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Region



Historical monuments of the Karlovy Vary Region

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The Karlovy Vary Region is a land of stories and legends. The history of this region, which is of great significance in a European context, can be felt wherever you go, whether you head into the mountains, the foothill areas or its main towns. Royalty, the nobility, Baroque master builders, skilful craftsmen and artists have all left their mark on the region down the ages. Castles packed with mysterious treasures, grand monasteries and huge chateau parks await visitors. So come to the gorgeous West Bohemia, where experiences live long in the memory.



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LOKET CASTLE

A Gothic treasure trove perched high on a rocky promontory at a sharp bend in the River Ohře, this castle is steeped in legend and alive with culture. Locket Castle lures visitors down to its prison where they will find an exhibition on torture, to the armoury museum and an exhibition of period porcelain. The castle has stood near Karlovy Vary since the 13th century and today is one of the region's principal attractions. Discover the intriguing fate of Czech nobles, skilful craftsmen and tormented overlords of this high-perched hideout. And who knows, you might even spot the dragon that is said to dwell in the castle tower.

In the park below the castle you'll find a children's playground, a rope park and an amphitheatre with a fantastic atmosphere where many cultural events take place throughout the year.



www.hradloket.cz | Zámecká 67, Locket



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CASTLE & CHATEAU IN BEČOV NAD TEPLOU

The castle complex in Bečov nad Teplou is home to the second most valuable piece of heritage in the country after the Bohemian crown jewels. The Reliquary of St Maurus, the subject of a true-life spy story, is a Romanesque treasure. The oldest diamonds used to decorate the reliquary date from the 2nd century. The reliquary contains the relics of John the Baptist, St Maurus, St Timothy and St Apollinaire. Next to the chateau rises a prominent Gothic castle on a high promontory.

Nature lovers will find the town's large botanical gardens, a trail focusing on rock-dwelling vegetation (bioferrata) and freely accessible row boats on a lake of greatest interest. Bečov Castle offers tailor-made tours for children. There's also a kids' corner with a slide built to look like a castle and a site where kids can practice their archaeology skills.

→ www.zamek-becov.cz | www.prodeti.zamek-becov.cz

→ náměstí 5. května 13, Bečov nad Teplou





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KYNŽVART CHATEAU

Kynžvart Chateau is a place of many interesting tales – it's even said that the museum collection includes the mace that once belonged to Jan Žižka. Located on the edge of the Slavkovský Forest, the chateau is surrounded by parkland full of exotic trees, gazebos and statuary scattered among ponds and streams. This is the former residence of Austrian Chancellor Metternich and contains a museum boasting a collection of period coins, natural and manmade curiosities, weapons from exotic countries, a UNESCO-listed daguerreo-type and an extensive library containing 24 thousand volumes.

Among the chateau's treasures we find a statue of the goddess Diana based on a similar figure in Versailles, as well as an amazing dining room dressed in gold. Children can take a special, fun tour led by Agatha the Witch, during which they can become princes and princesses for the day. The nature trail around the Kladská beat bog lake, which is suitable for those with mobility problems, offers the perfect opportunity for a stroll.



www.zamek-kynzvart.eu | Lázně Kynžvart



VALEČ CHATEAU

On the edge of the mysterious Doupovské Mountains lies the small town of Valeč with its Baroque chateau that boasts a truly remarkable past. After WWII the originally Gothic castle served as a sanatorium for war veterans. Then, in the 1950s it became a refuge for Korean children and, until a fire in 1976, it was a children's home. Tours take in many of the interiors, including the Braun Hall, the chateau garden with a period glasshouse and the smithy. The renewed Baroque Way of the Cross leads walkers to Kalvárie Hill from where there are beautiful views. From there you can continue via Jinotaj viewing point to the ruins at Neuhaus.

Recently, 28 sandstone statues were installed at the chateau – these are the work of Baroque sculptor Matthias Braun and represent human qualities and mythological figures.

→ www.zamek-valec.cz | Valeč v Čechách



CHYŠE CHATEAU

Chyšé Chateau dates back to the 12th century and was brought to wider attention by Karel Čapek who stayed there in 1917 and even set two of his works there – Krakatit and The Makropulos Affair. This Baroque pile has been owned by several aristocratic families, the last of which was the Lažanský clan. It was nationalised after the war and fell into a state of disrepair until the 1990s, when it was returned to a descendant of the Lažanský family who began renovating the building. Today you can walk through the chateau interiors, including a hall boasting ceiling murals by Petr Brandl, a set of cellars and exhibition dedicated to Karel Čapek.

At the historical brewery and restaurant you can try beer brewed according to old Bohemian recipes.

→ www.chyse.com

→ Chyšé 30



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VILDŠTEJN CASTLE

One of Bohemia's oldest castles, Gothic-Renaissance Vildštejn in Skalná, near the town of Cheb, invites visitors to travel far back in time to the medieval age and to seek out the mysterious White Lady, the resident ghost. The medieval banqueting hall will teleport you back several centuries in time, and you can also admire the Royal Hall, where paintings of every Czech ruler hang. In the museum you'll discover old firefighting equipment as well as a flag belonging to the firefighters who died in the 9/11 terrorist attack in New York. In the cellars there is an exhibition on the history of the castle and the remains of the White Lady whose ghost is said to wander the old passageways and corridors.

Take a walk along a special trail leading through nearby Soos Nature Reserve where there are mineral springs and bubbling mud volcanoes.



www.vildstejn.cz | Pod Hradem 81, Skalná



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CHATEAU LIBÁ

It was only in 2014 that Chateau Libá in the Cheb District, a stone's throw from the German border, was reopened for the public. This originally Gothic-Renaissance residence that belonged to the Lords of Liebstein and which was rebuilt in the 18th century into a comfortable Baroque chateau, was abandoned for most of the 20th century, renovation only beginning in the 1990s. Its turbulent past is the subject of an exhibition called The Course of Time which documents the castle's past and examines its current state and the future. The cellars and the circular tower can also be accessed.

The castle was inherited by two brothers who divided it into two dwellings. If you head down from the castle and look at the huge chunk of rock on which it stands, you can still see the line that divided the castle into two halves.

→ www.libaczech.cz | Libá 9



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SOKOLOV CHATEAU

Sokolov Chateau is a Late Renaissance and early Baroque chateau surrounded by French gardens and boasting a museum that examines mining and the history of the region. In addition to tours of the interiors you can also learn all about mining, how ore and coal are processed, porcelain production and how lace and musical instruments are made. There's also a model of a Neanderthal and a mammoth whose skeleton was found in the 1930s by nearby Lake Medard. Since 2019 visitors have been allowed into the cellars to view treasure found at the castle in the 1990s.

Admire the view from Hard Tower or take a dip in a beautiful swimming lake called Michal.

→ www.omks.cz

→ Zámecká 1, Sokolov



SEEBERG CASTLE

This Romano-Gothic Palace dates from the 12th century, and with its Renaissance wing and arcading is one of the greatest attractions within the West Bohemian Spa Triangle. In the 1970s, the authorities in the nearby town of Františkovy Lázně saved it from complete devastation, and in 1990 it once again began to receive visitors. In addition to the various rooms in the chateau we also recommend you seek out the open-air museum of 18th-century village life and the glass and porcelain exhibition. Around the castle leads a trail which describes how the settlement developed as well as examining local trades.

Each year Seeberg comes to life during traditional markets, wine festivals and various concerts and events for adults and children alike.



www.seeberg.cz | Ostroh 18, Poustka



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CHEB CASTLE

You can feel the weight of history wherever you look at Cheb Castle – it did, after all, witness a royal wedding and the murder of Albrecht von Wallenstein's aides. It is the only Štauf imperial castle in the country. Of the palace and Romanesque fortress belonging to Barbarossa, only the torso with its hefty defensive Black Tower and the unique Romano-Gothic chapel survived after the complex was attacked in the 18th century. The underground casemates can also be visited – here you'll discover an exhibition of Cheb stonemasonry and tombstones from an ancient Slavic burial ground.

Head to the centre of Cheb to admire a group of unique merchants' houses called the Špalíček, or explore the town's well-preserved historical attics from the late Middle Ages which were commissioned by wealthy merchants.

- www.hrad-cheb.cz
- Dobrovského 21, Cheb



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OSTROV CHATEAU

We can thank a family of Tuscan dukes for the current appearance of this chateau – it was they who rebuilt it and carried out extensive alterations throughout the 19th and 20th centuries. The complex is made up of several buildings: Šlikovský Chateau, Lauenburský Chateau, the Princes' Palace and a summer residence. To the southwest extends exquisite parkland where you'll find the White Gate. There are countless exhibitions to see here – "Ostrov Porcelain", „The Chateau over Time“, „Hidden Past of the Chateau“ and „The Šlik Family and their Mint“ to name just a few.

Visit a unique set of religious structures at the Sacred Precinct or the Ekocentrum Ostrov which keeps hundreds of animals, from rodents to birds of prey and small wild cats. There's also a relaxing garden with a turtle enclosure.

- www.icostrov.cz/zamek-ostrov
- Jáchymovská 1, Ostrov





Ruins



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ANDĚLSKÁ HORA

This large set of idyllic Gothic castle ruins, like something straight out of an old film some say, occupies a huge promontory of solid rock that rises above the village of Andělská Hora. During the Hussite Wars the castle served as a base for military offensives, but life came to an abrupt end here in 1718 when the roof was set alight by a burning roof slat catapulted from the village. Today the ruins are freely accessible for anyone who has the energy for the climb. You will be rewarded with views as far as the Doupovské Mountains. This was a favourite spot of Johann Wolfgang Goethe who mentions it in his diary.

The village also boasts the 1712 pilgrimage Church of the Holy Trinity with its unusual triangular floorplan.

→ Andělská Hora



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HARTENBERG

The ruins of a Romanesque castle dating from the 12th century (or the early 13th century) rise proudly above the valley of the River Svatava. From a distance they look like a serviceable castle, and currently Hartenberg is in fact under renovation, the work of the present owner Bedřich Loos and his family. Thanks to their efforts, the Chapel of the Three Kings has already been reopened. Several noble families have owned the castle over time. It's also served as a hideout for gangs of robbers and from 1945 border guard units trained here. In the end it was put to use as a warehouse and granary.

Each year the Hartenberg Society organises several traditional and very popular events for the general public such as the St Nicholas Ride, Ghosts of Hartenberg and Castle festivities.

→ www.hartenberg.cz | Hřebený 1, Josefov



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HARTENŠTEJN

Hartenštejn Castle was built by Jindřich II of Plavno in the early 1470s, but since the 17th century has lain abandoned. In 2006 renovation work was begun on the ruins. It is one of the oldest castles you can visit in the Czech Republic with a rich past and of great national significance. Today you can almost see what the castle would have looked like in its heyday as well view the surrounding area from the Karlovarská Tower.

From the town of **Bochov** a 1.5km-long red marked trail leads to **Hartenštejn** across fields and meadows. On a hill opposite stands a large monument to the fallen of WWI.



Bochov

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NEJDEK CASTLE TOWER

The Černá (Black) Tower is the most prominent of all Nejdek's historical attractions and is the only remnant of Nejdek Castle which was built around 1250 by Konrád Plik. In its time it guarded over a road and the turbulent border with the Cheb area, as well as serving as a store for precious items and tin that was mined in the area. Until 1790 the tower was inhabited – now it is a belfry containing a precious Renaissance bell. The oddly-shaped rock on which the tower stands – some say it looks like a man's head - was dubbed the "Prince's Nose".

From Nejdek follow a way of the cross to **Myší Castle**, stopping along the way at a curious chapel hewn out of the rock.



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Nejdek Castle Tower

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NEUBERG

The remnants of Neuberg Castle can be located by the Ašský Stream in the village of Podhradí. It is the oldest attraction in the Aš area dating back to the beginning of the 13th century. The castle initially guarded an important route from Aš to Elster in Saxony, but later served as a robbers' den. In 1906 the castle burnt down, the owners abandoned it and it slowly fell into complete disrepair. In addition to the remnants of its walls you'll also find the original early Gothic 22m-tall circular tower which has been repaired and opened for the public to visit.

Around 13km north of Podhradí you will find a place called Trojmezí, the spot where the historical borders of Bohemia, Bavaria and Saxony converge.

→ Podhradí



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HORNÍ CASTLE

Neo-Gothic Horní Castle, aka Hauenštejn, has stood on a hill near the small town of Stráž nad Ohří since the 13th century, and at the time of writing was undergoing reconstruction. At present you can climb the castle's tower, visit the chapel, wander the adjoining arboretum and explore a chamber containing neo-Gothic furniture. The Gothic cellars and the Knight's Hall with its carved wooden ceiling can also be visited. Beneath the castle there's a park with a gazebo and visitors shouldn't miss a tour of the arboretum boasting many endemic species and a collection of 40 maple trees.

Why not take a thrilling night tour of the castle.

→ www.hornihrad.cz

→ Krásný Les





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TEPLÁ MONASTERY

The second largest monastery library in Bohemia and a 12th-century church are two of the highlights of this monastery complex in the town of Teplá, run by Premonstratensian monks for centuries until the end of WWII. After decades of neglect it was handed back to the Church in 1990, after which it was opened up for visitors. The right wing is the precious Baroque convent and prelature building, the work of top Baroque architect Christoph Dientzenhofer. The north wing offers accommodation looking out over a park and lake.

Take a hike along the 33km-long Alois Martin David trail that commemorates this famous astronomer and topographer

→ www.klastertepla.cz

→ [Teplá 1](#)



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CHLUM SVATÉ MAŘÍ

Legend has it that a small Gothic figure of the Virgin Mary holding the baby Jesus was responsible for the creation of this pilgrimage site in Chlum Svaté Máří. It was discovered by a boy on the way to Chlum Hill and he decided to take it home. However, the statue somehow mysteriously returned to the place he found it. The pilgrimage Church of the Assumption was built on the spot around the year 1400 – this was later enlarged into an extensive Baroque complex including a tri-nave church and provostry designed by Christoph Dientzenhofer.

Head to Lake Medard in a former quarry, created when surface coal mining ended in the area.

- www.mariakulm.eu
- náměstí J. W. Goetheho 1, Chlum Svaté Máří



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CAPUCHIN MONASTERY AND THE CHURCH OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA IN SOKOLOV

This 17th-century Capuchin monastery, where beer is still brewed and concerts held, can be found in the town of Sokolov on the right bank of the River Ohře. Several buildings gathered around a set of cloisters can be explored on a stroll through the complex. The main attraction here is the Church of St Anthony of Padua where until 1932 some 52 members of the Nostitz family were laid to rest in the crypt. In the 1950s the monastery was abolished and occupied by the Czechoslovak army, after which is served as a warehouse. It has since been rebuilt and is once again open for visitors.

In addition to Sokolov Chateau, a covered pool with hot tubs and two water slides can be found nearby.



Komenského 77, Sokolov

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CHURCH OF STS NICHOLAS AND ELZABETH IN CHEB

Cheb's oldest church stands on Kostelní Square. It's been there a good 800 years and has been rebuilt on many occasions over its lifetime. Only the two towers, the west façade and the north portal remain from the original Romanesque basilica. This tri-nave church is otherwise a late Gothic structure. Inside, precious 15th-century murals, restored to their original state in 2008, a collection of Baroque paintings and statues dating from the 18th century have survived.

Climb the 170 steps to the top of the viewing tower for superb panoramas of the surrounding countryside.



Kostelní náměstí 188/5, Cheb

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Church of Sts Nicholas and Elizabeth

CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION IN CHEB

One of the oldest hall churches in the country can be found on Františkánské Square in the town of Cheb. It was consecrated in 1285 and just four days later was the scene of the wedding between Czech King Václav II and Gutta, daughter of Rudolf Habsburg. A few years later it received a Gothic makeover, gaining the appearance we see today (with a few small alterations made in the intervening period). Between the nave and the presbytery rises a 60m-tall tower. In the 1970s the building was left to the elements but is once again open to the public after reconstruction.

Take a trip up to Komorní hůrka, a national nature reserve and one of the youngest Quaternary volcanoes in the Czech Republic.



www.hrad-cheb.cz | Františkánské náměstí, Cheb



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MARIA LORETO PILGRIMAGE SITE

This pilgrimage site with its cloisters and meditation garden is located in the village of Starý Hrozňatov near Cheb. The Loreto Chapel and the pilgrimage Church of the Holy Spirit has stood here since the 17th century when it was erected by Jesuits from Cheb. During the communist decades it fell into serious disrepair, but in the 1990s a Czech-German religious association took on the job of reconstruction, and from the ruins rose an important place of reconciliation. Now pilgrims and tourists from across the globe come together for mass.

Take a moment to visit the medieval open-air museum in Doubrava with its period half-timbered houses and an exhibition of agricultural tools, musical instruments and folk furniture.



www.loreta.farnostcheb.cz | Starý Hrozňatov

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CHURCH OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL IN OSTROV

In the Czech Republic there are only two places where you will find relics belonging to Pope John Paul II. The Church of St Michael in Ostrov is one of them. This 13th-century building, a perfect example of Saxon-style religious architecture, can be found near the Sacred Precinct and chateau park. Inside, there are some precious and very well-preserved Renaissance tombstones, the most valuable of which is the Šlik family tomb dating from 1521. The rest of the church's inventory mainly dates from the 18th century.

In Ostrov why not visit the Gothic-Renaissance old town hall where there is an exhibition of timepieces, regular temporary shows and cultural events.



Malé náměstí 23, Ostrov

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Maria Loreto Pilgrimage Site

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OSTROV'S SACRED PRECINCT

Associated with many a local legend, Ostrov monastery's Sacred Precinct lies on the edge of the town's historical core and boasts the oldest early Baroque main building in the country. There are several religious buildings to see here, the most valuable being the Chapel of St Anne which serves as a mausoleum for the Dukes of Sachsen-Lauenburg and the Margraves of Baden. The monastery's Church of the Annunciation hosts exhibitions and cultural events. There's also a unique exhibition of religious art from the western reaches of the Krušné Mountains, and you can end your stroll in the adjoining chateau park, once dubbed the eighth wonder of the world.

Take a stroll through the unique garden town, built in the space of a decade in the socialist realist style, and visit the wonderfully decorative House of Culture.



www.klasterostrov.cz | Klášterní 145, Ostrov



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CHURCH OF ST MARY MAGDALENE IN CARLSBAD

While strolling Carlsbad's spa zone, take a few steps from the Vřídlo Colonnade and you find yourself at the Church of St Mary Magdalene, a grand Baroque structure designed by the illustrious architect Karl Ignatz Dientzenhofer. Come when a service is taking place and you can peek inside the church with its precious altar painting, Baroque statues and other wonderful decoration. The cherry on the cake is the crypt where there is an ossuary, the altar of the Lord's Tomb made of odd kinds of aragonite, biblical scenes such as the Gethsemane Garden and Calvaria, and other interesting inventory.

In addition to the church's underground spaces, in high season you can also visit the area beneath the colonnade.

→ náměstí Svobody 1, Karlovy Vary



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CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL IN CARLSBAD

This very special piece of architecture, inspiration for which came from an old church near Moscow, was established in 1893 in what was then a newly-formed neighbourhood of villas called Westend. It was built to replace an ageing prayer house and was funded from donations from Serbian spa guests, including members of the nobility. The building was laid out in the shape of a Greek cross and topped with five gilt domes. In addition to the impressive exterior, the inside is adorned with countless icons depicting various saints and set in an iconostas which was originally made for the world exhibition in Paris.

Wonderful views of the surrounding countryside await at Jelení skok and Diana viewing points above the town.

→ Krále Jiřího 2c, Karlovy Vary



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ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST LUKE IN CARLSBAD

Construction of the Anglican neo-Gothic Church of St Luke on Zámecký Hill was funded by English spa guests between 1876 and 1877 and overseen by Carlsbad builder, Josef Slowak. Built in the romantic neo-Gothic style of 19th-century England, this very foreign-looking building with its red-brick walls was designed in the shape of a Latin cross with huge supporting pillars. The windows are adorned with original stained glass and a silent film is played inside showing scenes from Carlsbad at the turn of the 19th century.

Meet stars of the silver screen, famous sportsmen and dictators at the waxworks museum which now occupies the church.



www.voskovefiguriny.cz | Zámecký vrch 4, Karlovy Vary

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HOSPITAL CHURCH IN JÁCHYMOV

Set in the wonderful hills around Jáchymov, at first glance this half-timbered church is a rather inconspicuous affair, but it conceals many a forgotten treasure. One of them is the altar created by Lucas Cranach in 1520, then there is an original timber attic and a bell from the same year, rare gravestones and a 1544 sculpture depicting the Calvary by Dresden sculptor Christoph Walter. It's one of the oldest churches of this type in the western reaches of the Krušné Mountains, though you can only take a look inside by prior arrangement or during events that take place there.

At the museum in the former Royal Mint you can learn about the Jáchymov tolar which was minted here from 1520 onwards by the Šlik family, owners of the silver mines around the town of Jáchymov.



Bělohradská 714, Jáchymov

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Hospital Church

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CHURCH OF ST JOACHIM IN JÁCHYMOV

Dominating the Jáchymov skyline, the 16th-century Church of St Joachim on Republiky Square was financed by wealthy mine owners and the local aristocracy. It was meant to be the first Protestant church in town, but after the Battle of the White Mountain it was re-consecrated as a Catholic place of worship. It's a pilgrimage site, the faithful heading here mainly to see the Virgin Mary of Mariasorg. Some 15 stones stand in front of the entrance – these are called the way of the Cross to Freedom. The Renaissance grilles by Jáchymov tinsmith and bellmaker Hans Wildt dating from 1575 are all that remains of the original inventory.

Visit Mine No. 1 where today you'll find a museum that examines mining in the last century and the suffering inflicted by the communist regime on political prisoners.

→ tř. Čs. armády, Jáchymov



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CHURCH OF STS PETER AND PAUL IN ŽLUTICE

Žlutice's oldest structure is built on several levels thanks to the slope on which it stands, all of them linked by steps. Begun in the 14th century, the church is a tri-nave basilica with Gothic vaulting. During the Baroque period the building not only received a makeover but it also gained its priceless organ made by the famous František Prokop Noll. Visitors should also seek out the choir benches, fragments of 15th-century Gothic paintings, Renaissance tombstones and stone font, and the mausoleum of the Kokořovec family.

Head out across the landscape on a 1km-long trail which focuses on the history, nature and attractions around Vladař.

→ 28. října, Žlutice

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CHURCH OF ST GEORGE IN HORNÍ SLAVKOV

The Gothic Church of St George is the most cherished piece of architecture in Horní Slavkov. The fortified building once boasted three towers with reinforced walls which at times of conflict acted as the town's defences. Inside this single-nave church you can still see the original ribbed vaulting, Renaissance choir loft and baptistery, a late Gothic sculptural group depicting the Olive Mount and fourteen 16th-century epitaphs. By prior arrangement you can take a look inside the square tower which affords views of the historical part of the town.

Visitors shouldn't miss the precious Gothic requiem lamp, the plague column and a small chapel near the church. The town's museum focuses on porcelain, tin production and mining.

→ Kostelní 178, Horní Slavkov

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WAY OF THE CROSS IN NEJDEK

The 1.6km-long Way of the Cross in Nejdek is an idyllic stroll above the town as well as a spiritual experience. Strung across the wooded landscape of Křížový Hill you will discover 14 small, mid-19th-century chapels decorated with scenes from the Bible. When the weather is good you can enjoy the stupendous views of the historical part of the town and the valley of the River Rolava. The route begins at an info panel in the centre of Nejdek, not far from the local tourist information centre.

In town, make a halt at the town's fountain and read the story of the River Rolava displayed on five metal panels.

→ **Nerudova 220, Nejdek**



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SKOKY PILGRIMAGE SITE

The Czech saying „By the leaping Virgin“ comes from the pilgrimage site in Skoky (which means ‘leaps’). This dates from 1717 when a local farmer built a small chapel here. Several miracles and cured illnesses later, the single-nave Baroque Church of the Visitation was built and this soon became a place of pilgrimage, a tradition that continued throughout both world wars and the decades of communism. Over the years, the church itself has fallen into disrepair and valuable items it once contained are now kept at the monastery in Teplá. They are only returned to the church at the main times of pilgrimage.

Experience the life of a pilgrim on the 58km-long Marian pilgrimage trail from the monastery in Teplá to Skoky.

→ **www.skoky.eu | Skoky, Žlutice**



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CHURCH OF THE ASUMPTION IN MARIENBAD

Architectural style, the organ and interior decoration make this Roman Catholic Church on the town's Goethe Square pretty unique. It was built between 1844 and 1848 in the neo-Byzantine style. On entering the church, the first thing that catches the eye is the wonderful blue vaulting set with stars and carried on eight huge columns. There are 33 steps up to the church entrance, the number of years Christ lived. Symbolically, the steps are interrupted three times to represent the number of times Christ fell while carrying the Cross to Golgotha.

Head out along a marked trail into the forests around the spa. Trails dedicated to Goethe, King Edward VII and Prince Metternich are enjoyable ways of learning about times gone by.

→ Goethovo nám. 110/31, Mariánské Lázně



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CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY IN ANDĚLSKÁ HORA

The quite unique, triangular, early Baroque pilgrimage Church of the Holy Trinity was built between 1698 and 1712 by the famous Italian architect Giovanni Battista Alliprandi. The symbolism is obvious here, the Trinity represented by the three sides of the triangle – the layout was used for both the church and the cemetery. Once the cemetery was abolished in 1946, the church slowly fell into disrepair. Renovation work was carried out in 2004 and 2005.

The church houses an exhibition called „Abandoned Villages of the Doupovské Mountains“, which recalls the 64 defunct communities of the area.








→ www.andelskahora.cz

→ Andělská Hora



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2	Castle & Chateau in Bečov nad Teplou	P	B	X	I	H
3	Kynžvart Chateau	P	B	I	X	I
4	Valeč Chateau	P	B	X	I	H
5	Chyšne Chateau	P	B	X	I	H
6	Vildštejn Castle	P	B	X	I	H
7	Chateau Libá	P	B	X	I	H
8	Sokolov Chateau	P	B	I	X	I
9	Seeberg Castle	P	B	X	I	H
10	Cheb Castle	P	B	X	I	H
11	Ostrov Chateau	P	B	X	I	H
12	Andělská hora	P	B	I	H	H
13	Hartenberg	P	B	X	I	H
14	Hartenštejn	P	B	X	I	H
15	Nejdek Castle Tower	P	B	X	I	H
16	Neuberg	P	B	X	I	H
17	Horní Castle	P	B	X	I	H
18	Teplá Monastery	P	B	X	I	H
19	Chlum Svaté Maří	P	B	X	I	H
20	Capuchin Monastery and the Church of St Anthony of Padua in Sokolov	P	B	X	I	
21	Church of Sts Nicholas and Elizabeth in Cheb	P	B	X	I	
22	Church of the Annunciation in Cheb	P	B	X	I	
23	María Loreto Pilgrimage Site in Starý Hrozňatov	P	B	X	I	H
24	Church of the Archangel Michael in Ostrov	P	B	X	I	
25	Ostrov's Sacred Precinct	P	B	X	I	
26	Church of St Mary Magdalene in Carlsbad			X	I	
27	Church of the Apostles Peter and Paul in Carlsbad			X	I	
28	Anglican Church of St Luke in Carlsbad			X	I	H
29	Hospital Church in Jáchymov	P	B	X	I	H
30	Church of Sts Joachim in Jáchymov	P	B	X	I	
31	Church of Sts Peter and Paul in Žlutice	P	B	X	I	
32	Church of St George in Horní Slavkov	P	B	X	I	
33	Way of the Cross in Nejdek	P	B	X	I	H
34	Skoky Pilgrimage Site		B		H	H
35	Church of the Assumption in Marienbad	P	B	X	I	
36	Church of the Holy Trinity in Andělská Hora	P	X	I	H	H

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