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# Bohemian-Saxon Switzerland: Landscape of Rocks and Romance

The romantic rocky landscape in northern Bohemia belongs to the most beautiful in Bohemia. A one-week vacation is often not enough here—the scenery changes with every step, and the trails wind through ravines and gorges, up to rocky plateaus and basalt peaks. Every nature lover will pick from an infinite amount of trips. Some hikes prove rather difficult, but you'll be rewarded by views that are unparalleled anywhere else in Czechia.



Adam Kubíček - Pravčická Gate

Don't Miss This!



## Pravčická Gate

Pravčická Gate is the largest sandstone arch in Europe; but every year it loses a little more of its original size. A hundred years ago, visitors still could stroll on top of it; however now the Bohemian Switzerland National Park carefully protects it, and access to the arch is prohibited.

The trail to Pravčická Gate is an adventure in itself. The fire from 2022 transformed the spruce forests—it left black stubs behind but also revealed the rock formations previously hidden beneath the tree tops. But nature regenerates quickly, and every step of the 2.5-km route following the red sign from Hřensko introduces new perspectives and photo opportunities.

And what will your reward for the climb be? A fascinating view: sandstone rocks resisting the elements, deep ravines, and never-ending horizons of Bohemian Switzerland. Even though you can't walk across the top, its magnificence and atmosphere stay unforgettable.

● Summer opening times: April to October / daily / 10:00-18:00

● Winter opening times: November to March / Fri-Sun / 10:00-16:00

■ adults 125 CZK / children (ages 6-14), student, seniors (ages 65+) 50 CZK  
Cheaper tickets can be bought without queues on-line at ➔

admission



## Gorges of the Kamenice River

If you're already in the vicinity of Hřensko, don't miss the boat ride in the Gorge of the Kamenice River. Only a few steps far away, you'll find yourself standing in a different world of towering sandstone cliffs rising straight from the water.

The ferryman will quietly row you across the calm waters in a punt, sharing a few stories and interesting facts along the way. The boat is slowly rocking, the water murmuring, and the cliffs muffling the sounds of the outside world. All of a sudden, the time passes more slowly and calmly.

Reach **Wild Gorge** from Mezná via Mezná msték to the boat landing. The **Edmund's Gorge** is accessible from Hřensko, but currently only with a guide.

● Wild Gorge

April 1 to November 1 / daily / 9:00-17:30; last boat departs at 17:30.

■ Wild Gorge

adults 200 CZK / children (ages 3-15) 100 CZK, buy tickets from the ferryman by card or in cash



Adam Kubíček - Wild Gorge



## Jetřichovice Lookouts

Jetřichovice lookouts are one of Northern Bohemia's jewels. It's the second most visited spot after Pravčická Gate. Tourism has been developing here since the mid-19th century, when the noble Kinský family had three famous lookouts built: **Rudolph's Stone**, **Vilemína's Wall**, and **Mary's Rock**, as well as the access trails.

The Jetřichovice lookout circuit is around 9 kilometers long and provides truly memorable views. If you have enough energy left after hiking it, gather it for a nearby rock castle, Falkenštejn, with an observation deck.



Filip Holíč - Dolský Mill



## Dolský Mill

**Dolský Mill** is maybe the most picturesque spot around Jetřichovice. Once a busy mill, it is now just a quiet relic of times past and an ideal destination for those seeking a quieter corner of Bohemian Switzerland. Combine your trip here with a visit to the Jetřichovice lookout points. From Jetřichovice, a pleasant trail in the forest shade and along the Jetřichovická Bělá stream will guide you gently into the valley of the Kamenice river. Slowly, the fairy tale sceneries will begin to open up: stone walls covered in moss, babbling water, and a silence only broken by the rustling forest. After all, it's no coincidence that Dolský Mill is so popular with film makers.



## Šaunštejn and Small Pravčická Gate

The rock castle **Šaunštejn** is also known as Loupežnický Castle and lies above Vysoká Lípa. It used to serve as a guard castle overseeing a merchant trail from Bohemia to Germany. Nowadays, all that remains here are the remnants of the rock-hewn chambers and traces of wooden structures that bear witness to its distant past. The climb to the castle is a little adventure; follow the stones carved into stone, and iron ladders to the upper terraces. From here, a panoramic view of Bohemian Switzerland unfolds, featuring Růžovský Hill, and the distant table mountains on the German side of the border.

Nearby lies **Small Pravčická Gate**—the smaller "sister" of the famous Pravčická Gate. Surrounded by forest, it appears unassuming, but that is precisely what gives it a peaceful and almost mysterious atmosphere. Together with Šaunštejn, it forms an ideal loop for those who want to combine history, scenic views, and the quiet beauty of the sandstone cliffs.



## Tisá Walls

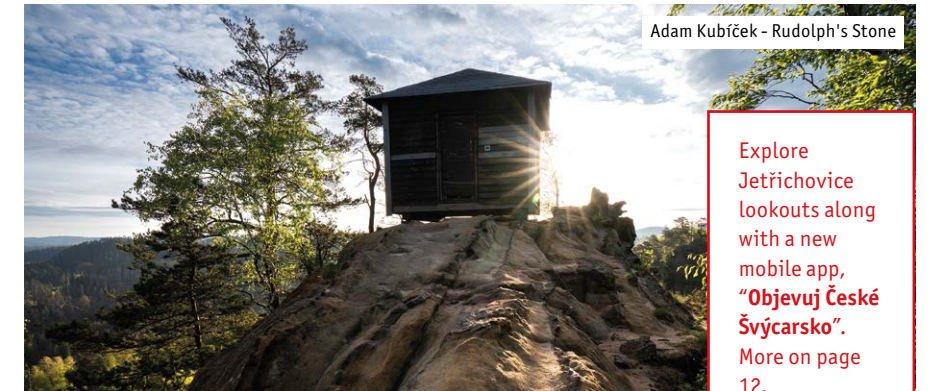
Tisá is not located directly in the heart of Bohemian Switzerland, but is geographically, geologically, and in terms of tourism very closely linked to it. The sandstone landscape here seamlessly blends into the Elbe Sandstones. The biggest attraction of Tisá is the **Tisá Walls**, a vast sandstone rock town. It consists of Great and Small Walls with a maze of rock towers, ravines, and lookouts. Not only popular with hikers but rock climbers as well, sometimes it is even described as the birthplace of sandstone climbing in Bohemia.

The entry is regulated to help protect the fragile environment, and also ensures a more peaceful visit. Additionally a new **educational trail through Tisá Walls** was opened earlier this year. And if you find yourself near Tisá, head into the calmer spots like Rájec and Ostrov Rocks.

● The education trail and tour routes through Tisá Walls are opened daily.

■ The daily number of visitors is regulated; the daily limit is 2,000 visitors. We recommend to buy tickets in advance, especially on weekends and the summer holidays, at [turistikatisa.cz/vstupenky/](http://turistikatisa.cz/vstupenky/) ● adults 100 CZK / children (ages 6-15), students (up to age 26), seniors (65+) 50 CZK / family ticket 2 adults + max. 3 children (ages 6-15) 250 CZK

admission



Adam Kubíček - Rudolph's Stone

Explore Jetřichovice lookouts along with a new mobile app, "Objevuj České Švýcarsko". More on page 12.



## Tolštejn and Jedlová

On the border of Bohemian Switzerland and the Lusatian Mountains, two spots naturally connected are to be found: the rock castle **Tolštejn** and the nearby **Jedlová** hill and its lookout tower.

The Tolštejn Castle's history dates back to the 13th century, when it served as a guard castle on a merchant's route. These days, you'll find its ruins, a lookout spot, restaurant, and atmosphere that reminisces of the days of lords and travelling merchants past.

Just a stone's throw away, Jedlová rises—one of the highest peaks in the Lusatian Mountains, with a stone lookout tower at its summit.

Combine the climb to the top of Jedlová and Tolštejn into one trip, giving you a taste of history, forest landscape, and distant panoramas.

● Tolštejn and Jedlová lookout tower

January, February, March, November, December / Tue-Sun / 10:00-17:00

April, May, June, September, October / daily / 10:00-18:00

July, August / daily / 10:00-19:00

(For up-to-date opening times visit [luzimoments.cz](http://luzimoments.cz))

■ adults and children (age 6 and older) 40 CZK / buy tickets at castle restaurant Tolštejn and restaurant Jedlová

Explore Tolštejn region along with a new mobile app "Objevuj České Švýcarsko". More on page 12.

## Find inspiration for more trips on SmartGuide ➔



You could explore several other, less visited places connected by the recently reopened Ridge Trail: Děčinský Sněžník lookout tower, Shepherd's Wall and the zoo and via ferrata, Růžový hřeben, Belvedere with breathtaking views, Janov lookout tower, rock gorge Úzké schody, and Kyjov Rocks.

# Awaken with Spring on Walking and Biking Trips



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The spring comes into Bohemian Switzerland unassumingly, but for that more impressively. Nature awakens from hibernation, forests are getting greener, and rock towns are teeming with a new, refreshing atmosphere. Perfect time to head outside, to breathe in fresh air, move your body, and recharge after winter.

## Via the New Cross-Border Trail from Hřensko to Schmilka and Kaiserkrone

Starting in Hřensko, it takes you to the valley of Suchá Bělá, where the new cross-border trail to Schmilka was built this year. It winds through hilly terrain to the Dlouhý roh hill and then along an old stone path to the stunning village on the Elbe bank.

Schmilka will pique your interest with well-maintained half-timbered houses and a unique atmosphere. Visit a historic mill dating back to 1665, still in use today for grinding flour, as well as the neighboring organic bakery and brewery, where traditional crafts are kept alive.

The ferry takes you to the left Elbe bank, where the trail sets off to the Kaiserkrone table mountain, also called the Imperial Crown. From its peak, a breathtaking view of the landscape of Bohemian and Saxon Switzerland unfolds. Return to Hřensko by a ferry from the village of Schöna.

Route length: 11 km  
Duration: 4.5 hours, including a short visit to Schmilka and wait time for 2 ferries  
Elevation gain: 450 m  
Ferry: If you travel with the DÚK or Labe-Elbe ticket, you don't need to buy an extra ticket for the ferry; the ticket is also valid for the ferry. Otherwise, make sure to have 50 CZK / €2 per person and a ferry ticket ready.

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## On Bike Around the Zámecký Hill

You can now bike, ride a scooter, or roller skate around Zámecký Hill, which rises between Kamenický Šenov, Pryska, and Česká Kamenice. In fall 2025, a new section of cycling route was opened. Around 4 kilometers long, sports enthusiasts can enjoy a 3-meter-wide asphalt route.

The cycling route winds along the railroad, across fields and meadows, so don't be surprised by cattle grids that enable safe crossings of the route and pastures.

In the direction away from Kamenický Šenov, enjoy a calm descent along the railroad; step off the pedals for a moment or even climb up the Zámecký Hill to ring a bell atop, circle around "Zámečák", and head to the square in Česká Kamenice to have a coffee or taste a beer from the Lusatian Mountain Beer Trail right at the Municipal Information Center.

Are you not in a hurry? Extend your route and take a turn at the intersection past the railroad crossing and head toward Pryska. Follow the bike path to the swimming pool and the Way of the Cross, where you'll connect to the Riedel Circuit hiking trail, taking you almost all the way to Česká Kamenice. And then simply back to Kamenický Šenov.

And if you're feeling tired, just hop on a train and enjoy the Kamenický Motor Train, along whose route the bike path runs.

You can also set out on an even longer trip; here we've tested some trails for you.



Radek Timoftej - Česká Kamenice

route 26 km



route 29 km



route 47 km



Explore more routes in the brochure featuring 16 cycling tours through Bohemian-Saxon Switzerland. Available at all information centers in the region or for download



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## Chill trip through the Lusatian Mountains and Upper Lusatia

The Mandava Cycle Path is a pleasant, approximately 40-km route on the border of Bohemia and Germany. Running through the picturesque valley of the Mandava River, it flaunts the perfect blend of peaceful nature, interesting towns and tourist sites along the route. Families with children and casual cyclists alike can tackle the easy terrain.

The cycle path follows the flow of Mandava from its spring in Brtníky through Staré Křečany, Rumburk, Seifhennersdorf, Varnsdorf, and Großschönau to Zittau. Recently, the entire route has been newly marked, so you don't need to worry about getting lost along the way.

Just hop on your bike and explore the landscape, where the Bohemian and Saxon ambiances seamlessly meet.

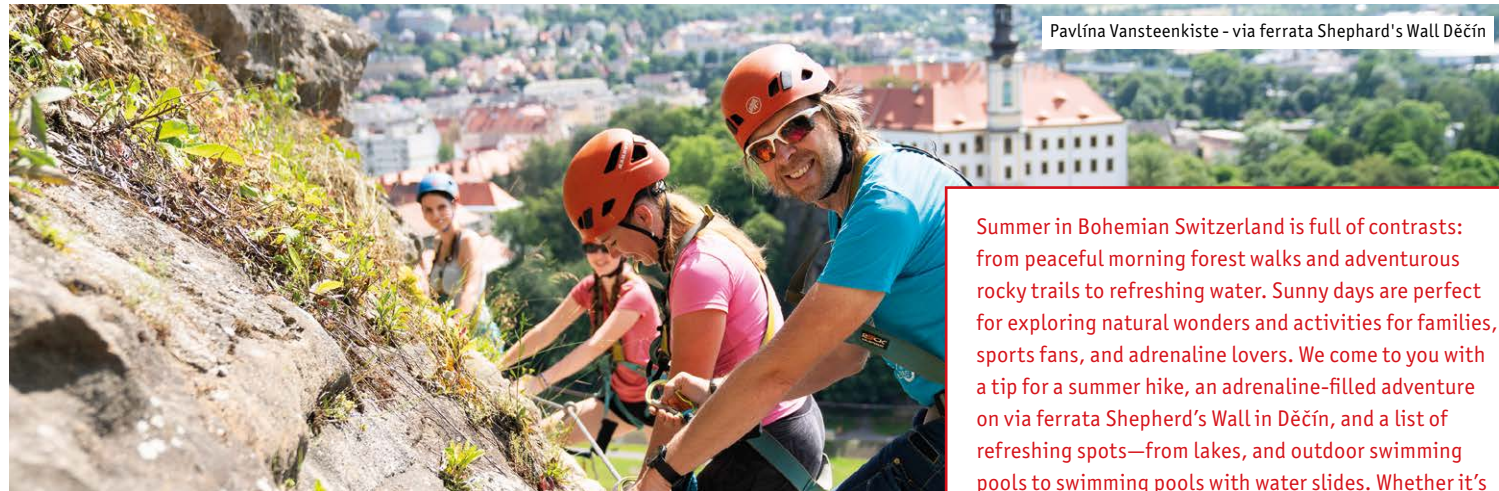


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# Summer Adventure in the Rocks and by the Water



Pavlína Vansteenkiste - via ferrata Shephard's Wall Děčín

Summer in Bohemian Switzerland is full of contrasts: from peaceful morning forest walks and adventurous rocky trails to refreshing water. Sunny days are perfect for exploring natural wonders and activities for families, sports fans, and adrenaline lovers. We come to you with a tip for a summer hike, an adrenaline-filled adventure on via ferrata Shepherd's Wall in Děčín, and a list of refreshing spots—from lakes, and outdoor swimming pools to swimming pools with water slides. Whether it's adventure or relaxation, you seek, summer in the region will not disappoint.

## Pleasant Walk Through Kyjov Valley

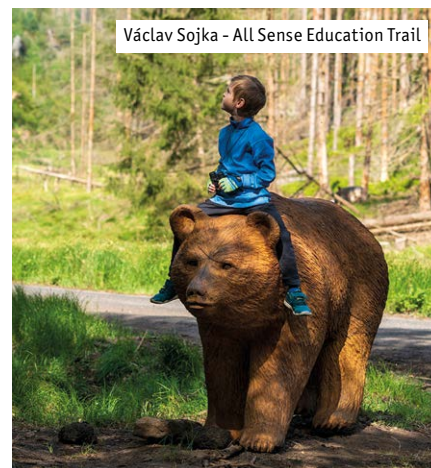
The walk begins in Kyjov, then follows the red tourist sign taking you along the Through the Valley of the Křinice River with All Senses education trail. As its name suggests, don't expect traditional information boards full of text, The trail pulls you into the landscape by your senses, you'll use sight, hearing, and touch and connect to nature intensively.

The route leads along the quaint stream of Křinice on a paved road, making it suitable for strollers or people in wheelchairs. You'll end up by the border crossing in Zadní Doubice. The trail doesn't form a loop, so return via the same path.

If you'd like to spice up your trip, we recommend taking a turn at the Pod Praporkem crossroads and heading toward the rocky lookouts. You'll be greeted by the Klenotnice cave and stunning views from places like Kyjov Castle, Skalní bratři, or Kinský lookout. Return via the yellow tourist sign past the forest cemetery.

Feel free to adjust the trip to your needs—the shorter option is only to visit the rocky lookouts.

Route length: 13.5 km / 3.2 km  
Duration: 3.5 h / 1.5 h  
Elevation gain: 100 m / 150 m



Václav Sojka - All Sense Education Trail



## Via Ferrata for Adrenaline Rush

**Via ferrata Shepherd's Wall with a guide** is a great recommendation for active families. The protected climbing route found on a rock wall above Elbe offers a safe way to take first climbing steps, even with children.

The route has several variations and in total features 16 sections ranging from 150 to 170 meters in length. While climbing, stunning view of the Elbe, Děčín Castle, and the canyon open up, etching themselves into memories of climbers young and old.

The entire activity can be done with a certified guide, ensuring safety and assisting even complete beginners. The via ferrata is suitable for children who are at least approximately 130 cm tall. You can complete the whole climb in two hours, and most active families can successfully reach the top.



Pavlína Vansteenkiste - via ferrata Děčín

At the base of the via ferrata, you'll find a parking lot, restrooms, a luggage storage area, and a snack bar, with everything ready for a laid-back family outing. **Active Point Děčín** organizes activities in Děčín; in addition to climbing at Shepherd's Wall, you can also rent canoes, rafts, bikes, and scooters, so you can enjoy an energetic day full of activity and fun for the whole family. More information at [active-point.cz](http://active-point.cz)

Address: Labské nábřeží 1716/33, Děčín  
Tel.: +420 724 006 865, [info@active-point.cz](mailto:info@active-point.cz)



## Dive into the Water Near Jetřichovice

### Outdoor Swimming Pool and Campground Jetřichovice

A day-long hike in the summer calls for refreshing at the local outdoor swimming pool with a natural atmosphere. There is a playground and a volleyball court, as well as a restaurant with outdoor seating and accommodation available.

### Hotel Bellevue

The outdoor 25-meter swimming pool is also open for guests not staying at the hotel. And there's an outdoor playground and the hotel restaurant.

## Refreshing After a Day in Růžová

### Biotop Nový Svět

This natural biotope, free of chlorine and blue-green algae, is ideal even for allergic people. Aside from swimming in a beautiful lake, take a bite out of some refreshments at the bistro.

## Stará Oleška Pleasantly Surprises

### Olešský Pond

Wonderful natural swimming spot with refreshments, a playground, and camping site. This might come in handy, because in summer beach party events are organized here.

## Have you spent a little more time in Česká Kamenice? We're not surprised.

### Outdoor Swimming Pool Česká Kamenice

The local swimming pool underwent a transformation in the past few years and offers a pleasant swimming spot and varied refreshment options.



Pavlína Vansteenkiste - pool in Česká Kamenice

## Have you visited Kyjov Valley?

The **Kyjov Dam** is a paradise among swimming spots in nature. Summer here is very refreshing; you can lie on the blooming meadows. In winter, you might meet cold-water swimmers who happily dive into icy waters and prove that winter is no obstacle.



Tomáš Fúsek - pool in Mikulášovice

## Do water slides, relaxation zones, and a lot of adventure tempt you?

### Aquapark Děčín

It offers a combination of a modern indoor water park and a large outdoor swimming area. While children can rollick on water slides, lazy river, other water features, and wading pool, adults can appreciate swimming pools, hot tubs, relaxation and wellness zones. Beach volleyball, streetball, or refreshments—all of that awaits. And if you're not keen to leave, stay the night at the nearby **AquaHotel**.

## Oasis of Peace in Benešov nad Ploučnicí

Round off your visit to the castle complex, a trip to the Ploučnice Lookout, or a bike ride along the Ploučnice Bike Trail at the local swimming pool—even if it's not until late in the evening? That's not a problem at all; the swimming pool is filled with thermal water. There is also a beach volleyball court, a foot tennis court, a playground, and a wading pool, along with refreshments available at a kiosk.

## Cool off even in the northernmost corner of the region

The **natural swimming spot in Mikulášovice**, featuring stylish changing rooms in the First Republic style, or the **swimming spot** in the middle of the forest in **Velký Šenov**, which has undergone a complete renovation.

## Is the weather against you? No worries!

You'll find **indoor pools** in **Rumburk** or **Varnsdorf**, where they also have a water slide, hot tubs, and a sauna.



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# Fall Show of Colors and Dining



Fall in Bohemian Switzerland teems with all colors and invites you to wander through the landscape that is uniquely enchanting in this season. Forests dress in gold, red, and brown, and every lookout will prove this with once-in-a-lifetime scenery. We prepared a recommendation for a hiking trip into a fairy tale valley and added tips on which cozy local restaurants to stop at. Dining experiences can be a wonderful end to the day, as well as purchasing a certified regional product to bring a piece of Bohemian Switzerland home.

## Through Magical Pauline's Valley to See Dwarfs

The trip begins in Jetřichovice; from there the route takes you past Griesel Cross into the valley of the Chřibská Kamenice River, then to the Pauline's Valley nature reserve. This picturesque spot is perfect for nature lovers and calm walks thanks to diverse fauna and flora.

You'll also come across a rock overhang called Rusalka's Cave. It's not a real cave but a naturally occurring rock alcove, looking so romantic and fairy-tale-like, as if it was the home to magical forest creatures.

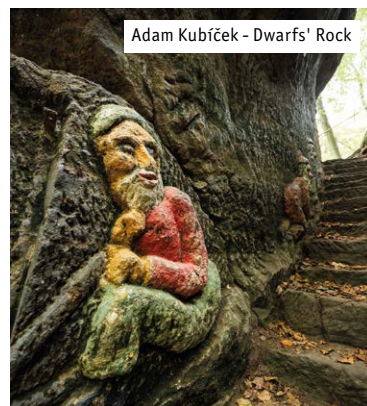
Return to Jetřichovice via the Church Trail past the Dwarf's Rock And why "dwarf's"? It dates back to 1833, when sculptor Ernst Vater had a statue of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs carved here, which gives the place a unique atmosphere.

Route length: 7 km

Duration: 3 hours

Elevation gain: 250 m

route



## Dining Tips

### Getting on the boats in Wild Gorge near Hřensko?

#### Resort Mezná – Restaurant Na Vyhliďce

The restaurant is open all year round. It prides itself on quality, seasonal, and local ingredients, transforming them into hearty home-style cooking. But modern gastronomical touches and caring service elevate it. You can dine on a terrace with breathtaking views of the countryside, while our smallest guests can run around at a playground.

### Heading to Šaunštejn or Small Pravčická Gate near Vysoká Lípa?

#### Resort Vysoká Lípa

The Vysoká Lípa Resort's restaurant is open daily from March to December. Expect modern dining, carefully selected ingredients, and panoramas from the glass interior and summer terrace, turning every meal into an unforgettable memory.

#### Hotel and Restaurant Kortus

In Vysoká Lípa, stop by at the stylish restaurant of Hotel Kortus. It also offers a contemporary take on traditional cuisine; worth a bite is definitely the beef burger.



## Exploring the area near Chřibská?

### Na Stodolci

Make your trips around Chřibská even nicer with a pleasant stop at Na Stodolci, a modern rural pub specializing in Czech cuisine, which is based on fresh and seasonal ingredients from local suppliers. And wash down your meal with a beer specially brewed for Stodolec by Falkenštejn Brewery in Krásná Lípa.

## Discovering beauties around Krásná Lípa?

### Brewery Falkenštejn

You will fall in love with Falkenštejn at first sight, whether with the brewery itself, the superb beer, or the atmosphere of the square in Krásná Lípa. The head chef, René Vokurka, is in charge of the diverse menu, organizes dining events, and isn't afraid of experimenting with international cuisine. Take the beer on the go; it'll come in handy once you've climbed the next hill.



### Restaurant Lípa

A place to gather over excellent food in a pleasant atmosphere. The kitchen is led by a top head chef and daily prepares rich breakfasts, hearty lunch menus, and fine dining dinners. Come taste modern Central European cuisine.

## Visiting Šluknov Hook?

### Bohemian Coffee House

This family-owned café and coffee roasters was established in 2017 by Jiří Dužár, and you'll find it in Rumburk. The coffee comes directly from farmers without any middlemen and is carefully roasted to highlight its natural taste qualities. Enjoy it as an espresso or drip coffee; you can even take the beans home. Have breakfast all day round; there are plenty of homemade treats to enjoy: homemade cakes from Mrs. Dužárová, breakfast eggs, sausages, baguettes, and other select delicacies.



### Pizzeria & Steakhouse Lužan

The restaurant on the first floor of Hotel Lužan prides itself on the taste and visual of their meals. While you eat, you can observe the historic arcade of the square in Rumburk. Head chef Tadeáš Klímpl is in charge of the kitchen and is the one behind signature steaks and other specialties, even desserts.



### Sportlife Rumburk

The restaurant specializes in Italian cuisine, and cooks with fresh and quality ingredients. It's situated in unique interiors with oak tables and also two outdoor terraces.

### Brewery Kocour

Kocour was one of the first craft breweries in the Czech Republic. Don't forget to visit it when you come to this region. Whether it's summer or winter, it's always bustling, and hearty Czech cuisine and other delicacies are served.



## Visiting Děčín and exploring the zoo?

### Nebíčko Děčín

The restaurant is almost "in the skies", at the top of Shepherd's Wall with views over Děčín and the Elbe canyon. The cooks prepare meals from fresh ingredients, accenting taste and detail.

### Brewery & Restaurant Kapitán

Kapitán is not only a restaurant but also a place to experience fine dining in a historic interior with industrial elements. It serves modern Czech cuisine, highlighting freshness and connection with beer culture. They brew a wide variety of beers here. The guest can peek behind the curtains to see the brewing from stainless steel tanks and fermentation rooms or even take beer to go.



## Planning on exploring Ostrov Rocks near Tisá?

### Hotel Ostrov

Head chef René Tichá oversees the dining here and prepares modern take on Czech cuisine, focusing on the idea and quality ingredients. The restaurant is open to even non-hotel guests, and the menu features classic dishes with an innovative twist, even vegetarian options. Simply so diverse, for any guest to choose.

## Bring a Piece of Bohemian Switzerland Back Home



Is your vacation coming to an end and you still have nothing for your close relatives? Stop by at the House of Bohemian Switzerland in Krásná Lípa, where you can pick out regional souvenirs to delight you at home and on your travels. By purchasing these products, you support local artisans and manufacturers, who are helping to revive the region's traditional craftsmanship.

### Liquors and Spirits by GALLI DISTILLERY

This family-run artisan distillery in the Lusatian Mountains supplies its spirits not only to Bohemian Switzerland but also to markets abroad. The taste of these local spirits and liqueurs proves that local production can reach global audiences.

### Knitwear by Schindler's Knitting Mills

You'll fall in love not only with their products—from elegant ELITE tights, socks, or merino wool or cashmere knitted clothing—but also with the company's story that dates back over 170 years. They also organize guided tours; read more on page 15.

### Ceramics from Tisá

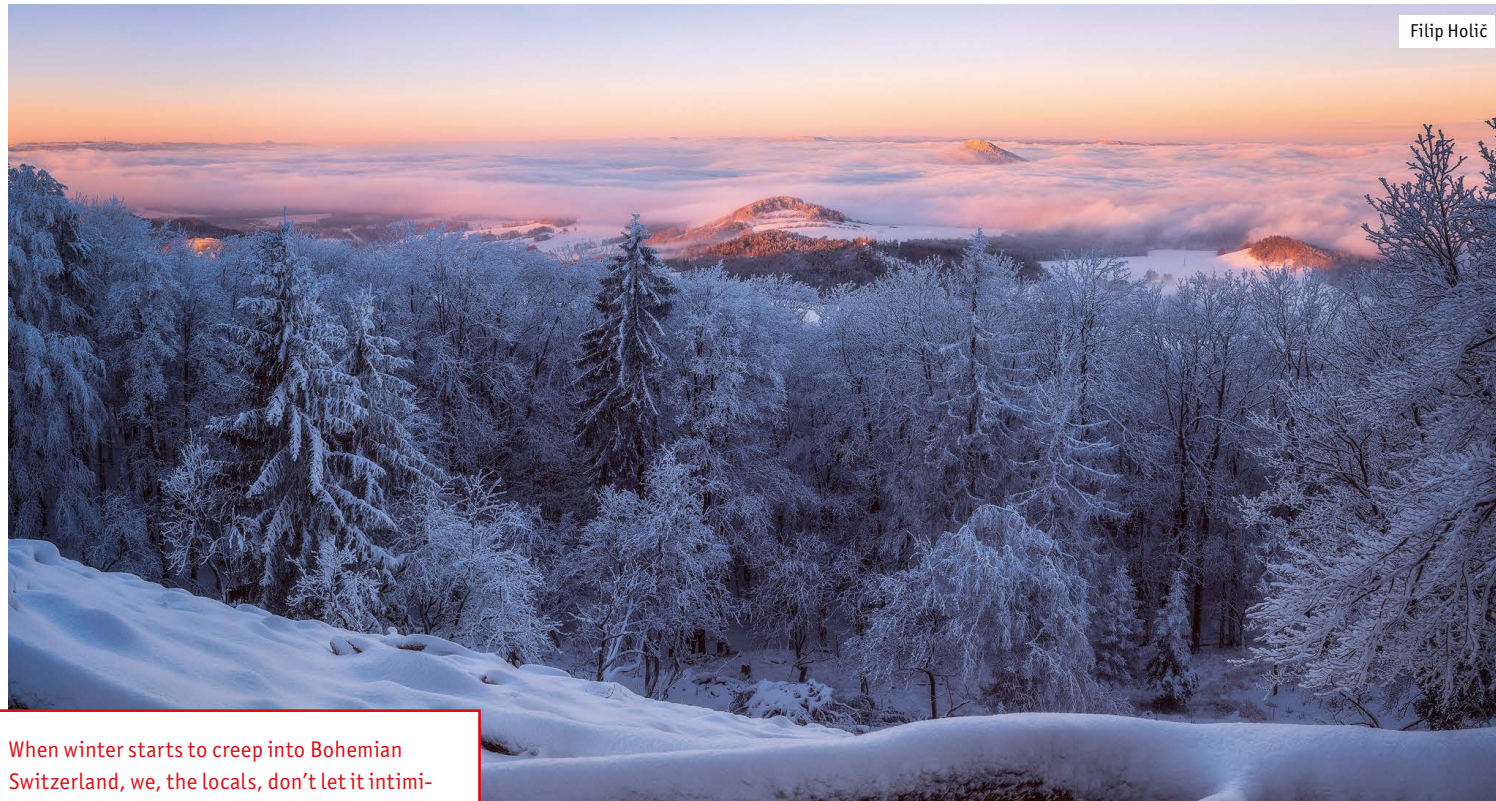
At Keramik Studio Tisá, original ceramics inspired by nature and traditional craftsmanship are created. In this cozy studio, you can purchase unique ceramic pieces that bear the personal touch of the owner, Monika Glöcknerová.

### Natural Cosmetics by Nobilis Tilia

The production facility and shop of this world-class natural aromatherapy cosmetics is located in Vlčí Hora. At the shop, choose from ready-to-use products, or you can create your own aromatherapy mix.



# Winter Kingdom



When winter starts to creep into Bohemian Switzerland, we, the locals, don't let it intimidate us. We head outdoors even if it's freezing and snowing—winter can't stop us. It has its charm: fresh air and fewer people at the popular spots. Winter takes many forms—quiet and snow-covered rocks, skiing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, or the magic of Advent and Christmas.

Route length: 9 km  
Duration: 4 hours  
Elevation gain: 250 m

route



## Brtníky Icefalls

It's a unique winter display on the rock walls, overhangs, and caves that people have been admiring since the 20th century. You'll find them mainly near the Brtníky Castle, in the Vlčí potok valley, or in Kyjov Valley, where—under the right conditions—the Fairy Cave is at its most enchanting.

People think they're frozen waterfalls, but they'd be wrong. Its magic is hidden in the combination of snow, water, and frost. When the landscape plunges into freezing temperatures for an extended period, the snow begins to slowly melt and seep into the rocks. The water then gradually flows out at the edges or oozes through the ceilings of caves—and as soon as it meets the icy air, it freezes instantly.

But this whole spectacle is fleeting—it depends on the weather and sometimes lasts only a few days. That makes it all the more magical if you get to see it with your own eyes.

## What should you watch out for?

We recommend checking the current weather conditions. The roads can get icy and slippery in winter, so be extra mindful of that. Crampons are also recommended, but please remove them in areas without ice to avoid damaging the rock surfaces.

## From Brtníky to See the Icefalls

The icefalls are accessible only on foot. Leave your car at a parking place in Brtníky, or park in Krásná Lípa and get on the 407 bus line to Brtníky. The route leads from Brtníky, follows the green sign to Brtníky Castle, then continues to the Vlčí potok–U skály crossroads. Then walk through the Vlčí potok valley to the Vlčí potok–U jezevce crossroads, from where you'll return to Brtníky following the yellow and green sign.

## Active Winter in Bohemian Switzerland

Cross-country skiing is very popular in Bohemian Switzerland, and in recent years, snowshoeing has gained popularity as well. Take both into the countryside and follow the same trails as you would in summer. All you need to do is know where the cross-country ski trails are maintained in suitable snow conditions and where the terrain is safe for snowshoeing—ideally, places where you won't encounter ladders or narrow rocky gorges.

With the first snowfall, cross-country ski trails regularly appear near Děčínský Sněžník, Ostrov, or Tisá. You'll encounter great conditions for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing also nearby Krásná Lípa. Some of the destinations are Brtníky Icefalls, or the meadows near Kamenná Horka, Vlčí Hora, Doubice, Sněžná, Rybníště, Jedlová, and Stožecké sedlo.

The nearest ski piste is in Horní Podluží.

For current conditions of cross-country ski trails, check the winter version at [Mapy.com](https://www.Mapy.com) or at websites:

[kamzasnehem.cz](https://www.kamzasnehem.cz)

[bilestopy.cz](https://www.bilestopy.cz)



## Christmas not only in the Rocks

Christmas in Bohemian-Saxon Switzerland doesn't only revolve around the quiet of snow-covered rocks. When the landscape dresses in white, towns and villages come alive with Advent markets, concerts, and other festive events. The pre-Christmas time offers a natural opportunity to slow down and take a break from the daily hustle and bustle—and let the magic of Christmas, which takes many forms in this region, work its charm on you.

With the first Advent Sunday, towns and villages light up with Christmas trees and decorations. Visitors are drawn to creative workshops for Advent wreath making and markets with Christmas gifts, traditional delicacies, and the smell of mulled wine or trdelník. The sound of Christmas concerts fills not only the churches, and thanks to the region's strong tradition of nativity scenes, there are also exhibitions of these displays.

And behind the border? Saxon Switzerland has its own undeniable charm during the Advent time. Some of the most famous examples include the Striezelmarkt, Germany's oldest Christmas market in Dresden; the romantic atmosphere of Königstein Fortress; and the Advent markets in Pirna, Zittau, Bautzen, and Görlitz. Experience magical Christmas at Weesenstein Castle, Hohnstein Castle, and many other locations.

And the list goes on—the Christmas spirit is simply waiting for you at every turn.

[cz](https://www.ceskesvycarsko.cz)

[de](https://www.felsenwinter.de)

For an overview of Advent events, visit: [ceskesvycarsko.cz/felsenwinter.link/advent](https://www.ceskesvycarsko.cz/felsenwinter.link/advent)



# Family Expedition

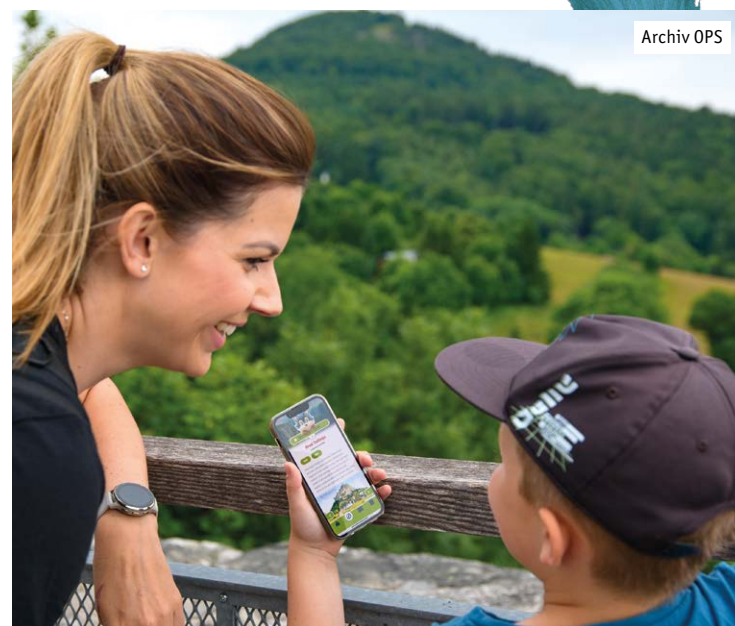
## Bohemian Switzerland with a Mobile App: Fun Trips and Adventure

Are you going on a trip with children? Then a helper to entertain small adventurers and you will come in handy. To answer all curious questions and have several ideas to liven up the trip is easier than ever. The mobile app “Objevuj České Švýcarsko” will transform you into an explorer and the trip into a suspenseful expedition with many tasks, games, and discovering. Augmented reality presents new connections and stories of the places you visit. There will also be a quiz to test how well you’ve been paying attention during the trip.

Choose between three trails of different difficulties. The shortest, approximately 3-km route near Jetřichovice, is ideal for families with small children or a calm walk. The more difficult option leads you to the famous Jetřichovice lookouts. Lovers of mysterious historical stories will appreciate the hike in the Tolštejn region, where you’ll get to know the bandits and aristocrats of olden times and their fates.

Your guide will be Lupínek Wolf—playfully drawing your children into the story and turning your trip into a real expedition.

The app was created in cooperation with České Švýcarsko o.p.s. and the company Tasty Air and is free to download in App Store and Google Play. More information at [ceskesvycarsko.cz/aplikace-lupinek/](https://ceskesvycarsko.cz/aplikace-lupinek/)



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## Trail Transforms into a Game: Česká silnice for Adventurers of All Generations

Another recommendation for a family adventure is Česká silnice Educational Trail, a perfect trip through breathtaking nature and ideal for families with children. The approximately 6-km route begins in Vysoká Lípa and ends in the former settlement of Zadní Jetřichovice; in between, 11 stops introduce you to the region’s history, the long-gone settlement, and local nature.

There are playful elements to entertain your children, including animal statues or a replica of a cottage from the famous Czech fairy tale Proud Princess.

Also try the adventurous questing. On your hike, complete tasks, solve clues, and slowly unravel the mystery. At the end, you’ll be rewarded with a treasure chest, but only those who successfully solve the final cipher can open it.

At the route’s beginning, you’ll find boxes with the instructions and a pencil. If you want to make sure you don’t run into empty mailboxes (their capacity is limited), download the game instructions in advance 📄



## Lynx Trail in Mezní Louka: Family Adventure Complex in the Forest

An entertaining and educational way to experience local nature. Visitors will come across 20 stops and learn about forest protection, its diversity, and historical development.

A short circuit guides you through 1.5 km of diverse elements: from a forest gazebo made out of four different woods typical for the national park, a wooden walkway above a pool of water, a rope bridge through a young beech forest, a sensory trail, all the way to mock-up animal tracks, a tree hollow, and a den-drophone.

The complex also includes a playground with a walk-through wooden model of Pravčická Gate. It’s 4 meters high and doubles as a jungle gym, a slide, a cable car, and a climbing wall, with other nature-inspired playful elements, such as the “anthill” sandbox, the “owl” and “lynx” swings, the “grouse” climbing frame, and the “trees—roots up” climbing structures.



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## Follow in the Bandit’s Footsteps

The “In the Bandit’s Footsteps” educational trail was created by high school students over the course of two weeks. It is located near Vlčí Hora and spans 10–11 stops.

The walk will introduce you to Vlčí Hora, the national park, and you will also see two filmed stories and discover many more interesting things.

You can get the worksheet at the House of Bohemian Switzerland in Krásná Lípa or download it at [loupeznikovastezka.eu](https://loupeznikovastezka.eu).

Discover, paint, write, but mostly enjoy yourself!

**What will you need?** The worksheet, smart phone, Mapy.com app, QR code reader, mobile data

## If the weather betrays you and you don’t wish to spend your day in your room, there’s indoor adventure as well.

The **Děčín Castle** attracts visitors of all ages into the world of history, games, and adventure. Adults can enjoy a traditional tour, and children don’t only have to passively listen; a worksheet, “**With Crayons around the Castle**”, will have your children paint and make the visit to the castle chambers pleasant for them. And if weather permits after all, walk through the castle gardens. From April to October, the “**Little Explorer’s Trail**” is open, children can use a map to discover interesting places and complete easy tasks.

If you’d rather be more active, **Hopsárium Děčín** is the perfect choice. Children can play at climbing towers, slides, a jumping castle, indoor traffic playground, and even an interactive play zone. Hopsárium can also organize birthday parties.

In the center of Děčín, visit the **Paradise Islands Exhibition**, which offers a unique glimpse into different corners of the world. It spans multiple floors, and visitors will explore coral reefs, tropical islands, mangrove forests, or the Caribbean. One of the biggest attractions is the large marine aquarium, one of the largest in the region, bringing the fascinating underwater world to life.

At **Aquapark Děčín**, take advantage of the indoor area, which is perfect in any weather. Visitors can look forward to a swimming pool, children’s pool, slides, hot tubs, and a cozy, relaxing wellness zone.

**Šluknov Castle** welcomes visitors with both standard tours and family-friendly tours titled “**Exploring the Castle with Crayons**,” making learning about history fun for children. Many cultural events throughout the year add to the castle’s vibrancy.

Another big draw for children is the **Dinohera in Rumburk**, where they’ll find climbing towers, play elements, and themed activities inspired by the world of dinosaurs. The venue also has a special party room perfect for birthday parties and private events.



Archiv Hopsárium Děčín



Archiv Paradise Islands Exhibition Děčín

# Rainy Days? No Problem! Here are Some Tips for Trips



Jiří Stejskal - Loreto Rumburk

You've read about where to go with children if the weather is against you. Now we follow up with additional interesting places where you can hide from the rain, but this time focusing on cultural and museum experiences.

## The Charm of North Bohemian Castles

Worth a visit is definitely the Renaissance **castle in Šluknov** with a First Czechoslovak Republic guided tour (page 13), then **the castle complex in Benešov nad Ploučnicí**, consisting of Upper and Lower castles in the Saxon-Renaissance style (page 18), and the **castle in Děčín** with the newly reconstructed and unique entrance road "Dlouhá jízda", the Long Drive, and the Rose Garden inspired by the Baroque period (page 13).

Apart from traditional guided tours, several cultural events are organized, bringing the castle to life throughout the year.

[zamek.mestosluknov.cz](http://zamek.mestosluknov.cz)  
[zamek-benesov.cz/cs](http://zamek-benesov.cz/cs)  
[zamekdecin.cz](http://zamekdecin.cz)

## Děčín Museum

Děčín Museum reopened this year after a large reconstruction and invites visitors to explore several interesting exhibitions and displays. Do you have a small sailor who dreams of ships and voyages? The Evolution of Shipping on the Elbe exhibition takes you on a journey through the history of river navigation from its beginnings to the present day. There are also authentic exhibits on display, such as original steering wheels and parts of marine engines from various types of vessels. That's not all that the museum has to offer—there are other temporary exhibitions and diverse accompanying programs.

[muzeumdc.cz](http://muzeumdc.cz)

## Rumburk Loreto Chapel

This Baroque jewel of Northern Bohemia ranks among the most significant pilgrimage destinations of the region. Come for a tour or visit exhibitions, concerts, and programs for families. Many interesting events are held here during the year—in spring, get excited for the Night of Churches; in September for the Loreto festival; and in winter for the traditional cloister Nativity scene.

[loretarumburk.cz](http://loretarumburk.cz)

## Rumburk Museum

At the Rumburk Museum, explore the permanent expositions, for example the exposition about the region's history and significant local people.

This year, you can visit the display of comparative photos, which show the transformations of Rumburk and nearby villages. You can also see glass painting from the Rumburk Museum's archives.

In the Christmas time, the rooms transform into the traditional exhibition of Nativity scenes, along a demonstration by woodcarvers. They showcase the old craft and let the visitors peek behind the secret of making wooden Nativity scene figures.

[muzeumrumburk.cz](http://muzeumrumburk.cz)



Archiv Museum Rumburk

## Museum of the Knife-Making Tradition: MIKOV in Mikulášovice

If you're looking for a unique experience of authentic craftsmanship that has been practiced in Mikulášovice since 1794, head to the knife-making museum, which celebrates the famous tradition of the "Czech Solingen." Here you'll find more than 2,500 historical knives from the region, as well as unique knife-making machines that demonstrate just how labor-intensive their production was. And if you're impressed by the knives, you can purchase them right away—the Mikov store is located directly at the information center. If you're looking for the well-known "rybička" or "little fish" knife, you can purchase it here.

[mikov.cz/s2606451-muzeum-nozirske-tradice](http://mikov.cz/s2606451-muzeum-nozirske-tradice)



## New Exhibition at Na Saule

Starting this June, you can visit a new exhibition at the Na Saule forest lodge in Dolní Chřibská—now the information center—which takes visitors back to the time when forest assistant Ferdinand Náhlík walked the forest there. The new exhibition is playful and interactive, so families with children will be entertained. More on page 24.

## Tančírna Balahala

The Tančírna Balahala in Rumburk offers a great cultural experience. This lively community center entices visitors with dance, exercise, and music and offers two spacious mirrored halls for various activities. What can you expect? Enjoy a moment of peace with a cup of coffee in the café area, or attend one of the talks, concerts, or lectures held here regularly. Families with children will also find plenty to enjoy here, thanks to the cozy children's play area.

[balahala.cz](http://balahala.cz)

And if you're tempted by tastes and traditional crafts, come with us to the world of local breweries and a knitting mill with a 170-year knitting tradition. Glimpse into places where authentic production meets a long-standing tradition and where products with the region's unique character are created.



## Falkenštejn Brewery

The brewery is located on the square in Krásná Lípa. It's a place where dining, beer, and Northern culture combine. You can taste many different Falkenštejn beers, from summer light ones to bolder or special ones, with every beer having its own character. The brewery lives for culture; several different events are organized here—dining events, talks, concerts, quizzes, and brewery tours for smaller groups. The kitchen is led by the head chef René Vokurka, whose seasonal menus stem from the brewery tradition, but every visit offers something new and inspirational. If you decide to stay longer, spend the night in the brewery inn right above it.

[pivofalkenstejn.cz](http://pivofalkenstejn.cz)



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## Kocour Brewery

The brewery in Varnsdorf is one of the pioneers of modern beer and brewing in Bohemia and also the first craft brewery in the region. There are several beer specials on draught, including traditional lagers to top-fermented varieties that change with season and mood.

In addition to the restaurant and summer terrace, you'll also find a brewery "zoo" with animals and its own train station. Visitors can stay in comfortable rooms or stylish sleeper train cars. Check out Kocour's event calendar and head out to one of the popular events, such as pub quizzes, concerts, farmers' markets, or festivals.

Are you interested in the behind-the-scenes and how the beer is brewed? You can book a tour of the brewery.

[pivovar-kocour.cz](http://pivovar-kocour.cz)

## Schindler's Knitting Mills in Krásná Lípa

On page 9, we've already introduced you to Schindler's Knitting Mills and its products that are regionally branded products. If you're interested in how the products are made, you can peek into the production process itself—guided tours of the knitting mills are held regularly. On June 18 and 19, 2026, the third Krásná Lípa Knitting Symposium will take place, offering a rich program of lectures and workshops focusing on the historic and contemporary state of the knitting craft and clothes design. The event will also be accompanied by an evening concert, an exhibition in the industrial setting of the knitting mills, and, for those interested, a walk through the Bohemian Switzerland National Park.

[schindlerovapletarna.cz](http://schindlerovapletarna.cz)



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# The Bohemian Switzerland Ridge Trail



The reborn Ridge Trail is a long-distance route connecting regions as wonderful as the wild nature of the Ore Mountains, the Bohemian Switzerland National Park, and the first volcanic cones of the Lusatian Mountains.

[hreibenovka.com](https://hreibenovka.com)

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To plan a long-distance hike, take a look at the Ridge Trail website and a brochure, which you can get at regional information centers or download on-line. 📄

During 100 kilometers, nature changes significantly in many ways. You can experience the roughness of the Ore Mountains, sandstone towns, and monumental Elbe Valley, but also the picturesque meadows of Lusatia. The route meanders by the visitors' most favorite places, so nothing will get past you, but it also snakes through lesser-known and hidden trails and corners of the region. The Ridge Trail consists of 6 stages: the shortest is 11 km long, and the longest is 23 km long; you can hike it as a long-distance route or pick specific trips to your liking.

The choice of how and when to enjoy the Ridge Trail is only yours, but it'll always be magical. Even if you look far and wide, there will only be a few places where you can experience 1,000 sceneries in 100 kilometers. It's no surprise that the Bohemian Switzerland Ridge Trail has earned a European quality certificate; it ranks among the most beautiful trails in Europe and is still gaining popularity with tourists.

On social media, pictures with the hashtag #jduhreibenovku often come up and inspire other long-distance hikers. Share your experiences and become one of the Ridge Trail Hikers to show you hiked the Ridge Trail.

Along the trail, there are unique photo points where you can snap a "branded" family picture and share it with other hikers. The photo points are easy to recognize; find them at significant points of the Ridge Trail. They are made out of solid oak, and are shaped like a comb. Become even more recognizable as one of the Hikers in the pictures with news Bohemian Switzerland Ridge Trail merch, created in collaboration with regional manufacturers.

Let's meet here, and let's share it with others! #jduhreibenovku



Adam Kubiček - Elbe Canyone



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# Where to for Cultural Experiences

## JUNE

- 01. 06. Children's Day at ZOO Děčín
- 04.–06. 06. KAMENICE Festival in Česká Kamenice
- 04.–07. 06. Tanambourrée 2026 in Varnsdorf
- 05.–07. 06. TOS Triathlon and Štěkaton in Varnsdorf
- 06. 06. Neckyáda in Šluknov
- 13. 06. Fairytale forest in Krásná Lípa
- 13. 06. Mikulášovice Rockrandal
- 18.–19. 06. III. Krásná Lípa Knitting Symposium 2026 in Schindler's Knitting Mills in Krásná Lípa
- 19.–20. 06. Varnsdorf Town Festival
- 20. 06. Midsummer Herb Festival at Nobilis Tilia in Vlčí Hora
- 26.–27. 06. Castle Festival in Šluknov

## AUGUST

- 01. 08. Krásnolipská nádhera and Music and Brewery Festival at Falkenštejn Brewery
- 01. 08. Food Festival Šluknov 2026
- 07. 08. Evening Tour for Children at the Děčín Zoo
- 08. 08. Krásnolipské pochody
- 15. 08. Rumburk Town Festival
- 29. 08. Day of Bohemian Switzerland, Čechie Böhmerland motorcycle rally, and Cross Parkmarathon in Krásná Lípa
- 29. 08. Lipovský dřevák in Lipová by Šluknov

## OCTOBER

- 17. 10. Dýňobraní in Česká Kamenice
- 17. 10. Jiříkovská půlka
- 23. 10. The Haunted Castle at Benešov nad Ploučnicí Castle
- 31. 10. Scary ZOO Děčín
- 31. 10. ALE FESTIVALE at Kocour Brewery in Varnsdorf

## JULY

- 03. 07. Evening Tour for Children at the Děčín Zoo
- 04. 07. Šenov Vintage Cars in Velký Šenov
- 04. 07. Eastern Tunes—Festival of Asian Culture in Mikulášovice
- 05. 07. Tour of the normally off-limits areas of the Loreto in Rumburk
- 11. 07. Šenov Festival in Velký Šenov
- 15. 07. Vilémovská pouť a Veteránem Severem in Vilémov by Šluknov
- 17.–19. 07. LIVE ROCK FEST in Varnsdorf
- 17.–18. 07. STREETBALL FEST at Kocour Brewery in Varnsdorf
- 18. 07. Vintage Motorcycle Rally—Benešov nad Ploučnicí Castle
- 25. 07. Burger Fest at Kocour Brewery in Varnsdorf
- 31. 07.–01. 08. Houmrův Triathlon and Houmfest in Jiříkov
- 31. 07.–02. 08. Czech Footballgolf Open at Dymník in Rumburk

## SEPTEMBER

- 05. 09. Mariánská pouť in Česká Kamenice
- 05. 09. Tour de Zelenák Cycling Race, Rumburk
- 12. 09. Loreto Festival in Rumburk
- 19. 09. Celebrations Marking the 130th Anniversary of the Dymník Lookout Tower, Rumburk
- 19. 09. Fairytale Forest at Rio in Varnsdorf
- 19. 09. Vintage Motorcycle Rally—Benešov nad Ploučnicí Castle
- 19. 09. Smoking of the Lipová Trout in Lipová by Šluknov
- 29. 09. Lipová Hogwarts in Lipová by Šluknov

## NOVEMBER

- 06.–07. 11. 45th Anniversary Celebration of the KČT Krásná Lípa
- 07. 11. 7Divů Travel Festival in Krásná Lípa
- 11. 11. St. Martin's Celebrations in Varnsdorf
- 28. 11. Čertovský rej at ZOO Děčín
- 28. 11. Advent at the Benešov nad Ploučnicí Castle

You can find a list of events in the region on the website:



# When the Castle Comes Alive: Benešov nad Ploučnicí Will Surprise You

We would like to invite you to the Benešov nad Ploučnicí Castle, a unique historic complex in the heart of Northern Bohemia and one of the most significant monuments of (not only) the Renaissance nobility in our country. The complex consists of six castles, a manor house, and a park that showcases authentic 16th-century Saxon Renaissance architecture, as well as a rich cultural and social program all year round.

Whether you are a history fan, a family with children, a tourist, or anyone looking for an inspirational trip in Bohemian-Saxon Switzerland, Benešov nad Ploučnicí Castle is the destination for you. Apart from traditional **guided tours** introducing you to the castle's history and owners, we regularly organize **thematic events** that breathe new life into the monument.

Among the biggest highlights of this season are three **vintage motorcycle gatherings**, where visitors can admire dozens of historic motorcycles, creating a unique atmosphere blending technical history with the backdrop of a Renaissance castle.

Every fall, the event **"Haunted Castle"** is a big hit, transforming the complex into a magical place teeming with mysterious creatures, lights, and stories—the perfect experience for all ages. The season ends with **Advent at the Castle** as the historic backdrop lights up with Christmas decorations, the atmosphere smells of incense, and traditional Advent tours when visitors can marvel at almost two dozen Christmas trees, each differently decorated.

Apart from these main events, we organize many other **cultural and educational programs**. In cooperation with the local Czech Tourist Club, you can join themed walks and excursions into the surrounding countryside that combine history with exploring the region. One of the most popular events is the **Benešovská rokle** hiking trip, which traditionally starts and ends here at the castle. Other activities include events for children, participatory games, guided tours in costume, and interactive programs, as well as expert lectures on history, heritage preservation, and regional subjects.

Castle Benešov nad Ploučnicí is the place where history and the present day naturally meet. Come see for yourself that monuments are not the silent background of history but a lively space full of experiences, socializing, and inspiration.

We look forward to seeing you throughout the season. Mgr. Miluše Kristková, Castle Benešov nad Ploučnicí



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For more information, follow:

📍 [zamek-benesov.cz](https://zamek-benesov.cz)

📱 [zamek.benesov](https://zamek.benesov)

# Děčín 2026: Spring to Christmas Full of Experiences

This year brings a variety of events for any generation, from the tourist season kick-off, cultural festivals, city celebrations, active summer and fall events, to Christmas programs. The city on the Elbe beckons to get active, socialize, and explore everything new set against the Bohemian Switzerland backdrop.

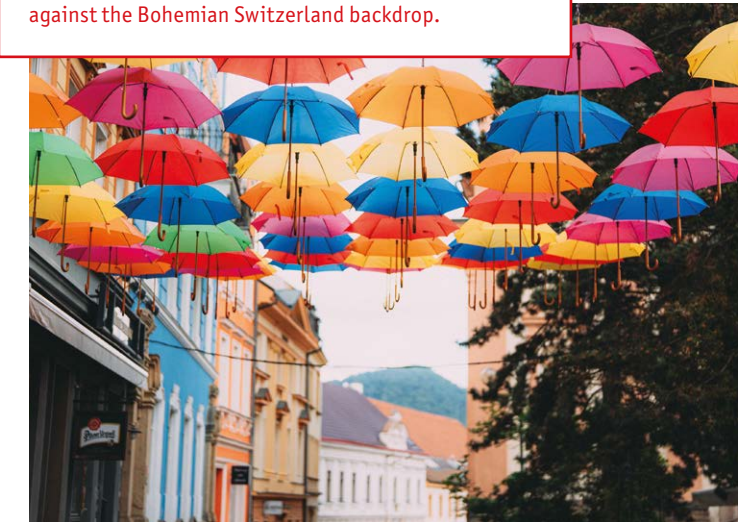


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## Tourist Season Kicks Off

We kicked off this year's tourism season in Děčín on April 18 in the area below the City Library. The first major outdoor event of 2026 featured a presentation of tourist destinations in the region, a musical program on stage, and accompanying activities for children and adults. There were also demonstrations of firefighting equipment and sports competitions.

## A Footbridge for Pedestrians and Cyclists Now Connects Both Elbe Banks

A new footbridge across the Elbe opening this spring ensures pedestrians and cyclists a safe and convenient connection between both city's riverbanks. It marks one of the most significant transportation projects of the last years. Constructed along the railway bridge across the Elbe and Ploučnice, it significantly improves conditions for pedestrians and cyclists and relieves traffic at existing river crossings, particularly the Tyrš Bridge.

## In Search of Culture on Křížová Street or at Labefest

In May, music will once again fill one of the most beautiful streets in Děčín. The Živá Křížovka event celebrates its fourth year and, as always, will offer a lively, not only musical program. Every Wednesday, the grounds in front of the Church of the Feast of the Cross will transform into place with a wonderful atmosphere, good food, and drinks.

On May 14, the City Celebrations begin, and there will be events held every weekend and all around Děčín, from the Děčínská kotva floristry competition and historical May fair at Děčín Castle to the Mladé Labe festival in cooperation with Children's and Youth Center Děčín, woodcarving, street ball competition, and many others.

One of the biggest events is the Labefest festival on May 29–30, which promises entertainment for the whole family right on the Elbe riverbank. Among the performers this year are Richard Müller, Kurtizány z 25. avenue, Sebastián, Lollipopz, Kašpárek v rohlíku, and others.

## Active Summer in Děčín

The city will again participate in the To Work on Bike Challenge, focusing on healthy activity and eco-mobility. Anyone who registers for the challenge and keeps track of the kilometers they've cycled, walked, or jogged can participate. Once again, there will be a surprise waiting for participants at the Information Center below the library, as well as an awards ceremony to honor the most active ones.

## Fall Events

The city isn't slowing down this fall either and has a number of events lined up. For example, during the European Mobility Week, annually on September 16–22. Some of the events planned for the week include a Day with Emergency Services, a group bike and inline skate ride through the city, lectures on mobility, and other urban mobility activities. October kicks off with the Podmokelský Beer Oktoberfest, followed by Senior Citizens' Week with many fun events and activities around the city, and Tourist Information Center Week also takes place promptly.

## Christmas Street and Christmas Tree Lighting

Christmas 2026 in Děčín starts with opening the beloved Christmas Street in Křížová Street on November 27. Every day during Advent, you can enjoy music and shop at stalls. The first weekend of Advent will feature a Christmas food festival and the lighting of the Christmas tree on Masaryk Square with a musical program and markets.

[www.idecin.cz](https://www.idecin.cz)

Mgr. Eliška Štrélková, Děčín City



# Rest Among the Rocks

Among the rocks, forests, and the landscape of Bohemian Switzerland are the hidden spots where time slows down. Wellness and relaxation are not only a provided service but also a given experience of the region.



## Hotel Elbresidenz

The wellness area in the Hotel Elbresidenz in Bad Schandau is set in an elegant space where modern relaxation, views of the Elbe, and the atmosphere of Saxon Switzerland come together. The wellness complex includes an indoor pool, Finnish, herbal, and steam saunas, and calm zones with the river panorama. Guests can also directly enter the Toskana Therme complex with several pools and saunas. The sun terrace, from where you can observe the ships passing by and the scenery of the Saxon Switzerland Elbe sandstones, adds a unique dimension to your visit.

## Resort Mezná

The private wellness area of Resort Mezná brings you relaxation in original sandstone interiors. A modern hot tub, sauna, and quiet relaxation part create the intimate atmosphere highlighted by an outdoor hot tub and a terrace with sunbeds. It's an ideal spot to regenerate after hikes in the gorges or after tackling the Pravčická Gate.



## Lípa Resort

Aparthotel Lípa in Krásná Lípa is a modern center of relaxation combining comfortable accommodation with a lovely wellness area. Guests can enjoy a sauna or relaxation zones, perfect after a day spent in Bohemian Switzerland. Thanks to its location in the town center, it's a perfect base for trips and calm evenings.

## Aquapark Děčín

The wellness area in the Aquapark Děčín combines saunas, hot tubs, and massages, all in a modern setting. Come relax in a Finnish or steam sauna, hot tub, and a peaceful relaxing zone. It's a perfect spot for those wanting a combination of relaxation and water activities, as it's connected to the pool complex.



## Nobilis Tilia

Nobilis Tilia is a spot where everyone will truly stop in their tracks. Aromatherapy massages with natural oils will deeply relax you and add to your complete harmony. After the procedure, you can visit the café Nobilis Tilia, smelling of dried flowers and tasting blends of local plants.



## Hotel Ostrov

Hotel Ostrov will impress you with a wellness area in the quiet of sandstone rocks. Pools, saunas, hot tubs, and massages—they create the atmosphere, which will slow you down. This ideal spot to restart your body and mind is surrounded by the Ostrov Rocks. Just come, switch off, and let yourself be charmed by the unique setting and facilities of the hotel.



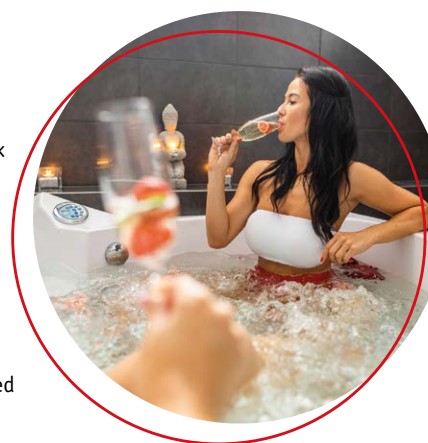
## Bohemian Homes

Bohemian Homes in Horní Podluží are a safe haven for those seeking peace, design, and a chance to truly breathe in deeply. These stylish wooden cottages in the foothills feature a private wellness area with a sauna, open-air hot tubs, and unobstructed views of the surrounding countryside.



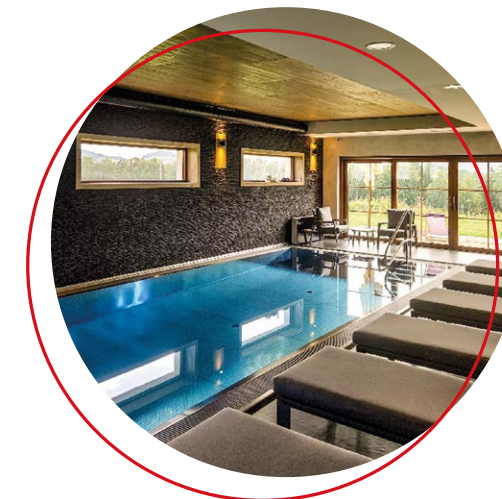
## Wellness Hotel Lužan

The Wellness Hotel Lužan in Rumburk combines the comforts of the town with the opportunity for a quick getaway into nature. Thanks to its location right on the town square, it is the perfect base for exploring the Šluknov Hook region. The hotel features a spacious wellness area with a hot tub, offering well-deserved relaxation after an active day.



## Resort Vysoká Lípa

Resort Vysoká Lípa is a new haven of tranquility in Bohemian Switzerland. It's equipped with a modern wellness area, a large pool, a sauna, and relaxing zones set against the quiet backdrop of surrounding nature. Recharge here after difficult hikes in the national park.



## Hotel Varnsdorf

The Hotel Varnsdorf benefits from its location just a few minutes from the border—making it an ideal starting point for trips to Bohemian Switzerland and quick trips to Germany. Back from your travels, you'll enjoy the hotel's hot tub, a great way to unwind and end the day on a relaxing note.

However there are still plenty of spots to relax and unwind—simply choose the right one for your peace and comfort: Apartments U Mluvicích Kamenů, Trapani House, Wellness Hotel Kocanda, Wellness Hotel Zámeček, accommodations at Srbská 22, and others. You can find many more on the website [ceskesvycarsko.cz/partneri/ubytovani/](https://ceskesvycarsko.cz/partneri/ubytovani/)



# Practical Guide for Visitors



Leave the car at home or park at less frequented places and head to experience Bohemian Switzerland. Traveling around the Ústí Region with the Transport of the Ústí Region system is comfortable, simple, and sustainable. A single ticket allows you to use various modes of transportation—trains, public buses, public transit, boats, and ferries—and transfer between them easily. This lets you travel across the region worry-free.

## Get on the Green DÚK Buses

The backbone of tourist transportation is the **434** bus line connecting Děčín, Jetřichovice, and Krásná Lípa via Hřensko. It's followed by bus line **438**, which, especially in summer, strengthens connections between Děčín, Hřensko, Mezní Louka, and Mezná, often with frequent service with intervals as short as 30 minutes.

Another attractive line is the **435** tourist line, especially for German visitors, as it connects Schmilka and Mezná via Hřensko. It operates on weekends from April to October and daily in July and August. Bus line **441** follows the same timetable and serves as a shuttle bus between Mezná, Hřensko, Janov (Hájanky), and Česká Kamenice.

If you're heading to Pravčická Gate, get off the bus at the **Hřensko, Pravčická brána** stop; from there follow the red tourist sign leading you to the iconic landmark. This way, you'll avoid a 1.5 km walk along the road, which you'd have to follow if you parked in the center of Hřensko.

If you're heading to the Wild Gorge, get off at the **Hřensko, Mezná** stop; from there a trail leads you directly to the Gorge.

The year-round **436** bus line connects Děčín, Jetřichovice, and Vysoká Lípa via Srbská Kamenice. Destinations in the Jetřichovice region are easily accessible too: Jetřichovice Lookouts, Dolský Mill, Šaunštejn, Small Pravčická Gate, etc.

**BUS 434** Děčín - Hřensko, nábřeží - Hřensko, Pravčická brána - Hřensko, Mezní Louka - Jetřichovice, Vysoká Lípa - Jetřichovice - Chřibská - Krásná Lípa, Kyjov - Krásná Lípa and back / year-round

**BUS 438** Děčín - Hřensko, nábřeží - Hřensko, Pravčická brána - Hřensko, Mezní Louka - Hřensko, Mezná and back / year-round

**BUS 435** Schmilka - Hřensko, přívoz - Hřensko, Pravčická brána - Hřensko, Mezní Louka - Hřensko, Mezná and back / on weekends from April to October, daily in July and August

**BUS 441** Česká Kamenice - Růžová - Janov - Hřensko, Pravčická brána - Hřensko, Mezní Louka - Hřensko, Mezná and back / on weekends from April to October, daily in July and August

**BUS 436** Děčín - Huntřov - Srbská Kamenice - Jetřichovice, Všemily - Jetřichovice, Rynartice - Jetřichovice - Jetřichovice, Vysoká Lípa and back / year-round

## Use the National Park Railway

The National Park Railway is a system of three railway lines that run around the Bohemian and Saxon National Parks.

The central **U8** line runs between Rumburk and Děčín via Krásná Lípa. The **U28** line connects the same towns but passes through Germany. The network is completed by the **T2** weekend tourist line, the Bohemian Switzerland Train connecting Děčín and Mikulášovice.

Another tourist train service is the historic **T1** train, known as the Kamenický motoráček, which runs on the museum "glass-making local line." This is a comfortable way to get closer to the glass-making museum and Panská Rock. The **T9** line connecting Bohemian Switzerland and the Liberec region, then the **T10**, the Lusatian Mountains Express, operating from Prague.

The train lines connect to the mentioned bus lines, taking you to all the destinations. This creates a wonderful network linking the most beautiful places in the region without the need for a car. That way, you can relax and enjoy your trips without the stress of finding parking and round them off with a good meal and a cold draught beer.

## Hřensko-Schöna Ferry

The ferry takes you from Hřensko to the other bank to Schöna (and vice versa), there with an easy transfer to trains to Děčín, Bad Schandau, Rumburk, and Dresden. The ferry ride is included in the DÚK and Labe/Elbe ticket, no need to buy it separately.

## To Bohemian Switzerland by Boat

The popular T92 boat line departs from Ústí nad Labem on weekends and public holidays, continuing via Děčín and Dolní Žleb to Hřensko, with Saturday services extending all the way to Bad Schandau. The season runs from March 28, 2026, to June 7, 2026, and from September 19, 2026, to November 1, 2026.

## Ticket to Save You Money

Local tariffs might be a bit of a mystery, but if you know where you're heading, you save some money along the way:

The **DÚK day ticket** (200 CZK per person, 510 CZK per group of 5) Valid on all "green" services in the region (buses and trains of the Transport of the Ústí Region), including the Hřensko ferry. You can use it while you're staying here, but also to arrive in the region.

The **Labe-Elbe Network ticket** (420 CZK per person + max. 2 children under the age of 15, 590 CZK per 2 persons + 4 children under the age of 15, 880 CZK per 5 persons) It lets you travel to Germany as well—for example, head to Dresden, one of the most popular cities on the Saxon stream of the Elbe. In Mezní Louka, buy the Labe-Elbe ticket on board the "green" bus, head to Hřensko, take the ferry to Schöna, there transfer to a train and continue to Dresden. Reach the city center easily from the main train station by tram—all included in one ticket.

The **Euro Nisa Ticket** (380 CZK per person + max. 3 children under the age of 15, 540 CZK per 2 persons + max. 3 children under the age of 15, 790 CZK per 5 persons + max. 3 children under the age of 15) Ideal choice when travelling to Zittau and exploring the Zittau Mountains. Tip for a trip: Buy the ticket on board the bus in Rumburk, heading to Varnsdorf and its train station. Then continue by train directly to Zittau. You can purchase it also on board the train from the train conductor.

**U8** Rumburk - Krásná Lípa - Rybníště - Jedlová - Česká Kamenice - Benešov nad Ploučnicí - Děčín and back / year-round

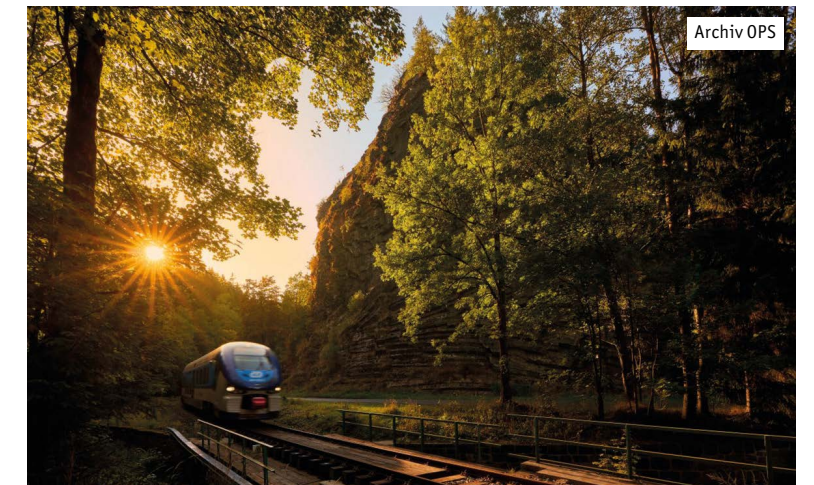
**U28** Rumburk - Šluknov - Mikulášovice - Dolní Poustevna - Sebnitz - Bad Schandau - Schöna - Děčín and back / year-round

**T2** Děčín - Benešov nad Ploučnicí - Česká Kamenice - Jedlová - Rybníště - Varnsdorf / Krásná Lípa - Rumburk - Brtníky - Mikulášovice dolní nádraží / during the season on weekends and public holidays

**T1** Kamenický Šenov - Česká Kamenice - Benešov nad Ploučnicí - (Děčín) and back / from March 28, 2026 to November 1, 2026 only on Sat, Sun and public holidays, on working days from June 1, 2026 to October 2, 2026

**T9** Liberec - Zittau - Varnsdorf - Krásná Lípa - Brtníky - Mikulášovice dolní nádraží / during the season on weekends and public holidays

**T10** Praha - Mladá Boleslav - Česká Lípa - Jedlová - Krásná Lípa - Mikulášovice dolní nádraží / during the season on weekends and public holidays



## If you decide to come by car, we'll advise you where to park.

### Hřensko, Mezní Louka

The Hřensko municipality manages and operates a total of four parking lots: Pod Skalou, U Vodopádu, by the Benzina gas station, and Mezní Louka. The parking tickets differ based on season, usually between 200 and 300 CZK per day. Pay in cash or by card.

### Jetřichovice, Vysoká Lípa

The Jetřichovice municipality manages a total of 10 parking lots, 8 of which are paid parking. They are located in the center of the village, below Mary's Rock; additional parking lots can be found near the Starý Mill (along the route to Dolský Mill) and in Vysoká Lípa. The parking ticket costs 200 CZK per day. Pay in cash or by card. After paying, you'll receive a parking ticket that allows you to move freely between the parking lots in Jetřichovice and Vysoká Lípa throughout the day. It also applies to private parking lots—if you park in a private lot and then move to a municipal lot, the parking ticket is valid there as well, and vice versa.

### Tisá, Ostrov, Rájec

There are parking places available in the center of Tisá near St. Anne's Church, then by the tourist cottage, and at official parking lots in Rájec and Ostrov, at the cost of 100 CZK per day. You can pay in cash or by card, or in the Parkum mobile app.

Other parking lots are privately owned and have their set prices and opening times.

# Uncover Secrets of the Forester Ferdinand Náhlík



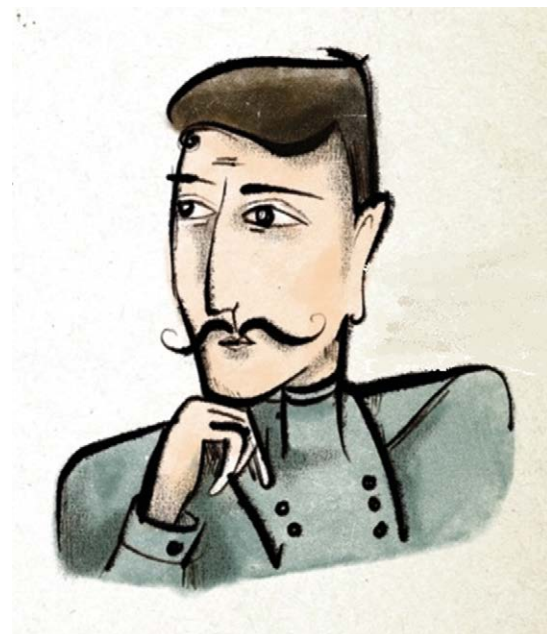
How did the forest of Bohemian Switzerland look a hundred years ago? And how do the decisions of the past influence what is happening in the national park today? You'll find the answers at the new exhibition at **Na Saule in Dolní Chřibská**, which invites visitors to time travel into the times when forester **Ferdinand Náhlík** was walking through Bohemian Switzerland.

Since June 2026, visit the former forester's lodge—now an information center—to see a **reconstruction of the assistant forester's office**, including the equipment he needed for his daily work for the Kinsky noble family. You won't only look at displays, but the new exhibition is interactive and playful, especially for **families with children**.

## When the Forests Talk

Ferdinand Náhlík has become the symbol of the entire exhibition. It was during his time, in the 19th century, that the local landscape underwent a fundamental transformation. At that time, forest management followed the principles of the so-called **Saxon School of Forestry**, which emphasized efficiency and yield. This led to the large-scale planting of **spruce trees**, often in places where they did not naturally belong, and the original diverse forests gradually gave way to vast spruce mono-cultures.

The decisions made at the time were well-intentioned, but we are **still feeling their impacts today**. Neither the bark beetle nor the nun moth calamities are random—they are the result of a long-term process that you can observe literally at every turn in the national park.



## From Commercial Forests to National Park

While in the past the landscape was adapted to human needs—whether for logging, the development of tourism, or the entertainment of the nobility—today's approach differs vastly.

**Bohemian Switzerland National Park** gives space to natural processes and limits interventions that could make nature vulnerable. The forest learns to be a forest, to be diverse, resistant, and lively.

## A Game That Entertains and Teaches

An essential part of the exhibition is an **interactive scavenger hunt** that transforms what might seem like an ordinary visit to a forester's office into an adventure. Ferdinand Náhlík himself will be your guide, leading you through the various stages of the local landscape's transformation.

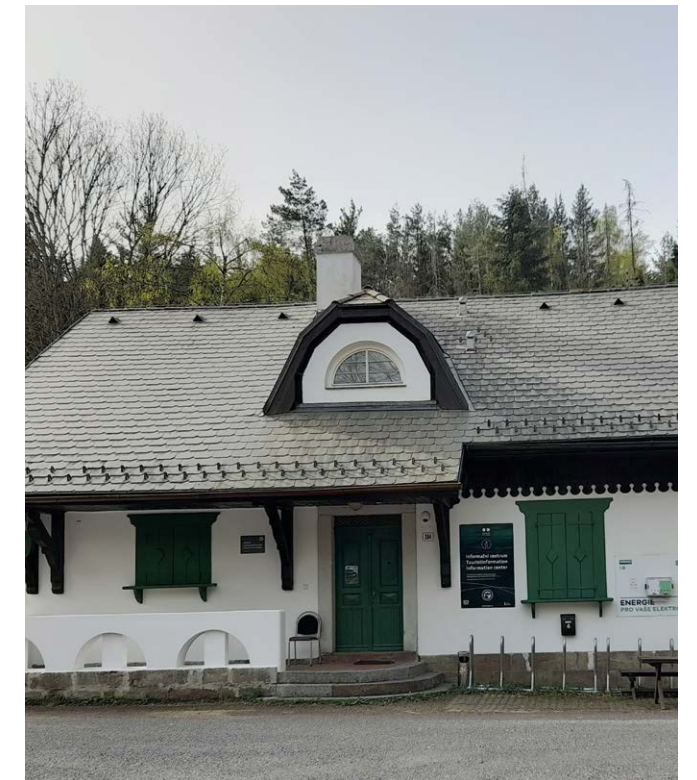
At the end of your quest, a **small reward** awaits you, which you can claim using the numerical code you've discovered. But more important than the reward itself is the experience—the time spent together, the joy of discovery, and a new understanding of **how the forest has evolved and why it looks the way it does today**.

We look forward to your visit.  
Administration of the Bohemian Switzerland National Park  
Photo: Archiv National Park Bohemian Switzerland



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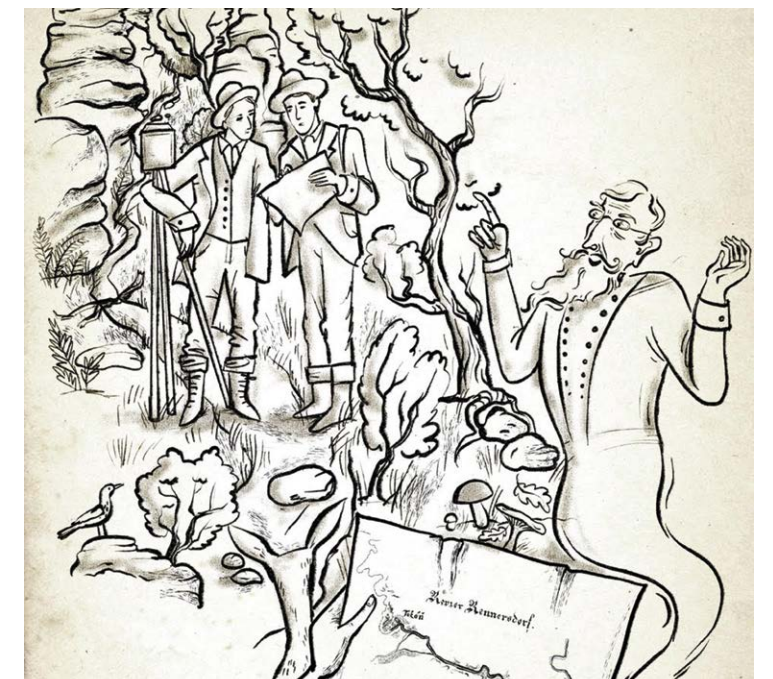
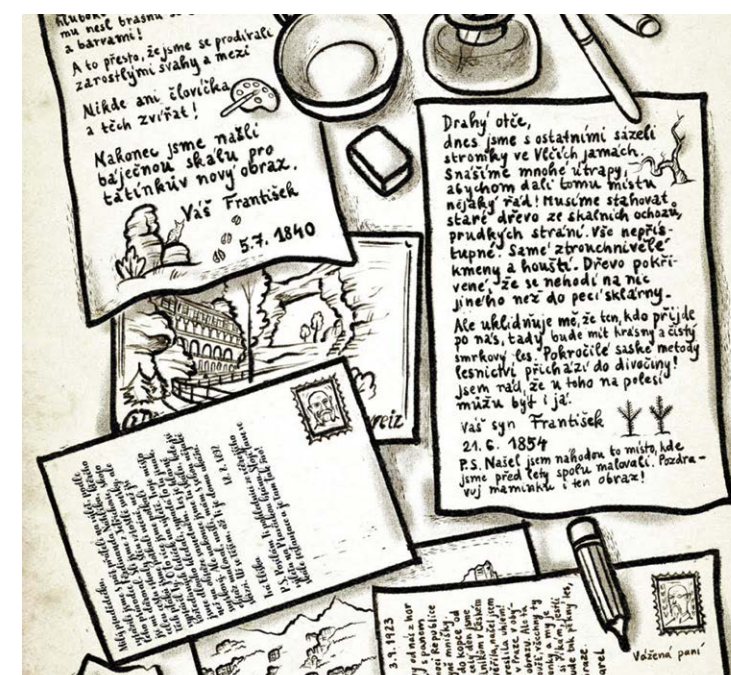
- Address: Exhibition Na Saule, Dolní Chřibská 284
- Game and exposition are open during the information center's opening times
- Free entry
- Number of players: 2-5
- Duration: 20-30 minutes
- Recommended age ages 6-13
- Available in czech and german



Exhibition's subject: **Jakub Juda**  
Authors of the exhibition script: **Lucie Budířská, Vojtěch Brož**  
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The Na Saule exhibition is part of a project co-financed by the State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic upon the decision of the Minister of the Environment.



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# Bohemian-Saxon Switzerland



Philipp Zieger - Weifberg lookout tower

## Cross-Border Hiking

Two new cross-border trails connect Bohemian and Saxon Switzerland and invite visitors to explore lesser-known corners of both national parks.

The roughly 40-km-long trail is shaped like the number 8—one loop on the Czech side, the other on the German one. Each loop, including the detours to accommodations, is approximately 20 km long. The routes intersect at the Zadní Jetřichovice border crossing.

The Friendship Trail, or Freundschaftsweg, avoids the usual tourist routes and winds through the quietest stretches of the Elbe Sandstone Mountains and, for the most part, both national parks. On your way, you can catch glimpses of diverse landscapes. From Weifberg, the view stretches across the forests of Saxon Switzerland all the way to the Lusatian Mountains. The Křinice Valley entices visitors with its wild and romantic gorge, perfect for a boat ride. You'll also come across Hinterhermsdorf, home to the Waldhusche nature adventure park and the Beizehaus National Park Information Center.

Behind the border, the route leads through the quaint village of Jetřichovice with a stunning Baroque church in its center. The village of Rynartice also charms visitors with its historic character and carefully restored half-timbered houses. You'll surely delight in the idyllic Na Tokáni cottage, which serves classic Czech dishes, like dumplings, goulash, and apple strudel.

In the spring of 2026, a cross-border trail opened between Schmilka and Hřensko, which on the Saxon side runs along the Großer Winterberg, the highest peak of Saxon Switzerland on the right bank of the Elbe, and continues toward the Pravčická Gate. It connects to the "Weg zur Wildnis" nature trail and the "Phoenix" observation deck near Mezná. It's planned to move the route above the valleys of the Elbe and Kamenice rivers in the future.



Philipp Zieger - Obere Schleuse

Friendship Trail Bohemian-Saxon Switzerland  
Start/End: Zadní Jetřichovice  
(Hinterdittersbach) border crossing  
Route length: 42 km including turns  
to accommodation  
Duration: around 6.5 hours per loop  
More information at: [➔](#)

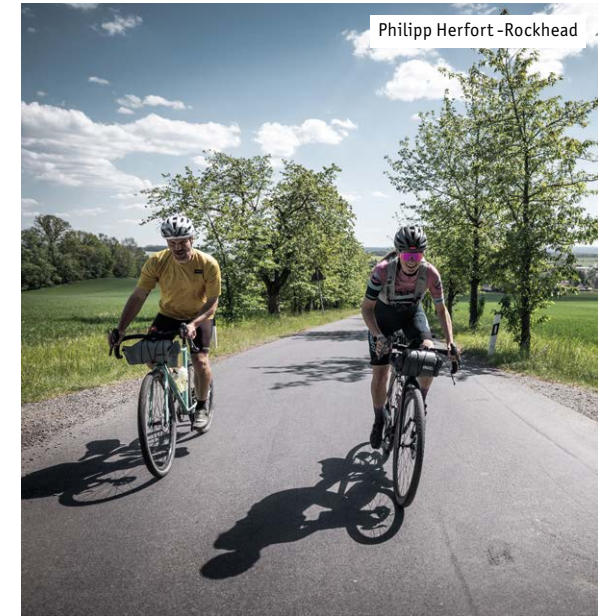


## Cycling trip From Königstein to the Fortress

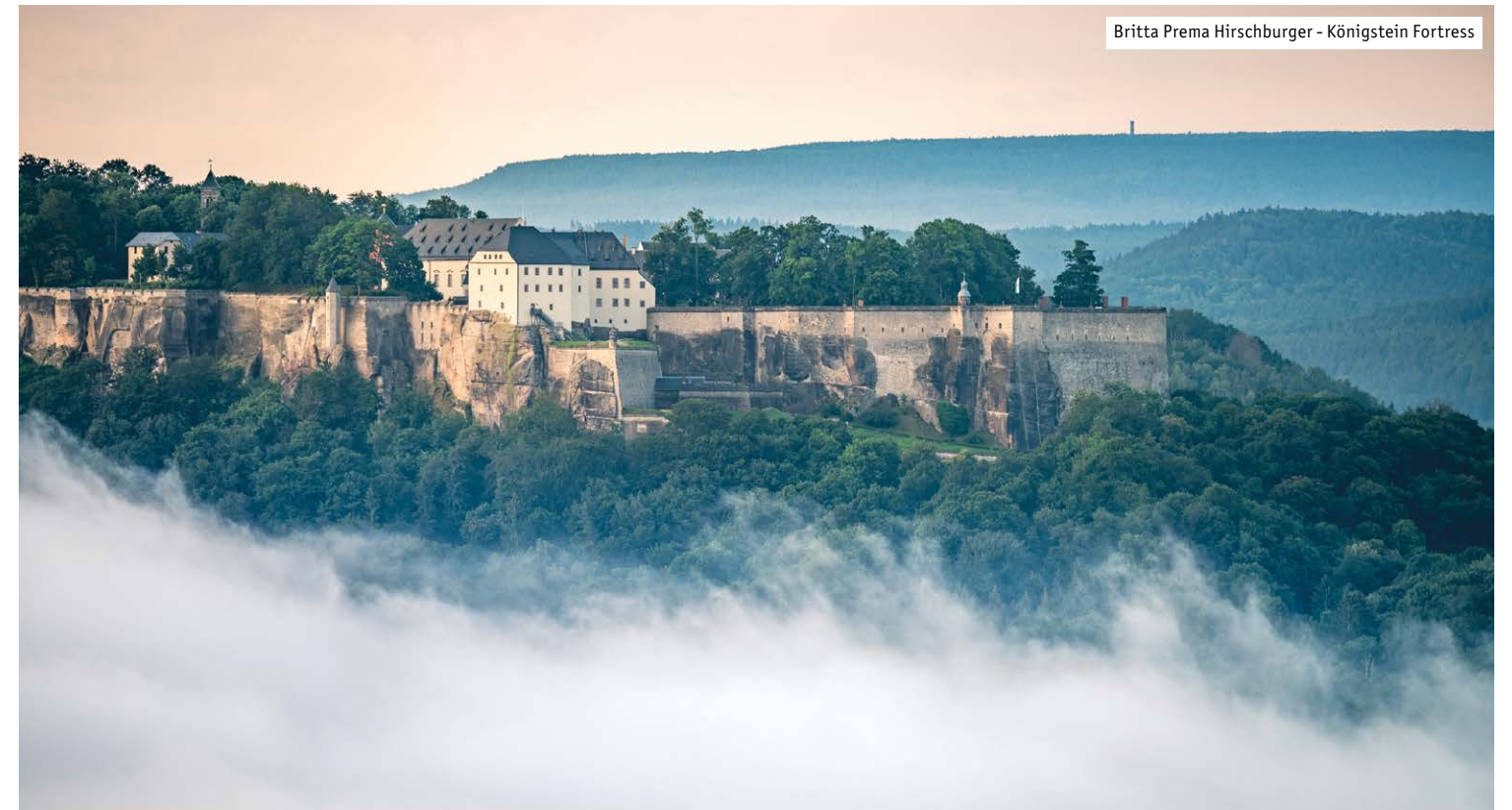
The Königstein ranks among the most popular destinations in Saxon Switzerland. Since spring 2026, you can bike to it.

Tackle the impregnable Königstein fortress by bike: Since spring, ambitious cyclists can try their best at conquering it. From the town of Königstein, a special marked trail suited for cyclists leads to the fortress. It begins at the roundabout in the town center. First, follow the leisurely road Bieletalstraße along the river, then the trail points you towards the steep Eselsweg trail. This challenging route requires good physical fitness, some agility, and a bike that's well-equipped for off-road riding, but the trail isn't necessarily intended only for gravel and mountain bikers. You'll be motivated by glimpses of the fortress. You can leave your bike at the large parking house and change to Festungsexpress. The determined ones can conquer the final meters of elevation on their own—and after visiting the fortress, they can look forward to the descent back into the valley. It isn't possible to visit the fortress with your bike, but it's available to store it at the entrance.

Set aside at least two hours for your visit!



Philipp Herfort - Rockhead



Britta Prema Hirschburger - Königstein Fortress



Philipp Herfort - Rockhead Malerweg

Route length: 4.5 km  
Duration: around 30 minutes  
Elevation gain: 200 m

More information at: [➔](#)



# House of Bohemian Switzerland

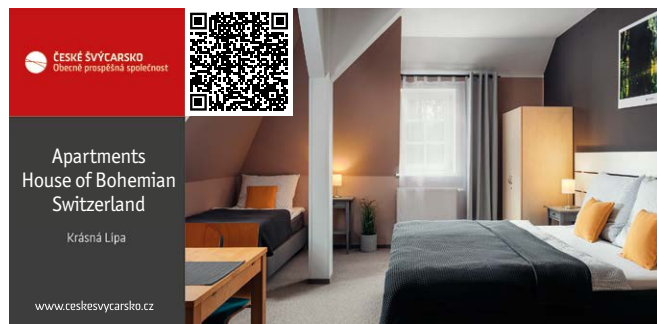
The House of Bohemian Switzerland at Křinice Square in Krásná Lípa is not a traditional tourist information center.

It includes an interactive exhibition worth a visit—perfect for days when the weather isn't ideal for trips to nature. Its loft hides four stylish apartments.

Guests even from far away regularly come to lectures and conferences hosted at the hall, which primarily focus on sustainable tourism, but also for travel festivals.

At the information center, you'll not only receive valuable tips for trips, but you can also purchase some original gifts and souvenirs certified as regional products of Bohemian-Saxon Switzerland.

We kindly invite you to visit!



## Together for the next 25 years

House of Bohemian Switzerland, tourist buses and trains taking you to popular trails, quality information service, and several printed regional guides. All of these are puzzle pieces that we've been putting together for 25 years. Bohemian Switzerland has weathered fires and other difficult trials that have taught us humility and given us new strength.

Thank you for joining us on our journey!

The next 25 years are just beginning.



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