cyclists.

Water Sprite walks

The water sprite Brčál from Lada's book *Bogeymen and vodyanoy* (Bubáci a hastrmani) guides the way along this nature trail with 13 stops. The trail can be divided into three separate sections. The first leads from Ondřejov to the village of Kaliště and is 3.5 km long. The second part, 2.5km long, passes through the village of Lensedly with an urban heritage zone featuring original timbered buildings. The third part of the nature trail leads around Senohraby, it is 4.5km long and is focused on history.

Šibeniční vrch (Gallows Hill)

This sports resort nearby Mnichovice features hotel campsite, tennis hall, squash, bowling, beach volleyball, ski slope and ski school, log cabin restaurant with terrace, goat farm and children's playground with cable car.

Šibeničky 808, 251 64 Mnichovice
tel.: +420 323 640 975, www.sibenicznivrch.cz



HRUSICE

Hrusice is the birthplace of the painter and writer Josef Lada. Local significant monument is the St. Wenceslas Church with a portal of red sandstone. You can also visit the Monument of Josef Lada and his daughter Alena located in the original vacation villa of this prominent native, where a permanent exhibition is displayed in present.

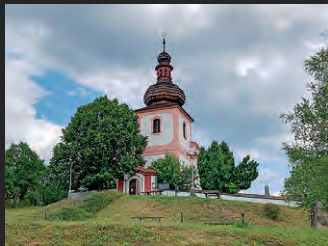
ONDŘEJOV

In 1898, Josef Frič founded an astronomical observatory in Ondřejov, which is currently one of the workplaces of the Astronomical Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences. It boasts of one of the largest telescopes in Europe. The historic domes serve as museums, their surroundings being conceived as an arboretum with rare shrubs and trees. The observatory is open to the public every weekend from May to September.



The Astronomical observatory in Ondřejov

In the film footsteps



On the hill in front of the St. Kliment Church in Lštění, the main character of the road movie *Long Live the Family* (*Rodina je základ státu*) Libor attempts to solve his personal problems.



At the cemetery by the St. Peter and St. Paul Church in Poříčí nad Sázavou, there was the grave of little Vašek Karas' mother from the TV series *Circus Humberto*.



The Baroque rectory in Pyšely appeared in the series *Doctors of Počátky* (*Doktoři z Počátků*) and was also the backdrop of the detective story *The Case for the Exorcist* (*Případ pro exorcistu*).

ČERČANY

The significant buildings in Čerčany include the Hussite Church of the Czechoslovak Hussite Church on the hill beyond the village and Vávra's (formerly Spálenský) Mill. Another dominant of the village is the old water tower U Sekalů, standing by the main railway station. After the 1920s, the cottage settlements were established by the Czech tramps in vicinity of Čerčany. One of the most famous called Ztracená stopa (The Lost Footprint) and situated in the valley of the Benešov brook has survived to this day. The writer Bob the Hurricane from the Czech Tramping movement (Josef Peterka by his own name) is one of the notable personalities who lived in Čerčany for a certain time.

POŘÍČÍ NAD SÁZAVOU

The village was founded in the 15th century by merging of the historical settlements of Poříčí, Kouty and Balkovice. Its most significant historical monument is the Romanesque St. Peter and St. Paul Church from the turn of the 11th and 12th centuries. One of only four crypts of the same age and form in Bohemia has been preserved in the local St. Havel Church from the beginning of the 13th century. The village is also associated with the Hussite wars - the victorious battle of Jan Žižka with the armies of the lords of Šternberk, Dubá and other Czech towns standing on the side of the Emperor Sigismund, which took place on 20 May 1420, is commemorated by the granite monument erected in 1924.



LŠTĚNÍ

The founding of the village on the left bank of the Sázava River dates back to the times of emergence of the nearby Slavic fortified settlement mentioned in the Chronicle of Bohemians by Cosmas. The dominant feature of Lštění is the church of St. Kliment from the early 14th century. An interesting technical monument is the original British engineering folding bridge Bailey Bridge, which has been linking Lštění with the village of Čtyřkoly since 1949.

MRAČ

According to archaeological findings, there was a wooden stronghold in this location in the middle of the 13th century, of which only two hills, a moat and mounds have been preserved. The place is a National Cultural Monument. To the east, the second fortress Mrač was built in the 14th century.

ZLENICE-HLÁSKA U SENOHRAB

The ruins of a castle founded in the early 14th century. Its fate sealed the Poděbrady wars in 1463–1465, when the castle was destroyed and fired by the army of Zdeněk Konopišťský of Šternberk. Only the masonry of a large tower and several residential buildings, gates and perimeter walls with rounded corners and ditches have been preserved. The remnants of the castle and the hill on which it stands are called Hláška according to a small settlement that once belonged to the castle and was apparently destroyed at the same time.

PUBLIC RIVER BATHS

One of the First-Republic swimming baths is located at the confluence of the Sázava River with the Mnichovka Stream beneath the ruins of Zlenice Castle. A ferry connects it to the opposite bank. Visitors can use stylish changing cabins, outdoor and indoor showers, grassy area with a playground, a sandpit or a table tennis table. In the swimming pool area, which also serves as a boating campsite, there is a fireplace with a covered seating area. You can also refresh yourself in the neighbouring Bastirna snack stall, which is open from May to mid-September.

STARÁ DUBÁ AND ODRANEC

The unique remains of a castle and a small town in the castle surroundings lie near Přestavky. The first written record of the castle dates back to 1282. It was demolished in 1466 by the troops of the King George of Poděbrady. The neighbouring town probably had the same fate.



Tips for family trips

Vysoká Lhota Chateau near Čerčany

The chateau features a museum of coaches, carriages, saddles and harnesses. Many of them have "played" in popular movies, such as the legendary *Three Nuts for Cinderella*. Accompanied by a guide, you can visit the cellars of the 11th century with the period torture chamber and a part of the chateau.



The Fortress Mrač



Zlenice - Hláška



The public river baths Zlenice



Small town Odranec in the painting by Lubomír Kupčík

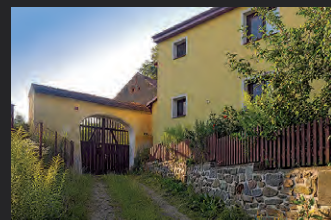
In the film footsteps



The gate of the Neveklov agricultural cooperative, which the driver Pávek with his assistant Otík regularly walked through in the comedy *My Sweet Little Village* (*Vesničko má středisková*), still can be seen in Křečovice.



The main characters of the Czechoslovak science fiction series *The Visitors* (*Návštěvníci*) were contacting their partners from the future from the pond Valcha by Borovka nearby Neveklov.



Every morning, the peculiar hero of the film comedy *My Sweet Little Village* (*Vesničko má středisková*) - Otík Rákosník - walked out of a cottage placed in the village square of Křečovice.

NEVEKLOV

The oldest record of Neveklov dates back to 1285. Since 1550, the estate of Tloskov has been part of Neveklov too. Nowadays, the Tloskov Social Services Centre (www.tloskov.eu) has its seat in the originally Renaissance chateau. During World War II, a military training ground for the SS troops of 44,000 hectares was established in the Neveklov region. The places of interest in Neveklov include the former Town Hall, the St. Havel Church, the synagogue, the Jewish cemetery and the plague column. There also is a monument commemorating the violinist Jan Kubelík, as the ancestors of the famous Kubelík family - the violin virtuoso of the worldwide reputation Jan, the legendary conductor Rafael and the outstanding violinist René - came from the village.

CHVOJÍNEK

In the village there is an early-Gothic church of St. Wenceslas, which the filmmakers have often become fond of. It can be seen, for instance, in the poetical film *The Bouquet* (*Kytice*) based on the poetry book by K. J. Erben of the same name.



LOOKOUT TOWER OF THE NEŠTĚTICKÁ MOUNTAIN

The lookout tower stands at 536 meters above the sea level, about 5 kilometres from Neveklov. It is 16 meters high. It was built in 1927 to mark the 300th anniversary of the suppression of a peasant uprising. Despite its neglected status it is one of the sought-after tourist destinations. It is freely accessible without any restrictions.

RETROAUTOMUZEUM STRNADICE (MUSEUM OF VINTAGE CARS)

With its nearly two hundred exhibits of cars manufactured between 1948 and 1989, it is one of the largest private car museums in the country. It presents a comprehensive collection of vehicles from the countries of the so-called former Eastern Bloc, which were seen on our roads in the second half of the last century. The collection includes cars of the brands Aero, Dacia, Moskvitch, Skoda, Tatra, Trabant, VAZ, Volga, Wartburg, Zaporozhets, etc. The museum exhibition consists



Retroautomuseum Strnadice



Retroautomuseum Strnadice

of several thematic units including numerous dioramas. The museum also organizes a variety of accompanying events.

Strnadice 27, 257 53 Vrchotovy Janovice
tel.: +420 602 735 076, www.retroautomuseum.cz

KŘEČOVICE

Křečovice is the birthplace of the composer Josef Suk. His native room and the museum with an exposition commemorating the composer's life and work can be visited here. St. Lucas Church is another place worth visiting. Interesting tourist destinations in vicinity include Psané skály (Rocks Covered with Writing), named after religious texts carved in the stone, or the former Celtic oppidum in Hrazany.

Památník Josefa Suka, 257 56 Křečovice 3
tel.: +420 317 741 308, www.nm.cz

JABLONNÁ NAD VLTAVOU

The first record of Jablonná nad Vltavou dates back to 1318, when a water fortress stood on the site of today's chateau, owned by the Knight Eberhard of Jablonná. The chateau, which is on the list of the Czech Cultural Monuments, now offers a unique exhibition of classic furniture and interior furnishings from renowned companies.

Jablonná nad Vltavou 1, 257 56 Neveklov
tel.: +420 602 419 105, www.zamekjablonna.cz



The Chateau Jablonná nad Vltavou



Maršovice



Slapy rope park



TEPfaktor

MARŠOVICE

The dominant of the township is the Baroque Church of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary built in 1774–1775, which is nicknamed Hradčany following the example of the Prague Castle. The oldest part of Maršovice is the village Zaječí, the first record of which dates back to 999.



Tips for family trips

Neveklov for kids

You can take a walk through Neveklov along the path of the Knight Adam Řepa. Little visitors will be rewarded for completing tasks of the game board available at the information centre.

Nová Živohošť

This popular recreation area is located by the Slapy dam near Křečovice.

Aquacentrum and wellness centre of Měřín

The resort is located on the right bank of the Slapy dam and offers a rich variety of relaxation and sports facilities.

Hotel VZ Měřín

Jablonná nad Vltavou, 257 44 Netvořice
tel.: +420 973 222 112, +420 602 238 617, www.merin.volareza.cz

TEPfaktor

Sports and entertainment centre featuring a team game inspired by the popular TV game show Fort Boyard.

262 03 Chotilsko 1, tel.: +420 777 000 927
www.tepfaktor.cz

Slapy rope park

The adventure park was built in 2009 in the canyon above a brook flowing into the bay of the Slapy dam at the foot of the Živohošť bridge. There are four routes following different levels of difficulty, as well as a Junior Park for kids from 4 years of age and attractions for the youngest.

Nebřich 33, 257 44 Netvořice
tel.: +420 736 676 565, www.lanovyparkslapy.cz



Services

HEROUTICE FARM

The farm is located nearby the Slapy dam and focuses on horse breeding and agrotourism. It operates stables, an arena for equestrian races, indoor and outdoor riding hall, and offers accommodation and a stylish restaurant. The local renowned riding school focuses on training of children - the owners of the Heroutice farm stood at birth of the pony sports in the Czech Republic.

The farm also offers facilities for corporate events and is a unique place for organizing of weddings – the seclusion in vicinity of the nearby forest guarantees peace and romance amidst graceful horses.

Heroutice 1, 257 56 Neveklov, tel.: +420 604 232 834
www.heroutice.cz, www.svatbyvherouticich.cz



Heroutice farm

VŠETICE HOTEL

The hotel and restaurant offers additional activities, such as archery, aqua zorbing, raft construction, bungee running, climbing net, fishing, skittles, and horse riding.

Všetice 6, 257 44 Netvořice
tel.: +420 724 522 758, www.vsetice.cz

CONVENT OF OUR LADY ABOVE THE RIVER VLTAVA

The convent was built in Poličany by the Order of Trappiste. You can take part in the liturgy of nuns in the convent church, use the services of the guest house or buy products of the Czech, Italian and French convents in the local shop.

Poličany – Křečovice 10, 257 56 Neveklov
tel.: +420 731 604 168, +420 312 312 004



Heroutice farm

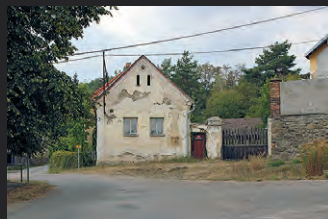


Všetice hotel

In the film footsteps



The boss of the main protagonist's (Kvido's) father in the movie *Those Wonderful Years that Sucked* (*Báječná léta pod psa*) had his office at the JAWA factory in Týnec nad Sázavou.



Krhanice was transformed into the village of Žalovice, where the fictional christening was to take place in the crazy comedy of the same name (*Křtiny*).



In the grove with a bunker behind the entrance to the Military Technical Museum in Lešany, scenes of the biographical film *Jan Masaryk* were filmed.

TÝNEC NAD SÁZAVOU

The first written record of Týnec castle dates back to 1318. But a wooden castle, later turned into a stone castle with a Romanesque rotunda, had already been here in the 11th century. In 1785 the castle was in possession of Count Franz Joseph of Vrtba, who founded a stoneware factory in the town and had the castle grounds modified for manufacturing purposes. In 1812 he built a new factory building, which was later converted into a hotel by Franz Ferdinand of Austria. The founder of modern industry in the town in the 1930s was the Prague entrepreneur Ing. František Janeček, who built METAZ foundry of aluminium, steel and non-ferrous metals in Týnec and initiated production of JAWA motorcycles and MINOR passenger cars in the former spinning mill in Brodce.

Local landmarks include the originally Gothic Church of Sts. Simon and Jude or the Neo-Renaissance house U Micků with a facade richly decorated with frescoes and sgraffito by Karel Ludvík Klusáček.



TÝNEC CASTLE WITH MUSEUM AND GALLERY

A rare exhibition of Týnec stoneware can be seen in the museum. The prismatic Gothic tower, which is the home of the protected greater mouse-eared bats in summer, offers a lookout.

Nádvoří Adama Hodějovského 48, 257 41 Týnec nad Sázavou
tel.: +420 317 701 051
www.mestotytec.cz/muzeum

ZBOŘENÝ KOSTELEČ

The ruins of the castle formerly called Kostelec. It was probably founded during the reign of Wenceslas II at the end of the 13th century and should have guarded the local trade route. In the 15th century it was destroyed by the army of King George of Poděbrady. From Týnec nad Sázavou you can approach the ruins by a wooden footbridge for pedestrians and cyclists, which can be reached by a bike path.



LEDCE

In this village by the Sázava River there is the church of St. Bartholomew from the second half of the 13th century.

PROSEČNICE

Former pulmonary sanatorium, which was the largest of its kind in Bohemia. It was built by the Humanity Association between 1916 and 1922. By 1937, 20,000 patients had been treated here. During World War II, the hospital was transformed into a school for armoured grenadiers, which was part of the SS training ground.

KRHANICE

The first written record of Krhanice dates back to 1228. Actor Otakar Brousek was born in here – he is commemorated in the plaque on the wall of the municipal office.

LEŠANY

The poet František Hrubín grew up in this picturesque village. He is commemorated by the memorial hall at the municipal office.

LEŠANY CHATEAU

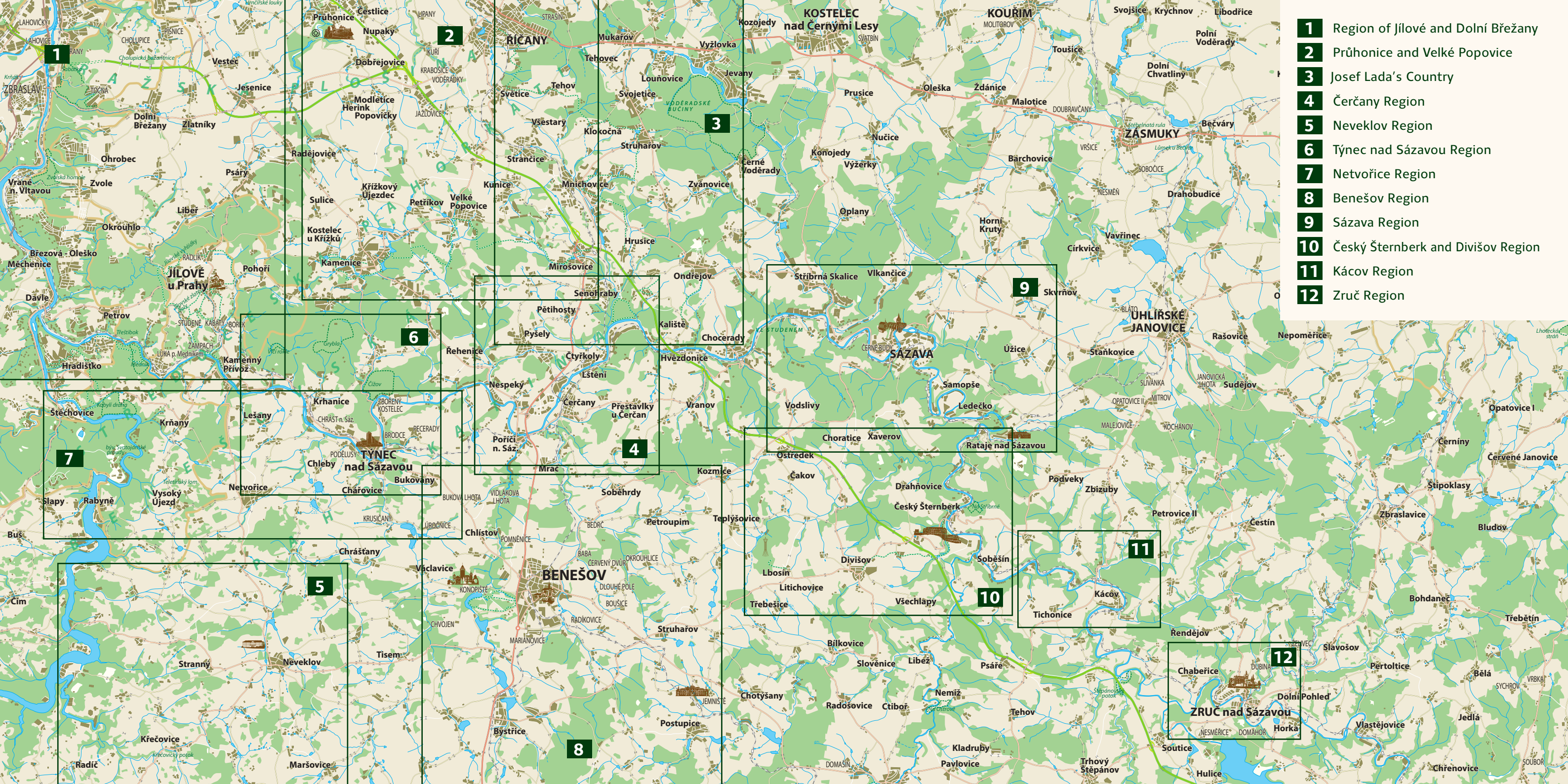
The chateau was built on the site of the former fortress by the Prague St. Vitus chapter, which owned Lešany from 1683 until 1949, when the chateau was nationalized. Since 1996 it has been in possession of Ladislav Truhlář, who has gradually reconstructed the chateau and its surroundings. The chateau, chapel and rooms with restored frescoes painted by Jan Václav Spitzer in 1758 can be seen all year round. The castle has a guest house and a restaurant.

Lešany 100, 257 44 Netvořice
Ladislav Truhlář, tel.: +420 603 440 573, www.zameklesany.cz



HORNOPOŽÁRSKÝ FOREST

The nature park of some 25 square kilometres is located on the right bank of the Sázava River between the villages of Kamenice, Krhanice, Jílové u Prahy and Týnec nad Sázavou. Its highest point is Grybla, on the southern side of which there is a steep ravine with Panská skála rock dominating above it and offering an outlook. To the west of the summit the Kněží Mountain rises. The Wolf Gorge is a protected site – the gully overgrown with beech trees that are up to 200 years old features a stone sea of granite boulders piled up to several meters in several places, under which a small stream flows. Marked hiking and cycling trails pass through the forest.



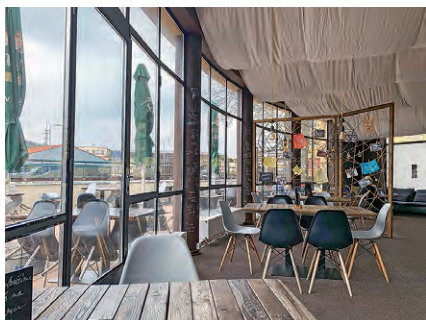
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- 3 Josef Lada's Country
- 4 Čerčany Region
- 5 Neveklov Region
- 6 Týnec nad Sázavou Region
- 7 Netvořice Region
- 8 Benešov Region
- 9 Sázava Region
- 10 Český Šternberk and Divišov Region
- 11 Kácov Region
- 12 Zruč Region



Týnec castle



Military Technical Museum Lešany



Bistro & Café Příběh



Tips for family trips

Educational trail in Týnec nad Sázavou

A 5.5 km long nature trail leads through Týnec nad Sázavou and includes elements of geo-caching. There are nine stops where the visitors can get information about unique places in the landscape and the kids can perform task of a game. A detailed map of the town and the surroundings with marked cycling and walking routes and a panel listing other local landmarks is also available at a rest area in the centre of Týnec.

Military Technical Museum Lešany

The museum was established in the former artillery barracks between the villages of Lešany and Krhanice. There are extensive exhibitions with over 700 historical tanks, cannons, motorcycles, armoured, freight and passenger vehicles, rocket technology, engineer equipment and logistical materials, dating from 1890 to the present. Visitors can also discover the secrets of the Czechoslovak and foreign historical military technology through regular events, such as the Tank Day or the Children's Day, that are organized several times a year. The admission to the museum is free.

Lešany, 257 42 Krhanice, tel.: +420 973 296 161, www.vhu.cz



Bisport outdoor centre



Týnec hotel



Services

BISPORT OUTDOOR CENTRE

The boating and tourist centre with a boat and bike rental, a hostel, a recreation room, a club and a rope park is ready to prepare and organize boating trips along the Sázava River as well as programs for schools and corporate events, with or without guides.

Ing. Fr. Janečka 511, 257 41 Týnec nad Sázavou
tel.: +420 777 335 618, www.bisport.cz

BISTRO&CAFÉ PŘÍBĚH

This is a perfect place for people to chat, read, play games, work or just contemplate and do nothing. Or they can share their lives, dreams, victories, losses, joys and sorrows – in other words their STORIES – in here.

Ing. Fr. Janečka 511, 257 41 Týnec nad Sázavou
tel.: +420 777 335 615
www.facebook.com/bistrocafepribeh/

TÝNEC HOTEL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

The hotel is located in the historical part of the town Týnec nad Sázavou in a listed building, which was originally built by Count Franz Joseph of Vrtba as a factory manufacturing stoneware around 1812. Its later owner, Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria, rebuilt it into a hotel at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries. In the 1960s and 1970s the building was rebuilt into a house of culture. It currently houses a hotel, a community centre and a Tourist Information Centre.

The community centre includes a hall for up to 500 people, which hosts cultural events, concerts, balls, corporate parties and conferences. Companies can also use a smaller training room. Those who want to organize family celebrations or wedding receptions may take advantage of services of the hotel club.

Klusáčkova 2, 257 41 Týnec nad Sázavou
tel.: +420 774 443 854, www.hoteltynec.cz

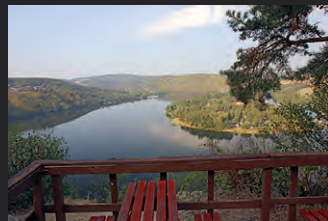
In the film footsteps



Vysoký Újezd with its Church of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary appeared in the movies *Romance for Flugelhorn* (*Romance pro křídlovku*), *Theory of Tiger* (*Teorie tygra*), and the TV series *Wonderful Times* (*Vyprávěj*).



Former racketeers, Martin and Biny, went into hiding from the cops to the Michael Farm in Nedvězí in the sequel of the criminal comedy *Bony a klid 2*.



Jan and Erik from the bitter comedy *Theory of Tiger* (*Teorie tygra*) were enjoying their newly gained freedom on the terrace overlooking the Vltava River near Rabyň.

NETVOŘICE

The first written record of the village dates back to 1205. Local landmarks include the Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary mentioned by written records in 1350 already. In 1859, the writer Ludmila Grossmannová Brodská was born in Netvořice. She published 30 books of prose and poetry, especially for children and youth. She is commemorated by a monument in the place of her birth house. The nature trail "Getting to know Netvořice from A to Z" introduces the history of the township and its surroundings.

NETVOŘICE MUNICIPAL MUSEUM

The museum houses a unique collection of products of the defunct stone-ware factory from nearby Týnec nad Sázavou and commemorates the legacy of the first strawberry grower in Bohemia, Rudolf Strimpl. The museum will be reopened after completion of an extensive reconstruction in 2020.

Muzejní 46, 257 44 Netvořice, tel.: +420 601 386 314, www.netvorice.cz

FAMILY MINI-MUSEUM OF ENAMEL

The museum presents products of the Czech and Slovak enamel works from the second half of the 19th century - cans, mugs, pots, jugs, kettles and roasting and cake pans from the households of our ancestors. The premises also include a dormitory, a shop selling original gifts and a stylish junk shop.

Pražská 13, 257 44 Netvořice
tel.: +420 776 151 343, <http://muzeum.ukockyzakominem.cz>



RABYNĚ

The village located nearby the Slapy dam is for recreation - swimming, fishing, water sports or hiking.

ÚROČNICE A CHLEBY

Two villages in the vicinity of which there is a zone of military bunkers, which were established here during World War II as part of the SS military training ground.

MÁJ OUTLOOK

The outlook is to be found near Teletín and offers one of the most famous views of the meanders of the Vltava River.



Máj outlook

KRŇANY

The village, which is comprised of the municipalities of Teletín and Třebosín, lies in the territory of the Central Bohemia Nature Park. The first tramping cottage settlements were established along the extinct St. John's Streams (Svatojánské proudy), which are now flooded by the Štěchovice dam. In the vicinity of Krňany and Teletín, several remains of medieval strongholds were discovered several years ago.

VYSOKÝ ÚJEZD

In the village there are two state-protected historical monuments - the Church of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary and the prehistoric section of Plavecká (formerly Celtic) Route. The Church of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary was built between 1301 and 1340 in the Gothic style to be later rebuilt several times. The remains of Plavecká Route are still visible in the landscape on the path connecting Vysoký Újezd, Jablonka and Chlum.



Benice baroque homestead



Services

BENICE BAROQUE HOMESTEAD

The local Favory stud farm focuses on breeding of the Klaruber horses that are the only living creatures on the UNESCO list. The premises comprise a hotel, a restaurant and a mini-zoo.

Benice 1, 257 44 Netvořice
tel.: +420 601 324 166, www.favory.cz

MICHAEL FARM IN NEDVĚZÍ

The farm was restored from the former Romanesque-Gothic fortress. It offers luxury accommodation, a wellness centre and a wide range of sports facilities including a golf driving range or a tennis court.

Nedvězí 1, 257 44 Netvořice
tel.: +420 720 064 206
www.farmamichael.cz



Smetana's outlook



Hydroelectric power station Slapy



Benice baroque homestead

STONE QUARRY OF TELETÍN

A protected natural monument of geological character. The quarry was used in the construction of the Slapy dam.

SMETANA'S OUTLOOK

There is a beautiful view of the Vltava meander and, especially, of the tramping cottage settlement called The Lost Hope (Ztracenka) at the opposite bank of the river. The outlook was allegedly often visited by the composer Bedřich Smetana, who drew inspiration here for his famous symphonic poem The Moldau (Vltava) from the cycle Má vlast (My homeland).

MAŘENKA

The rocky area on the right bank of the Vltava River near Teletín is a name amongst the mountain climbers.

KOBYLÍ DRÁHA

A nature reserve on the right bank of the Vltava, in which dwarf and scree oak-wood, hornbeams and rocky steppes occur.



Tips for family trips

Hydroelectric power station in Štěchovice

The power station was built between 1938 and 1947. The concrete dam with granite cladding is 22.5 m high and 120 m long and includes a lock chamber, where the difference between the upper and lower levels is 19.10 m, making it unique in the whole Central Europe.

Hydroelectric power station Slapy

The power station was the first major structure of the Vltava cascade after World War II. The lake with an area of 14 km² containing 270 million m³ of water has a dam of 65 m in height.

The Štěchovice and Slapy hydroelectric power stations are accessible free of charge year-round. Excursions to be ordered at least 3 days in advance on tel: +420 602 107 453.

www.cez.cz

BENEŠOV

The original fortified farmstead was founded and named after a Benedict (Beneš) some time in the second half of the 11th century. In the 18th century, Benešov became a centre of culture and education, mainly thanks to then newly established Piarist College.



The torso of the Minorite monastery

At the end of the 19th century, Franz Ferdinand of Austria, the successor to the throne, became the owner of the estate. He was inherently connected with Konopiště Chateau. During the Nazi occupation in 1942, part of the city was forcibly evicted due to the establishment of a large SS training ground.

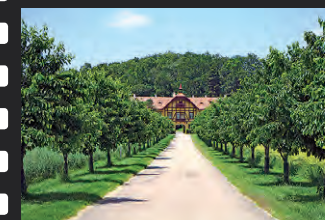
The most notable monuments in the town include the Church of St. Nicholas, the torso of the Minorite Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, the wooden bell tower standing in front of the entrance to the Church of St. Nicholas, the lower belfry in Karlov quarter with one of the oldest bells in Bohemia called "Ave Maria" or the Piarist College with the Baroque Church of St. Anne.

The new town hall (current seat of the municipal office), which was renewed according to the design by architect Josef Pleskot, won the Grand Prix of the Association of Architects in 1995. The building of the railway station with its Imperial Lounge, the Old Jewish Cemetery, the Jewish Memorial and the New Jewish Cemetery with the house of prayer belong amongst other interesting tourist destinations in the town.

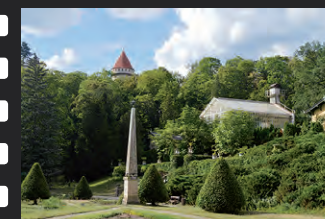
In the film footsteps



Nýlt, the double of the successor to the throne Franz Ferdinand of Austria, arrived into the courtyard of Konopiště Chateau in the film Jara Cimrman Laying, Asleep (Jara Cimrman ležící, spící).



Želetinka near Konopiště was transformed into a stud farm in one of the episodes of the TV series The Ambulance (Sanitka), which depicts medical cases of the Prague Ambulance Service.



František, the main character of the film Joachim, Put it in the Machine (Jáchyme, hoď ho do stroje), who was mistakenly considered a Japanese artist, arrived to the greenhouse at Konopiště Chateau.



MUSEUM OF ART AND DESIGN

Visitors to the Museum of Art and Design (MUD) in Benešov may look through the exhibition, have lunch, attend an art workshop, simply sit in the reading room with a book and a cup of delicious coffee, or “escape” from the hustle and bustle of the town streets into the quite oasis of the atrium.

The beautiful Art Nouveau building in Malé náměstí square, which was renovated in 2018, is much more than just a historical museum. It is a modern and open space, respecting the wishes of its visitors.

In addition to administering a collection of around

13,000 items comprising paintings, graphics, photography, sculpture and design, the museum organizes both short and long-term exhibitions concentrated on the art from the second half of the 20th century.

Malé náměstí 74, 256 01 Benešov, www.mudbenesov.cz



MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM KONOPIŠTĚ

A unique private collection of historical motorcycles, especially of JAWA and ČZ trademarks, as well as speedway and motocross motorcycles. It presents the history of motorcycle production in the Benešov region.

Konopiště 30, 256 01 Benešov
tel.: +420 737 230 230, e-mail: stiburek.j@eltsen.cz

MUSEUM OF PODBLANICKO

The museum introduces the topic of the history of Benešov and its outskirts. The exhibition entitled Our Regiment commemorates the Benešov military garrison from the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries, specifically the history of the 102nd Regiment and the fate of soldiers on the fronts of World War I and World War II.

www.muzeumpodblanicka.cz

TVORŠOVICE

The local Baroque chateau with a hotel and a restaurant is the central point of the Konopiště Golf Resort. Tvoršovice is the birthplace of the actor Zdeněk Štěpánek, whose statue in the chateau park commemorates him.

KOŽLÍ

The ruins of the castle first mentioned in 1318 are located on a wooded promontory above the confluence of the Tisemský and the Janovický Streams, west of Konopiště. The castle probably ceased to exist during the wars of Poděbrady.

CHVOJEN

On the hill above the farmyard Chvojen nearby Benešov stands the late Romanesque church with neo-Gothic elements of St. James and Philip from 1217.



Tips for family trips

Join the bear to catch a bear

This entertaining trail for children leads from Benešov to the home of the bear Jirka in the enclosure at Konopiště Chateau. When the kids perform their tasks of a game plan, which can be picked up at the information centre in the Masaryk Square in Benešov or downloaded from the city website, they are rewarded with a “treasure” that is waiting for them in the information centre at the chateau.

From Benešov to Konopiště and back by eco-train

The municipal tourist train rides along a 16-kilometer circular route. The journey takes 1.5 hours and has 16 stops. It passes through the most interesting places in Benešov and Konopiště. The train operates daily from April to October.

Konopiště for kids: In front and in the castle

The exhibition in the southern wing of the chateau introduces children to the life in the castle and its neighbourhoods. They get to know old crafts, games and the art of jousting, clothes of lords and ladies, which they can try on and let themselves photographed. The exhibition will last until the end of the 2019 tourist season.

Soběhrdy Farmapark

Leisure and entertainment for visitors of all ages. Almost 250 animals from all over the world live here – the camels, kangaroos, ostriches, buffaloes, llamas, pigs or alpine cows. In the area of 250,000 m² there are playgrounds, trampolines, water slides, slides and snack bars.

256 01 Soběhrdy, tel.: +420 777 920 000, www.farmapark.eu



Konopiště Golf Resort



Motorcycle museum Konopiště



Tourist eco-train in Benešov



The bear Jirka at Konopiště

Services

FERDINAND BREWERY

The brewery of Benešov was built in 1872. In 1887 it was bought by the Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria from the Benešov joint-stock company and over the next ten years had it rebuilt.

The appearance of the brewery has remained the same to this day. The technological process of the beer production has not changed for the past century either.

Táborská 306, 256 01 Benešov
tel.: +420 317 722 511, www.pivovarferdinand.cz

BELLEVUE HOTEL KARLOV

The current appearance of the hotel in the centre of Benešov was designed by the architect Ladislav Lábus. In 2008 the hotel won the prestigious award in the Nejlepší z realit – Best of Reality competition. The hotel features a restaurant Na Karlově.

Na Karlově 97, 256 01 Benešov
tel.: +420 317 700 825, +420 603 905 621
www.bellevuehotelkarlov.cz

S-CENTRUM BENEŠOV

Sports and relaxation facility with tennis and badminton courts, beach volleyball courts, a small football hall, an aerobics hall, a Finnish and a steam sauna, a hot tub, an outdoor pool or a bowling alley. There is a restaurant with an outdoor terrace and a hotel.

U Vodárny 2215, 256 01 Benešov
tel.: +420 317 750 001, www.scentrum.eu

U ZVONICE RESTAURANT

The restaurant is located in a quiet area of the oldest part of Benesov.

Na Karlově 347, 256 01 Benešov
tel.: +420 603 543 102, www.restauraceuzvonice.cz

BENEŠOV AIRPORT

The airport operating public domestic and non-public international flights offers sightseeing tours and excursions to hangars and towers. The facility comprises a model-sport airport too.

Nesvačily 145, 257 51 Bystřice
tel.: +420 317 793 330, +420 603 594 623, www.lkbe.eu



Airport Benešov

BYSTRICE

The first written record of the village of Bystřice dates back to the 13th century. During World War II, a part of the town became part of the SS military training ground. There also was a concentration camp for people of the so-called mixed marriages here. Many prominent Czech personalities, such as the actors Oldřich Nový and Miloš Kopecký, the writer Ondřej Sekora or the director Ladislav Rychman, were imprisoned here for certain time.

The concentration camp is commemorated by a memorial with a plaque near the viaduct. Bystřice also comprises the village of Líšno with a romantic chateau, which is a popular location of filmmakers; the chateau is not accessible to the public.



Konopiště guesthouse



Konopiště cafe bar

Services

KONOPIŠTĚ GUEST HOUSE****

This romantic and baby friendly guest house is located 500 meters from the Konopiště Chateau. Its speciality is a breakfast room in the middle of the motorcycle museum.

Konopiště 30, 256 01 Benešov
tel.: +420 737 230 294
+420 317 702 658
www.pension-konopiste.cz

KONOPIŠTĚ NOVÁ MYSLIVNA HOTEL ***

It includes the restaurants Nová Myslivna and Retro club Hubert. The hotel features a permanent outdoor exhibition dealing with the Sarajevo assassination, a disc golf course and a children's playground.

Konopiště 22, 256 01 Benešov
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e-mail: info@penzion-konopiste.cz
www.penzion-konopiste.cz

STARÁ MYSLIVNA KONOPIŠTĚ

The stylish restaurant in a hunting lodge nearby the Konopiště Chateau commemorates the times of Franz Ferdinand of Austria. In front of the restaurant there is

a game park, which supports education in the field of hunting.

Konopiště 2, 256 01 Benešov, tel.: +420 317 700 280
www.staramyslivna.com

KONOPIŠTĚ CAFE BAR

The family business with a long tradition is located in the central parking lot of the Konopiště Chateau. In addition to refreshments, it also offers regional products, souvenirs and promotional materials with various tips for excursions in the region.

Petr Slabihoudek
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e-mail: cafekonopiste@seznam.cz

PECÍNŮV HOMESTEAD

The premises with a hotel, a guesthouse, a restaurant, a summer terrace, a swimming pool and a wide range of sports facilities is located in vicinity of Benešov. It is inherently linked to horse breeding - it also offers the services of recreational and fitness horse riding.

Dvůr Pecínov s.r.o.
Pecínov 1, 256 01 Struhařov
www.pecinov.com

In the film footsteps



The Church of St. Procopius in the Sázava Monastery appeared in the TV series *Double or nothing* (Hop nebo Trop) or *Thirty Cases of Major Zeman* (Třicet případů majora Zemana).



The corner house in the square of Stříbrná Skalice is the place where a scene of the Czech film comedy *Holiday with Angel* (Dovolená s Andělem) was shot.



The cemetery wall and the Church of St. James the Greater in Stříbrná Skalice can be seen in the lyrical comedy about returning to the youth *The River is Performing Magic* (Řeka čaruje).



SÁZAVA

Sázava is one of the most beautiful towns by the river of the same name. In the cadastre of the town, there is a Slavic fortified settlement from the 8th and 9th centuries, as well as two prehistoric Neolithic hill-forts and Neolithic limestone quarries. Its most significant historical events are connected with the arrival of the Christian hermit Procopius, who at the beginning of the 11th century founded a Benedictine Monastery on a hill above the right river bank, which has been an important centre of education and literature since the early Middle Ages. The monastery is a national cultural monument and a place of pilgrimage to St. Procopius. The modern history of the town is mostly associated with the tradition of Czech glassmaking. Local places of interest include the Votočnice Nature Trail leading through a floodplain meadow where, according to a legend, St. Procopius formed so called Čertova brázda (Devil's Furrow) when ploughing the ground with an evil spirit, a chapel with a spring named V Lázních (In the Spa) that is a traditional pilgrimage site, or a recreational area at the deconsecrated Church of St. Martin.



Areál U Martina



CENTRE OF GLASSMAKING ART AT FRANTIŠEK GLASSWORKS

The centre presents a unique collection of modern glass, consisting of 400 works created by glass artists at the IGS International Glass Symposiums in Nový Bor between 1982

and 2006. It organizes workshops for professionals and the general public, and also offers project games for primary and secondary school students.

a Káčku 218, 285 06 Sázava
tel.: +420 327 321 809, www.cestyskla.cz



Services

SÁZAVA ISLAND (SÁZAVSKÝ OSTROV)

The year-round operating resort offers two stylish restaurants and accommodation in a campsite, apartments, mobile homes and hotel rooms. There are sports facilities, playgrounds and a rental of outdoor (especially boating) equipment.

Poznaňská 297, 285 06 Sázava
tel.: +420 602 696 680, www.sazavskyostrov.cz

STŘÍBRNÁ SKALICE

The development of the village is associated with silver mining. However, in the 18th century the local ore deposits were exhausted and mining activities ceased. Local landmarks include the Baroque Church of St. John of Nepomuk that stands on the site of a former castle, from which the foundations of a round tower and deep cellars have been preserved. At the end of the 18th century, the town hall building with a low prismatic tower and an onion-shaped dome was built on the site of a former wooden building with a municipal jail.

CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREATER IN ROVNÝ BY STŘÍBRNÁ SKALICE

The church is one of the most precious Romanesque monuments in Bohemia. It was built in the middle of the 12th century, rebuilt in the late Romanesque style around 1240 and is consecrated to St. James the Greater – the patron of miners. It is decorated with preserved frescoes from the 12th and 13th centuries and stone reliefs with animal motifs from the 12th century. The church is a listed cultural heritage site.



The castle Pirkštejn

RATAJE NAD SÁZAVOU

The first written record of the town dates back to 1289. Amongst the sights worth mentioning belongs the castle Pirkštejn (inaccessible), Rataje Chateau with the museum on the history of the town and its surroundings, the exhibition "The Grandmother's Prams", the Lumberjack Museum, the Church of St. Matthew, St. Anthony's and St. Wenceslas Chapels and the town fortifications.



Tips for family trips

In the footsteps of Henry from Kingdom Come: Deliverance

Set out for the journey in the footsteps of the main character of the popular computer game developed by the Prague independent studio Warhorse Studios. Compare how the medieval facts of the fictional story set in the landscape around the Sázava River differ from reality: Sázava, Stříbrná Skalice, Rataje nad Sázavou, Talmberk...

ČESKÝ ŠTERNBERK

The first written record of the village dates back to 1242. A record of 1654 mentioned it as a township already. The impulse for its expansion consisted in both the development of the castle and in the start of operation of a railway line.

MUSEUM OF FIRE-FIGHTING IN DRAHŇOVICE

The visitors to the village may look through the small display of the museum featuring a historical fire engine, fire-fighting equipment and firemen's uniforms.

DIVIŠOV

The town was founded before 1130 by Diviš, a member of Břetislav I's suite. In 1870, a velvet factory was established in the town. However, the production of racing motorcycles, which was started here in 1948 by Jaroslav Simandl, is the thing that mainly brought fame to Divišov. The ESO brand, later JAWA, became the most successful brand in the 75-year history of speedway racing. Local landmarks include the Church of St. Bartholomew, in the crypt of which Eliška, a sister of King George of Poděbrady and wife of George Holický of Sternberg is buried, among others. The church features a copy of the painting of the Virgin Mary from the Roman Church of Santa Maria in Aracoeli. The synagogue from the early 19th century hosts the Museum of Life of the Jewish Community of Divišov.

TŘEBEŠICE CHATEAU

The chateau was founded as a Renaissance manor in the second half of the 16th century. Apart from the chateau, the premises also feature Neo-Classical stables, Baroque granaries, farm buildings of the former distillery and brewery, and a park. The chateau is a listed cultural heritage site.

Třebešice 1, 257 26 Třebešice u Divišova
tel.: +420 602 354 467, www.zamektrebesice.cz



In the film footsteps



The YMCA campsite in Soběšín turned into the motor camp in the TV series *Wonderful Times* (Výprávej). It also appeared in the films *Private Traps* (Soukromé pasti) or *River Rascals* (Špunti na vodě).



Český Šternberk Castle and its interiors were chosen by the producers of the TV series *Arabela*, of the film fairy tale *Angel of the Lord* (Anděl Páně), or the drama *The Arrival from the Darkness* (Příchod z temnot).



The speedway stadium in Divišov, as well as the local JAWA motorcycle factory, appeared in the film *Sadness of Mrs. Šnajderová* (Smutek paní Šnajderové).



Get to know the Sternberg family residence



Photo Jiří Tůma

Prak homestead



The Šternberk cakes



Čtyřlístek guesthouse

OSTŘEDEK

Ostředeck is the birthplace of the writer Svatopluk Čech, who is commemorated by his native room in the local chateau. The Baroque building with the Chapel of St. John of Nepomuk from 1741 was built on the site of the former fortress from the 14th century. In the chapel there is a statue of Czechia from 1765, which was exhibited at the Global Expo in Montreal.



Tips for family trips

Get to know the Sternberg family residence

A guided tour of Český Šternberk Castle designed for families with children. The "Key Holder" guide explains to the visitors why the knights had coats of arms, how the castle was conquered or what a silver treasure looks like. The tour takes 40-50 minutes.



Services

PRAK HOMESTEAD

The homestead is located in a secluded place, 15-minute walk from the parking lot at Český Šternberk Castle, where the troops of King George of Poděbrady bombarded Šternberk Castle with conquering slings from. The historical event is commemorated by one of the stops of the nature trail that leads from Český Šternberk to Drahňovice. Prak focuses on organic farming and, among other things, has the largest herd of Lipizzan horses in the Czech Republic.

Český Šternberk 47, 257 26 Divišov
tel.: +420 702 277 877, +420 603 832 346
www.dvurprak.cz

ČTYŘLÍSTEK GUESTHOUSE

The family guesthouse nearby the Český Šternberk Castle features a bistro with a bakery, where the famous Šternberk cakes are baked.

Pension Čtyřlístek
257 27 Český Šternberk 45
tel.: +420 724 359 073, +420 607 177 944



Services

PARKHOTEL ČESKÝ ŠTERNBERK

The hotel lies directly opposite the castle on the other bank of the Sázava. It was built by Filip Sternberg (1852–1924), one of the shareholders in the then new railway, in an effort to exploit tourist potential of the region. The hotel has been owned by the Sternberg family do this day. The French park by the hotel, founded in the first half of the 18th century, invites for walks, sports or picnics. The Sázava River is within sight of the Parkhotel, where you can set out for a boat trip or you can go for a ride on a historical train along the legendary Sázava Pacific Railroad, which stops nearby.

257 27 Český Šternberk 46
tel.: +420 774 443 854
www.phcs.cz

ČESKÝ ŠTERNBERK CAFÉ

The café is located in the courtyard of Český Šternberk Castle. It is open in line with the opening hours of the castle.

tel.: +420 774 443 854, www.cafecs.cz

POD HRADEM RESTAURANT

The restaurant with an outdoor garden offers views of the magnificent castle.

257 27 Český Šternberk 13
tel.: +420 608 046 674, www.rpodhradem.cz

OSTŘEDEK RESTAURANT

The restaurant offers homemade cuisine, a terrace and a lounge.

257 24 Ostředeck 43, tel.: +420 722 591 699

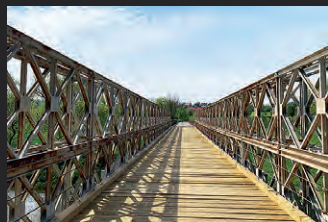
Parkhotel Český Šternberk



In the film footsteps



The railway station in Kácov, together with the nearby Bisport boating and tourist base, created the backdrop of the summer film comedy River Rascals (Špunti na vodě).



František Sláma and Kája of the film Dark Blue World (Tmavomodrý svět) cross the historic steel bridge over the Sázava River in Kácov when leaving for England.



The railway station in Kácov also shortly appeared in the historical film by Juraj Herz about the post-war expulsion of Germans Habermann's Mill (Habermannův mlýn).

KÁCOV

The first written record of Kácov dates back to 1318. Local places of interest include the Marian sculpture of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary with statues of the Fourteen Holy Helpers, the parish Church of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary with the remains of St. Liberatus, the ruins of a feudal mansion called the Desolate Castle, or the steel bridge of the Bailey type, which spans across the Sázava River next to the Kácov railway station. One of the significant Kácov natives was the bishop of České Budějovice, Jan Valerián Jirsík (1798–1883), who is commemorated by a plaque on his native house opposite the church, which now serves as a seat of the municipal office and the information centre.

KÁCOV CHATEAU

The chateau was rebuilt from the former Baroque fortress in 1723–1733 by Princess Anna Maria of Tuscany. In 1918, the chateau became the property of the state. It currently has a private owner and is inaccessible due to reconstruction.

SMALL MUSEUM OF JAWA TECHNOLOGY

The private museum was established in the restored premises of a former shop in Kácov. On its 200 square meters, it is possible to see 70 motorcycles, mopeds and scooters of the Czech and Slovak production, mainly of JAWA, ČZ, Manet and Stadion trademarks. There are also various historical physical patterns, patterns of technical principles, motor sections, crystal receivers, measuring instruments and other technical curiosities. The exhibition is complemented by original posters and advertising and promotional leaflets.

Jirsíkova 30, 285 09 Kácov, tel.: +420 608 404 017, www.jawyodsazavy.cz



Tips for family trips

Through the surroundings of Kácov

The educational trail leads from Koutský Mill through Polipsy and the slopes above the Losinský Stream to the Kácov railway station. It includes ten thematic stops that inform visitors about local landmarks, values of the nature and forestry. The Devil's Lookout is beside the trail.



The Devil's Lookout



Bisport Kácov



Snack bar in Bisport Kácov



Hubertus brewery



Services

BISPORT KÁCOV

The boating and tourist base rents canoes, rafts, sit-on tops and fully equipped mountain or trekking bikes. It features a hostel with comfortable rooms and a spacious lounge. From May to the end of September, a shop and a snack bar for paddlers are open.

258 09 Kácov 158
tel.: +420 777 335 616, www.bisport-kacov.cz

HUBERTUS BREWERY

The brewery was founded in 1457, but its modern history began in 2001. It brews eight kinds of beer, operates a hotel and a brewery restaurant called Šalanda. It also offers excursions – subject to advance booking at tel: +420 327 324 693.

V Podskalí 6, 285 09 Kácov, www.pivovarkacov.cz

PANORAMA GOLF RESORT KÁCOV

The modern golf resort includes a 27-hole course, and the Panorama hotel and restaurant offering traditional Czech gastronomy. The resort is not intended for golfers only, every visitor is welcomed.

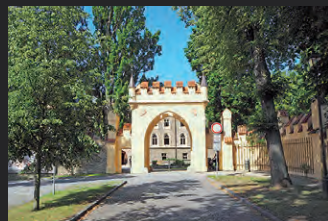
Panorama 1, 285 09 Kácov
tel.: +420 602 203 203
www.panoramagolf.cz

SPORTHOTEL KÁCOV

The premises of Sporthotel are located near the Sázava River and offer accommodation in a three-star hotel, in log cabins and small huts. There are tennis and volleyball courts, a mini golf and an outdoor pool.

V Hájku 307, 285 09 Kácov
tel.: +420 774 851 488
www.sport-hotel.cz

In the film footsteps



The chateau in Zruč nad Sázavou appears in the films *The River is Performing Magic* (Řeka čaruje), *Grandpa*, *Kyliyan and I* (Dědeček, Kyliján a já) or in the TV series *The First Republic* (První republika).



Igor, David and Ondra with their children were navigating under the bridge over the Sázava River in *Soutice* in the family summer comedy *River Rascals* (Špunti na vodě).



The premises of the former Sázavan shoe factory in Zruč nad Sázavou formed the backdrop for the film *Loves of a Blonde* (Lásky jedné plavovlásky).

ZRUČ NAD SÁZAVOU

The oldest written record of Zruč dates back to 1328. The chateau dominating the town was preceded by a medieval castle built probably in the first third of the 14th century. Several aristocratic families - the powerful and aggressive Kolowrat family, the Kalenic family whose coat of arms is in the town's coat of arm, or the Schebek family - important railroad builders - made significant contributions to the history of Zruč. The chateau was reconstructed in three stages using the European funds, and since 2010 there have been guided tours introducing the chateau as it was in times of the Schebek owners.

ZRUČ NAD SÁZAVOU CHATEAU AND PARK

Visitors can choose from two sightseeing tours. The small guided tour includes the chateau interiors and the large tour adds the chapel and the ascent to the chateau tower. In the attic, there is a permanent exhibition Kingdom of Dolls. The castle is surrounded by a beautiful park with a pond.



KOLOWRAT TOWER

Inside the tower there is an interesting exposition of medieval weapons. Each floor of the tower acquaints children in an interactive and playful way with the history of the building, with the period instruments and with weapons reminiscent of the castle's defence in the Middle Ages. From the top of the twenty-meter tower, there is a magnificent view of the entire chateau complex.



Tips for family trips

"Od verpánku k Baťovi" (From Cobbler's Stool to Baťa) Museum

The regional museum on the ground floor of the Zruč Chateau offers closer look to the local tradition of the cobblers' and shoemakers' craft. There are sewing machines, tools used for shoe-making, samples of shoes and historical photographs.

The Sázava River Story

The interactive exhibition introduces extinct crafts linked with the river. You can put together the whole flow of the Sázava from puzzle pieces or watch a film about the river settlers.

Boating Museum

The unique exhibition in Zručský Homestead features historical as well as state-of-the-art boats and kayaks, a model of the Sázava with weirs, a workshop of boat laminating techniques, a historic boating campsite, a specimen raft and a projection of historical films on paddlers and boating.

Children's playground with a marbles track

The playground is located nearby the Zruč Chateau and offers to children over 40 attractions, including a unique marbles track.

Babka Lookout Tower

The wooden lookout tower with metal elements and staircase is located in the site called "Mezi cestami" (In Between the Roads), about 2km north of Zruč nad Sázavou. It takes 130 steps to get to the viewing platform at the height of 24m. The lookout tower is accessible throughout the year, admission free.

Sun Bay (Sluneční zátoka)

The meadow near Ledec nad Sázavou bears the Scout name of Sun Bay. The local memorial commemorates the writer Jaroslav Foglar (1907–1999), the author of the Fast Arrows (Rychlé šípy), who would come here to summer camps with his Scout troop and who found here inspiration for his book *Boys from the Beavers' River* (Hoši od Bobří řeky).

Stvořidla rapids

The area was declared a nature reserve in 1948. In the valley between the granite massifs of Melechov and the Žebrákovský Hill, the river runs over hundreds of rounded granite boulders and rocky thresholds. Local landscape has inspired a whole range of painters and writers.



Boating Museum



Stvořidla rapids



The Sázava River Story



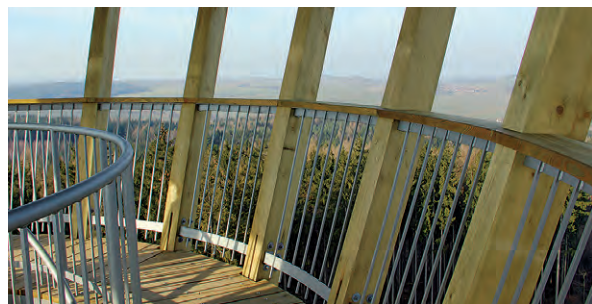
The marbles track



ŠPULKA LOOKOUT TOWER

The lookout tower stands on the Březák Hill near Lbosín by Divišov. 151 stairs lead to the observation platform at the height of 30 m. It is open all year round, admission is voluntary. To get there, take the nature trail from Lbosín, which was built by pupils of five local schools, or the bird trail with ten "observatories" introducing the birds living in the surroundings of the lookout tower.

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