



Open Gates

Access to important
sacral monuments
in the Zlín Region



“Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst?
If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person;
for God’s temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.”

(The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 3, 16-17)





Velehrad is an important spiritual center, a place of holy pilgrimages, gatherings and Cyril and Methodius Feast Day celebration. Great hope came for spiritual and material renewal of the Velehrad monument in April, 1990 during a visit by the head of the Roman Catholic Church, Pope John Paul II. Velehrad officially regained its claim as the bridge between East and West. The first Czech pilgrimage and spiritual retreat home was built by design of Dr. Antonín Cyril Stojan (1851-1923, archbishop, representative of the National Assembly, restorer of Velehrad). **Link: www.velehrad.cz , www.stojanov.cz**



Monastery complex with the Basilica of the Assumption and Saints Cyril and Methodius

Exquisite Baroque basilica with adjacent buildings of the former Cistercian monastery, with lapidarium and crypts on the basilica ground floor. The basilica and the complex were declared a national cultural monument in April, 2008.

It features a noteworthy design of the vault with paintings that optically raise the roof by two floors. Ignác Egstein painted the frescoes. One fascinating fresco illustrates the baptism of King Svatopluk, who invited the missionaries Cyril and Methodius to Moravia. The two Baroque benches (18 seats) are utterly unique, and are richly adorned with sculpted ornamental woodwork, including 60 sculptures representing saints and angels.

Did you know that...

"And we bestow the famous Velehrad basilica with the Golden Rose distinction," conferred in the Vatican on June 28, 1985 in the seventh year of our pontificate, John Paul II. You may see the Golden Rose on the altar in the basilica and from the tribune during the Cyril and Methodius Feast Day celebration.

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Tours offered: May - September: Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., a guided tour of the basilica may be ordered by calling: +420 603 793 532, tours not offered during church ceremonies, concerts and other events.

Ideas for trips to monuments with open gates:

- Uherské Hradiště, Church of St. Fr. Xavier - the heart of a vast Jesuit complex (8 km)
- Střílky, Church of Our Lady with cemetery - unique Baroque monument (22 km)
- Uherský Brod, Parish Church of the Immaculate Conception - church tower offering panoramas (25 km)



This important Marian place of pilgrimage has a rich history. On the grounds of Holy Hostýn, you may visit several other structures: Chapel of St. John Sarkander, Stations of the Cross by D. Jurkovič, lookout tower and windmill, museum in the pilgrimage house and a water chapel.



Basilica of the Assumption - This grand basilica with two 18th-century towers stands at the spot of the former small Marian chapel. All of the basilica walls are embellished with a row of ideologically and iconographically arranged scenes from the lives of saints and the basilica's history. There are around 900 painted figures and faces here, and important events, period clothing and folk costumes are faithfully depicted.

Did you know, that...

the basilica's geographical position at 718 m ASL makes it the highest-elevated sacral structure in Moravia with permanent spiritual administration?

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Tours offered: May and September: Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Church services held on Sunday, (Saturday hours of operation apply during state holidays); **June - August:** Church services held on Sunday, Monday only after agreement, Tuesday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., tours not offered during church ceremonies, concerts and other events, church services held on weekdays at 7:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Bystřice pod Hostýnem - This city is a cultural and tourism center. Bystřice's genius loci and history are illustrated in the water statue of Our Lady of Victory Protector of Moravia above the fountain on the square. The stone fountain becomes and sign of a Pure Spring in the city's life and a crossroads of history, indicated in the work with symbols expressing facts and spiritual content. Three water springs with symbolic features of archangels mark the very origin of the city, named after the local flowing waters. **Link: www.mubph.cz**

Chvalčov - This town lies in the lovely Hostýn foothills, featuring monuments and two nature reserves. The nature trail Chodník Masarykových informs visitors of the local surroundings and history. The Lázně district offers rehabilitation and spa visits. **Link: www.obec-chvalcov.cz**

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- Zlín, Štípa, Pilgrimage Church of the Birth of Our Lady - important place of pilgrimage (27 km)
- Zlín Parish Church of SS Phillip and James - unique Stations of the Cross (39 km)
- Kroměříž, Church of St. John the Baptist, Church of St. Maurice, Church of the Assumption - important city structures and monuments listed together as a UNESCO World Heritage Site (37 km)





This is the lovely seat of the Zlín Region. The city's greatest historical milestone was the founding of the Bat'a family shoe-making business. The company's prosperity led to Zlín becoming a modern industrial center and unique home to functionalist architecture. Zlín has a noteworthy film studio, made famous by the animated and special effects films of Karel Zeman and Hermína Týrlová.



Parish Church of Saints Phillip and James

This church, originally built in the 14th century, owes its current appearance to latter-19th century alterations. Because the main altarpiece of church patrons from 1835 was nearly destroyed, it was replaced with a work by Josef Kessler (1825–1888) in 1876. It remained here until major modifications came in the 1970s. A modern mosaic replaced it last century, which covers not just the front wall, but also wraps around both side walls. Its theme is the life of the Church expressed by figures and relationships of those called to especially serve it.

Did you know, that...

the Stations of the Cross inside the Church of Saints Phillip and James are designed in two rows, where the idea of meditation is in one, and the theme of prayer is in the other?

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Tours offered: May and September: Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., (Saturday hours of operation apply on state holidays).

June - August: daily 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., tours not offered during church ceremonies, concerts and other events.



Evangelist Church

Built by design of Vladimír Karfík, the church wonderfully corresponds to Bat'a architecture in Zlín in its simplicity and functionality.

Contact: Mgr. Petr Pivoňka, rector, telephone on: +420 577 210 004, +420 732 965 735, www.zlin.evangelnet.cz

Tours offered: May - September: Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., (Saturday hours of operation apply on state holidays).



Pilgrimage Church of the Birth of Our Lady (Zlín-Štípa)

Albrecht von Wallenstein has this church built with the adjacent monastery to honor his wife, Lucretia Nekeš of Landek. It became an important place of pilgrimage after completion in the 18th century. The miraculous statue of Our Lady of Štípa was brought here from Štípa's older church. Thirty-five thousand believers came to the grand celebration. Records claim that "when transporting the statue, pilgrims witnessed a strange wonder in the sky: beside the sun were two brightly shining stars." Many eyewitnesses confirmed seeing this hour-long heavenly phenomenon by signing a parchment deed of May 28, 1799.

Did you know, that...

František Čapek and Max Zachystal of Kremže built a pipe organ in Štípa's church in 1890, one of the largest and highest-quality preserved instruments of its kind?

Contact: Římskokatolická farnost Štípa, Mariánské náměstí 12, 763 14 Zlín, telephone: +420 577 914 251, fastipa@ado.cz, www.stipa.cz

Tours offered: May - September: Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., tours not offered during church ceremonies, concerts and other events.

Zlín chapels and monastery building

The first half of the 20th century saw new chapels built - Jaroslavice's Chapel of St. Anne, consecrated in 1910, and Kudlov's Chapel of St. Wenceslas, designed by architect František Gahura, consecrated in 1929. Later in 1938, the House of the Congregation of Sisters in Mercy of the third order of St. Francis, which cared for the elderly, was built and consecrated.

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- Holy Hostýn, Basilica of the Assumption - Moravia's most important Marian place of pilgrimage (32 km)
- Kroměříž, Church of St. John the Baptist, Church of St. Maurice. Church of the Assumption - stately architecture of the "Athens of Hana" (30 km)





Tečovice is a very old village first mentioned in 1141. Settlements existed here in the Paleolithic and Neolithic Eras, and during the Bronze and Iron Ages. Tečovice once had a fortress with a church beside it, the predecessor to today's Church of St. James the Greater, the region's oldest historical monument.

Link: www.tecovice.cz



Church of St. James the Greater

This church was built around 1260. Originally Romanesque, it saw later Gothic and Baroque redesign. Tečovice's eastward-oriented church contains a presbytery (chancel), nave and sacristy. The two-story, cellarless structure has walls 1.2 meters thick. The nave and chancel are adorned with original wall paintings. These frescoes were painted sometime in the 14th century. The entire nave features frescoes except the front wall. Unique furnishings include the Gothicizing pulpit, rare in Moravia, and a 13th-century stone font.

Did you know, that...

Tečovice's coat of arms features a scallop shell, a symbol of the local church's patron, St James the Greater?

The St. James scallop shell symbolizes pilgrims traveling to Santiago de Compostela. The origin of the scallop shell comes from legends that all tell the same basic story - people miraculously saved by St. James.

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Tours offered: May - September: Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., (Saturday hours of operation apply on state holidays); tours not offered during church ceremonies, concerts and other events.

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- Zlín, Štípa, Pilgrimage Church of the Birth of Our Lady - important place of pilgrimage (15 km)
- Zlín Parish Church of SS Phillip and James - unique Stations of the Cross (10 km)
- Provodov, Baroque Church of Our Lady of the Snows - important place of pilgrimage (19 km)



This town is famous for its natural healing springs, favorable climate, rich cultural and social life, and its enjoyable, unmatched atmosphere. Luhačovice is the largest and most visited Moravian spa. It is a captivating place of unique gifts of nature and human knowhow, where guests are returned not just their health but also the joy of life, enhanced by beauty, art and architecture. Link: www.mesto.luhacovice.cz



Church of the Holy Family

Preparations to build this relatively new church began after 1989. On April 22, 1990, at Velehrad, Pope John Paul II consecrated the keystone with the inscription *St. Joseph, protect our home*. The decision came during its construction to consecrate it as the Church of the Holy Family. Building began in April 1996, and Msgr. Jan Graubner, Archbishop of Olomouc, consecrated the church on July 12, 1997. The modern structure with a 12 m high nave has a 22 m high tower holding three bells with the names Holy Family, Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph. Architects Michal Brix and Petr Franta designed the church. Right beside it is the St. Joseph mineral spring.

Did you know, that...

the parish also administers the Chapel of Our Lady at the Augustinian House, and that here in 1922 and 1926, Leoš Janáček wrote *The Cunning Little Vixen* and the famous Glagolitic Mass - works that still influence world music creation today?

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Tours offered: May weekends 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., (Saturday hours of operation apply on state holidays); **June - September:** Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., tours not offered during church ceremonies, concerts and other events.

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- Uherský Brod, Church of the Immaculate Conception - church tower with panorama (12 km)





Between the Luhačovické Zálesí hills lies a farming community with a rich history and unusual monuments. Provodov is first mentioned in 1412 as belonging to castle Světlav. The name is probably taken from the oldest settlers, who offered travelers accompaniment (doprovod) through the rugged hills.

Link: www.provodov.cz



Church of Our Lady of the Snows

Built in 1750, this church stands upon a place of pilgrimage called Malenisko. Nearby is a spring, and Stations of the Cross with a chapel lead away from the church. Above the altar hangs a unique painting of the nursing Mother of God. The legend bound to the location claims that the owner of the Luhačovice domain, Count Serenyi, fell gravely ill. The rector shared a message with Serenyi from a Provodov miller that the Virgin Mary would heal him, but urged him to have a chapel built by the spring at Malenisko. Count Serenyi promised this, soon recovered and had built first a wooden, and later a brick chapel. Provodov's chapel became a center of local pilgrimages. More and more pilgrims came, so the chapel was rebuilt in 1750, and today stands as a small Baroque pilgrimage church.

Did you know that...

the nursing Mother of God painting is unseen anywhere else in Central Europe? Painted by an unknown author, it was brought to Provodov from Vienna in 1710 and still hangs today over the church's main altar.

Contact: Římskokatolická farnost, 763 45 Provodov 200, parish administration found in Želechovice, telephone: +420 577 901 990, faprovodov@ado.cz

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Since its birth, this city has been a center for spiritual culture and art. Its historical gardens and Archbishop's Chateau are listed as UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Sites. The unique chateau gallery includes the painting Apollo and Marsyas, a masterpiece by Tiziano Vecelli. The chateau library holds one of the Czech Republic's most valuable historical collections. Its coin and medal collection is the world's second most important coinage collection behind the one in the Vatican.

Link: www.mesto-kromeriz.cz



Church of St. John the Baptist

This pinnacle of Moravian Baroque architecture features unique embellishment, integrally designed in the spirit of a unified concept, where frescoes and altarpieces form an ideological whole. Important Moravian Baroque artists joined in creating the unified interior decoration, relating to the celebration of John the Baptist.

Tours offered: May - September: Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., tours not offered during church ceremonies, concerts and other events.



Church of St. Maurice

Bruno von Schauenburg had this 13th-century church built, and established the collegiate chapter right beside it. It saw several important modifications in its history, especially after the Hussite and Thirty Years Wars. Its Gothic appearance was restored in the 19th century. It is one of the Czech Republic's largest and most important monuments.

Contact: Římskokatolická farnost sv. Mořice v Kroměříži, Stojanovo náměstí 5, 767 01 Kroměříž, (administers both churches), telephone: +420 573 338 952, www.svmoric.net

Tours offered: May and September: Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., (Saturday hours of operation apply on state holidays). **June - August:** Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; tours not offered during church ceremonies, concerts and other events.





Church of the Assumption

Though built in the early Middle Ages, modifications only left the original tower core and part of the nave circumferential wall. Today's structure with Baroque interior is from 1724-36, built by Ignác Cyrani von Bolleshaus. Its layout followed the example of Prague's Jesuit St. Clement's Church.

Did you know, that...

production of mass wine in the historical cellars under the Kroměříž Chateau has a tradition going back 735 years? Wine matures in wooden kegs of various sizes, with the largest holding 19,100 liters, and the oldest is from 1805.

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tel.: +420 573 338 974, **e-mail:** farnostpm@farnostpm.cz, www.farnostpm.cz

Tours offered: May and September: Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., (Saturday hours of operation apply on state holidays). **June - August:** Monday – Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; tours not offered during church ceremonies, concerts and other events.

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Church of the Assumption

This parish church stands at the spot of an older, smaller one from around the 14th century. Italian architect Filibert Luchese designed its current look at the start of the 18th century, when the interior was restored in Baroque fashion. The church has three Baroque naves and one tower. An important work is the Black Chapel, which was added to the church and is the tomb of the families Rottal and Wrben. Sculptor Bohumír Frič embellished the chapel. The simple interior decoration captures feelings of pain and joy of the illustrated figures. Against custom, the main altarpiece- the Assumption - is not a painting but rather stucco work, with three parts (Virgin Mary and Jesus, the Holy Spirit and God the Father).

Find out more at: www.rkfholesov.ic.cz

Did you know that...

Holešov is linked to the work of the priest St. John Sarcander, who according to legend protected the city from pillaging Cossacks while serving the Polish King, and was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1995 in Olomouc?

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Tours offered: May – September: Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Sunday 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., (Saturday hours of operation apply on state holidays), tours not offered during church ceremonies, concerts and other events.

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- Kroměříž, Church of St. John the Baptist, Church of St. Maurice, Church of the Assumption - important city structures and monuments listed together as a UNESCO World Heritage Site (16 km)





The story goes that the legendary King Ječmínek was born here. The city's noteworthy coat of arms features a red shield, in the middle of which is an otter caught in the jaws of a pike. Chropyně came under ownership of the Olomouc bishopric in 1616, also the year of origin of the local chateau, which dominates the city. The chateau was returned to the Olomouc bishopric after 1989. The City of Chropyně and the Kroměříž District Museum co-administer it. The place is also linked to a famous native son, the most important Czech Cubist painter, Emil Filla.



Church of St. Giles

Bearing the name of the abbot St. Giles, Archbishop Maxmilián Hamilton had this church built in Baroque, so-called Josephine style in 1772. His coat of arms hangs in the vault above the chancel. The church features embellishment of the pulpit and especially a font that is a masterpiece by an unknown author, illustrating the baptism of Jesus by St. John the Baptist (life-sized statues).

Did you know that...

Ječmínek lives right in the Chropyně Chateau in the hall bearing his name? He hides in an old massive table, which is always set for him. Whenever a kind-hearted guest knocks on it, Ječmínek is said to reply.

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Tours offered: May – September: Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., (Saturday hours of operation apply on state holidays), upon previous agreement by telephone at +420 603 747 898.

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- Kroměříž, Church of St. John the Baptist, Church of St. Maurice, Church of the Assumption - important city structures and monuments listed together as a UNESCO World Heritage Site (9 km)
- Střílky, Church of Our Lady with cemetery - unique Baroque monument (36 km)
- Uherské Hradiště, Church of St. Fr. Xavier - part of the city's cultural center (44 km)



This town has an interesting history and rare architectural monuments. It was home to the Petřvalds, an important Baroque-era family. Aside from the originally Renaissance chateau, it now houses a school of eastern philosophy. Its Baroque cemetery is a monument of great importance. **Link:** www.strilky.eu



Cemetery in Střílky

Its original architecture and sculpture embellishment make it a pearl of Baroque architectural and sculptural art. There is nothing like it in Moravia or elsewhere in the country. Count Antonín Amand Petřvaldský had it built in the 18th century as the family burial plot. The cemetery is surrounded by a square wall with stairway and cemetery chapel. The wall and architectural elements of the cemetery are augmented with statues representing the allegories death and resurrection. On the entrance platform stands a lovely figure of the cemetery guard, an angel with an urn, shield and sticks, giving a clear message: Remember man that you come from dust and to dust you shall return!



Parish Church of the Assumption

This church was built in 1744-69. Its founder, Antonín Amand Petřvaldský, never saw it finished, having died in 1762. But in his will, he did command his inheritors to finish building it, which they indeed did. The church was finished under his heir, František Josef Kuenburk. The main altar is decorated in the style of the Olomouc St. Wenceslas House. Paintings by Ignác Raab adorn the side altars. It holds an artistically valuable, original Baroque pipe organ. It is one of the few preserved works by organ maker František Sieber. It also has a font made out of Cetechovice marble with a large cross with Corpus Christi from the first half of the 18th century.

Did you know that...

the closed-off area of the cemetery under the cemetery clay is layered with brick in the form of a large pan, with a clever technical design of a ventilation and drainage system, allowing dead bodies to quickly rot?

Contact: Římskokatolická farnost Střílky, Koryčanská 60, 768 04 Střílky, telephone: +420 573 375 077, fastrilky@ado.cz

Tours offered: May - September: Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., (Saturday hours of operation apply on state holidays); at other times please call +420 573 375 077, tours not offered during church ceremonies, concerts and other events.

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- Uherské Hradiště, Church of St. Fr. Xavier - heart of former Jesuit complex (27 km)
- Velehrad, Basilica of the Assumption and SS Cyril and Methodius - important place of pilgrimage (22 km)





This recreation and tourist region has a pleasant climate, comparable to that of the Alps. Rajnochovice has a ceramics manufacturing tradition and a saw mill operating for over a century. The most important historical monument and place of pilgrimage is the Church of The Birth of Our Lady and St. Anne.



Church of the Birth of Our Lady and St. Anne

Olomouc Bishop Cardinal Schrattenbach had this Baroque church built in 1716. It is an architectural wonder, unmatched both far and wide, and is known as the "Wallachian Cathedral". Its pipe organ, whose original Baroque casing is from 1720, is one of Moravia's oldest. It is adorned with a figure of King David with angels playing cornets. The town holds the St. Anne's Fair (on Sunday after St. Anne's Feast Day, i.e. July 26), but the faithful also come to celebrate the Marian Feast Days. Near the church is a pure spring well and a Baroque rectory modified into a youth center. Link: www.rajnochovice.eu

Did you know that...

in 1897 - 1907, František Gogela lived in the town, a fantastic botanist and expert on Carpathian and Hostýn-foothills flora?

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Tours offered: May - September: Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., (Saturday hours of operation apply on state holidays); at other times please call: +420 573 391 156, +420 731 621 205, tours not offered during church ceremonies, concerts and other events.

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- Zlín, Štípa, Pilgrimage Church of the Birth of Our Lady - important place of pilgrimage (25 km)



This city is the natural center of the Moravian Slovak region, famous for its distinct folklore, the genius loci of Velehrad, the Great Moravian Empire city of Staré Město - Veligrad, castle Buchlov, the chateau in Buchlovice and other monuments, all making this place an attractive tourist and social center. The city's rich culture centers around the stage of the Moravian Slovak Theater, the Moravian Slovak Museum with rich ethnographic collections, the Culture Club, the High School for the Industrial Arts and other cultural facilities.

Link: www.mesto-uh.cz



Church of St. Francis Xavier

This church is a part of a Jesuit complex that replaced the razed Church of St. George in 1686, and was joined to the already-completed Jesuit College. It was built on waterlogged subsoil in a manner used in Venice, employing a system of wooden piles and beams preventing the structure from sinking. After the Flood of 1997, the wooden, worn part of the foundations was replaced by concrete grout. The altarpiece of St. Francis Xavier hanging over the main altar is by Prague painter Jan Jiří Heintsch. The remains of the college founder Kateřina Zoubková of Zdětín are entombed just in front of the main altar. One of the crypts holds the remains of twenty-three Jesuits lost to the Great Plague.

Did you know that...

one of the most important centers of the Great Moravian Empire developed here in today's Uherské Hradiště and Staré Město in the 8th and 9th centuries?

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Ideas for trips to monuments with open gates:

- Uherský Brod, Parish Church of the Immaculate Conception - church tower offering panoramas (25 km)
- Velehrad, spiritual center of Moravia, monastery complex with Basilica of the Assumption and SS Cyril and Methodius (8 km)
- Střílky, Church of the Assumption with cemetery complex - unique Baroque monument (27 km)





This city lying near Moravia's border with Slovakia boasts a rich history and colorful present. It is an important cultural, social and tourism center, and the entrance gate to the White Carpathians and Slovakia. Its most famous native son was Jan Amos Komenský - Comenius. **Link:** www.ub.cz



Parish Church of the Immaculate Conception

This Baroque church has dominated the square since the start of the 18th century. Over 150 years later, it was given a 60 m high church tower, holding a clock and four bells. The church's façade is adorned with the coat of arms of the princes of Kounice-Rietberg, and the gable features a Baroque statue of Christ blessing the city and four evangelists. The church interior holds seven artificial-marble altars. The main altar features the large altarpiece The Immaculate Conception, illustrating the Mother of God with the moon below her feet. The lower part of the image is formed of the scene of a battle between angels and evil spirits.

Did you know that...

here lie the remains of St. Fortunatus, a bishop who composed a hymn for the Marian Feast and wrote a biography on St. Martin?

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Tours offered: May - September: Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sunday - 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., (Saturday hours of operation apply on state holidays); tours not offered during church ceremonies, concerts and other events.

Other churches in Uherský Brod also hold their own beauty and secrets:

Dominican Church of the Assumption with unique interior
Master Jan Hus Cathedral - the city's oldest structure

Ideas for trips to monuments with open gates:

- Uherské Hradiště, Church of St. Fr. Xavier - the heart of a vast Jesuit complex (18 km)
- Velehrad, Basilica of the Assumption and SS Cyril and Methodius - important place of pilgrimage (25 km)
- Provodov, Baroque Church of Our Lady of the Snows - important place of pilgrimage (19 km)



Vsetín is a distinctive, unique city with numerous historical monuments and rich cultural life. Many artists were born and worked in and around Vsetín. They captured the region's beauty in hundreds of paintings and sculptures. Groups performing Wallachian songs and dances have kept the folk culture tradition alive for decades. Regular events are held here like the Valašské záření festival, the international folklore festival Vsetínský krpec, the photography competition Interfoto-klub, the Jazz Festival and Summer Film Marathon. Vsetín is also the starting point for the nature trails Around Vsetín and Around the Semetín Fishponds.

Link: www.vsetin.eu



Roman Catholic Church of the Assumption

This atypical church, an example of late-17th century Baroque architecture after the Battle of White Mountain, was originally intended for a different purpose. Domain owner Count Jiří Illésházy longed to build a new chateau, but after fire destroyed the small, original wooden church and rectory in 1683, he donated the unfinished chateau to the Catholic Church. The church was consecrated in 1689 after needed modifications. The defensive corner bastions with loopholes remain from the original chateau (a Central European rarity), along with remnants of support brackets of a planned balcony in the western wall. Upon 19th-century repairs, the church tower was topped with an onion dome housing three new bells.

Did you know that...

the rectory also contains a hospital chapel consecrated to St. Rose of Lima, built by request of Rosa Thonetová at the start of the 20th century?

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Tours offered: May and September: Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., (Saturday hours of operation apply on state holidays). **June - August:** daily: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., tours not offered during church ceremonies, concerts and other events.

Ideas for trips to monuments with open gates:

- Zlín, Štípa, Pilgrimage Church of the Birth of Our Lady - important place of pilgrimage (32 km)
- Holy Hostýn, Basilica of the Assumption - Moravia's most important Marian place of pilgrimage (30 km)
- Zašová, Pilgrimage Church of Our Lady of Zašová - Wallachian place of pilgrimage (25 km)





Modern tourism and cultural center, famous mainly for its Wallachian Open-air Museum, formed of a group of wooden folk structures. Folk art laid the foundations for rich cultural traditions that thrive today through ethnographic folk groups, music ensembles, choirs and artists. **Link:** www.roznov.cz



All Saints Church

This church was built in the mid-18th century at the spot of a previous smaller wooden church. The Baroque single-nave structure is 35 m long, 14 m wide and 15 m high. The tower is 30 m high. This is an anonymous work - its architect's identity has been lost to time, as have the blueprints. The interior and its furnishings saw numerous 19th-century innovations; one of its most valuable monuments is the altar and All Saints altarpiece. Above the altar in a medallion are three angels, depicting faith, hope and love. In another there are the figures of four evangelists. The church tower had three bells. Despite all the horrors of war and confiscations, the so-called "tolling bell", known colloquially as "Barborka", still hangs today. It had been acquired for the original wooden church.

Did you know that...

The Wallachian Open-air Museum is the oldest and largest of its kind in Central Europe? It was created in 1925, and today welcomes over a half-million visitors each year.

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Ideas for trips to monuments with open gates:

- Holy Hostýn, Basilica of the Assumption - Moravia's most important Marian place of pilgrimage (43 km)
- Velké Karlovice, Church of Our Lady of the Snows - wooden church with cross-shaped layout (20 km)
- Zašová, Church of the Visitation of Our Lady - place of pilgrimage with former monastery building (8 km)
- Turzovka - "Slovak Lourdes" - Marian place of pilgrimage (50 km)



This village, attractive for its natural wonders, is found in the Protected Landscape Area Beskydy. The river Vsetínská Bečva springs forth under Trojačka. In the Leskové valley on the slope of the Lemešná ridge lie the remains of what's left of the Razula primeval forest, with original fir and beech forests and many protected species of flora. It is a welcoming, diverse center for tourism, folklore and unique folk monuments. **Link:** www.velkekarlovice.cz



Church of Our Lady of the Snows

The layout of this wooden structure is in the shape of a cross. A small Baroque belfry with two bells rises in the middle of the church. The church interior was originally unpainted, including the walls or pews. Just before 1900, the entire church was painted with a white oil paint. It was repainted in 1928, and has stayed this way ever since. The original altar was replaced with today's altar in 1894 (one may see how the old Baroque one looked on the wall beside the side altar of St. John of Nepomuk). This is a truly monumental structure, an example of masterful work using wood as building material.

Did you know that...

the Velké Karlovice church building has 24 angles?

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Tours offered: **May and September:** Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., (Saturday hours of operation apply on state holidays). **June - August:** Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; at other times please call: +420 571 444 019, +420 736 522 834, tours not offered during church ceremonies, concerts and other events.

Ideas for trips to monuments with open gates:

- Zašová, Pilgrimage Church of Our Lady of Zašová - Wallachian place of pilgrimage (32 km)
- Vsetín, Church of the Assumption - example of post-Battle of White Mountain Baroque (26 km)
- Holy Hostýn, Basilica of the Assumption - Moravia's most important Marian place of pilgrimage (42 km)





Zašová is a popular Wallachian place of pilgrimage. Its great event is the Zašová Fair, taking place each first Sunday in July. The fair has a tradition going back centuries, first chronicled in 1672. Besides Stračka valley, a natural place of pilgrimage, another interesting place is the protected wetland Pod Hájem in the town's western part, home to certain protected bird species, aquatic animals and flora. **Link: www.zasova.cz**



Church of the Visitation of Our Lady

The owner of the Rožnov- Valašské Meziříčí domain, Karl Jindřich of Žerotín, had this Baroque church built in the 18th century, as seen in the emblem of the Žerotín family hanging in the church façade. Pilgrims came here with their pleas to the merciful painting of Our Lady of Zašová, which hangs over the church's main altar. The historian Středovský recorded in 1710 that the painting of the Virgin Mary had been bringing miracles for ages. A painting depicts a report of one of the oldest healing episodes. Valašské Meziříčí deacon Ondřej Helmesini had it painted in 1707 out of gratitude for his recovery. Another painting from 1745 shows yet another plea heard - according to legend it was the healing of two children, one mute and one crippled. Beside the church stands the Trinitarian Monastery, today a home for the physically handicapped.

Did you know that...

the Stračka place of pilgrimage complex with Marian spring is surrounded by the legend of a knight saved by the Virgin Mary from persecution by the Tatars?

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Ideas for trips to monuments with open gates:

- Vsetín, Church of the Assumption - example of post-Battle of White Mountain Baroque (27 km)
- Zlín, Štípa, Pilgrimage Church of the Birth of Our Lady - important place of pilgrimage (46 km)
- Holy Hostýn, Basilica of the Assumption - most important Marian place of pilgrimage in Moravia (38 km)



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