

Inspirational Czech Convention Bureau monthly

Christmas activities

Decorating gingerbread, Christmas markets, making a nativity scene, winter tours of the chateau and other Christmas activities





Christmas activities

Vysočina Region

Třešt' - the town of nativity scenes

The tradition of making nativity scenes is one of the ancestral legacies that has been passed down from generation to generation in Třešt'. This more than 200-year-old craft skill is still alive and wonderfully varied and colourful. Come and see for yourselves!

If you're looking for an authentic Christmas atmosphere, plan your visit to Třešť between 26 December and 2 February, when you can take a look inside nearly two dozen households that open up their nativity scenes to the public as part of the Nativity Scenes Journey.

No time at Christmas? Never mind! You can admire nativity scenes in Třešť all year round. And as an ideal place for your business event, we recommend the renovated Třešť Chateau, which offers excellent facilities and services for corporate clients.



all year round; Nativity Scenes Journey - December, January



Třešť

60 minutes (exhibition of nativity scenes with a guide)



20-30 people



Czech, English



www.trestskebetlemy.cz







Magical Christmas at Žďár nad Sázavou Chateau

Come to Žďár nad Sázavou and enjoy everything that makes the Christmas holidays so magical.

The smell of punch and Christmas delicacies, creative workshops for children and adults, talks with artists, markets full of unique gifts from Czech artists and some surprisingly beautiful light installations - an Advent calendar and a nativity scene. You can enjoy all of this at the chateau, which will shine with the Christmas atmosphere throughout December.

Don't miss the unforgettable concerts that are the highlight of Advent every year. And if you're planning a business meeting, the chateau offers excellent conference facilities, including stylish accommodation for corporate clients.





21 November - 31 December 2024



Žďár nad Sázavou Château



depending on the chosen activity; individual



100 (capacity of concert halls)



Czech, English



www.zamekzdar.cz





A colourful Christmas in Třebíč

Třebíč offers a variety of Christmas experiences that you won't find anywhere else. UNESCO sites are attractive all year round but are so much more magical at Christmas.

You can enjoy the right traditional atmosphere at the lavish fair on the square. And there's plenty of great things to do elsewhere as well. Wander the old streets of the Jewish Quarter and don't miss a visit to the synagogue, where the Hanukkah Festival of Lights will be celebrated in December. And let's not forget the second UNESCO monument - St. Procopius Basilica, which will be offering stylish Advent tours.

The Vysočina Museum at Třebíč Chateau is also preparing a lavish programme; you can visit the Christmas exhibition of nativity scenes or some themed talks.







December 2024



Třebíč



1.5 hours (guided tours)



30 people (synagogue), 50 people (basilica)



Czech, English



www.trebic.cz



Old Bohemian Christmas at the Michal **Farmstead**

A return to the life of the peasantry in what is now the Vysočina region in the 18th and 19th centuries is brought to you by the Peasant Museum in Pohled - the Michal Farmstead openair museum. Come and see what life was like back in the days of our ancestors, perhaps just in time for the Christmas holidays.

In a stylish setting, you can enjoy demonstrations of decorations, crafts, selected winter work tasks and the chance to taste traditional Lenten and other Christmas dishes. There will also be a folk performance in the heated room, as well as gifts on sale.

Spend an Old Bohemian Christmas in Vysočina!





21 -22 December 2024



Pohled



individual



50 people



Czech



www.michaluvstatek.cz





Chateau Christmas in Světlá nad Sázavou

This year's exhibition at the chateau in Světlá nad Sázavou will also offer some new, unusual and interesting exhibits that will immerse you in the Christmas atmosphere.

Come discover the rich history and customs that accompany this beautiful winter holiday. The exhibition continues the tradition of past years, yet offers a great new concept. You can look forward to thematically decorated Christmas trees that give you an insight into various traditions and symbols.

And if you want a more "worldly" experience, the chateau is happy to arrange a visit to the Bomma or Crystal Bohemia glassworks. There are also historical rooms for rent, stylish accommodation and a restaurant with a café.





1 November 5 January 2024



Žďár nad Sázavou



individual



50 people



Czech, English



www.zameksvetla.cz







Christmas activities

Ústí nad Labem Region



"The Magic of Clay" - ceramic workshop

Get creative with colleagues! The Magic of Clay is a creative afternoon for groups of up to 10 people, ideal for teambuilding or groups of friends. All set in the beautiful Elbe Sandstone Mountains - in Tisá.

Book the entire ceramics workshop and make whatever you want. Throughout the workshop, a personal assistant will be on hand to help you shape the natural clay and answer any questions you might have.

You can delight your loved ones with the result as a Christmas present.

The workshop also offers individual coaching sessions for your personal growth. Take a look inside yourself through an ancient craft, discover a creative side you never knew you had, and find inner peace in a hectic world.



all year



Tisá u Ústí nad Labem/ Elbe Sandstone Mountains



2-3 hours



10 people/course



Czech, German



www.keramikstudio.eu







Making a nativity scene from corn husks

The natural materials are beautiful and the delicate corn leaves can be shaped in a variety of ways. In Bechlín you can see something totally - a whole moving Podřipské nativity scene made of corn husks.

You can use dry corn husks to make a doll or an angel to decorate your table, Christmas tree, door, or as a nice handmade Christmas gift.

In her workshop at the Gallery of the Podřipské Nativity Scenes in Bechlín, Jarmila Šustrová also bakes Old Bohemian Christmas gingerbread the traditional way in moulds and makes blueprints.





podzim



Bechlin - Podřipsko



3 hours



10-15 people or by appointment



Czech



www.podripskybetlem.cz





To historical Úštěk to see the Angels

The angels flying down from the tower of the Church of St. Peter and Paul and the Old Bohemian Fair in Úštěk is one of the biggest and most beautiful Christmas events in the whole Ústí nad Labem region. You have to experience this atmosphere at least once a year!

A mass flight of angels from the church tower is staged 3 times a day. The whole square will be transformed into one big period marketplace. There will be a full-day programme including a puppet theatre, angels on stilts walking through the town, and choirs singing carols.

The Úštěk Advent, aka the "Josef Lada Christmas", will put you in the true Christmas mood, all set against the picturesque historical backdrop of the town of Úštěk.





weekend

czech + as required



Creative workshop - not only "Christmas" soap

At the Chateau Soap Factory in Teplice you can make gifts for your friends, treat yourself, switch off and spend a few hours enjoying the wonderful fragrance.

Special soapmaking workshops for adults, groups of friends or corporate teams are among the most enjoyable Christmas teambuilding activities. In the warmth of the workshop, you can let your creativity run wild, relax and soothe your soul.

The workshop also gives you some interesting information about how soap is made, its history, individual ingredients and fragrances. You can find the workshop in the spa town of Teplice, which offers much more and is definitely worth an overnight stay.







all year round

10-20 people



Teplice



3 hours



Czech, other by agreement (English)



www.mydlarnauzamku.cz



Candles from the Bee Kingdom

Making your own candle from real beeswax on a bee farm is an experience and fun all in one! The Bee Kingdom in the Bohemian Central Highlands lets you make a candle like this with your colleagues.

On the family bee farm in Dubičná, everything is done with love and the bees are known as "our girls". Making candles and beeswax ornaments is a creative activity that's sure to put you in the right Christmas mood. However, you can also enjoy this workshop at any time of the year.

The tailor-made workshop is designed for everyone - beginners and experienced candle-makers. You'll take away a finished product and have lots of fun while you're at it. new experiences. Visit the Bee Kingdom for an individual approach and an inspiring setting!





all year



AnnKas Farm - Dubičná near Úštěk



2 to 6 hours



5-12 people



Czech



www.annkas.eu







Christmas activities

Hradec Králové Region

Christmas at Hrádek

Soak up the Christmas atmosphere in a neo-Gothic chateau.

Visit Hrádek u Nechanic and experience the magical atmosphere of Christmas during the December tours. In the beautifully decorated chateau interiors, immerse yourself in the history of Christmas, discover traditional customs and taste the unique atmosphere of this holiday.

At Hrádek, they'll let you in on the secrets of the first Christmas decorations, share with you traditional recipes for Christmas dinner and much more. At weekends you'll also have the opportunity to visit the chateau kitchen, where you can enjoy some real English punch.





45 min.

max. 25 people per group

Christmas tours in Czech only

www.zamek-hradekunechanic.cz





Christmas markets

The Hradec Králové Region invites you to a magical Christmas market.

One of the largest Christmas markets in the region is held right in the historical centre of Hradec Králové. The large square will be packed with stalls, attractions and a varied cultural programme to delight young and old alike. You can also visit the renowned Christmas market in Kuks, where you'll find a variety of culinary specialties, traditional handicrafts and folk craft demonstrations evoking a world of ancient traditions.

Come and soak up the magical holiday atmosphere and discover the true magic of Christmas in the Hradec Králové Region!





November/December



Hradec Králové Region



1-3 hours (individually)



unlimited



Czech, English



www.trhyhk.cz





Advent concert in the Church of St. Peter and Paul in Chotěvice

Discover a place where tradition and modernity combine to create an unforgettable Christmas experience.

We invite you to visit this unique church where modern art and church history come together. Admire some original and restored art, including the work of Josef Rataj, and experience an atmosphere that invites you to contemplate and relax. The church is also a venue for Advent concerts and cultural events with celebrities around Richard Krajčo and Karin Krajčo Babinská.





November/December



Chotěvice



depending on the chosen concert



unlimited



Czech



www.kostelchotevice.cz





A princely Christmas at the château

Visit Ratibořice Chateau in all its Christmas finery and discover how the nobility celebrated these festivities in the late 19th century.

Experience the magic of Christmas at the chateau in Babiččino údolí, where the Princess and her servants will guide you through the beautifully decorated chateau interiors. During the Christmas tours, learn how the holidays were celebrated in 19th-century noble circles and admire Christmas decorations inspired by historical traditions. The tour will take you through salons and chambers that come alive with the atmosphere of Christmas and leave you with an unforgettable holiday experience.





27-31 December



Ratibořice



depending on tour circuit





Czech



www.zamek-ratiborice.cz





Skating for all

Enjoy some time out on the ice.

There are plenty of public skating rinks in the Hradec Králové Region, as a great addition way congress tourists to relax and have fun after a day at work. There are modern ice rinks available in several places, including Hradec Králové, Trutnov and Špindlerův Mlýn. They all offer a pleasant atmosphere for fun with colleagues or family. Get out on the ice and enjoy some skating to brighten up your stay in our region.





winter season



Hradec Králové Region



1-3 hours (individually)



unlimited



Czech, English



www.mestospindleruvmlyn.cz







Christmas activities

Moravian Silesian Region

Sightseeing in the centre of Ostrava with a tumbler of punch

As every year, there will be Christmas markets on Masarykovo náměstí, Jiráskovo náměstí and Zámecká ulice from 23 November 2024 until 1 January 2025.

Soak up the Christmas spirit in the company of colleagues and friends, and take a stroll through the city centre enjoying a warming drink of punch...

Plenty of stalls with gifts and refreshments await. The markets will be accompanied by an interesting programme of activities. There will be performances by famous personalities, popular Christmas activities, a carousel, an ice tree, animals and a wooden nativity scene.

And, above all, the magical atmosphere of Christmas...



23 November - 1 January 2025



Masarykovo náměstí, Jiráskovo náměstí, Zámecká ulice



ad hoc



unlimited



depending on stallholder (mostly Czech)



www.ostravskevanoce.cz







Christmas at the castle

You can spend the run-up to Christmas and Advent to the fullest at Silesian Ostrava Castle.

The magic of Christmas will be enhanced by the historical castle setting, which, as every year, will host a fascinating programme of events.

Take a tour of the castle or visit the nativity scene exhibition, soak up the energy of history and warm up with a mug of punch or tea in the courtyard.

And if you add snow to the mix, you're in for a fabulous run-up to Christmas.





December 2024



Silesian Ostrava Castle



ad hoc



depending on the programme



Czech, English, Polish



www.slezskoostravskyhrad.cz





A speedy Christmas party

Invite your colleagues to a Christmas party, which, for a change, won't smell of sweets, but of speed. We invite you to E-MOTION PARK Ostrava.

It's not always possible to hold a Christmas party outside in nice weather. The safe bet is to hold it inside, with an entertaining programme that offers something new to try and perhaps a DJ.

You can enjoy all this and more at E-MOTION PARK OSTRAVA, the largest e-go-kart hall in the Czech Republic. They can prepare a tailor-made programme for corporate events, including Christmas catering. So play it safe and hold your Christmas corporate event inside.



all year round



AVION SHOPPING PARK, Rudná 3120, 700 30 Ostrava-Zábřeh



depending on programme



9-150 people, divided into groups by programme



Czech, English, Polish



www.e-kary.cz







"Cook" yourself Christmas to order

Hold an unconventional Christmas party and come to do some cooking at David Valíček's Food Studio. Arrange to have some decorations and Christmas packages made for your employees and partners.

Christmas can be enjoyed "through the stomach". Let yourself be carried away by the flavours of traditional Christmas, but you can also try some festive delicacies from other countries.

The David Valíček Studio will be happy to arrange catering for your event. They'll prepare you a suitable menu, serve it up and keep your guests entertained with live cooking or culinary classes.





by arrangement



Food Atelier Rezidence, Staříč 13, 739 43 Staříč



by arrangement



30-80 people



Czech, English



www.foodatelier.cz





Night-time Christmas wellness

Imagine falling snow, darkness and frost... looking out of the window, immersed in the pool, while candles flicker in the Olešná Indoor Aquapark.

Hire a pool just for your company (up to 200 people) and enjoy a Candlelit Night Swim, scented with bespoke Christmas catering.

You can also hold this night/evening event in the sauna and enjoy some ceremonies while you're at it. The recommended time is 3 hours pool hire, with groups of up to 16 people taking turns at the sauna ceremonies. You can also have a Christmas tree set up there and give presents under it...





by arrangement, Christmas time, evening after 7 p.m.



Olešná Indoor Aquapark, Nad přehradou 2447, 738 01 Frýdek-Místek



max. 3 hours



max. 200, sauna groups max. 16



Czech, English



www.aquapark-olesna.cz







Christmas activities

Pilsen Region

Magical Christmas at Zbiroh Chateau

Zbiroh Chateau will be transformed into a magical, festive place at Christmas time, offering an unforgettable experience for companies, individuals and families with children. It's the ideal place to hold an original Christmas party in a beautiful historical setting, while providing an unforgettable Christmas atmosphere and tranquillity in the romantic surroundings of the chateau hotel.

The highlight of the Advent season will be Christmas Day, celebrated in the festively decorated chateau courtyard as part of the Christmas fair. A visit to the chateau can be combined with a Christmas tour of the chateau exhibition, with lots of interesting information about Christmas customs and traditions, or lunch in the chateau restaurant, where a special Christmas offer will be served. This festive day will end with a wonderful concert in the monumental Mucha Hall from 5:00 p.m., with traditional Christmas songs and carols. You'll hear singing, piano and drums.

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The chateau hotel offers a special Christmas package that includes a stay in a chateau room, decorating gingerbread, a Christmas punch and candy tasting session, a festive three-course dinner, a tour of the chateau and the chance to visit the wellness centre.

Corporate events at the chateau can be held in the beautiful Mucha Hall with its glass roof, the Heraldic Hall, or in several smaller themed lounges. Guests can enjoy an unforgettable programme, including an interactive tour of the chateau, relaxation and massages in the chateau wellness centre, wine or rum tasting and a mediaeval theme. Alternatively, there's a games centre with bowling or billiards available.



Christmas Day 7 December 2024; others possible during the whole of December



Christmas Day 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.; other individually 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

by arrangement, individually

Czech

www.zbiroh.com







Unique nativity scenes in Kašperské Hory

The ancient tradition of nativity scene-making and the largest mechanical box nativity scene in the Czech Republic.

The town of Kašperské Hory in Šumava boasts a very old tradition of nativity scene-making. The activities of the nativity scene makers can be traced back at least to the Baroque period. One quite extraordinary legacy of the Šumava nativity scene tradition in Kašperské Hory is the old church nativity scene - a folk work dating from 1859, attributed to local carpenter, carver and musician Prokop Macek. Since Advent last year, this newly restored nativity scene has been on display all year round in the Church of St. Margaret in Kašperské Hory. The distinctive and rustic polychrome figures, 60-70 cm high, are carved in relief from lime planks.

You can find another large Kasperské Hory nativity scene just a few steps away in the exhibition on the ground floor of local town hall. This work is an eloquent proof that the nativity scene tradition in Kašperské Hory is still alive and well. In 2006, two local citizens joined together to create this nativity scene - carver and painter Vladivoj Hrach and carpenter Jiří Brož, who are still working on and adding to the nativity scene to this day.



all year round



Kašperské Hory - town hall, church



individually



individually

Czech





www.kasperské-hory







The secret of gingerbread from Chodsko

Proven tips for preparing and baking gingerbread from an experienced gingerbread maker. Creative designs, modern and traditional ways of decorating gingerbread. Packed with family tips and tricks passed down from generation to generation.

An unconventional hour (or two) of a weekday or holiday afternoon spent decorating Chodské gingerbread with Ludmila Fliegelová, a gingerbread maker and lover of Chodsko - author of the book The Secret of Gingerbread. During the workshop everyone can learn a great deal about the ingredients, and making, baking and decorating gingerbread.

Of course, you'll also get to try it yourself and make your own gingerbread Christmas decoration. It doesn't matter at all whether you're a beginner or an avid pastry chef who has fallen so much in love with this fragrant craft that you can't do without it.



November, December



Chodsko



by arrangement



by arrangement



Czech







Advent and Christmas at the U Matoušů farmstead

The U Matoušů farmstead in Plzeň-Bolevec offers a wide range of opportunities to soak up the unique atmosphere of an old Bohemian Christmas and all its customs and traditions.

How people prepared for Christmas and Advent, what Christmas decorations were like in the old days, this and much more can be admired in the Christmas exhibition in the residential part of the U Matoušů farmstead in Plzeň-Bolevec. The guided tours will reveal, among other things, who walked around the village during Advent besides St. Nicholas, how people predicted the future and what inquisitive girls used to do on St. Andrew's Day. A traditional Christmas Eve table will be on display.

In addition, during the workshops you can try tying some stylish purely natural Advent wreaths from various types of decorative conifers, adding fruit to decorate the wreaths. A cup of unadulterated Christmas brew is sure to make the work more enjoyable.



from 30 November to 20 December



U Matoušů Farmstead, Bolevec Náves



individually; approx. 2.5 hours



individually, max. 20-30 people



Czech



www.usedlost-bolevec.cz







An idyllic Christmas in Horšovský Týn

Horšovský Týn, a town conservation area, hosts a rich Advent and Christmas programme every year in the town itself and in the chateau grounds.

21 December sees Horšovský Týn square come alive with a Christmas fair. Stalls selling fish, Christmas trees, handicraft products, gifts. Lavish refreshments. Cultural programme on the upper part of the square. Living Nativity Scene from 5 p.m. in the chateau courtyard.

During the Christmas holidays, there will be Christmas tours of the chateau that look back at the history of Christmas trees, decorations and nativity scenes. The chambers and the fragrant kitchen, all decked out in period style, are definitely worth a visit. A rare wax nativity scene will also be on display again.





21-31 December 2024



Horšovský Týn town and chateau



individually



individually



Czech



www.horsovsky-tyn.cz







Christmas activities

Central Bohemian Region

Lavender Valley

December in the Lavender Valley will be filled with light, lanterns, candles and the fragrance of Christmas. The magical atmosphere of Christmas and great fun are guaranteed on the Advent Trail. Good food and drink hand in hand with magical Christmas music and bells.

What should every housewife do on Christmas Eve morning, noon or night? What did the Christmas gingerbread symbolise? Take a look back at Christmas traditions and enjoy creative Advent weekends. Enjoy Christmas workshops, making wreaths and decorations for your home. Music lovers can visit an Advent concert or bake cookies following M. D. Rettigová's recipes. A different programme is prepared for visitors every Advent weekend.

Plus, you can taste Christmas delicacies from all over the world. There will be not only Czech traditional Christmas dishes to choose from, but also international ones - French Christmas poleno, Spanish Christmas tapas, Portuguese Bolo Rei - the cake of kings, Christmas ham from America or Swedish-style, German sausages with cabbage, Lithuanian Kūčios, and lots more.



every Advent weekend from 30 November to 15 December



Levandulové údolí, Chodouň 276, 267 51 Chodouň



every Advent weekend from 30 November to 15 December - depending on the type of activity



number of people is not limited



Czech, English



www.levanduloveudoli.cz







The story of the Christmas tree at Loučeň Cheateau

During Advent, you can combine your party at Loučeň Chateau with a special tour "The Story of the Christmas Tree", this year on the theme Journey Around the World. You can admire more than 20 Christmas trees in the festively decked-out rooms, each with its own story.

Wondering where the Christmas tree tradition originated? What the trees looked like a hundred years ago, and how they look today? How Christmas is celebrated in other countries around the world and who brings the presents? You can find out all this and more during a tour of the chateau.

You can also combine your party with a workshop led by experts from the Koulier glassworks, with an instructor showing you how to make and put the finishing touches to your own decoration, so you can take home a beautiful gift for your loved ones.



23 November to 23 January 2025



Zámek Loučeň, Loučeň č. p. 1, 289 37



weekdays 12:00, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; weekends 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Saturday evening tours from 7 p.m.



25 people



Czech, English (by arrangement)



www.zamekloucen.cz





"Lights tell a story" at Ratměřice Chateau

The vast chateau park in Ratměřice offers a unique light exhibition - this year, Lights Tell the Story of the Garden of Eden. You'll see hundreds of thousands of LED lights, large light sculptures, miles of light chains and decorations. A unique exhibition from the workshop of designers and craftsmen under the head of the family company DECOLED will draw you into a fairy-tale world of hundreds of thousands of lights.

You can stay over at the four-star Hotel Zámek Ratměřice, which provides luxurious accommodation and highly professional services. It offers luxurious accommodation in rooms equipped to standard, focusing on relaxation in the stylish surroundings of the renovated château. You can relax in the wellness centre with its sauna, the vertical solarium, or the tepidarium with its sea climate programme, as well as with a wide range of massages. The whole complex can be used for social and corporate events and congresses. The hotel also includes the Sequoia gourmet restaurant. A local speciality is the dessert in the shape of a redwood cone, the taste of which changes according to the season.



27 October 2024 - 12 January 2025



Ratměřice 1, 257 03



individual



not limited



Czech, English



www.zamek-ratmerice.cz







Christmas in a miner's house

Christmas atmosphere in a typical mining dwelling. The smell of baking, folk songs, traditional decorations and the art of folk craftsmen.

In this festively decorated miner's house, you'll get a glimpse at the work of skilled craftsmen and can also try out some original Christmas customs and other handicrafts. You can bake and decorate gingerbread houses, paint nativity figurines or make your own beaded ornaments.

You'll get into the mood of a century and more ago, when a mining family was preparing for the Christmas cheer.





9 December 2024 - 20 December 2024



Havířská 105, 261 01 Příbram - Březové Hory



9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



The house is small, and can take only a limited number of people; group reservations required



Czech



www.muzeum-pribram.cz





Christmas at the Vysoký Chlumec openair museum

The picturesque valley of the Libíňský brook in Vysoký Chlumec is home to the natural site of the open-air museum of the same name. It takes you into the rural life of our ancestors, presents the folk architecture of the Central Povltava region and gives an insight into the way of life and farming in the village.

The magical winter atmosphere of the open-air museum in the run-up to Christmas is traditionally accompanied by crafts. In the cosily heated and festively decorated cottages you can try out various crafts and skills, taste authentic pastries and learn about the origins of Christmas customs. You can look forward to decorating gingerbread houses, carving nativity figures and spinning on a spinning wheel.

This is a unique opportunity to visit an open-air museum during the winter season.



14. to 15 December 2024



individually

oc number of participants is not limited, larger groups by arrangement

Czech

www.muzeum-pribram.cz

More info: Central Bohemia Convention Bureau







Light Park - Luminous Water World

From 2 November, every day from 4 to 9 p.m., visitors to Nový rybník will be able to admire the Light Park. Hundreds of thousands of LED lights will light up dozens of handmade light sculptures, decorations and light installations.

The exhibition is part of the international series of light exhibitions, Lights Tell a Story, which takes place not only in the Czech Republic, but also in other European countries such as Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, France and Germany.

Visitors to the Luminous Water World can admire to dozens of sculptures and light decorations along the entire length of the pond. These will include life-size fireflies, frogs, fish and swans.







2 November 2024 - 12 January 2025



Nový rybník in Příbram



4 to 9 p.m.: Light exhibition



unlimited



Czech



www.szmpb.cz

More info: Central Bohemia Convention Bureau





Christmas activities

South Bohemia

Christmas party on the longest lake pier

For a totally unique Christmas party, hold it over the waters of Lipno Reservoir on the longest lake pier in Central Europe.

Sample luxury cuisine served up by chef David Šašek and have your drinks mixed by Czech Flair Bartending Champion David Neumann.

The programme can be extended to include:

- A steamboat cruise on the lake
- A trip to the Treetop Trail
- · A hardening course by the rescue service
- · Tasting of selected wines from the top wine cellar of the Molo restaurant
- Beer tasting from the Obora microbrewery



November/December



Lipno nad Vltavou



half day - day - evening only



60 places



Czech, English, German



www.mololipno.cz, www.sbcb.cz







Mediaeval-style Christmas party at Housův mlýn Mill

Want to experience a Mediaeval-style Christmas party with a period programme where you can become a Hussite? Everything is possible at the Housův mlýn Mill in South Bohemia.

Housův Mill is a historic building in the heart of the historic town of Tábor.

The basic range of company parties includes 8 different themes in a number of variants.

One traditional theme is "With the Hussites against all"; you can also hold a mediaeval feast, enact life at the South Bohemian mill, or other period themes. There are no limits to the imagination here - everything can be arranged to suit the client.

Weekend, one-day, half-day or just evening events are possible. You can use the interior, outdoor spaces or any combination of these. Guests can, but are not required to, actively participate in the arranged programme.





November/December



Housův mlýn - Tábor



half day - full day - evening only



up to 120 people



Czech, English, German



www.housuvmlyn.cz, www.sbcb.cz





An intimate Christmas at the oldest mill in the Czech Republic

Looking for a unique idea for just a select group of people for a Christmas party or afternoon? Hoslovice Mill is a unique place with a traditional room in the picturesque Šumava foothills.

There is no signal here and you can enjoy the peace and quiet of a traditional Christmas, classic customs, traditional food, the warmth of the oven and the intimacy of oil lanterns. It's not an idyll, but something you can really experience at the oldest water mill in the Czech Republic.

Available accompanying activities: winter work in the mill, cooking your own meals on the stove. An ethnographer will explain the origin of customs and dishes. Competitions for all.





November/December



Hoslovice Water Mill



full day - half day - evening only



max. 15 people



Czech, English



www.muzeum-st.cz, www.sbcb.cz





Unbeatable food in the Mediaeval Tavern in Písek

In the depths of this mediaeval tavern in Písek, you'll find a feast on the fire and you can be sure the food is unbeatable! You'll be taken care of by chefs who would be the envy of the court of the monarch himself.

The historical brewery cellars in the royal town of Písek, near the oldest stone bridge in the Czech Republic, is home to a truly magnificent treasure. They house a unique mediaeval tavern.

Experience the unique atmosphere of the Middle Ages. We prepare our meals on the fire in the local tavern and there is no doubt that there's plenty to quench the thirst of every tired traveller. Beer and wine are always flowing here!





all year



Písek Mediaeval Pub



social evening



suitable for groups of 100 people or more



Czech



www.krcmapisek.cz





A cruise on Lipno with Christmas traditions

In the run-up to Christmas, take a cruise on Lipno Reservoir and try some Christmas traditions with the local rescue service.

Know how to roast carp over the fire, pick mistletoe or cast lead? You'll be shown how to do all this by the rescue service, with activities tailored to suit you.

The party can start with a welcome drink and music and dinner on the steamer. You'll then continue to the hotel resort in Dolní Vltavice, where the lifeboat service will prepare a tailored programme of activities with Christmas traditions. The programme includes activities aimed at improving team bonding and communication.





all year round (Christmas theme in winter)



Lipno nad Vltavou, Dolní Vltavice



full day - half day - evening only



up to 150 people



Czech, English, German



www.lipno-line.com, www.sbcb.cz





Painting on ceramics in České Budejovice

Stuck for an idea for Christmas presents every year? Combine the pleasant with the useful and create Christmas gifts for your loved ones in the LaDílna ceramic workshop in České Budějovice.

What can you do at LaDílna?

- Make things from a wide selection of ceramic blanks in various shapes and sizes
- · Dozens of colourful glazes, brushes, scrapers, stamps and pads
- · Great coffee, a stylish setting and a unique atmosphere
- Finish in one of České Budějovice's many great restaurants and bars that we'll be happy to recommend (advance booking required)



all year round (Christmas theme in winter)



LaDílna České Budějovice



half-day



40-50 people



Czech, English



www.ladilna.eu







Drop anchor in the Port 1560 brewery in Krumlov

Why could the Krumlov Brewery be the ideal place for your Christmas party? Because the new brewery premises is home to the ultra-modern Port 1560 cultural and social centre.

Enjoy a demonstration of the historical and modern ways of brewing the golden nectar, a tasting of Krumlov beer and then a chill-out in the Brewery Restaurant, where you'll eat well and also taste other craft beers and specialties from the Krumlov Brewery.

This can be preceded by a guided walk through the historical town of Český Krumlov, before dropping anchor in the Port 1560 brewery.





all year



Port 1560 - Český Krumlov



half day - evening only



up to 50 visitors divided into 2 groups



Czech, English, German



www.port1560.cz





Christmas activities

Zlín Region

An excursion to Unipar

An excursion to the unique candle workshop in Rožnov pod Radhoštěm in Unipar is a unique opportunity to see where candles are made.

The excursion will introduce the production process, including an explanation, and will also present innovative technologies used nowhere else in the world. You can also try dyeing candles and see the candle-makers at work. You can also visit the Unipar gallery, where you can immerse yourself in the world of limited edition candles that we've made for world-famous customers. You'll see special editions that adorning luxury hotels and homes across Europe, America, the Arab world and beyond. Experience the inspiration that lights up "the whole world". And finally, you can find candles for every occasion in the shop. Unipar candles are also a great gift for your loved ones, either alone or in beautifully decorated packages.





all year round



Dolní Paseky 227, Rožnov pod Radhoštěm



90 minutes



over 15 people when booking in advance, otherwise depending on opening hours



Czech, English



www.unipar.cz



A Wallachian Christmas at the Valachy Resort

Make your run-up to Christmas or New Year more enjoyable by getting together with colleagues or friends. Forget your everyday worries and work for a moment and enjoy your time together with fine cuisine, relaxation or other activities at the Valachy Resort in Velké Karlovice. The turn of the year is the perfect opportunity to do so.

Experience the atmosphere of a traditional Wallachian Christmas. We'll show you how people prepare for Christmas Eve and the Advent season in the foothills of the Beskid Mountains, you'll make an original Christmas decoration, taste hot mead and a plum brandy cocktail, listen to Advent stories, and if you want, a dulcimer will also add to the mood.









() 2–3 days

20 15–80 people

Czech, English

www.valachy.cz



Advent in Kroměříž

Come and experience the unique Advent atmosphere at the Archbishop's Chateau in Kroměříž. This time the chateau will take you back to the time of Archbishop Theodor Kohn, i.e. to the turn of the 19th and 20th century.

Buglers will welcome you in the courtyard. Enjoy an exceptional tour of the representative halls, taking in the festively decorated archbishop's apartment with examples of beautiful porcelain sets from the end of the 19th century. The magical mood of the interiors, especially famous from the hit movie Amadeus, is naturally enhanced by live music. Just like Advent, the tour will symbolically end with a Christmas Eve dinner table, which will be on display in the small dining room. From 10 to 22 December Velké náměstí in Kroměříž comes alive with Christmas markets with a unique atmosphere.





45 min.

Czech, English, German

www.zamek-kromeriz.cz



Baking Christmas sweets

The cookery school in Bistrotéka Valachy organises a series of cooking courses. These courses are on various themes. In the run-up to Christmas, one of the courses is on baking Christmas sweets.

You'll learn how to bake traditional Christmas cookies while experimenting with new recipes and ideas to delight your family and friends. You'll be guided through the course by Pastry Chef Martina Kynstlerová from the famous culinary TV show The Whole Country Bakes. For companies, it's no problem to arrange an individual cooking course to suit your individual requirements.





24 November - 16 December (individual courses)



nám. Práce 2523, 760 01 Zlín



4 hours



depending on reservations



Czech



www.bistrovalachy.cz





Christmas Glass Magic - an excursion to Irisa

Welcome to the world of endless Christmas cheer! The "Christmas Glass Magic" excursion will open the door to the mysterious and enchanting world where Christmas decorations are made. Join us on this fascinating journey and discover the secrets behind these wonderful Christmas treasures.

The excursion begins with a fascinating look back into the history of Christmas decorations and how they became an essential part of the Christmas season. Featuring artists and craftsmen with years of experience in creating glass jewellery. You'll have a unique opportunity to chat with them and learn about their art. During a tour of the workshop, you'll learn how glass tubes are turned into beautiful Christmas decorations. You'll have the opportunity to see this fascinating process for yourself.



Jasenická 697 755 01 Vsetín

45 minutes

2 groups by arrangement

Czech

www.skleneneozdoby-irisa.cz







Christmas activities

Karlovy Vary Region

Santa Claus Christmas Post Office in Boží Dar

Boží Dar in the Ore Mountains is the highest town in Central Europe. It's famous for the Christmas Santa Claus Post Office and they have a Santa Claus Trail with two circuits. The popular nature trail at an altitude of 1,028 metres is designed especially for children. The whole circuit is 12.9 km long; the shorter one is 5.6 km.

On both trails there are small houses with attractions for children. The project is designed to attract tourists to the largest centre in the Ore Mountains.

The Santa Claus Trail has two circuits. The small one, designed for the youngest children, is 5,6 km long; the large circuit is 12.900 km and so is more for experienced hikers. Everyone starts their journey from the Information Centre in the town of Boží Dar.

There are also 15 signposts showing the way. A total of 16 attractions can be enjoyed at 13 shelters. The Santa Claus Trail runs along the existing hiking trails and partly along restored forest paths.



all year round - Santa Claus Trail, Post Office - December to Christmas



Boží Dar - Ore Mountains



1-23 December



unlimited



English, German



www.bozidar.cz





Cheb Christmas markets

Experience the magic of a Czech Christmas in Cheb, as hosted every year on Náměstí Krále Jiřího z Poděbrad, from 30 November to 26 December.

The Cheb Christmas market is the perfect place to soak up the Christmas atmosphere and maybe even buy some traditional gifts. Every year sees it set up on Náměstí Krále Jiřího z Poděbrad, right in the historical centre of the town.

The Cheb Christmas market naturally includes stalls selling a rich assortment of goods. Mulled wine, gingerbread, warm mead, cheese, sausages or ready-made delicacies such as gnocchi, potato pancakes, soups, stuffed baguettes and croissants, hot pretzels and waffles, sweet cream rolls and coconut, savoury pretzels and bars. At the markets you can buy yourself a Christmas tree, toys, candles, ornaments, hats or jewellery.



the weeks of Advent



Cheb

11 a.m. - 8 p.m., 30 November - 26 December



unlimited





www.chebskevanoce.cz







Christmas House

Breathtaking inspiration, the atmosphere of Christmas and the enchanting spaces of the chateau, as well as a unique opportunity to buy something beautiful to take home with you.

The only Christmas House in the Czech Republic open all year round. It is located in the spa town of Karlovy Vary, which boasts some beautiful architecture and breathtaking countryside.

The Christmas House consists of several parts. From the extensive sales exhibition, where you can get plenty of inspiration, enjoy the Christmas atmosphere, and also do some shopping. The Teddy Bear Museum with the largest collection of teddy bears in the Czech Republic, a charming little town, a beautiful café and the Christmas Museum are all well worth seeing. Whether for the memories of old times or for visitors to see for themselves how Christmas used to be.



all year round, FEBRUARY - CLOSED



Karlovy Vary - Doubí



10:00 A.M. - 7 P.M., MONDAY - CLOSED



max. 30 people



Czech, English, German, Russian



www.vanocnidum.cz







Christmas train at the spa

The world-famous spa town of Karlovy Vary is an ideal place to come and relax whatever the season. The magical Christmas colonnades and the whole town will be lit up with thousands of colourful lights, all in a peaceful and cosy atmosphere.

The Karlovy Vary Transport Company is running several Christmas specials. A Christmas car train will be running on its usual route through the town centre. It runs until 23 December from Friday to Sunday every week. Adults can get a ride for 50 crowns, children up to 15 years of age ride free of charge. On the first Advent Sunday, a Christmas bus will also take to the streets. The transport company will gradually deploy it on all district routes. It will be roaming the streets of Karlovy Vary until Epiphany.





December



Karlovy Vary



one ride lasts 20 minutes



for smaller groups of up to 20 people



Czech, English, German



www.dpkv.cz





Christmas creative workshops in the Chateau Tower

Advent time in Karlovy Vary usually starts at the end of November in the spa town centre, which hosts traditional Christmas markets with Christmas goods and regional specialities including Christmas candy, mead, sausages and fish.

The market runs from 2 December to 23 December and also includes Advent concerts and folk craft demonstrations. The centre of the action is usually the Mill Colonnade, where the Christmas market will be situated. Visitors can find a Christmas tree and attractions for children at the Thermal Hotel.

Christmas activities have been extended to the Chateau Tower since last year. From its galleries above the Market Colonnade, visitors can enjoy a lovely view of the decorated city, and will find children's creative workshops inside. The lift up from the market shops also makes the Chateau Tower easily accessible for families with children.



Advent weekends



Karlovy Vary - Charles IV Tower



2:00 - 6:00 p.m.



for groups of up to 20 people



Czech, English, German, Russian



www.karlovyvary.cz









Christmas activities

South Moravia

Mikulov - winter walks with mulled wine

This town below Pálava is a lovely place for a winter stroll with a cup of mulled wine.

An hour's walk proves that Mikulov loses none of its appeal in the snow and freezing temperatures. Just the opposite, in fact. This unconventional winter activity is a great and original way to strengthen the team spirit. In the evening, you'll appreciate relaxing with some food and drink in one of Mikulov's quality restaurants and bistros. Stay the night at Zažij Pálava or Vinařství Šílová.





November-March



Mikulov



2 hours



Czech, English



www.mikulov.cz



Znojmo Advent

Fragrant markets, traditional concerts, a winter movie theatre, and the atmosphere of a festively decorated historical town.

Organise a company Christmas party in Znojmo or hold a themed workshop for your colleagues. Enjoy the festive mood and culinary delights that this magical royal city has to offer and start the New Year with a new sense of élan. One great place to stay is the Premium Hotel, where you'll appreciate the heated sauna world and wellness centre after a day out in the freezing air.





3-22 December 2024



Znojmo



all day



almost unlimited



Czech, German



www.znojemskabeseda.cz





Christmas in Brno

This year's Christmas will be spectacular.

Brno will want to live up to its title of the "Capital of Christmas", which it holds for 2024. The Brno Advent markets have a modern concept mixed with traditional values. Solidarity and charity projects play an important role. Through the involvement of local retailers, artists, musicians, designers, manufacturers, companies and institutions, Brno Christmas brings Brno together in the same way as Christmas brings families together. It is, in short, the second best Christmas in the world. Right after yours at home. Come and experience the festive atmosphere. Stay at the International or Continental Hotel and you're just a few reindeer jumps from the centre of the action.





17 November - 23 November



Brněnská náměstí



all day



almost unlimited



Czech, English



www.brnenskevanoce.cz





In Napoleon's footsteps

Take a winter trip to South Moravia in the footsteps of a great warlord.

Brno will be the first to return to the early 19th century. The <u>Napoleon in Brno</u> event on 23 November will commemorate the day when Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte and his soldiers arrived in the city and prepared for the Battle of Slavkov. The commemorative event to mark the 219th anniversary of the Battle of the Three Emperors under the name <u>Austerlitz 2024</u> will take place the very next week. The grand finale, a reconstruction of the battle, is scheduled for Saturday 30 November, on the battlefield near Tvarožná. Some 1,000 participants from 15 countries, 60 horses and 15 cannons are expected to attend. The town after which the famous battle is named will also return to the atmosphere of 1805. Come and see what it was like <u>in Slavkov back then</u> on Friday 29 and Saturday 30 November. The chateau courtyard, park and the town square will come alive with a rich programme and an Advent fair. Stay over in style at the Villa Austerlitz in Slavkov or the Modrá Hortenzie guesthouse in Archlebov, where you can enjoy the Spielberg Winery and its fine cuisine and wines.



23-30 November 2024



Brno and Slavkov u Brna



1 to 5 hours



groups of 20 to the chateau, almost unlimited for the battle



Czech, with a guide - English, German, French



www.jizni-morava.cz







Let's rejoice and be merry at the Strážnice Open-Air Museum

"From Advent to the Feast of the Three Kings".

A presentation of the usual work, customs, preparation of traditional meals and dining in a South Moravian village during the last century. Watch processions of the Archers, the Three Kings, the shepherds with the carol singers and St. Nicholas and his entourage. Add the programme offered by the Strážnice Open-Air Museum to your Christmas plans with your colleagues. You can stay in the beautiful Galerie Mlýn Žeraviny, where all your needs will be taken care of. Expect stylish accommodation and fantastic cuisine.





30 November -1 December 2024



Strážnice Open-Air Museum



all weekend



admission for large groups, activities for smaller groups of 10



Czech, English



www.skanzenstraznice.cz





Christmas activities

Olomouc Region

Christmas Olomouc

Olomouc Christmas Market, one of the highlights of the city's social and cultural season.

The organisers have prepared a number of novelties and a lavish cultural programme for visitors. Events in the city centre will now be accompanied by smaller markets on the Olomouc Embankment. The popular ice rink will be open again this year, right next to the Ferris wheel in the marketplace. The Punch Trail - a small guide to popular Christmas drinks on the two squares and in the marketplace. The punch comes in a tin mug with the market logo, which tourists can take home as a souvenir.

A lavish cultural programme will be provided by singers, musicians, theatre performances, a culinary show, St Nicholas' Gift, Santa's Post Office, a bell tower, a carousel, workshops for children and a sightseeing route that lets you enjoy the view of the magical historical centre from several vantage points.





22 November - 23 December 2024



Horní a Dolní náměstí, Christmas marketplace with ice rink, Christmas embankment



10 a.m. - 8 p.m. refreshments until 10 p.m.



unlimited



Czech



www.vanocnitrhy.eu





Dytrych Artistic Bell-makers

Advent at the bell-makers 7 - 8 December 2024 - Invite your children to the tree with the sound of a bell.

Dytrych Bell-makers is a family business with a long tradition of making bells following formulas and techniques that are still original, yet at the same time allow bells to be made with the shape and size, purity, strength and tonal accuracy to meet specific requirements. The bells made by the Dytrych bell-making workshop now ring out literally all over the world.

An excursion to the bell makers is a truly unique experience.



all year



Štefánikova 196,751 03, Brodek u Přerova



60 min.



max. 30 people in a group



Czech



www.zvony-tomaskova.cz







Advent tours at Bouzov

This romantic castle, founded at the turn of the 13th and 14th centuries, is located in the picturesque countryside around Litovel and Mohelnice. Until 1696 it changed hands between members of various Czech and Moravian families, after which the estate and the castle were bought by the Order of German Knights. It has been the property of the state since 1945. It was declared a national cultural monument in 1999.

The magical charm of the castle makes it a popular venue for social events, concerts, theatre performances, exhibitions and weddings. Bouzov offers a large and diverse range of interiors spaces for hire - rooms, halls and courtyards.

Bouzov Castle has also starred in many Christmas fairy tales and Christmas 2024 will be no exception, with The Three Princesses shown on Czech Television.

Bouzov Castle will be preparing Christmas-themed tours during Advent.



during Advent



Bouzov State Castle



according to the selected circuit and requirements



max. 30 people



Czech



www.hrad-bouzov.cz







A Haná Christmas

The Haná Open Air Museum is a unique example of rural earth architecture from the Haná region. The museum consists of three half-timbered barns from the early 19th century and one barn dating from 1987, by a garden with fruit trees and a complete Haná farmhouse with a residential and farm part from 1876. An early modern timbered barn from Skalička in Hranice was opened in 2022.

Advent, Christmas folk customs and traditions in the authentic setting of a Haná farmstead from the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries. This is exactly what the Haná Open Air Museum will offer on Saturday, 2 December - baking Christmas cookies, a Christmas Eve spread and a presentation of traditional Advent and Christmas customs, as well as a Christmas fair.

The programme will include guided tours, with visitors taken through the grounds by the former owner Josef Kameníček himself. The kitchen of the Haná Kameníček farmstead will be baking cookies, and visitors can decorate the freshly baked gingerbread themselves.



from 2 December 2024



Příkazy 54, 783 33 Příkazy



up to 6 hours



groups of 20 people



Hanáckê



www.nmvp.cz





Velké Losiny handmade paper mill – Christmas workshop

One important heritage site in Velké Losiny is the handmade paper mill, one of the oldest such mills in Europe that are still in operation. Handmade paper is one unique product that has always remained popular among fans of traditional Czech handicrafts. Exclusive products from this paper mill are very popular and are sold not only on the domestic market, but are also exported all over the world.

Making handmade paper with Christmas motifs

A half-day programme is available to companies - work with hand-made paper, including a conference hall for 40 people, with the option of catering at the Losín Restaurant and accommodation at the Žerotín Villa. A tailor-made programme and other activities can be prepared - receptions, evening tours, etc.

The workshop itself includes making paper by hand, envelope making, calligraphy, letterpress printing, embossing and making cards.



Advent season



Velké Losiny



2-4 hours



20 - 40 people in a group



Czech, English



www.rpvl.cz









Christmas activities

Prague

Christmas at the National Theatre: The Nutcracker

The classic ballet The Nutcracker, set on a magical Christmas night, is regularly included in the seasonal repertoire of theatres around the world, including in Prague. Every December, The Nutcracker returns to various renowned venues in Prague, but a guaranteed evergreen for many years is its performance at the iconic National Theatre.

Tchaikovsky's ballet based on the fairytale story of The Nutcracker, often subtitled "A Christmas Story", has become a tradition for many theatres around the world. It has enchanted children for over a century and a half, and for a while takes adults back to the bygone world of their own childhood Christmas dreams. For the same reasons, this performance has become a Christmas tradition at the National Theatre in Prague and regularly sells out from the beginning to the end of December, including during the main Christmas holidays.

If visitors can't make it to the popular performance on the nation's most famous stage, they needn't worry: during the last month of the year, although not with the same regularity as the National Theatre, several other renowned theatres in the heart of the capital also host performances of The Nutcracker. For example, throughout December 2024, audiences can enjoy at the Broadway Theatre and Archa+, while two performances will also take place at the Rudolfinum.



every year - from the beginning to the end of December



National Theatre, Národní třída 2, Prague 1



130 minutes



group tickets for 10 or more people, maximum capacity of the auditorium 965 people



universal - the ballet does not require knowledge of any particular language



www.narodni-divadlo.cz

More info: Prague Convention Bureau





Martin Divisek ↑.



Prague Christmas Markets

With the beginning of Advent, various parts of Prague are filled with decorated stalls, Christmas trees and nativity scenes. Christmas markets return to the city for one month of the year. Prague's Advent markets, which have won awards in international polls, are a popular attraction for both locals and visitors from abroad.

The Christmas markets in the squares and streets of the capital are irresistible with their carefully selected and decorated Christmas trees, carol singing and warm drinks and food. They're an ideal place where visitors can enjoy performances by artists, shop for tasteful Christmas gifts and decorations, or just drink in the festive mood. All the Christmas fairs are dominated by the picturesque little town on Old Town Square, with a stage and a huge Christmas tree. The legendary Wenceslas Square is a popular spot for its Advent markets. Visitors can also find a Christmas tree surrounded by stalls every winter on náměstí Míru. The magic of Advent markets can also be enjoyed on náměstí Republiky, náměstí Jiřího z Poděbrad, Tylově náměstí, Mariánské náměstí, and at Kampa and Anděl. There are some unique Christmas markets with a family atmosphere right there in the grounds of Prague Castle. In addition to these well-known places, those strolling through Prague's winter streets may encounter smaller markets in various hidden alleyways or courtyards around the city.



every year from the beginning of December to early January



squares and streets around Prague (Old Town Square, Wenceslas Square, Mariánské náměstí, Prague Castle, náměstí Míru, etc.)



60 minutes - all day



unlimited number of people



Czech, English, German, etc.



www.prague.eu

More info: Prague Convention Bureau





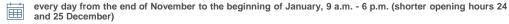
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Christmas exhibition in the Bethlehem Chapel

Prague's hustle and bustle doesn't stop during Advent or at Christmas: tourists enjoy the festive atmosphere, locals shop for gifts for their loved ones and meet friends by Christmas trees at Advent markets in various parts of the city. For those looking for peace and an authentic Christmas spirit, the Christmas exhibition in Bethlehem Chapel offers a true haven of festive good cheer.

Christmas exhibitions in Prague have been a tradition since 1980. In 1992, they set up home in the Lapidarium of the Bethlehem Chapel, aptly named after the folksy artworks depicting the biblical scene of the birth of Jesus: Bethlehem. Every winter, from the end of November to the beginning of January, the chapel is transformed into a world of traditional Czech Christmas, each time with a specific focus - either on a theme (folk crafts, Christmas dishes, fairy tales, markets, etc.) or with a certain material in mind (glass, wood, paper, etc.). However, the Christmas exhibition is not just a collection of exhibits - nativity scenes or decorations and other Christmas items. It's brought to life by craft demonstrations, where professionals and equally experienced, enthusiastic amateurs demonstrate their tricks and offer visitors the opportunity to try their hand at making Christmas decorations or preparing festive treats. The exhibition is an experience that changes every year, so visitors can discover something new every time they come.





60 minutes

up to 500 people

Czech (only for part of the exhibits or programme)

www.vanocnivystava.cz

More info: Prague Convention Bureau





Christmas exhibition ↑⊥



Prague Advent Workshops

Many of us can't imagine Christmas without handmade decorations. Your own handmade product will add to the festive atmosphere of your home, and just the act of making it can fill you with the joyful anticipation of Christmas. Throughout the Advent season, dozens of Christmas workshops for adults and children are held in Prague.

At one the seasonal handicraft workshops in Prague, usually held on weekends in December, you can make your own Advent wreath, candle holder or other Christmas decoration. There are so many of these creative events that it's impossible to name them: galleries, museums, exhibition centres, markets and shopping centres. Even the Zoo and Botanical Gardens organise Advent workshops. The National Museum of Agriculture traditionally holds Advent in the Museum every year on the Saturday before the third Sunday of Advent: all day long, decorations and fragrant cosmetics are made from natural materials, gingerbread houses are decorated, all to the sound of carols. The New Town Hall dedicates one weekend day in the first half of December to New Town Advent: a fair that includes workshops for the whole family, with the chance to make Advent wreaths, decorations and small gifts. Just follow the programme on the various websites and if you're planning to go as a group, don't forget to book for the Christmas workshop you want.



every December - Advent weekends



all over Prague (e.g. the National Museum of Agriculture in Prague 7 and the New Town Hall in Prague 2)



60 minutes - all day



capacity depending on the specific space, usually groups of 10 people



Czech (only for selected workshops)



www.nzm.cz

More info: Prague Convention Bureau



National Museum of Agriculture





Ryba Mass at the Main Railway Station

If there's one exclusively Czech Christmas musical tradition, it has to be Jan Jakub Ryba's Czech Christmas Mass. During Advent and Christmas, this work is played in concert halls and theatres, churches, school classrooms and town squares across the country. The only annual performance of the Mass, aka Rybovka, at the Main Railway Station in Prague is quite exceptional and therefore also famous.

The tradition of the Czech Christmas Mass dates back to the turn of the 18th and 19th centuries. J.J. Ryba composed simple melodies with lyrics in Czech and a plot set in a pastoral setting, which quickly gained popularity. The first performance in the hall of Prague's Main Station was initiated in 2021 by conductor Lukáš Prchal, who has been organising the event on a regular basis ever since. Every year on 23 December at 1 p.m., professional and amateur musicians gather at the Main Railway Station to play and sing, or just listen to Ryba's liturgical composition, with the support of hundreds of locals and passengers waiting for the train. No wonder: the railway station, a busy place of meeting and farewells, the beginnings and endings of journeys, is a place where people, however different they may be and wherever their journeys may lead, can experience a festive sense of togetherness with Christmas music.



every year on 23 December from 1 p.m.



Prague Main Railway Station, Wilsonova 300/8, Prague 2



60-90 minutes



unlimited number of people (the concourse hall has space for 1,400 people)



Czech



www.facebook.com/rybovkanahlavaku

More info: Prague Convention Bureau





FB Rybovka na Hlaváku ↑↓





Christmas activities

Liberec Region

Bead-making craft UNPLUGGED - Rautis, Poniklá

Night-time tours of Rautis in Poniklá are an unforgettable experience that will take you into the magical world of handmade Christmas bead decorations. Enjoy a tour with a unique old-time atmosphere.

As part of the Christmas in the Crystal Valley event, visitors have the opportunity to experience a traditional artisan Christmas with an emphasis on glassmaking and Christmas traditions. During these excursions, you can visit a local workshop and see how bead ornaments are made and even try to make your own ornament. If you'd like to take advantage of other services, Rautis will make you a custom corporate gift or organise a workshop to give you the chance to try stringing the ornament yourself.



pre-set date November/December - booking required



Poniklá 153, 512 42 Poniklá



40 minutes + time for coffee, tea and snacks



groups of max. 15 participants



tours are in Czech



www.rautis.cz





Christmas markets

Christmas markets in the Liberec Region offer visitors a magical atmosphere packed with festive delights and traditional crafts. The markets are accompanied by a varied cultural programme, including a variety of performances and Christmas carols, making for an unforgettable experience.

Whether you want to visit the markets to buy Christmas presents, spend time with friends with a mulled wine in hand, or just want to get into the Christmas spirit while singing carols, you can't go wrong with the markets in the Liberec Region. They host countless regional vendors selling glassware, as well as local snacks and drinks.

Every year, náměstí Dr. E. Beneše in Liberec has a Ferris wheel, offering a bird's-eye view of the markets and the city of Liberec. Come and check out the Christmas markets in other towns and cities and experience the beauty and diversity that our region has to offer.



November/December



Liberec Region



unlimited



unlimited



Czech, English, German



detailed information can be found on the websites of the towns and information centres





To the museum for nativity scenes

Discover the magic of Christmas in the region's nativity museums, where unique collections will immerse you in the world of traditional craftsmanship and a fairy-tale atmosphere. Immerse yourself in stories rendered in fine glass and wood and be enchanted by these unique exhibitions.

The Nativity Museum in Kryštofovo Údolí is a magical place where visitors can admire an extensive collection of nativity scenes of various styles and sizes, including a mechanical nativity scene that is one of the largest of its kind in the Czech Republic. The Museum of Glass Nativity Scenes in Železný Brod, on the other hand, offers a fascinating view of the masterful glassworking craft that combines the delicacy of glass art with the spiritual symbolism of Christmas. This collection of unique glass scenes brings a fragile beauty and uniqueness to the traditional depiction of nativity scenes.



all year round



Kryštofovo údolí and Železný Brod



2 hours



smaller groups



Czech, English, German



www.betlemyku.cz; www.minimuzeum.wixsite.com







Christmas tours at chateaus

Christmas tours of castles and chateaus in the Liberec Region offer visitors a unique opportunity to experience the festive atmosphere in a historical setting.

The chateau interiors are decked out in all their Christmas finery and visitors can enjoy special programmes that include Christmas traditions, carols and interesting stories from the past. These tours combine the beauty of architecture with the magic of Christmas, making them an unforgettable experience for all.

Last year, visitors had the chance to take the Bethlehem Light from Valdštejn Castle, where concerts of the Musica Fortuna choir with traditional carols were also held. Christmas concerts were held at Sychrov State Chateau, which included a tour of the decorated interiors, while Zákupy Chateau offered tours with Emperor Charles I.



December



Chateaus around the Liberec Region



1.5 hours



smaller groups of around 20 people



Czech, English, German



individual chateau websites







Christmas in the Crystal Valley

Enjoy this Christmas in peace - buy original gifts at the end of November and avoid the pre-Christmas rush. Dozens of open glassworks, jewellery studios and museums full of inspiration await you.

Christmas in the Crystal Valley is a celebration of traditional crafts and the Christmas atmosphere that links the history of glassmaking with Advent customs. Visitors can discover local workshops where handmade ornaments and decorations are made, or take part in creative workshops. The whole event is accompanied by Christmas markets, cultural programmes and the opportunity to experience a unique combination of crafts and the magic of Christmas.





usually the end of November



Crystal Valley



2 days



unlimited



Czech, English, German



www.crystalvalley.cz





Christmas activities

Pardubice Region

Christmas markets in Pardubice

We have the most beautiful Christmas markets here in Pardubice! Don't believe us? Come and see for yourself. The smell of gingerbread, traditional stalls and the Lights Tell a Story exhibition will put even the biggest Grinch in the Christmas mood.

And what can you experience in the city of traditional gingerbread? Pernštýnské náměstí will be home to an Advent town and stalls selling Christmas goods, while there will also be a Christmas carriage running around the city. Markets have also moved into the newly opened Automatic Mills. The most beautiful view? Undoubtedly from the Green Gate, from where you'll have a bird's-eye view of the city decked out in all its Christmas finery. The ramparts of Pardubice Chateau will be lit up again this year by "Lights tell a Story", an exhibition of light sculptures.





during Advent season



Pardubice (Automatic Mills, třída Míru, Pernštýnské náměstí, chateau ramparts)



2 hours - all day



depending on the chosen activity



Czech



www.pardubice.eu





Advent with the Scent of Gingerbread

The taste and aroma of gingerbread are an inseparable part of the run-up to Christmas in Pardubice. Advent with the Scent of Gingerbread offers some amazing specialties of this popular sweet across restaurants and cafés throughout the city.

Every year dozens of cafés and restaurants pay homage to Gingerbread Advent in Pardubice. Each of them comes up with new ideas and gingerbread recipes. The menu includes classic gingerbread desserts, gingerbread-flavoured coffee, but also unusual savoury dishes, gingerbread beer or gingerbread mimosas. They are all easily recognisable by the "Advent with the Scent of Gingerbread" sign on the door. Can you manage to visit them all?





during Advent season



Pardubice



2 hours - all day



ideally for smaller groups (up to 20 people)



Czech, possibly English



www.pardubice.eu



Koulier

Hand-made Christmas ornaments have a long tradition in Czechia. Many customers often have no idea what treasures they have at home in the form of Christmas ornaments beautifully and laboriously hand-made by Czech glassworkers.

Koulier is a purely Czech brand, which was created for the purpose of preserving this unique craft. This is why it is worth going on a tour of this creative Christmas ornament workshop. The factory gives you the chance to see how the ornaments are blown, silver-coated and decorated, and you can try finishing an ornament yourself under the guidance of an instructor. If you don't wish to paint an ornament yourself, a professional painter will help you, or you can purchase a finished ornament in the local shop. The collections are decorated with traditional Czech motifs. You can find ornaments with meadow flowers or a set inspired by the Tři oříšky pro Popelku (Three Nuts for Cinderella) fairy tale.



all year round, Tuesday - Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Koulier, Oflenda, district of Hlinsko



60 minutes



up to 70 people



Czech



www.exkurze.koulier.cz





Angelic Advent in Litomyšl and the Winter Chateau

Litomyšl turns into a city of angels during Advent. And did you know that you can now visit the chateau in winter, too?

Come to Litomyšl during Advent and enjoy an unforgettable Christmas atmosphere. This year you can also take a winter tour of the stunningly beautiful Litomyšl State Chateau. Every Advent Sunday, Chateau Hill plays host to a varied programme of concerts, nativity scenes and Christmas markets selling traditional products and gourmet specialities. And don't miss a visit to the Church of the Discovery of the Holy Cross and the Chateau Cellar, which regularly holds an exhibition of Christmas decorations during Advent.





during Advent, chateau (Thu - Sun: Winter tour, Christmas tours from 30 November), groups must be booked in advance



Litomyšl - Litomyšl State Chateau, Chateau Hill, Chateau Cellars



depending on choice of activity (2 hours - all day)



chateau tours max. 25 people, larger groups can be divided, unlimited for markets



Czech



www.andelskalitomysl.cz, www.zamek-litomysl.cz



Castle and chateau Advent tours

Where better to soak up the Christmas atmosphere than castles and chateaus. We invite you to visit the sights, where you can drink in the magic of ancient Christmas in every room.

Christmas and Advent tours are already a tradition at the chateaus of Slatiňany and Svojanov. What can you look forward to? A story about Christmas customs awaits you at Svojanov Chateau, decked out in all its Christmas finery. Lovers of good food should head here on the weekend of 14 - 15 December, as you can taste period Christmas dishes in the historical chateau kitchen.

In Slatiňany you can enjoy Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as they were experienced in 1901 by the family of Franz Joseph von Auersperg. What was the day like in the chateau kitchen from the early hours of the morning? What did the chateau staff have to do? What goodies were on the Christmas Eve table, and what about the Christmas tree and presents? The answers to all this await you in the Christmas decorated interiors on the ground floor of the chateau.



Slatiňany State Chateau (30 November - 5 January 2025), Svojanov Chateau (30 November - 15 December)



Slatiňany State Chateau, Svojanov Castle



tours last 40 - 50 minutes



25-30 people



Czech

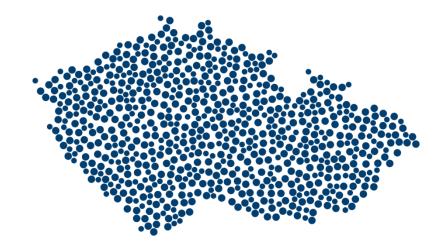


www.svojanov.cz









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