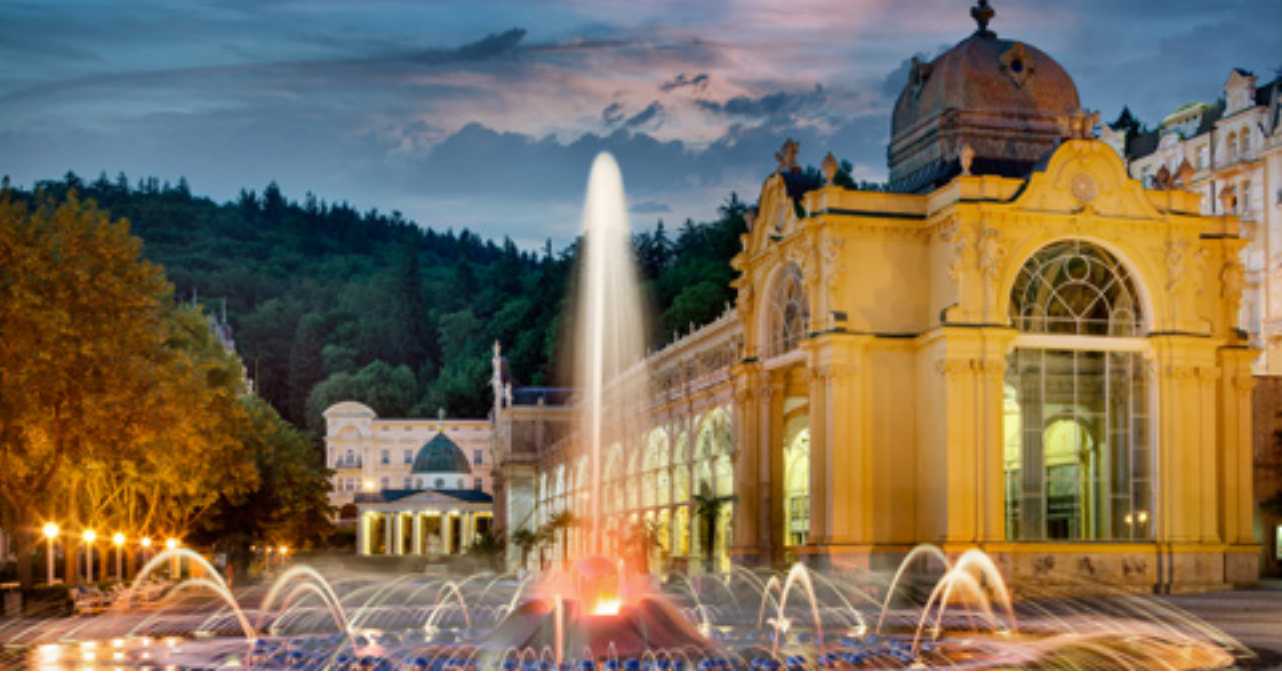




NATURE

Discover a verdant paradise overshadowed by mountains

Put on your trekking shoes, push into the pedals and set out on an adventure via cycle paths and hiking trails that will lead you to mountain peaks, to quiet forest groves, and to relaxation zones by forest lakes or bubbling brooks. All one needs to do is to come to the first intersection at the foothills of the Ore Mountains, and a range of possibilities of where to direct your steps will fan out in front of you. Do you wish to conquer any of the peaks – Klinovec, Fichtelberg, or Plešivec? Do green meadows in bloom, overshadowed by hills or the monumental columnar basalt flows in the Hřebečná quarry, entice you? And what about the wooden footbridges criss-crossing the Boží Dar Peat Bog? The choice is yours. The emerald gem in the crown of the Czech lands known as the Slavkovský Forest lies just a bit further. Colourful tufts of flowers protrude from the thick growth of deciduous and coniferous trees, above which the exalting songs of thrushes, horned owls, and crows soar. Just pause for a moment, look around, and listen. Mountains, rocks, and the general geological treasures of the region are managed by the Egeria Geopark, which reminds visitors that they tread upon the outcome of geological processes lasting hundreds of millions of years. And that whichever way you go, you will surely not misstep. This by no means covers everything. During your ramblings, you can, perhaps, discover the Soos nature reserve with its bubbling mud volcanoes, you can descend down into the forlorn Vlčí jáma (Wolf Pit) depression, you can search for dwarves in Skalný škrtík (Elf Rocks), or you can find your own unique route.



Mining monuments in the Saxons and Bohemian Ore Mountains on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

MINING TRADITION

Uncover all secrets of what's underground

Mining rare minerals has belonged to the Karlovy Vary Region since time immemorial. The entire region is criss-crossed underneath by tens of kilometres of mining corridors, with many preserved adits and shafts, like a giant ant hill. The surface, then, exhibits many related technical and urban monuments of a historical significance. The unique combination of pristine nature and eight centuries of mining has created the typical character of the Krušnohoří/Erzgebirge Mining Cultural Landscape, where a large number of montane monuments can be found within the backdrop of the ancient mountains. The notional centre of the mining tradition is the border town of Jáchymov, with its Gothic-Renaissance town centre and with the oldest, still-functioning mine in all of Europe, the Svornost (Concord) Mine dating to 1518. In the past, silver coins known as "tolars" were minted in Jáchymov, the name of which inspired the name of the present-day currencies of the USA and other countries. The Habsburgs established the first mining vocational school in their empire here. Aside from silver, the local miners mined for many other ores here, and in 1898, the Curies discovered two new elements, polonium and radium, in a piece of pitchblende from Jáchymov. Just several kilometres to the north, under Zlatý kopec (Golden Hill), the Johannes Adit spreads out as one of the largest underground chambers in the world, its ceiling looming up to a height of 12 metres in some places. Not far from Abernathy, you can find the largest tin mine of the Ore Mountains, Mauritius. Both mining complexes can be explored first-hand both on the surface, as well as from the depths of their well-preserved interiors. Do not hesitate for long, and go explore the mining labyrinth found underneath the Karlovy Vary Region. To enjoy your holiday underground is a unique opportunity not to be missed.

SPORTS

Let your unbridled movement loose

Nothing compares to doing sports under the watchful eyes of rock walls or along the banks of stormy rivers, with the wind whistling by your ears. To rest, it is enough to collapse into a soft bed of moss, or to lean against an ancient pine tree by a ski slope. In the Karlovy Vary Region, you can free your endorphins in all weathers. The entire mountain range of the Ore Mountains is crossed by the renowned Ore Mountains Express Trail, which can be seen on bicycle, cross-country skis, or on foot. You can easily connect to cycle paths in Saxony and Bavaria from it, and thanks to the network of bicycle and electric bike rentals, you do not need prepare and bring your own equipment. You can test the sturdiness of both mountain bikes and your joints at Klinovec Trail Park, offering a set of forest trails with three different degrees of difficulty, ranging from beginners to fearless riders. If, however, you are more in your element in the midst of the snowy countryside, then you will surely be interested in one of the almost twenty ski resorts found on the white slopes of the Ore Mountains. Klinovec can boast one of the longest and widest ski pistes in the whole country, Boží Dar invites families with children to enjoy a laid-back stay in its baby-park, Bublava promises a leisurely ride on wide ski pistes with no queues for the lifts, and versatile Plešivec will enchant everyone with its network of four-seat chair lifts. Aside from cycling, the Karlovy Vary Region is also a big fan of golf; among others, the oldest golf course in the Czech Republic, dating to 1905, can be found in Mariánské Lázně. The vast greens, set amongst the forests and fish ponds, invite players to either practice or to enjoy friendly games, topped off by an evening of relaxation on the terrace of a café under the stars, shining like radiant zircons on the dark heavens. Mountain climbers have many rock walks at their disposal, tennis players can romp around indoor and outdoor courts, and canoeists can frolic in the waters of the Ohře River. There are no limits to adrenalin in this region.

CULTURE

Let yourself be absorbed by the art scene

In a nutshell, the cultural profile of the region could be characterised as a fixed point on the artistic and cultural map of the world, as a keeper of the priceless historical traditions, and as the melting pot of the cinematic, musical, or theatrical events. From festivals to the architectural monuments to the mysterious treasures hidden in the depths of ancient châteaux, beauty can be found in all of its shapes and sizes in the Karlovy Vary Region. The world-renowned Karlovy Vary International Film Festival enjoys a more than seventy-year tradition, each year, you can meet a galaxy of the most talented artists and stars of world cinema. Aside from this event, throughout the year, talented jazz musicians, vocalists, and interpreters of classical music chailing from around the world flock to Vary and other towns, thanks to which the town regularly lives up with a vibrant art scene. The Karlovy Vary Symphony Orchestra and the West Bohemia Symphony Orchestra rank among the oldest in Europe. If your trip takes you somewhere between Karlovy Vary and Mariánské Lázně, do not forget to stop in the inconspicuous little town of Bečov nad Teplou. A treasure so rare that its value has yet to be estimated is hidden in the chateau there – this is the Reliquary of St. Maurus, created to be the shrine for the remains of St. John the Baptist, St. Maurus, St. Apollinaris, and St. Timothy. This is by no means all. Popular leisure-time activities include, for instance, walks in the shade of the spa colonnades. The majestic building of Loket Castle, settled in the elegant meander of the Ohře River, serves as a sort of vanguard for a whole range of other castles, châteaux, ruins, or monasteries, breathing the revived spirit of long-lost times upon you. The Karlovy Vary Region does not live only through the past or the present. It takes the best of both, mixing a unique cocktail of cultural experiences that you will love to return and see time and time again.



Ski Resorts	
Abernathy	B6
Aš	C2
Boží Dar	B7
Bublava	B4
Klinovec	B7
Krajka Kralice	B4
Mariánský Mariánské Lázně	F5
Náprava Jáchymov	B7
Nové Hamry	B5
Pernánek	B6
Plešivec	B6
Podčujky	A5
Stříbrná	B4

Golf Courses	
Golf Club Háj	D6
Golf Club Klášter Teplá	C6
Golf Club Kynžvart	F4
Golf Club Lubý	C3
Golf & Racing Club Karlovy Vary	D6
Golf Resort Chýstka	D6
Golf Resort Franzensbad, Házlov	D2
Golf Resort Karlovy Vary	D7
Golf Sokolov	D5
Royal Golf Club Mariánské Lázně	F5

Camps and Campsites	
ATC Los Velos	C6
ATC Jadrán	E2
ATC Nanoy	B4
Autocamp Brezový háj	D6
Autocamp Rybářská bašta	E3
Autocamping Surf Club Jesenice	B5
Autocamp Baldi	E3
Autocamping Drnice	E3
Autocamp Podhoří	E2
BeachCamp Nová Role	C2
Camping Amerika	E2
Camping Briza	E2
Camping La Provence	C5
Camp Vary	D6
Ferdinand Žichov	B4
Camp Na Tajchu	C4
Camp Pod Rozhlednou	C2
Camp Sebnice	E3
Camp U Přetla	E4
Camp Václav	F3
Lido Swimming Hole	G5
Mini-Camp Karlovy Vary	D6
Na Spici	C7
Ortario	C7
U Mlýna Recreation Centre	C7
Fantazie Recreation Centre	G5
Sport Camp U Tomáše	C6
Suton	C5
Campsite Drone Kynžperk nad Ohří	E4
Campsite Hogan u Šabiny	E4
TJ Lokomotiva Mariánské Lázně	G5
U Barona	D5
U Jetu	C7
U Mlýna	F4
Natural Canoeing Campsite Tršnice	E3
Canoeing Campsite Drone Loket	D6
Canoeing Campsite Drone Sokolov	D5
Canoeing Campsite Loket	D6
Canoeing Campsite Vojkovic	C7

SPA INDUSTRY

Visit the springs of eternal youth

Since as long ago as the 14th century, spa masters have been reining in the strength of the mineral springs that source from the depths of the Earth and that contain curative substances for the regeneration of the body and soul. The Karlovy Vary Region is the pulsing heart of the Czech spa industry, where visitors come from all continents to rest and to be cured. The gates of old-fashioned spa towns are wide open to you, too, so come and see for yourself. The term "spa" in itself is comprised of three aspects: medicine, prevention, and wellness. You can come to the local spas to convalesce after an illness or to alleviate a chronic disease, but also to lose weight, rejuvenate, or merely take a rest from the everyday hustle and bustle. Here, you can truly unwind and stroll through the historical colonnades with a cup of a natural curative spring, you can melt in the warmth of a mineral bath, disappear under a beneficial mud wrap, or entrust yourself to the sensitive hands of masseurs and masseuses. The spa tradition, tried and true for many centuries, is accompanied by the newest developments in the fields of medicine, balneology, and wellness. You can savour the fruits of this collaboration in Karlovy Vary, Mariánské Lázně, Františkovy Lázně, Lázně Kynžvart, or perhaps in Jáchymov, where in 1906, the very first radon spa in the world was established. Come and enjoy some peace and relief, your body will thank you for it.

Along with other European spa towns, the spa triangle of Karlovy Vary, Mariánské Lázně, and Františkovy Lázně was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List as a part of the transnational series "The Great Spa Towns of Europe".

Karlovy Vary (Carlsbad) D6

Colonnades
Mill Colonnade (Mlýnská kolonáda), Park Colonnade (Sádová kolonáda), Market Colonnade (Tržní kolonáda), Hot Spring Colonnade (Vřídelní kolonáda), Castle Colonnade (Zámecká kolonáda)

Mineral Springs
1. Hot Spring, 2. Charles IV, 3. Lower Castle, 4. Upper Castle, 5. Market, 6. Mill, 7. Rusalka, 8. Prince Wenceslaus II, 9. Libuše, 10. Rock, 11. Freedom, 12. Park, 13. Dorotka – not accessible, 14. Štěpánka, 15. Snake

Mariánské Lázně (Marienbad) F5

Colonnades
Main Colonnade (Hlavní kolonáda), Ferdinand Spring Colonnade (Kolonáda Ferdinandova prameně), Karolína Spring Colonnade (Kolonáda Karolínina prameně), Cross Spring Colonnade (Kolonáda Křížové prameně)

Mineral Springs
Alexandra Spring (Alexandřin pramen), Ambrose Springs (Ambrožovy prameny), Anthony Spring (Antonínův pramen), Augustine Spring (Pramen Augustin), Balbín Spring (Balbínův pramen), Eduard VII Spring (Pramen Eduard VII.), Ferdinand Spring (Ferdinandův pramen), Karolína Spring (Karolínin pramen), Cross Spring (Křížový pramen), Forest Spring (Lesní pramen), Mary Spring (Marín pramen), Bear Spring (Medvědí pramen), Pirate Spring (Přelátův pramen), Prelate Spring (Přelátův pramen), Rudolph Spring (Rudolfův pramen)

Františkovy Lázně (Franzensbad) E3

Colonnades
New Colonnade (Nová kolonáda), Natalia Spring Colonnade (Kolonáda Natalina prameně), Salt Spring and Meadow Spring Colonnade (Kolonáda Solného a Lučního prameně)

Mineral Springs
1. František Spring, 2. Luisa Spring (Luisin), 3. Cold Spring (Studený), 4. Carellieri Spring, 5. Ferrows Spring (Zeletnatý), 6. Salt Spring (Solný), 7. Meadow Spring (Luční), 8. New Spring (Nový), 9. Stephanie Spring (Štěpánka), 10. Nathalie Spring (Nadšle), 11. Zofie Spring, 12. Pallardi Spring, 13. Adler Spring, 14. Glauber I, 15. Glauber II, 16. Glauber III, 17. Glauber IV, 18. Sun Spring (Sluneční), 19. Stanislav Spring, 20. New Church Spring (Nový kostelní), 21. Marian Spring (D14)

Jáchymov Medical Spa B7

Mineral Springs for radon baths
Curie, C1, Běhounek, Agricola

Kynžvart Medical Spa F5

Mineral Springs
Helena Spring, Richard Spring, Victor Spring

Cultural events

Opening of the Spa Season – Karlovy Vary, Mariánské Lázně, Františkovy Lázně, Jáchymov, Lázně Kynžvart
International Cartoon Festival, Františkovy Lázně (Franzensbad)
International Festival of Youth Wind Orchestras FIJO, Cheb
Wallenstein Festivities in Cheb
Dvořák's Karlovy Vary Autumn, Karlovy Vary (Carlsbad)
Summer Fest, Karlovy Vary (Carlsbad)
Karlovy Vary International Film Festival (Carlsbad)
International Folk Festival Karlovy Vary (Carlsbad)
International JazzFest Karlovy Vary (Carlsbad)
International Spa Wind Music Festival, Karlovy Vary (Carlsbad)
Antonín Dvořák's International Singing Competition, Karlovy Vary (Carlsbad)
Shining Vary Light Festival, Karlovy Vary
International Tourism Film Festival Karlovy Vary (Carlsbad)
Cultural Summer in Loket
Chopin Festival Mariánské Lázně (Marienbad)
Brewery Rybno
Film Festival Mariánské Lázně (Marienbad)
Ora Hofman Festival, Ostrov
International Fireworks Competition, Sokolov
Povalč Festival, Valeč

Castles	
Bečov Castle	E6
Horní Hrad – Upper Castle	B7
Cheb Castle	E3
Libá Castle	E2
Loket Castle	D5
Seiberg Castle	E3
Vildřez Castle	D3

Châteaux	
Bečov	E6
Chýstka	E9
Kynžvart	F4
Ostrov	D5
Sokolov	D9
Valeč	D9

Church Monuments	
Premontrean Abbey at Teplá	C6
Franciscan Church and Abbey Cheb	E3
Abbey of Nový Dvůr	F7
Place of pilgrimage Skoky	E8
The Ostrov Holy Precinct	C7
Maria Loretto Pilgrimage Site	E3
Maria Kulin Provostry	D4

Ruins	
Andělská hora (Angel Mountain)	D7
Hartenberg	D4
Hartenstein	E7
Házlov	D2
Himmelstein	B8
Nejdk	C5
Neuberg	C2
Starý Rybník	D3

Museum	
Krásno Mining Museum	E6
Museum of the Aš Region	D1
Museum of Boží Dar	B7
Museum of Františkovy Lázně	B7
Museum of Horní Slavkov	E6
Jan Becher Museum	D6
Museum of Karlovy Vary (Carlsbad)	D6
Jáchymov Royal Mint House	B7
Museum of Spa Cups Loket	D5
Museum of Mariánské Lázně (Marienbad) F5	D5
Mattoni Museum	C7
Museum of Sokolov	D5
Museum of Tin Mining Horní Blatná	B6
House of Wax Karlovy Vary (Carlsbad)	D6
Museum of Žlutice	E8
Retro Museum Cheb	E3
Moser Glassworks Museum	D6

Galleries	
Becher's Villa Karlovy Vary (Carlsbad)	D6
Gallery Art Lines and Institute of Design	C5
Gallery A Cheb	E3
Gallery "On the Galleries" Karlovy Vary	D6
Art Gallery Karlovy Vary (Carlsbad)	D6
Gallery of Visual Arts in Cheb	E3
Ostrov Summer Chateau	C7

Folk Architecture

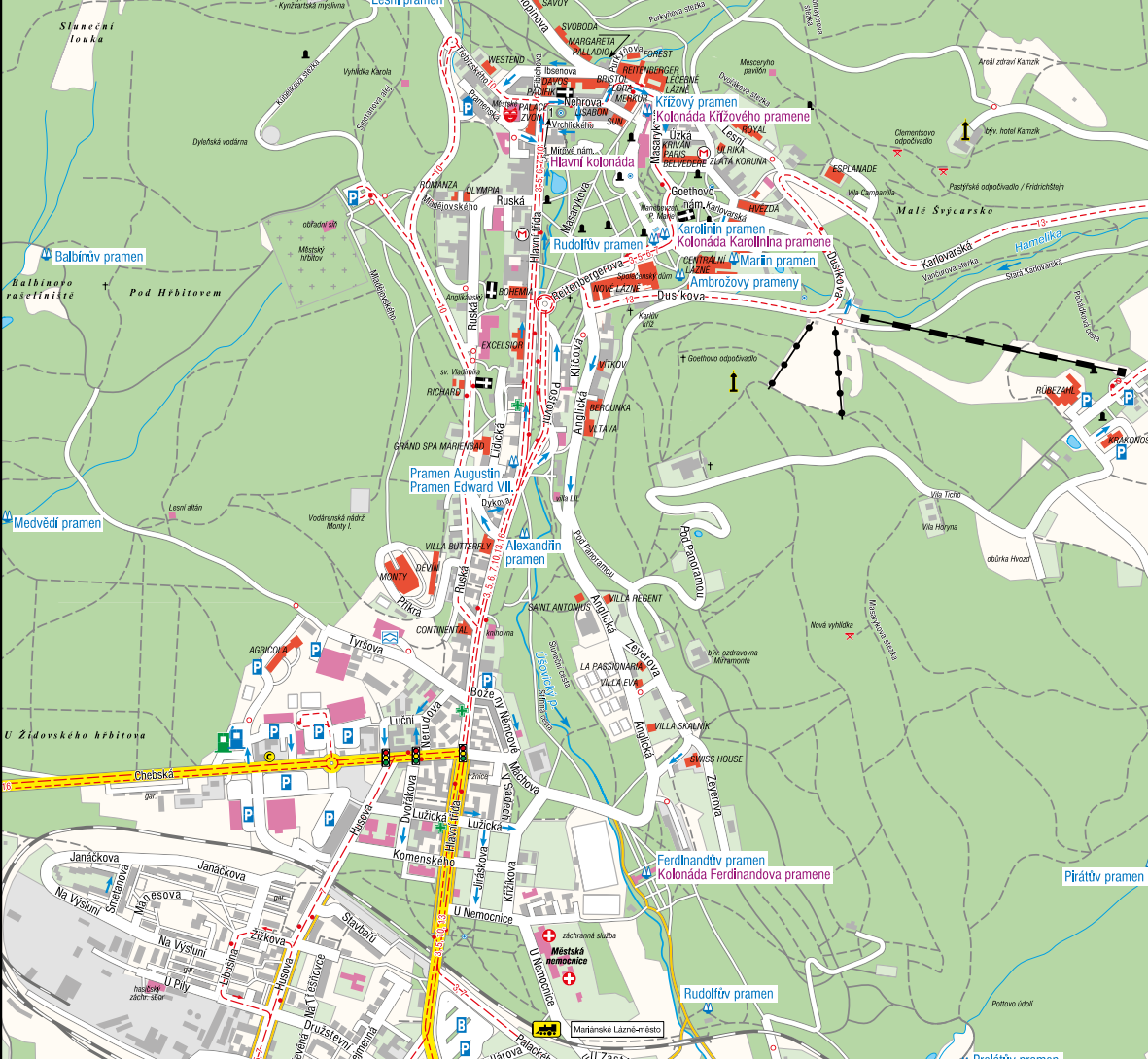
Doubrava	F3
Kojčovice	E7
Královské Poříčí	D5
Milavov	E4
Nový Drahov	F4
Salajna	F4

Technical Monuments	
Blatná Water Moat	B6
Dlouhá stoka (Long Drain)	E5
Jerome Mine	E5
Mauritius Mine	B6
Concord Mine	B7
Adit No. 1	B7
Johannes Adit	A6
Ore Mountain Semmering	B6
Radošov Bridge	C7
Red Tower of Death	C7
Ryžovna Placers	B7

For Families with Children	
Rožava Grounds	D6
Aquaforum Františkovy Lázně	E2
Botanical Garden Bečov	E6
Belina Organic Farm	F7
Kobylč Organic Farm	E8
Nováko Children's World	B7
Svatýš Children's paradise	D6
Ecological Centre Ostrov	C7
Kozdovský Ecological Farm	C6
Amika Ecological Farm	E6
Hory Farm	D6
Batý Jesus Trail	B7
Forest Park and Fish Pond Amerika	E2
Krajka	E3
Diana Butterfly House & Mini Zoo	D6
Kateřina Narrow-Gauge Railway Museum	D3
St. Leonard of Noblac Game Reserve	D6
Park Bohemium	F5
Nová Role Porcelain Kindergarten	C6
In the Footsteps of Elves	C7
Michal Natural Swimming Hole	D5
Přetate Nature Park	C5
Ranch Eldorado	D3
Bernard Farmhouse	D5
Christmas House	D6

For Lovers of Regional Beers	
Brewery Kynžperk	E4
Brewery Charles IV	D6
Brewery Kronl	C5
Brewery Krušnohor	B4
Brewery Rybno	B6
Brewery Starý Hrad	D5
Brewery Svatý Florian	D5
Micro Brewery Velichov	C7
Radohor Ostrov	C7
Brewery Pernou	C5
Velkorybnický Hostman	C6
Chateau Brewery Chýstka	E9

Mariánské Lázně (Marienbad)



Františkovy Lázně (Franzensbad)



On the way to adventure...

The Karlovy Vary Region is known worldwide as a region of spas and natural curative waters that replenish vital energy and rejuvenate both the body and the spirit. Its character is not only created by the lively spa towns, but also by the lush nature, the wild mountains, or the mysterious mining adits of the Egeria National Geopark, which harbours the ancient geological treasures of our planet. Mining monuments in the Saxon and Bohemian Ore Mountains are inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Whether you come to relax or for an active vacation seated on a bicycle, at the helm of a boat, or on skis, you can rely on the quality service and care you deserve. Let yourself be enchanted by the beauty of the Karlovy Vary Region while walking through the nature reserves. Discover castles, châteaux, and monasteries with historically significant artefacts, such as the Reliquary of St. Maurus, which is, along with the crown jewels, one of the most valuable goldsmith artefacts in the country. Take your family on a trip along an educational trail, and entrust yourself to the hands of the staff of local hotels and guest houses. Or visit one of our many film and music festivals or theatre performances. Experience moments that you will never forget. Allow yourself to be pampered, enthralled, and surprised. Welcome to the Karlovy Vary Region, where one day is never enough.

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Easy-to-read Map
Tourist Attractions

Karlovy Vary Region in a nutshell

Your compass for the region of spas and curative springs

