

Presstrips 2023

5–7 May (Fri – Sun) | Pilsen Liberation Festival

Pilsen was liberated by the US Army on May 6th 1945. In memory of this event, the city annually holds the Liberation Festival. Come to enjoy vibes of the city returning to the happy days of the end of the war.

5. 5. Beginning of the presstrip at 3 or 4 p.m. (depending on arrivals)
Pilsen – city sightseeing tour with the guide (The Great Synagogue, St. Bartholomew Cathedral, Republic Square, Adolf Loos Interiors)
6. 5. **Programme of Pilsen Liberation Festival** – military camps, memorial meetings at the WWII memorials, cultural program – music, dance, beer (www.liberationfestival.cz)
Guided Tour of **Patton Memorial Pilsen**
7. 5. **Convoy of Liberty**
Pilsner Urquell Brewery, Brewery Museum, Historical Underground. Afternoon departure.



23–26 May (Tue – Fri) | One region, three castles

Šumava's Three Castles Rabí, Velhartice, and Kašperk are situated at the foot of Šumava mountain region in Southwestern Bohemia.

23. 5. Arrival in the afternoon. 4 p.m.
Programme in Pilsen – guided tour of the city centre.
24. 5. Chapel of the Guardian Angel – the dominant of the city of Sušice. **Castle Kašperk** – medieval castle placed at the foot of the Šumava National Park, the highest located royal castle in Bohemia. **Hike in the Šumava mountains.** Museum of historical motorcycles in Kašperské Hory. Overnight in Pilsen region.
25. 5. **Castle Velhartice** – complex of Gothic buildings – Paradise palace and a protective tower, a newly reconstructed historical castle brewery, Hory Matky Boží – short hike, lookout tower and Vintíř statue visit. Overnight in Pilsen region.
26. 5. **Castle Rabí** – the largest castle ruin in Bohemia.
Afternoon – departure.



4–7 June (Sun – Wen) | Farm tourism in Pilsen region

Farm tourism, hiking in beautiful nature of west Bohemia and beer spa. In Pilsen you will enjoy modern and healthy cuisine, and of course beer.

4. 6. Beginning of the presstrip at 3 or 4 p.m. (depending on arrivals).
Pilsen – guided tour of the city centre, **DEPO2015** – cultural centre in former bus depot – visit of the exhibition of the old vehicles. **Papírna** – cultural centre in former paper mill. Free time to enjoy vivid city and its garden restaurants.
5. 6. Trip to the Pilsen Region – hike to **Gutštejn castle** and its surrounding beautiful nature. **Krasíkov farm yard, U Hrušků farmyard** – tasting of their products. **Konstantinovy Spa** – wellness and hike in nearby nature. Overnight in the Pilsen Region.
6. 6. **Chodová Planá** – the beer spa, **Podviniční mill** – visit of the farm. Hike along Hadovka stream.
7. 6. **Pilsner Urquell Brewery** – visit and beer tasting. End of the tour after lunch.



22–25 August (Tue – Fri) |

West Bohemian Baroque architecture and Baroque landscape

These days of the presstrip we will take you to the area of northern Pilsen to visit monumental sites and Baroque monuments. Part of the presstrip to the beautiful landscape around Pilsen. Last day you will enjoy the festival “On the Street” in Pilsen.

- 23. 8. Beginning of the presstrip 3 or 4 p.m. (depending on arrivals). Programme in Pilsen – guided tour of the city centre
- 24. 8. Trip to Pilsen Region: **Plasy – monastery**, Museum of Northern Pilsen Region in **Mariánská Týnice**, microbrewery Knížecí in Plasy, **Manětín chateau**. Overnight in Pilsen region.
- 25. 8. **Rabštejn nad Střelou** – short hike around the smallest city in the central Europe. Evening On the Street Festival in Pilsen (to be confirmed).
- 26. 8. **Pilsner Urquell Brewery** – visit and beer tasting. After lunch end of the tour.



15–17 September (Fri – Sun) | Microbreweries, Festival Sun In The Glass

The festival of microbreweries Sun in the Glass (www.slunceveskle.cz) takes place in the microbrewery Purkmistr in the area of Pilsen – Černice. The whole presstrip is devoted to the beer.

- 15. 9. Beginning of the presstrip at 3 or 4 p.m. (depending on arrivals). **Pilsen** guided tour of the historic city centre.
- 16. 9. Trip to **Pilsen** region – **Dobřív water mill** and military museum in Rokycany, **Festival Sun in the Glass** (beer-tasting of various microbreweries, beer programme, interviews with beer masters) www.slunceveskle.cz. Pilsen beer culture – various beer pubs and bars. Museum of old vehicles.
- 17. 9. **Pilsner Urquell Brewery** – visit and beer-tasting. Beer spa in **Purkmistr microbrewery**. End of the tour on Sunday after lunch.



6–8 October (Fri – Sun) | Pilsner Fest

Pilsner Fest – the grand traditional festival offering the freshest Pilsner Urquell beer, concerts of the best Czech bands and an abundant accompanying programme.

- 6. 10. Beginning of the presstrip at 3 or 4 p.m. (depending on arrivals). Pilsen guided tour of the **historic city centre** (Great Synagogue, St. Bartholomew Cathedral, garden circle, Republic Square, Adolf Loos Interiors, etc.). Dinner in a typical Czech restaurant with Pilsner Urquell beer.
- 7. 10. Pilsen Region – Starý Plzenec (**Bohemia Sekt** – tour of the production facilities of Czech sparkling wine, wine tasting), **Radyně castle**, **St. Peter and Paul rotunda**. **Pilsner Fest** individually (different music bands, beer toast, food tasting, etc.), www.pilsnerfest.cz.
- 8. 10. **Pilsner Urquell brewery** with beer tasting in the cellars, **Pilsen Historical Underground** www.prazdrojvisit.cz. After lunch end of the tour.



5–7 December (Tue – Thu) | Pilsen in Christmas time

During the Advent period, Pilsen has a totally different look, enjoy its unique atmosphere at the time.

5. 12. Beginning of the tour at 3 or 4 p.m. Pilsen guided tour of the historic city centre – special Christmas themed tour in the decorated and illuminated city centre. Free time in the Christmas market.
6. 12. **Adolf Loos Interiors**, the **Puppet Museum** and **Museum of West Bohemia, Franciscan monastery** and it's museum. Czech Christmas habits (decoration of Christmas cookies, etc.), free time at the Christmas market. Taste of Czech Christmas traditional cuisine, interview with a chef.
7. 12. **Pilsen Urquell Brewery** – tour and beer tasting **Purkmistr** – beer spa, visit of the microbrewery. End of the tour around noon.



Changes of programme reserved.

The presstrip includes accommodation in 3* or 4* hotel, full board, guide, transportation during event.

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