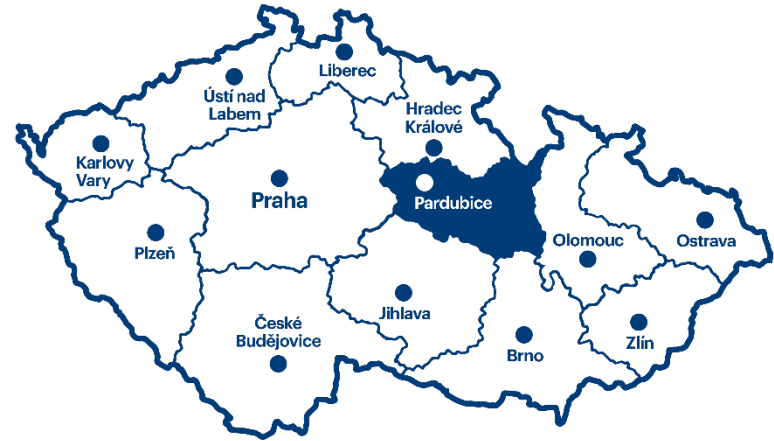


Inspirational Czech Convention Bureau monthly

Cultural events and festivals in the Czech Republic

Film and music festivals, city celebrations, wine harvest festivals and other tips to add a touch of culture to any incentive programme



Cultural events and festivals

Pardubice Region

Smetana's Litomyšl – a centre of culture

Not only does Litomyšl host one of the oldest music festivals in the country, it is also a place where culture and history come together.

Litomyšl is not only the focal point of the Smetana's Litomyšl music festival; it is also home to numerous historical and cultural heritage sites. The town's "Renaissance fairy tale set to music", as the chateau in Litomyšl is known as, is rightfully listed as a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site. The festival takes place in the chateau, as well as in churches around Litomyšl, in Smetana's house and also regularly in the chateau in Nové Hradý. During the festival, the town comes alive with classical music, as well as accompanying programmes featuring theatre performances, special tours and other activities. The shows on offer at the music festival are complemented every year by Smetana's Creative Litomyšl, a series of art exhibitions focused mainly on local work.



every year in late June and early July



Litomyšl



25 days



depending on the selected concert/activity, chateau tour for 30 people



Czech, English (tours of the chateau with foreign-language texts: English, French, Spanish, Polish, German)



www.smetanovalitomysl.cz

More info: [East Bohemia Convention Bureau](#)



Puppeteers' Chrudim, not only during the festival

The puppet festival has been held since 1951, making it the oldest constantly running puppet theatre festival in the world. However, Chrudim is a town of puppets all year round.

During the festival there are several puppet shows to see every day, as well as creative workshops and themed lectures on puppetry and puppet making. It also includes an accompanying programme featuring performances and concerts, which bring the whole town to life.

If you're planning a trip to Chrudim, check out the Museum of Puppet Culture, which is housed in a Renaissance building dating from the 16th century and is home to 8,500 puppets from all over the world (such as Africa, Japan and Vietnam).



every year in late June and early July, museum all year round



Chrudim



a week



depending on the selected show, museum tour for 30 people



Czech, English



www.loutkarskachrudim.cz

More info: [East Bohemia Convention Bureau](#)



Carnival processions in the Hlinsko region

The Hlinsko region's colourful masked carnival is a unique cultural tradition that is passed down from generation to generation. You can see it every year during the carnival season.

In the villages around Hlinsko, the tradition of carnival processions dates back to the 19th century. That's why this custom was listed by UNESCO in 2010. The carnival is a time of merriment and feasting. The processions see traditional masks and rituals come to life. Each mask plays its own role, and the procession includes Straw Men, chimney sweeps and other characters. The masquerades go around the entire village, wishing everyone good luck and health. In return they're offered something to eat and drink.

The Betlém Hlinsko conservation area hosts a permanent exhibition of carnival masks and processions. It includes photos, original masks and other interesting exhibits.



February-March every year, exhibition open all year round



Vysočina Open Air Museum, Betlém Hlinsko



at weekends over three weeks (including other events related to the carnival Gras and processions in various villages)



unlimited, exhibition max. 30 people



Czech (plus exhibition in English)









www.nmvp.cz

More info: [East Bohemia Convention Bureau](#)

Pardubice - the capital of laughter

Every year at the turn of March and April, the East Bohemian Theatre becomes one big comedy. That's because it hosts the GRAND Festival of Laughter - a competitive show of comedic work from theatres around the Czech Republic.

If you want to take a break from the stress of work and have a good laugh, come to the GRAND Festival of Laughter. A week packed with the best comedy performances from Czech theatres. The festival also includes many accompanying events, such as exhibitions and concerts.

-  March-April every year
-  East Bohemian Theatre Pardubice
-  a week
-  depending on selected performance/event
-  Czech
-  www.festivalsmichu.cz

More info: [East Bohemia Convention Bureau](#)



Lughnasad Festival of Celtic Culture

This holiday, named after the god Lugh, is celebrated every year at the turn of July and August - at the beginning of the harvest. It commemorates the history, culture and customs of the Celtic tribes.

Lughnasad is one of the largest festivals of its kind in Central Europe, with each year telling a different historical story. The celebration is traditionally held to thank Mother Earth for the harvest. The festival includes a lavish historical and musical programme, talks, workshops, a fighting tournament and a skills competition.

The festival takes place in the Land of the Celts, in the beautiful Iron Mountains, which were formerly settled by the Celts. The site is a reconstruction of a Celtic oppidum. The local Celtic settlement is presented through guided tours from April to October, and the open-air museum can also be visited at other time on request.

 July and August every year, tours April-October

 Land of the Celts Open-Air Museum, Nasavrky

 2 days

 unlimited

 Czech

 www.lughnasad.cz

More info: [East Bohemia Convention Bureau](#)



Velká Pardubická

The Velká Pardubická steeplechase is probably the most important social and sports event hosted by the city of Pardubice. It is one of the most demanding races in Europe and has been run since 1874.

When they hear the word Pardubice, many people think of the famous horse race. The Velká Pardubická takes place on the second Sunday of October every year; this year will be 133rd steeplechase. The Velká Pardubická is preceded by a total of 4 qualifier races. In order for a horse to race in October's Velká Pardubice, it must complete at least one of the four qualifier races on the Pardubice track and finish in at least 5th place, or no more than 20 seconds after the winner. That's what makes the qualifiers so interesting for the spectators. Boxes can also be hired for a truly unforgettable experience. They offer great views and comfortable seating. They also provide catering tailored to suit your needs.



Velká Pardubická - second Sunday in October, qualifiers in May, June, August and September



Pardubice Racecourse



the first race starts every race day at 1:00 p.m., the last race ends at approximately 5:00 p.m.



practically unlimited



Czech



www.zavodistepardubice.cz

More info: [East Bohemia Convention Bureau](#)





Cultural events and festivals

Zlín Region

Zlín Film Festival

The oldest, largest and most important show featuring films for children and young people has been held in Zlín since 1961.

It is an international event with an excellent reputation. Festival screenings are held in Zlín, of course, as well as in a number of other towns around the Czech Republic. Every year, the festival shows over 350 films from more than 50 countries. Since 2010, the festival has attracted more than 95,000 children and adults each time. An important aspect of the festival is that it strives not only to entertain young viewers, but also to educate them through film, to broaden their horizons, and to cultivate aesthetic, social and moral sensibilities. The ZFF organises an extensive accompanying, professional and charitable programme.



30 May – 5 June 2024



Zlín



7 days



in total, more than 120,000 visitors visited the accompanying programme in 2023



Czech, English



www.zlifest.cz

More info: [East Moravia Convention Bureau](#)




Barum Czech Rally Zlín


Next year will see the 53rd staging of this, the most iconic Czech rally. A fast, fun and action-packed weekend in the picturesque hills of the Zlín region, it will as usual be included in the FIA European Championship.

This now legendary race is an unforgettable experience for both competitors and visitors, enhanced by the peculiar yet welcoming region of Zlín and Wallachia. Breathtaking battles behind the wheel, plenty of fun alongside the track, and a lavish accompanying programme of activities. All and more awaits anyone going to the Barum Rally.

 August 2024 (to be specified)

 in and around Zlín

 3 days

 unlimited

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 www.czechrally.com

More info: [East Moravia Convention Bureau](#)



Vizovické Trnkobraní

The Vizovice Trnkobraní Festival is one of the biggest musical events of the summer festival season.

In 2024, the Vizovice Trnkobraní will be held on 23-24 August at the premises of the Rudolf Jelínek Distillery in Vizovice, home of Czechia's most famous plum brandy.

The Vizovické Trnkobraní Festival is a multi-genre cultural show featuring performances by the best of the Czech and Slovak music scene on two stages, as well as a children's play area. It is designed to be fun for the whole family.

A traditional part of the Vizovice Trnkobraní is the world-famous plum-dumpling eating competition - an original contest that is widely covered by all the Czech media and many outlets abroad.



 23–24 August 2024

 Vizovice

 2 days

 unlimited

 Czech

 www.vizovicketrnkobrani.cz

More info: [East Moravia Convention Bureau](#)

Moravian Slovakia Wine Festival and Heritage Site Open Day

Moravian Slovakia is wine, and wine is joy. And wine coupled with beautiful heritage sites is a truly perfect combination, an unforgettable experience for visitors to Uherské Hradiště.

The Moravian Slovakia Wine Festival and Heritage Site Open Day is one of the most notable events of its kind, presenting the rich diversity of traditional folk culture in Moravian Slovakia. It is held in open heritage sites around the royal town of Uherské Hradiště, rightly known as the capital of Moravian Slovakia.



7–8 September 2024



Uherské Hradiště



2 days



unlimited



Czech



www.slavnostivinauh.cz

More info: [East Moravia Convention Bureau](#)



Cyril and Methodius Fair and Days of People of Goodwill, Velehrad

On 4 and 5 July, Velehrad comes alive with traditional Cyril and Methodius festivities, attended by some 30,000 people every year.

The biggest celebrations associated with the Slavic annunciations of Saints Cyril and Methodius in the Czech Republic are full of people of goodwill every single year. Velehrad has been hosting the unique atmosphere of this event, combined with visible aid for the needy, every year for more than 20 years now. A lavish programme of activities for the whole family, exhibitions and vernissages are an integral part of the two-day event.

 4–5 July 2024

 Velehrad

 2 days

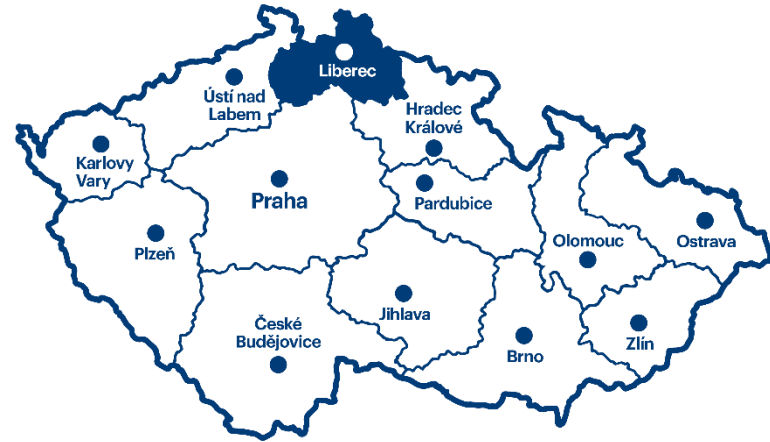
 unlimited

 Czech

 www.velehrad.eu

More info: [East Moravia Convention Bureau](#)





Cultural events and festivals

Liberec Region

Anifilm

International Festival of Animated Films. That's the best way to describe Anifilm, which has been held in Liberec in North Bohemia for four years now. The event, the most important of its kind in Central Europe and the only international competitive festival centred around animated film in the Czech Republic, annually presents hot news from the animated film world and strives to promote its cultural heritage and name on an international scale.

During the several days of the festival, the audience is presented with a number of animated works from artists from the Czech Republic and abroad, divided into seven international competition categories. This means that filmmakers compete against one another in the feature, short or student film sections, accompanied by competitions for abstract and non-narrative animation, video clips, virtual reality, computer games and national animated creations - Czech Horizon. The films are then evaluated by an international panel of three judges, who themselves are involved in preparing the festival programme and add an insight through their work or talks.



throughout May



Liberec, selected sites (Liberec Chateau, Warsaw Cinema, Grandhotel Zlatý Lev, Cinema City, Náměstí Dr. E. Beneš, Small Theatre, North Bohemian Museum, Technical University, Liberec Regional Gallery, Naive Theatre)



5 days



unlimited



Czech, English



www.anifilm.cz

More info: [Liberec Region](#)



Benátská!

Visitors to the Liberec Region can enjoy some great summer music with the Benátská! festival, one of the largest musical events in the country. Since 1993, the last weekend of July has been given over to the best from the Czech music scene, spiced up with appearances by stars from abroad.

Three stages and more than 50 Czech and Slovak bands in a spacious outdoor area against the backdrop of the silhouette of Ještěd get the crowd up and dancing on those sunny days with a wide range of musical genres, attracting culture vultures to concerts, as well as accompanying entertainment activities and culinary specialties. All this makes the festival a fixture of the summer calendar in the region, offering some unforgettable music, entertainment and the magic of a holiday evening.



last weekend of July



Vesec recreation and sports resort, Liberec



3 days



unlimited



Czech



www.benatska.cz

More info: [Liberec Region](#)



Glass memories

History and tradition play a special role in the Liberec region, reflecting its rich heritage and character. The region, which takes pride in its many years of glass making and processing, strives to keep the craft still alive and holds culturally significant events to present the work of its skilled glassmakers to the world.

One of these is the IGS - International Glass Symposium in Nový Bor. For 14 years now, this important artistic festival has attracted works of art and unique items from more than six hundred glassmakers from around the world, and besides showcasing these works, the event also presents links that glass shares with sculpture, design and architecture. Another important event that enriches the region's cultural life every three years is the Jablonec Triennial. Held in the Museum of Glass and Jewellery in Jablonec nad Nisou, it attracts glass enthusiasts and other visitors interested in keeping up with current trends in utility glass and jewellery.

All the glassworks in the region are connected from one end to the other by the Crystal Valley, the heart of the region's glassmaking industry, which strives to promote and glorify the craft. In addition to smaller events, it also organises the Crystal Valley Week, which sees the entire region transformed into a glass paradise, presenting glass in all its forms - from glassmaking demonstrations right there on the street to exhibitions and fashion shows.



IGS - once every three years, Jablonec Triennial - once every three years, Crystal Valley Week - late August/September



IGS - Nový Bor, Jablonec Triennial - Museum of Glass and Jewellery in Jablonec nad Nisou, Crystal Valley Week - Liberec



IGS - 3 to 4 days, Jablonec Triennial - four exhibitions during the course of one year, Crystal Valley Week – one week



unlimited



Czech, English



www.igsymposium.cz, www.trienale-jablonec.cz, www.crystalvalleyweek.cz

More info: [Liberec Region](#)



Lípa Musica

The Lípa Musica International Music Festival, which originated in Česká Lípa and which brightens up North Bohemia every autumn, has been raising awareness of the border region as a cultural and rootless landscape rich with life and flavours for 22 years.

The event, which originally started as the Česká Lípa Festival of Spiritual Music, is now the most important classical music show in the region, and over the years has become a highly acclaimed musical addition to our country's cultural calendar, attracting performers and visitors from around the world. However, it is not limited to just one place. As the festival is rooted in the former Sudetenland, classical music brings sacred and cultural places alive not only in the Liberec region, but also around Ústí and in German Saxony, striving to forge a closer bond between music, culture and Czech-German cross-border ties. The two-month programme lets guests delve into the passion of chamber music, opera, and orchestra made up of Czech as well as international musicians, and be carried away by the spirit of harmony and art.



autumn season



Česká Lípa, Liberec, Nový Bor, Kamenický Šenov, Hrádek nad Nisou (but also Teplice, Děčín, Prysk, Seiffhennersdorf, Großschönau)



two months



unlimited



Czech, German



www.lipamusica.cz

More info: [Liberec Region](#)



Jizerská 50

A line of screaming fans cheering on their favourites, a colourful swarm of starting numbers, the sound of thousands of cross-country skis swishing in the snow, and above all the breathtaking scenery of the Jizera Mountains – that's the famous Jizerská 50.

This traditional cross-country race is held every winter and thus one of the most eagerly anticipated sporting meets of the year. The legendary event, the largest mass race in Central Europe, attracts professional athletes as well as amateur cross-country skiers to follow the famous Jizerská magistrála route, and offers a lavish programme of activities for visitors as well as competitors. Over those four days, the Bedřichov resort in the Jizera Mountains becomes the starting point and destination of a number of shorter races and company relays, while the Sunday is given over to the thrill of the biggest challenge, a 50-kilometre race through familiar and less well-known parts of the Jizera Mountains.



every February



Bedřichov, Jizera Mountains



4 days



unlimited



Czech



www.jiz50.cz

More info: [Liberec Region](#)





Cultural events and festivals

Vysočina Region

Ji.hlava International Documentary Film Festival

Every October, Vysočina opens the door to the world of authentic stories and the art of filmmaking. This, the 27th annual Ji.hlava International Documentary Film Festival, will take place from 24 to 29 October. Besides being an important cultural event for the region, it is also Europe's leading festival focused on original documentary film.

The Ji.hlava IFDF is an important stop-over for cinematography lovers craving deep and authentic stories. Each year, the festival presents more than 300 films from around the world, with their screenings often being their world, international or European premières. It has also long been dedicated to mapping Czech documentary films and supports experimental filmmaking and technological innovations, including virtual reality. The Ji.hlava IFDF is undoubtedly a unique cultural treasure for Vysočina, one well worth discovering.



every October (this year 24–29 October), as well as year-round activities (e.g. summer cinema)



Jihlava



visitors can attend the entire festival (6 days) or see individual documentary films



9 halls are used, i.e. capacity depends on individual spaces (e.g. DIOD can seat up to 200 people)



individually depending on individual films (if the films are in a foreign language, English subtitles are usually available)



www.ji-hlava.com

More info: [Vysočina Convention Bureau](#)



KoresponDance - festival of contemporary dance, physical theatre and contemporary circus

Come and enjoy a summer art celebration packed with movement, music and fun! KoresponDance, the largest site-specific festival of contemporary dance, physical theatre and contemporary circus in the Czech Republic, is to be held for the eleventh year.

This festival in Žďár nad Sázavou brings some glittering performances by renowned artists, not only from the Czech Republic, but from all over the world. The chateau, the town's streets and other public spaces will be transformed into improvised theatre stages hosting dance and circus performances. This unique cultural gathering offers a programme packed with a diverse range of performances, community projects, film screenings, music shows, inspiring workshops and open discussions. Whether you're an artist or an art lover, you're sure to have an unforgettable summer blast at KoresponDance 2023.



every July (in 2023 it was held on 13-16 July)



Žďár nad Sázavou



visitors can attend the entire festival (4 days), or day or weekend passes are available



unrestricted for outdoor areas



Czech



www.korespondance.cz

More info: [Vysočina Convention Bureau](#)



Vysočina Fest


Vysočina Fest, which celebrates its tenth anniversary next year, is one of the most important summer festivals in the Czech Republic. This multi-genre cultural festival offers music fans three unforgettable days packed with amazing gigs.

Vysočina Fest is a magnet for music lovers in early July every year. This festival brings together performers from the Czech Republic and abroad to get the rafters shaking at the Jihlava Amphitheatre. Expect a varied line-up and some unforgettable concerts held right in the heart of Vysočina.

Vysočina Fest is the ideal opportunity to have a blast with friends or as a way of rewarding your employees. This festival in the centre of Jihlava is a great way to have fun and relax together. Don't miss this unique mix of music, art and the charm of Vysočina. The next Fest will be held on July 4-6, 2024 - mark it on the calendar!

 first week of July every year

 Jihlava

 three days, can buy a one-day ticket

 approx. 30 thousand visitors

 Czech

 www.vysocinafest.cz

More info: [Vysočina Convention Bureau](#)



Christmas Třebíč

Brightly lit streets, fragrant Christmas markets and a lavish cultural programme make for an unforgettable atmosphere. Come and enjoy Advent Třebíč and immerse yourself in the magic of Christmas in this beautiful town with its UNESCO heritage!

During Advent, Třebíč becomes a place where history meets Christmas traditions. Come and enjoy the unique atmosphere in this beautiful town. You'll love Advent Třebíč with its beautiful decorations and Advent fair. The whole of Advent features a lavish cultural programme. New Year's fireworks are the icing on the cake.



Advent



Třebíč



beginning on the first Sunday of Advent



unrestricted for outdoor areas



Czech



www.visittrebic.eu

More info: [Vysočina Convention Bureau](#)

↑↓ Jakub Mertl



Mahler – the Music of Thousands

Jihlava is the town where the world-famous composer and conductor Gustav Mahler spent his childhood. The international music festival Mahler Jihlava - Music of the Thousands has been held regularly in Jihlava since 2001, from May to July – marking the anniversaries of the death and birth of Gustav Mahler.

Every year, the festival offers a marathon of concerts featuring prominent guests from the Czech Republic and abroad, as well as a varied accompanying programme, including the traditional planting of roses in the Mahler Rosary in Kaliště and themed trips around Mahler's Vysočina. The festival focuses on the work of Gustav Mahler and accentuates the link between Czech and Austrian musical culture.

Concerts are mainly held in the Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the Gothic Hall of the Town Hall, the Culture House, the Horák Theatre, in Gustav Mahler Park and other places. Part of the programme is always hosted in Mahler's native Kaliště near Humpolec as well as in other towns around Vysočina and Lower Austria.



May-July every year



Jihlava



individual concerts activities during May and July



depending on individual venues



Czech, English



www.jihlava.cz

More info: [Vysočina Convention Bureau](#)





Cultural events and festivals

Moravian Silesian Region

Slunovrat - more than just a festival


A cultural festival held every year at the end of June at interesting places in the historical centre of Opava.

Slunovrat is a festival of the latest multi-genre music and culture. It is designed for visitors of all ages and backgrounds who love great music, culture and cuisine, including families with children.

The festival also has a major social dimension, with space given over to charity and human rights organisations and initiatives. This event also strives to provide space for lesser-known or not-yet-established musical talents, especially on the Welcome stage.

The festival has two versions: winter and summer.

 preset dates, for winter 2023: 3–4 November 2023, summer 2024

 Opava

 2 days in winter, 3 days in summer

 unlimited

 depending on artiste

 www.festivalslunovrat.cz

More info: [Ostrava Convention Bureau](#)



Janáčkův Máj

In terms of its scope and especially the quality of its performances, the Leoš Janáček International Music Festival is considered one of the leading classical music festivals in the Czech Republic.

The festival is one of the important representative artistic and social events hosted by the city of Ostrava and the Moravian-Silesian Region and is also a high point in the cultural life of the region as a whole. It attracts a wide audience and media coverage as well as having a significant reach abroad. The festival concerts regularly feature top performers from the Czech Republic, Europe and around the world.

The festival programme strives to continuously present essential Czech and world music from the 17th century to the present day, as well as compositions by Leoš Janáček and his contemporaries, including those from all over the world. It regularly showcases the work of regional composers past and present.



30 May – 3 July 2024



Ostrava and Hukvaldy



depending on the programme



depending on venue



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www.mhflj.cz

More info: [Ostrava Convention Bureau](#)



Folklore Without Boundaries

This festival has long lived up to its name and succeeds in breaking down the boundaries between genres, ethnicities and countries, bringing them together.

Folklore Without Boundaries Ostrava was founded in 1998 with the aim of bringing dances, songs and costumes from the Czech Republic and around the world to the streets of Ostrava.

The city thus sees ensembles perform every year in places where the people of Ostrava normally live, work, shop or go for walks. The event presents the folk traditions of various countries as well as folklore regions of the Czech Republic.



12–16 August 2024



Ostrava



5 days



unlimited



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www.folklorbezhranic.cz

More info: [Ostrava Convention Bureau](#)

↑↓ Werner Ullmann



The biggest dance festival in the heart of Europe

Beats for Love is an electronic music festival. It is held every year at the Dolní Vítkovice industrial heritage site in Ostrava.

The iron backdrop of Dolní Vítkovice will play host to four days of music and programmes. This makes for a unique and entertaining atmosphere that attracts ever more fans and visitors year after year.

The organisers have created the largest dance festival in Central Europe. The event unites people across cultures with music.

The organisers believe that the Beats for Love festival will be one of Europe's leading events and will continue to attract more and more happy fans.

 first weekend in July (4 days)

 Ostrava – Vítkovice

 4 days

 unlimited

 depending on artiste

 www.b4l.cz

More info: [Ostrava Convention Bureau](#)



"Colourful" multi-genre music festival

Colours of Ostrava is a multi-genre international music festival held in Ostrava every year since 2002. Since 2012, it has been held in the breathtaking setting of Dolní Vítkovice – formerly home to smelters, mines and ironworks.

The festival offers concerts, discussions, theatres, films, workshops and art activities on both open and covered stages. There are hundreds of "colourful" attractions to see, hear, and, most importantly, experience. Music and the spoken word combine to create a unique event.

The festival includes the Meltingpot international discussion forum, featuring over 200 inspiring speakers from all over the world from science, politics, culture, business and social life.

The festival is intended for the whole family; children can have fun all day long in the Family Zone, where there is plenty to keep them amused throughout the event.

 third or fourth weekend in July

 Ostrava, Dolní Vítkovice

 4 days

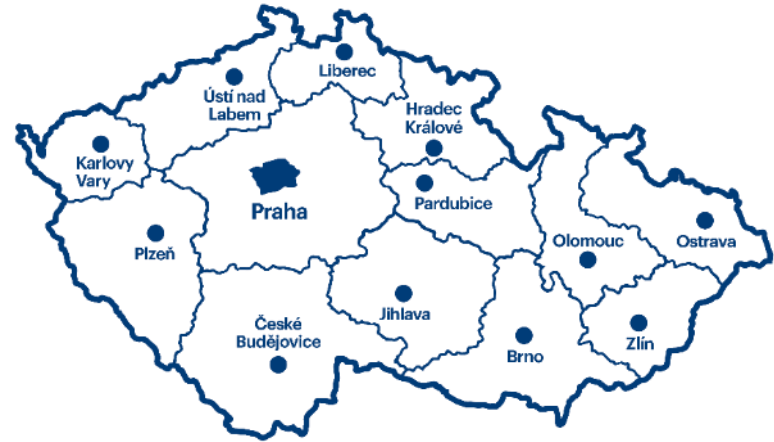
 unlimited

 depending on artiste

 www.colours.cz

More info: [Ostrava Convention Bureau](#)





Cultural events and festivals

Prague

An afternoon of music at Prague Castle

The Concert Hall of the Lobkowitz Palace with its unique frescos hosts classical music concerts at 1:00 p.m. every day. During the programme, which lasts for approximately one hour, a flute, viola and piano trio will perform the works of the leading Baroque composers Bach and Vivaldi, the classic masters Mozart and Beethoven, as well as Dvořák and Smetana, the most prominent Czech composers of the 19th century.

The Lobkowitz Palace is located on the southeastern edge of the Prague Castle complex with a view of Mala Strana, the Vltava River and the Old Town. The lavishly decorated venue with its rich baroque frescoes, portraits of the Habsburgs and members of the Lobkowitz family is the perfect place for a modern-style social event or performance in the Concert Hall. The fact that it is linked with the 17th-century St. Wenceslas Chapel makes the venue all the more interesting and versatile. Classical music concerts are held in the Lobkowitz Palace every day from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.



every day from 1:00 p.m.



Lobkowitz Palace, Jiřská 3, Praha 1



1 hour



30 people



the production is not bound to any particular language



www.lobkowitz.cz

More info: [Prague Convention Bureau](#)

↑↓ House of Lobkowitz



A meeting with design by the Vltava

The Deelive sales gallery on Prague's Smetana Embankment with its breathtaking views of the Vltava River, Prague Castle, Charles Bridge and the surrounding area exhibits design by renowned authors as well as emerging talents from the Czech scene. Its exclusive location, products and layout make the gallery an ideal place for group meetings with design and designers, as well as a place to sit and enjoy live music, such as at a gala dinner at one table.

Deelive provides space for exceptional designer products: jewellery, fashion, glass and porcelain, interior decorations, books and toys. The airy space covering an area of 200 m² provides visitors with the unique opportunity of getting to know the products while also learning more about the work of the individual artists. This is a meeting place that combines a love of art, culture and design.

The store is divided into 3 parts: the first is with a view of Prague Castle and the historical part of the capital. In the second part, there is a long solid wood table for 20 people, which can host gala dinners and various client meetings at one table. The third part is an ideal place for workshops and meetings. The Deelive team prepares all kinds of tailor-made experiential cultural events for its clients, from the concept and programme to catering and themed production.



all year



Deelive Design Store, Smetanovo nábřeží 334/4, Praha 1



1 to 4 hours



20 people



Czech, English, German



www.deelive.cz

More info: [Prague Convention Bureau](#)

↑↓ Deelive design store



Brunch in a gallery

The Sunday art brunches for groups of visitors in Prague's Klárov district, right below the Old Castle stairs, are an unusual combination of modern art and culture in the inspiring setting of the Kunsthalle Gallery. Guests can also enjoy some fine cuisine along with the art on display.

Fine art inspires creativity in the kitchen: chef Marek Jandík and his team create experimental cuisine from the Mediterranean to Asia as guests look on, in the unique atmosphere of an industrial bistro. This lavish and varied buffet gives guests the chance to immerse themselves in the flavours of a distinctive fusion cuisine, with imagination and creativity given free rein.

Visitors can enjoy brunch and art to their heart's content in all the gallery spaces: they automatically have free entry to the entire Kunsthalle building, from the current exhibitions of international contemporary art, through the well-stocked Design Shop to the café with its historical terrace and views of Petřín and Prague Castle.



every Sunday, all year round



Kunsthalle Praha, Klárov 5, Praha 1



2 to 4 hours



10 people



programme not bound to any particular language

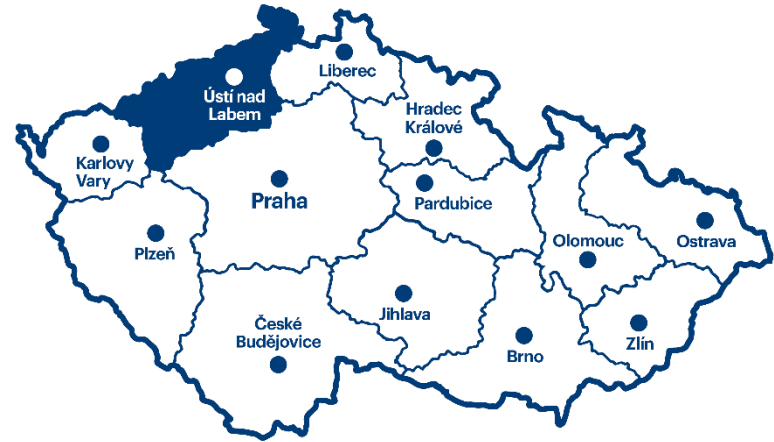


www.kunsthallepraha.org

More info: [Prague Convention Bureau](#)

↑↓ Kunsthalle Praha





Cultural events and festivals

Ústí nad Labem Region

In search of Czech wine at the grape harvest in the Central Bohemian Highlands

Traditional grape harvest celebrations are some of the biggest cultural and social events in the Ústí Region. There are historical towns and wine regions where visitors can go and enjoy the grape harvest almost every weekend during September.

The grape harvests in the royal town of Litoměřice or in Velké Žernoseky have the longest history and tradition. For the last few years, they have been closely followed by the harvests in Třebívlice and Roudnice and their packed programmes of cultural events.

The Litoměřice celebrations take place in several places around the town. The main stage and historical scene can be found right on the main Mírové náměstí square, while theatrical performances are held in the vicinity of Litoměřice Castle or in the courtyard of the Karel Hynek Mácha Cinema. A separate programme is hosted at the Felix Holzmann Market, on Dominikánské náměstí and at the Baronka Club.

The Royal Audience itself is always held separately at individual locations.

 third weekend in September

 Litoměřice

 all day

 in groups

 with translator or freely accessible

 www.mkz-ltm.cz

More info: [Ústí Region Convention Bureau](#)



Start of the spa season and the Ludwig van Beethoven Music Festival in the Teplice spa

The centre of this historical city will be transformed into one huge open-air celebration and will offer a mix of music, culture and entertainment. It offers an amazing blend of several music stages hosting various genres, a summer cinema and a historical marketplace. The start of the spa season coincides with the opening of the Ludwig van Beethoven Music Festival.

Throughout the festival, there will be seating, spa beer on tap and take-away refreshments available in Lázeňská ulička. It will also provide visitors with the opportunity to take a separate trip into the history of the Teplice spa. A procession of kings and emperors who chose to rule from the Teplice thermal baths will be looking down on the entire event from the Royal Guest Gallery.

The signatures of music giants who found inspiration in Teplice will soar above your head, or you can look into the face of a statue of Queen Judith - the founder of the first spa in Central Europe.

The event will culminate in a spectacular fireworks display.

The Ludwig van Beethoven Music Festival commemorates the time the composer spent in the Teplice spa in 1811 and 1812. The festival will be held at ten locations for almost a month and will feature world-class concerts.



last weekend of May



Teplice in Bohemia



weekend event (Friday evening-Sunday)



unlimited



depending on group's capacity and interest



www.lazenska-teplice.cz

More info: [Ústí Region Convention Bureau](#)



Memorial Air Show at the airfield in Roudnice nad Labem

The Memorial Air Show pays homage to Czech historical aviation and is one of the largest social aviation events of its kind. It has been held since 1991 and is organised every other year by the Aeroklub Memorial Air Show in cooperation with a number of institutions, organisations, towns, municipalities and private individuals.

The event was created right after the Velvet Revolution as a token of gratitude to the former Royal Air Force pilots from World War II. Each Air Show presents an important topic related to our freedom. For two days, the sky near the picturesque little town of Roudnice nad Labem showcases some dazzling aviation skills and demonstrations of historical and modern aircraft.

Visitors can also arrange private sightseeing flights and enjoy a packed programme of cultural and social events throughout the weekend.



every other year



airfield near Roudnice nad Labem



weekend - Saturday and Sunday



sightseeing flights - 3 people, event capacity - unlimited



Czech



www.letisteroudnice.cz

More info: [Ústí Region Convention Bureau](#)



Žatec Dočesná – historical hop and beer festival

Europe's largest hop and beer festival with the longest Czech tradition, held in Žatec, Czechia's hop heartland. The programme, packed with cultural and social events, has plenty to offer visitors of all ages.

Hops have been grown in Žatec and the surrounding area for more than seven hundred years. The town became a hop metropolis, and the local hops were used to make some of the most famous beer brands.

The traditional festivities are accompanied by music and entertainment on eight stages throughout the town. Besides the main square, náměstí Svobody, and náměstí Prokopa Velkého, you can have fun in the Monastery Garden, in the summer amphitheatre, in the Žatec Brewery or on Hošťálkovo náměstí.

Interesting accompanying events are hosted by the Temple of Hops and Beer and the exhibition held in the Homolupulů Museum, with the oldest brewer Lojza Lupulín in the Hussite bastion. Hop and beer competitions are an integral part of the festival. The most popular is picking hops by hand and dancing with a tankard of beer on one's head. Another interesting attraction is the "live picture", when the hops are pulled from the "smallest hop farm in the world", which is right next to the main stage on náměstí Svobody.

The event is part of the 'Family Silver' legacy of the Ústí Region and has been awarded a Clean Festival certificate.



first weekend in September



Žatec



Friday-Saturday



unlimited, except for admission to heritage sites such as the Temple of Hops and Beer (ideally groups of up to 10 people)



Czech



www.docesna.cz

More info: [Ústí Region Convention Bureau](#)

Josephine Festival in the Terezín fortress

The Josephine Festival is a tribute to Maria Theresa and the fortress itself and is held at Terezín every year at the beginning of October. The festival commemorates the foundation of the fortress in 1780 is set entirely in the 18th century.


The festivities have a single goal, to commemorate the unique fortress of Terezín and the events that led up to its construction. It is one of Europe's biggest celebrations focused on this period. Every year, people from the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Germany, Poland, France, Austria, Russia, Serbia and other countries gather for the event.

During the festival, visitors return to the era of brightly coloured uniforms and lace, to the time of gunpowder and feminine elegance. They walk through military camps, marketplaces, admire old crafts and savour the time of bygone centuries.

During the day, there is a real conquest of the fortress amid the roar of soldiers, including a historical battle at night. Everyone can walk along Terezín's walls, explore its underground and taste something really unusual.

 first weekend in October

 Terezín (Great Fortress)

 all day - Saturday

 ideally in groups of up to 20 people, max. 30 people

 Czech, English, German

 www.josefinske-slavnosti.eu

More info: [Ústí Region Convention Bureau](#)



Day of Czech Crafts with TG Masaryk or the First Republic celebration of the establishment of Czechoslovakia

The country's biggest stylish celebration is held in the historical town of Ústěk to mark the national holiday on October 28 and the establishment of the Czechoslovak Republic. The event begins with the arrival of TG Masaryk and his entourage and his speech.

The square in Ústěk is transformed into a magnificent historical marketplace packed with beautiful stalls selling traditional products and craft demonstrations. Music is provided by retro bands, and puppet and street theatre shows provide a cultural backdrop. You can try the historical shooting range and see an exhibition of items and retro toys from the First Republic.

As well as the performers, visitors can also come along in costume, in a period dress or suit, in an officer's uniform, or with their child in a retro pram.

Similar events are held in Ústěk 4 times a year, and the Easter celebrations with a giant hen passing through the town or the Advent fair with its procession of angels from the tower of the Church of St. Peter and Paul are very popular.



28 October



Ústěk (Central Bohemian Highlands)



all day



unlimited



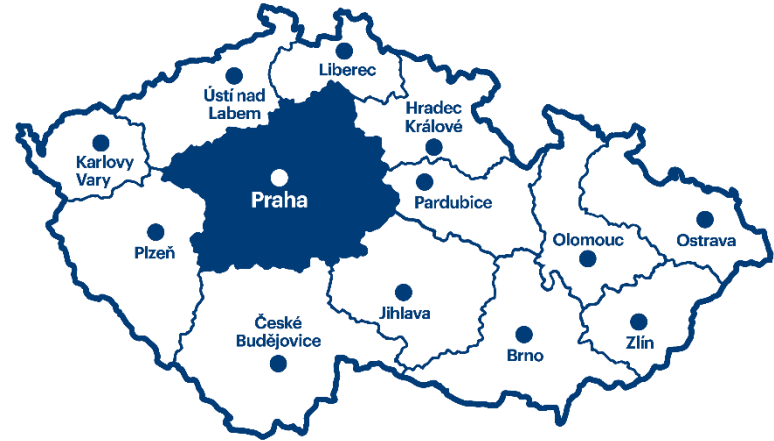
Czech



www.historicky-ustek.wbs.cz

More info: [Ústí Region Convention Bureau](#)





Cultural events and festivals


Central Bohemian Region


ROSA festivities in Sedlčany

Sedlčany's traditional town festivities commemorating the alleged victory of Sedlčany's troops over Žižka - a historical and entertaining event with fireworks on the square.

The "ROSA" festival in the town of Sedlčany continue the tradition of religious festivities, which probably originated at the end of the 17th century and were held every year to mark the Easter holidays. These festivities are held to commemorate the alleged victory over Žižka in 1420. Legend has it that Žižka decided to ambush the people of Sedlčany – who were faithful to the Catholic Church - on the night before the Easter holidays, and sent a messenger to Benešov, so that the townspeople would also march with their army against the people of Sedlčany, and at the appointed hour they joined him in attacking the town. However, the messenger got lost, and instead of arriving in Benešov he came to Sedlčany, where he delivered his message, believing that he was in the right place. This obviously revealed the plot. This enabled the people of Sedlčany to prepare for the attack and they defeated Žižka in a battle near the fortified St. Martin's Church "in the morning dew".

 traditionally in mid-June (16-18 June 2023)

 Sedlčany

 Friday-Sunday

 unlimited

 Czech

 www.mesto-sedlcany.cz

More info: [Central Bohemia Convention Bureau](#)



Kutná Hora International Music Festival

The Kutná Hora International Music Festival is a festival of classical chamber music, held in the first week of June.

Since its foundation in 2008, the Kutná Hora International Music Festival has gained a reputation as one of the leading chamber music events in the Czech Republic. The festival dramaturgy is provided by the internationally acclaimed cellist and artistic director Jiří Bárta. It is characterised by a very diverse programme (from classical chamber literature, forgotten works, contemporary music, interpretations of lesser-known authors through to cross-genre projects).

This is an important regional event with a supra-regional reach. The festival attracts chamber music buffs as well as local listeners, enthusiasts and supporters, who see the festival as their own.



first week in June



Kutná Hora (and surrounding area)



a week



depending on chosen location – St Barbara's Cathedral, church in Bohdaneč



Czech, English



www.mfkh.cz

More info: [Central Bohemia Convention Bureau](#)

↑↓ Michal Koblre



Kmochův Kolín

The Kmochův Kolín brass band festival is one of the biggest cultural events in the Central Bohemian region. It is an internationally acclaimed and respected brass festival presenting a modern take on this musical genre, yet it also pays homage to the important legacy associated with composer František Kmoč, who spent his life working in the town of Kolín. The festival is based on the activity of the vast majority of the inhabitants of Kolín and the surrounding area and is organised by the Town of Kolín. It features performances by around 1,500 musicians and 250 majorettes. The festival attracts an audience of around 8,000 people.

The festival not only continues the legacy of the composer František Kmoč, but also strives to make brass band music appeal to the contemporary listener. The event organiser aims to continue the trend set in previous years and to preserve this prestigious international brass band festival, especially by hosting leading orchestras from Czechia and abroad.



beginning of June



Town of Kolín – mostly on Charles Square, and also in St. Bartholomew's Church in Brandlova ulice and in the synagogue in ulice Na Hradbách. Both alternative stages are within 100m of the square.



long weekend



500–1500



Czech, English, German



www.kmochuvkolin.cz

More info: [Central Bohemia Convention Bureau](#)




Royal Silvering of Kutná Hora

This spectacular festival takes the royal Czech mining town of Kutná Hora back six hundred and twenty years into the past, to the beginning of the 15th century.


For two days, the town and the royal residence in the mint in the Italian Court come alive with the fictitious story of the arrival and esteemed presence of the Bohemian and Roman King Wenceslas IV and his court. Actors and spectators are carried back to the time when Kutná Hora was at the peak of its prosperity. The rich and proud "Miners" prepare to welcome the king, the fair opens, the Midsummer bonfires are lit, and the folk festivities held in honour of the popular monarch begin.

This annual Gothic historical celebration, the symbolic start of the tourist season in the town of Kutná Hora, is included in the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List.



 weekend at the end of June

 Kutná Hora

 Saturday and Sunday

 unlimited

 Czech

 www.stribreni.cz

More info: [Central Bohemia Convention Bureau](#)



Cultural events and festivals

Olomouc Region

Josefkol

Josefkol is a unique event, which presents the ancient crafts required when building a carriage, the history of building and builders of carriages, the rescue and renovation of carriages, the use of carriages in ancient times and today, and the link between humans and nature with reference to the breeding and training of carriage horses. Historical carriage fashion and etiquette are an integral part of this unique show.

Josefkol also brings together masters of nineteen crafts, artists, singers, actors, athletes, stuntmen, as well as masters of the reins. They present prominent personalities from ancient history in beautiful costumes and uniforms, accompanied by scenic music in the magical setting of the Čechy pod Kosířem chateau park. Enjoy moments together that will become memories for a lifetime.



July



Čechy pod Kosířem



2 days



unlimited



Czech



www.historickekokary.cz

More info: [Central Moravia & Jeseníky Convention Bureau](#)



Hefaiston

Hephaiston showcases the work of several hundred blacksmiths from all over the world every year. Every year since 1982, on the last weekend of August, Helfštýn Castle is transformed into a huge open-air gallery.

Hundreds of exhibits are installed all over the castle. The exhibition is a competition. The work is evaluated in various categories by an expert panel usually made up of art historians and theoreticians, architects, artists and master blacksmiths. The exhibition presents a diverse mix of styles, technologies and the craft and aesthetic qualities of the works. The competition features independent master blacksmiths, large companies, enthusiastic amateurs, students, and vocational metalworking schools.



August



Helfštýn Castle



3 days



unlimited



Czech



www.hefaiston-helfstyn.cz

More info: [Central Moravia & Jeseníky Convention Bureau](#)

Olomoucké Tvarůžky Cheese Festival

A festival celebrating the uniqueness of the only original Czech cheese.

The festival is held in the Haná metropolis at the end of April, and besides the chance to taste Olomouc curd cheeses prepared in every way possible, there is also a varied show of the work of regional breweries. AW Loštice, a company that has been producing curd cheese since 1876, always carefully prepares well ahead of time. In 2022, visitors to the festival bought approximately three tons of this aromatic cheese, and in 2023, the company made up to five tons of this delicacy ready for the onslaught of shoppers.

Visitors to the festival can also enjoy a lavish cultural and accompanying programme. And of course, as a gastronomy festival, it also includes a live cooking show.

The festival is held at the end of April every year on Horní and Dolní náměstí in Olomouc.



April



Horní and Dolní náměstí in Olomouc



3 days



unlimited



Czech



www.tvaruzkovyfestival.olomouc.eu

More info: [Central Moravia & Jeseníky Convention Bureau](#)



The Travelling Golden Pan of the Mayor of Zlaté Hory (Gold Mountains)

Since 1994, the Goldfields Open-Air Museum in Zlaté Hory has been hosting the gold panning event "The Travelling Golden Pan of the Mayor of Zlaté Hory". Every year, visitors can enjoy stands selling various products, live music, refreshments and, of course, a gold panning school.

As gold has been found in the surroundings of Zlaté Hory (the village's name translates as Gold Mountains), the tradition of gold panning competitions was established in 1994. The competitions are organised by the town of Zlaté Hory together with the Moravian-Silesian Gold Diggers Club.

After the success of the European Championships in 1996, the Czech and Slovak Championships in 2001, 2005, 2009, 2016 and 2022, the World Gold Panning Championship was also held in 2010 and will again be held in the Goldfields Open-Air Museum in 2024.

The competition held in Zlaté Hory has also led to the tradition of the competition for the Mayor's Travelling Golden Pan. According to the rules, each winner holds it for 1 year and defends their victory in the following year.

The gold panning competition in Zlaté Hory is held once a year, every August, and 2023 was the twenty-eighth year.



August



Goldfields Open-Air Museum in Zlaté Hory



3 days



200 and more, panning max. 20 people, tours max. 20 people



Czech, English, Polish



www.zlatehory.cz

More info: [Central Moravia & Jeseníky Convention Bureau](#)

Olomouc Advent markets

The Christmas markets in Olomouc are truly enchanting. They are some of the most famous in the Czech Republic.

The historical centre of Olomouc is a wonderful backdrop for the Christmas markets. Every year, the city strives to create the atmosphere of a real Czech Christmas. This includes a majestic and beautifully decorated Christmas tree, stalls selling traditional handicrafts (from woodcarvers, blacksmiths and tailors), performances by folk ensembles, a theatre and a varied cultural programme. The markets in Olomouc really evoke a festive atmosphere of peace and well-being. A nice addition is the Christmas cinema, which will show lots of classic Christmas films such as Cozy Dens, Give the Devil His Due, etc. Not to mention the traditional ice rink, which has become a modern-day tradition.



from 18 November to 23 December 2023



Horní and Dolní náměstí Olomouc, Marketplace



every day 10.00 a.m. – 8.00 p.m.



unlimited



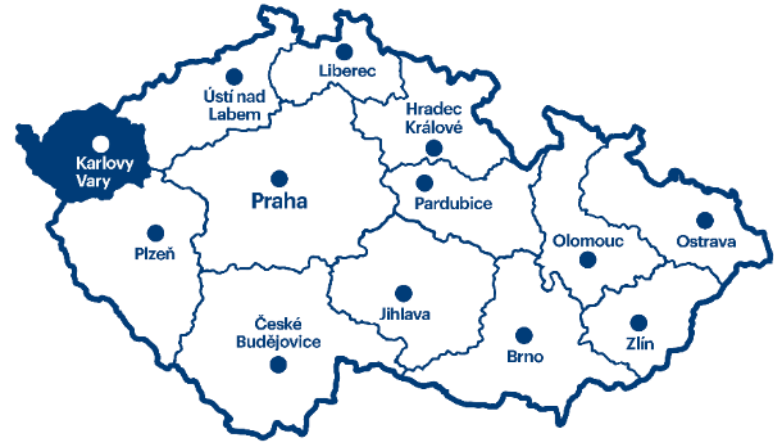
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www.vanocnitrhy.eu

More info: [Central Moravia & Jeseníky Convention Bureau](#)





Cultural events and festivals

Karlovy Vary Region

Wallenstein Festival in Cheb

Every year at the end of August, a magnificent historical celebration kicks off with the arrival of Albrecht von Wallenstein in Cheb. It includes a lavish cultural programme with a procession led by Albrecht von Wallenstein and his retinue, period music, a market mostly hosting traditional crafts, and lots more.

Cheb in West Bohemia is inextricably linked with Duke Albrecht von Wallenstein, who visited the town several times. However, his last visit proved fatal. Albrecht von Wallenstein was murdered on 25 February 1634 in the Pachelbel House – now home to Cheb Museum on the square.

The Wallenstein Festival includes festive parades during the day and by torchlight at night, fairy-tale performances for children, a historical fair on the square, falconry demonstrations, period music and dancing, as well as an evening celebration with fireworks, a thrilling reenactment of the events of Wallenstein's last stay, and reconstructions of battle skirmishes.



once a year, always at the end of August (Fri-Sat)



Cheb



two days



unlimited



Czech



www.valdstejske-slavnosti.eu

More info: [Carlsbad Convention Bureau](#)

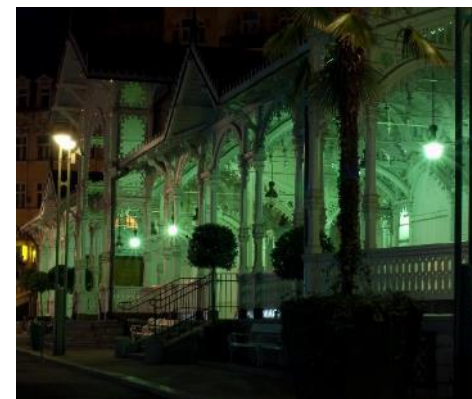


Karlovy Vary Folk Festival

For several days every year, this costume show of folklore ensembles from the Czech Republic and abroad on various stages around Karlovy Vary aims to protect and revive the customs, dances and folk music of Karlovy Vary, thus strengthening the local people's bond with the place they live in, which has seen some turbulent times throughout its history.

Besides its international importance, the Karlovy Vary Folklore Festival is also of nationwide significance. Folklore from almost all the ethnographic regions of the Czech Republic and Slovak has been presented in Karlovy Vary since the festival's inception.

The organisers are constantly coming up with new programmes to make the festival an event that overlaps into many other areas, i.e. an event with a wider meaning than mere culture or entertainment. The festival attracts amateur, semi-professional and professional folklore ensembles from all over the world, many of which push the boundaries of art with each performance. The Karlovy Vary festival is proud to host these ensembles and offer such an artistic experience to audiences in Karlovy Vary and the surrounding region every year. The festival offers plenty of active and passive leisure options and activities to suit everyone. Almost all the festival programmes give visitors of all ages, from children to the elderly, the opportunity to dance, sing, play or draw, or simply listen to rhythms and melodies from around the world and watch dancers on stage in various folk costumes.



first weekend in September (Mon-Sun), every year



Karlovy Vary



3 days



unlimited



international event



www.kffestival.cz

More info: [Carlsbad Convention Bureau](#)

Mariánské Lázně Chopin Festival

The Chopin Festival is one of Czech Republic's oldest music festivals and one of the leading events of its kind in Europe. World-famous artists perform at symphony concerts, piano recitals, and Saturday and Sunday matinees.

The festival is named after the leading Polish romantic composer Frédéric Chopin, who stayed in Mariánské Lázně several times and was very fond of the place. The Chopin Festival has always striven to be an important cultural event as well as a celebration of music. That's why it's sure to be enjoyed by everyone, not only classical music fans. The accompanying programme includes exhibitions, sports matches and other interesting events.

The concerts usually take place in the Municipal Theatre, the Casino Social House, the Evangelical Church, Kynžvart Chateau, the Colonnade, the Esplanade Hotel and the Chopin House Music Hall.



every August



Mariánské Lázně:



a week



depending on the chosen location



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www.marianskelazne.cz


More info: [Carlsbad Convention Bureau](#)




International fireworks competition in Sokolov

An international fireworks display will be held to mark the Hurray for the Holidays event. The Czechia, Poland, Slovakia and Germany. This is the order in which the artists behind this beautiful light spectacle will appear. Each fireworks show takes a month or two of preparation and documents the demanding profession of a pyrotechnician.

A spectacular show packed with music, sports and fireworks takes place in Sokolov on the last weekend of June. The two-day fun-fest includes concerts, a charity run and, of course, the Sokolov 1/4 marathon, accompanied by competitions. The eagerly anticipated highlight is the International Fireworks Competition on Saturday, one hour before midnight.

 once a year, at the end of June

 Sokolov

 evening show, one hour before midnight

 unlimited

 Czech

 www.mdk Sokolov.cz

More info: [Carlsbad Convention Bureau](#)



Karlovy Vary International Film Festival - KVIFF

the Karlovy Vary International Film Festival (KVIFF) is the largest film festival in the Czech Republic, a category A event that ranks up alongside the festivals in Cannes, Berlin, Venice or Tokyo. It is one of the world's oldest film festivals and considered the most important event of its kind in Central and Eastern Europe.

It is traditionally held at the beginning of July and is centred around the Hotel Thermal in Karlovy Vary. Every year, the festival screens more than 180 feature films and several dozen short films from around the world. It regularly hosts some world-famous film stars, most often from the United States.

The festival shows around two hundred films from all over the world and offers several programme sections and a lavish programme of cultural and social events every year.

 every year, first weekend in July

 Karlovy Vary

 a week

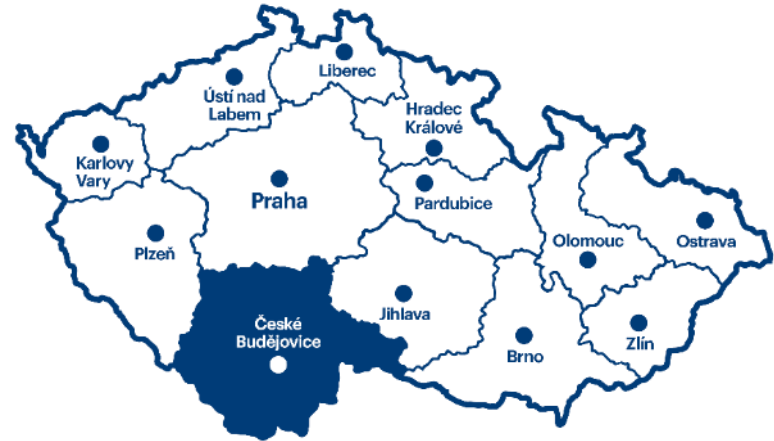
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 Czech, English

 www.kviff.com

More info: [Carlsbad Convention Bureau](#)





Cultural events and festivals

South Bohemia

Revolving Theatre in Český Krumlov

A play, a musical or a ballet – most of all, the Revolving Theatre offers the exceptional opportunity to enjoy a performance held on a summer night in a theatre with the highest ceiling in the world.

Shows by world-famous artistes are held in the beautiful natural backdrop of the castle garden. The choice of repertoire, direction, performances and original garden setting are sure to captivate every audience.

During the winter, the actors move to the South Bohemian Theatre in České Budějovice, which offers an equally interesting repertoire and also welcomes corporate groups.



every year from June to September



Revolving Theatre in Český Krumlov



2 hours



approx. 500, depending on the number of previous reservations; it is advisable to book early



All performances have German and English subtitles



www.otacivehlediste.cz

More info: [South Bohemia Convention Bureau](#)



Culture at Švestkový Dvůr

A South Bohemian farmstead near Kratochvíle Chateau, run by the international Continuo Theatre.

In 1995, members of the Continuo Theatre bought a former farmstead in the village of Malovice in South Bohemia and named it Švestkový Dvůr. The large farm, dating from 1868, thus became the home of the Continuo Theatre and its members, a place for the group to work all year round as well as a venue for work meetings, workshops and international projects.

The efforts of the members of the Continuo Theatre to build, maintain and develop an art centre outside the town are motivated by the desire to create an open space to work and live, not only for the group's own art, but also for that of other groups and individuals as part of residencies, theatre performances held by guest ensembles, workshops for children and adults, conferences, seminars, educational programmes, community projects and other activities.



throughout the year, depending on choice of performance



Švestkový Dvůr Malovice



depending on performance



40



Czech



www.svestkovydvur.cz

More info: [South Bohemia Convention Bureau](#)



Theatre in the courtyard of Jindřichův Hradec Chateau

Traditional plays and opera make for an interesting experience in the chateau courtyard every year.

The plays are a co-hosted by the Jablonský theatre company, the actors of the JK Tyl Theatre in Plzeň and the Vinohrady Theatre in Prague. The ensemble always presents a new play, mostly comedies, by famous classic playwrights.

The open-air opera performances are traditionally held in the third courtyard. Giuseppe Verdi's opera "Nabucco" was performed in 2023. The shows feature soloists from the National Theatre and the Josef Kajetán Tyl Theatre in Plzeň. The orchestra, chorus and ballet of the Josef Kajetán Tyl Theatre in Plzeň also perform here.



beginning of July, usually played twice, two consecutive days; opera at the end of August, usually the last Saturday in August, performed once



Jindřichův Hradec State Castle and Chateau, third courtyard



start usually at 9:30 p.m. (duration 1.5–2 hours)



plays 250 people; opera for up to 1000 people



plays - Czech, opera - depending on origin



www.kultura.jh.cz

More info: [South Bohemia Convention Bureau](#)



Český Krumlov Wine Festival®

A showcase of wines from the Czech Republic and abroad, culinary delicacies, friendly get-togethers with wine connoisseurs, coupled with the unique atmosphere of this historical town – you can enjoy all this and much more at the Český Krumlov Wine Festival.

The Český Krumlov Wine Festival combines excellent wines with fine cuisine and a good fix of culture. Over the course of five weeks, wine lovers can enjoy dozens of tasting evenings and friendly meetings. They often get the chance to see places that are normally hidden away from visitors. The high point of the festival every year is the Castle Wine Festival - a show offering the chance to taste and buy wine, with some 300 samples from this country and abroad offered by from traditional star wineries as well as new and developing producers.



every year in October and November



in and around Český Krumlov



depending on the event, the festival lasts a month



depending on the event, Castle Wine Festival approx. 1,000 people



Czech (commented events)



www.festivalvinack.cz

More info: [South Bohemia Convention Bureau](#)



Tábor Meetings international historical festival

The largest mediaeval festival in Central Europe, attracting 20,000 visitors. The historical centre of Tábor as well as several squares, the town's winding streets and the rich greenery behind the walls all come alive for three days with the ancient history of the early 15th century.

Back when Hussite commander Jan Žižka of Trocnov took control of the town, and now, almost six hundred years later, the famous captain of the people symbolically assumes the rule of Tábor every year. This is all accompanied by a crowd of his Hussite warriors arriving to the beating of drums and the light of torches.

After the ceremonial opening, it's entirely up to you whether you try some mead and bread with pork rind from a stall or would prefer some choice mediaeval delicacies in one of the cosy taverns. The programme "menu" is also endless - fireworks; parades in historical costumes; a mediaeval fair; a beggar's alley; concerts of spiritual, mediaeval and contemporary music; performances by historical fencing groups; a tournament of knights on horseback; open-air theatre; exhibitions; games and competitions for children.



second weekend in September



Tábor



the festival lasts from Friday to Sunday



unlimited



Czech, English



www.taborskasetkani.eu

More info: [South Bohemia Convention Bureau](#)





Cultural events and festivals

South Moravia

A grape harvest at the heart of the action or where to spend an Indian summer in South Moravia

September, that's grape harvest time.

The holidays are coming to an end and the Indian summer is approaching. And late summer in South Moravia is traditionally associated with the grape harvest, the first young burčák wine and a wealth of cultural events with wine playing the starring role! Choose yourself an event to get in the mood for the coming autumn.

 September and October

 South Moravia

 weekend events

 unlimited

 Czech, English

 www.vinazmoravyvinazcech.cz

More info: [Brno Convention Bureau](#)



Christmas in Brno

A traditional event at the end of the year, one of the most popular attractions for locals and tourists. The markets, which can easily rival those in Vienna, are visited by hundreds of thousands of people.

The markets in Brno are not only beautiful, peaceful and traditional. They also care about sustainability by using returnable packaging and supporting regional producers and artists. Besides buying gifts for yourself and your loved ones, you can enjoy a draught of the traditional local Turbomošt from Lidi z Baru (The Folks from the Bar) and enjoy some Christmas cheer listening to Moravian carols.



always 5 weeks in the run-up to Christmas (start - weekend before the first Advent Sunday, end - Christmas holidays)



Brno



5 weeks



unlimited



Czech, English, German, Russian



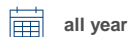
www.brnenskevanoce.cz

More info: [Brno Convention Bureau](#)

National Theatre Brno

Drama, opera, ballet, concerts... National Theatre Brno has it all.

Choose what you fancy and treat your guests to an unforgettable cultural experience. Are you organising a spectacular event and want make it even more special? Contact the theatre and arrange a performance by the artists to give your programme the very icing on the cake you need. The Janáček and Mahen theatre buildings are also available - as a unique venue for some unforgettable events!



all year



Brno



2 to 3 hours



up to 1,000



Czech, English



www.ndbrno.cz

More info: [Brno Convention Bureau](#)



Strážnice International Folklore Festival


The last weekend every June sees thousands of visitors descend on Strážnice to immerse themselves in the unique atmosphere of this magical town.


You can enjoy some unique artistic performances, as well as the traditional atmosphere and charm of local costumes and dances, all set amidst a beautiful chateau park and in a picturesque open-air museum. And not just any old dances! The traditional verbuřik male dance, for example, is also listed as UNESCO Cultural Heritage. You'll also learn more about other traditions such as the Ride of the Kings, the carnival or blue printing, also listed by UNESCO. The festival gives you the chance to enjoy the best of South Moravian folklore all together in one place.

 third weekend in June

 Strážnice

 all weekend

 unlimited

 Czech, English, German

 www.festivalstraznice.cz

More info: [Brno Convention Bureau](#)



Janáček Brno Festival

The Janáček Brno Festival is a unique cultural experience celebrating the legacy and work of Leoš Janáček, the leading and internationally acclaimed Czech composer.

It offers concerts, opera performances and recitals, as well as interesting contexts for Janáček's works and artistic confrontation. The festival combines a passion for music and culture with historical and cultural heritage in the spectacular setting of Brno.



1–24 November 2024



Brno



1 to 4 hours



up to 1000 people



Czech, English, German



www.mhflj.cz

More info: [Brno Convention Bureau](#)





Cultural events and festivals

Hradec Králové Region

REGIONS – International Theatre Festival Hradec Králové

The country's biggest theatre show has its home in Hradec Králové. It hosts a popular festival every year, presenting performances by artists from the Czech Republic and abroad at more than 30 venues around the city for one week.

The Regions festival is a wholly unique, vibrant event reflecting a rich cross-section of current culture from home and abroad. The entire city is suddenly transformed from a still and slow-moving setting into a living mechanism, a single interconnected performance that runs through the city's parks, streets, walls and, last but not least, its people. It is an amazing cultural experience and for many ensembles is a traditional event to mark the end of the theatre season.



June



Hradec Králové



7 days



almost unlimited, much of the festival is held all over the city in the open air



Czech, English, non-verbal



www.festivalregiony.cz

More info: [Hradec Králové Region Convention Bureau](#)



Rock for People

One of the Czech Republic's biggest rock festivals, held since 1995. Park 360 at the former military airfield site in Hradec Králové has hosted it since 2007. It is now a hugely popular festival that attracts music fans from all over Europe.

The festival now lasts four days and the main headliners are some of the top names on the music scene. The festival has long been committed to sustainability and aims to be a self-sufficient site by 2030. The individual stages are powered by photovoltaic panels or hydrogen. A far wider range of on-site waste is sorted than just plastic, paper and municipal waste. In addition, there is an increasing number of meat-free meals available at the food stands.

 beginning of June every year

 Hradec Králové – Park 360

 4 days

 30,000 people

 Czech, English

 www.rockforpeople.cz

More info: [Hradec Králové Region Convention Bureau](#)



Červený Kostelec Folklore Festival

The festival with the longest tradition in the Czech Republic, featuring performances by some 600 dancers and musicians from all over the world. The five-day festival is packed with folk events, fairs, handicraft workshops and entertainment.

Over those five days, around 600 dancers and musicians from some 16-20 folklore ensembles from around the world perform in fifteen varied blocks of shows. The shows in the amphitheatre generally attract thousands of visitors, as do the parades and ensemble performances held in various parts of the town and region. The evening blocks end with fun and dancing for the general public, with the performers boogying on down with the audience on the dance floor.



second half of August



Červený Kostelec



5 days



almost unlimited, much of the festival is held all over the city in the open air



Czech



www.folklorck.cz

More info: [Hradec Králové Region Convention Bureau](#)



Battle of 1866 at Chlum

The decisive battle between Austria and Prussia was fought on 3 July 1866 on Chlum hill just a few kilometres from the main regional city of Hradec Králové. In terms of the number of troops engaged in combat, this was the second biggest battle on Czech soil during the 19th century.

Over 430,000 soldiers were involved, more than 53,000 of whom were killed, wounded, captured or went missing. Every year, commemorative events are held to mark the anniversary of the conflict, rounded off with a large reenactment of the battle featuring associations and groups from all over Europe and sometimes even further afield. Pyrotechnics and technical support make this a very lively combat demonstration. Today, the former battlefield is dotted with more than 400 memorials to the fallen soldiers.

-  first weekend in July
-  Chlum near Hradec Králové
-  battle reenactment approx. 60 min
-  approx. 2,000–3,000 visitors
-  Czech
-  www.koniggratz1866.eu

More info: [Hradec Králové Region Convention Bureau](#)



Czech Long Trail

it is almost 30 years since dog sled-racing enthusiasts decided to hold their own race, choosing the Eagle Mountains for the region's excellent snow conditions.

Two tracks were created for the race - 200 km and 300 km, which run along the Czech and Polish sides of the Eagle Mountains. Over the years, what was originally a local race has become a Europe-wide competition, proof of which can be seen in the fact that the FISTC European Championship is held here. The race regularly includes competitors and dog teams from abroad.



last week in January



Deštné v Orlických horách



4 days



unlimited



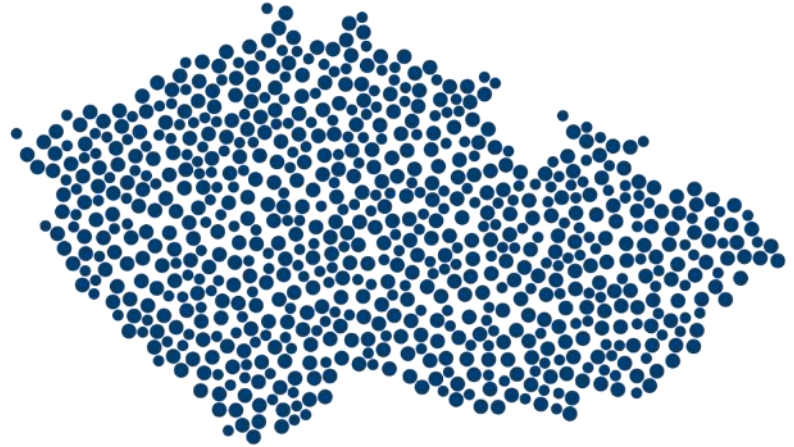
Czech



www.czechlongtrail.com

More info: [Hradec Králové Region Convention Bureau](#)





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