

Exhibition "Footwear of Old Slavs"

THE SHOE MUSEUM IN ZLÍN

A permanent exhibition from the collections of the Museum of Southeastern Moravia finds itself in the entrance to the industrial estate in the center of the city. Through more than one thousand exhibits it will familiarize visitors with the history of footwear and also its present state, with the development of footwear manufacturing and the history of the shoemakers' craft. The collection follows the development of footwear from the oldest period of the Czech history to the present. The earliest period is depicted through replicas. The oldest originals date back to the end of the 16th century.

A unique collection is the one dealing with the footwear of foreign nations. There are various types of footwear from all the continents of the world. Perhaps the most precious is the collection of small textile shoes from the period of the Chinese Empire. A very interesting collection is also that of atamansqshoes bought in 1911 by the last owner of the mansion in Buchlov, then a collection of African sandals and a large collection of footwear from India. For the viewer, the most attractive exhibits are sandals made of emu ostrich feathers and human hair, which served ritual purposes in central Australia. The most extensive and probably the most compact of the Shoe Museum collections is a collection of shoes from the Ba a company production. It follows the development of the production from the foundation of the factory in 1894 to 1945 when the shoemaking factory was nationalized.

You can find further information about the exhibition in the press release below:

Footwear of the Old Slavs (panel exhibition devoted to the footwear of the inhabitants of Great Moravia)

Due to the fact that in our territory there are no real records that would describe the footwear of the inhabitants of the Great Moravian Empire, a comparative study of the preserved footwear from the period between the 8th and 11th century was conducted, namely from the deposits in Russia, Poland and Germany. It is probable that the footwear of the old Slavs in our territory was either identical or similar in type to the footwear found in these neighboring countries. The exhibition will be presented in the form of pictorial documentation. The exhibition takes place from 1st June to 30th August 2012.

The Shoe Museum is located in the entrance to the former industrial plant of Svit, Building number 1 (at the underpass leading to the Square of Work), contact phone numbers: 577 522 225 or 577 522 232.

Opening hours:

Tuesday - Friday: 9 a.m. . 12 p.m., 1 p.m. . 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, national holidays: 10 a.m. . 12 p.m., 1 p.m. . 5 p.m. The last tour in the morning is at 11 a.m. and at 4 p.m. in the afternoon **Monday - closed**

Entrance fee

Basic CZK 50, Students CZK 30, Seniors CZK 30, Handicapped persons with a guide CZK 20 (+ 1 accompanying person . free of charge), Children 6 - 15 years old CZK 20, Children younger than 6 CZK 5, A family passport CZK 70, Family entrance fee (2 adults + 2 children) CZK 110. The Shoe Museum also provides sightseeing tours at the terrace of the former Administrative building of the Ba a company . ~~to a~~ skyscraper+ Terrace 1 person CZK 20 (for a group numbering more than 10 persons). Terrace for a group CZK 200 (for a group numbering from 1 to 9 persons).

Visits of larger groups (schools, clubs, and the like) need to be ordered in advance. Barrier-free access in the exposition; there is a lift (length 119 cm, width 85 cm), which is at the disposal of immobile visitors.