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Strakonice region – tips for trips



Kraselov
The Baroque St Ann's Chapel, built at the end of the 17th century, is almost hidden on a woody hillock over Kraselov. This well-known place of pilgrimage is attractive for its four-wing cloister and for its valuable interior furnishings. It offers a nice view of the Otava valley or of the foothills of the Bohemian Forest Mountains.



Dobříš
A small village located in the foothills of the Bohemian Forest can boast of the Chapel of St John and Paul from the 16th century (in the picture), remains of a medieval fortress with Renaissance graffiti and Gothic church of the Annunciation.



Čestice
A Classicist Chapel of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and Our Lady of Sorrows together with a set of minor chapels and a wooden hermitage surprise everyone who visits this picturesque village in the region of Podlesí of the Bohemian Forest, which is a centre of social and cultural life for large environs.



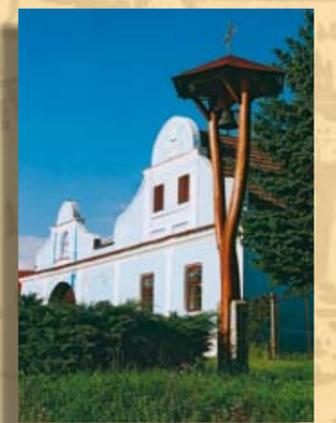
Volyně
The stately two-storey building of a medieval fortress (in the picture) conceals interesting collections of the municipal museum. A Renaissance town hall dating back to the 16th century and a column of the Holy Virgin decorated by statues of saints dominate the oblong, Slant Square of the town that is a gate to the Bohemian Forest.



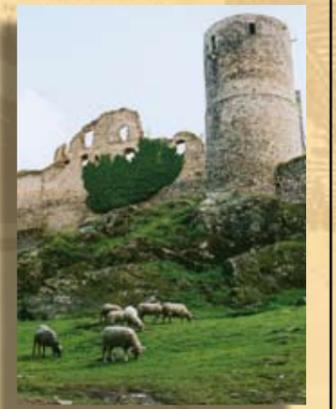
Radomyšl
Fifteen stone chapels line the road from the centre of the village to St Martin's Church up to the nearby hill where the Baroque jewel, the St John the Baptist's Church (in the picture), built at the beginning of the 18th century, looks about the landscape.

Sudoměř
The surface of lakes Velký, Markovec, Prostřední, and Škaredý reflects a skyline of a monument to Jan Žižka. All those that were charmed by meadows full of birds and rare flowers or by quiet walks on dykes lined with stately oaks like to return to this region.

Dobrá Voda
Dobrá Voda, a well-known place of pilgrimage, lies away from all roads. The visitor finds a spring with limpid water where a chapel consecrated to Our Lady, dating from the beginning of the 19th century towers up, surrounded by other twelve chapels. Everything entices one to rest and to sit for a while in the silence of a vast forest.



Jiřetice
Many a village square is adorned by beautiful homesteads. The Baroque style influenced rural builders in the Southwest Bohemia very much. Therefore, we can admire not only the rustic Baroque style gable of the house no. 4 in Jiřetice (in the picture) but also other homesteads in Křtěníce and in Kloub in the region of Vodňany or in Zechovice and Předslavice near Volyně to this day.

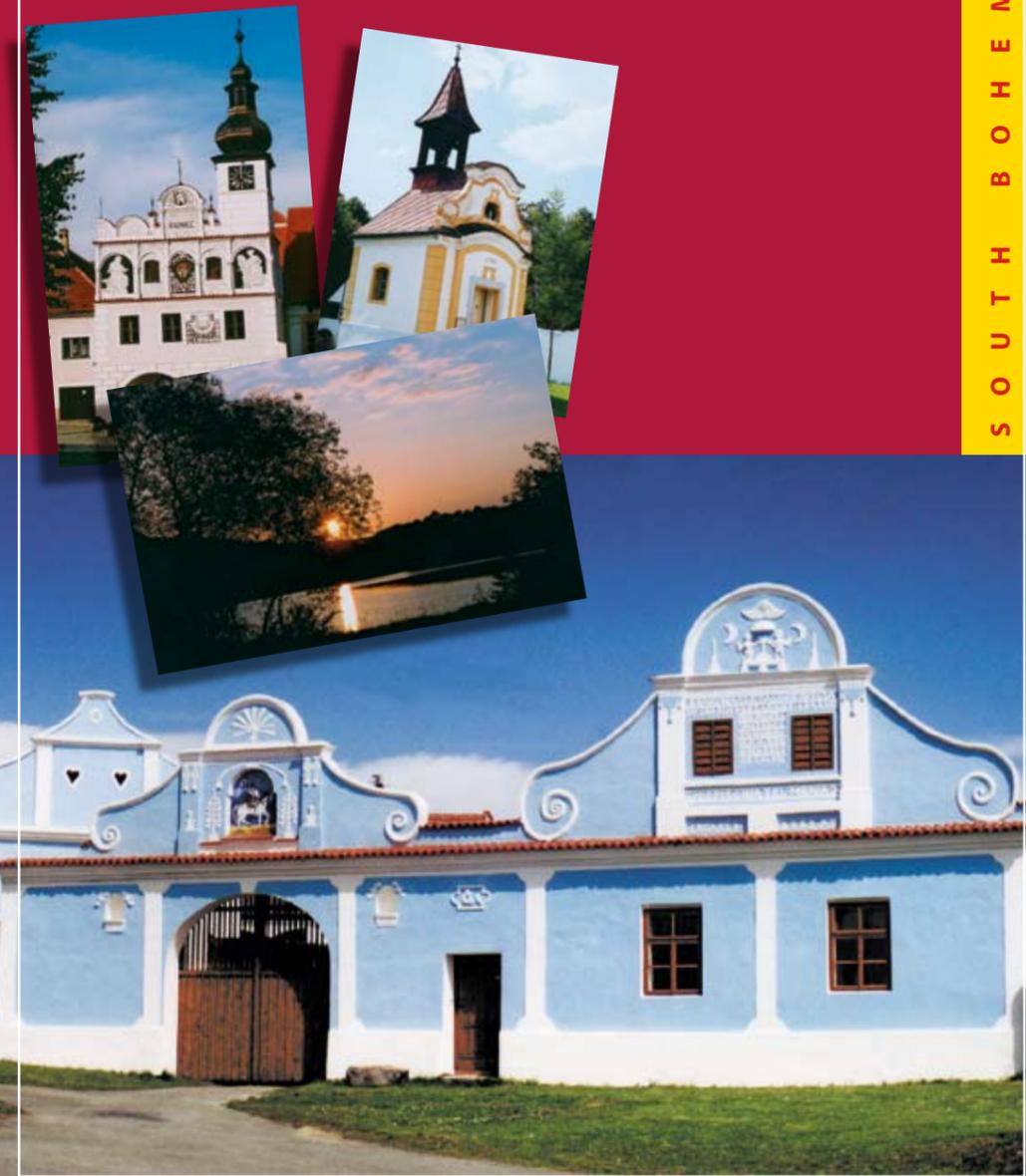


Helfenburk
The emperor Charles IV let the lords of Rožmberk build a castle, the monumental fortification of which has been preserved to the present day. Today, as well as in the past, its towers allow a magnificent view of the picturesque landscape with villages, towns and woody hills of the Bohemian Forest.



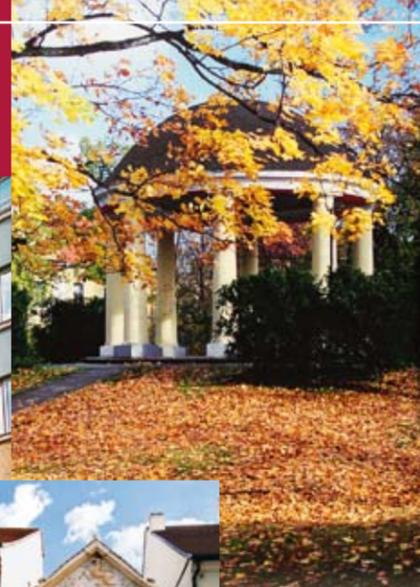
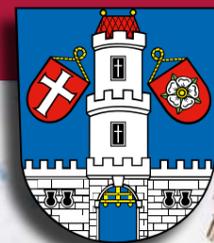
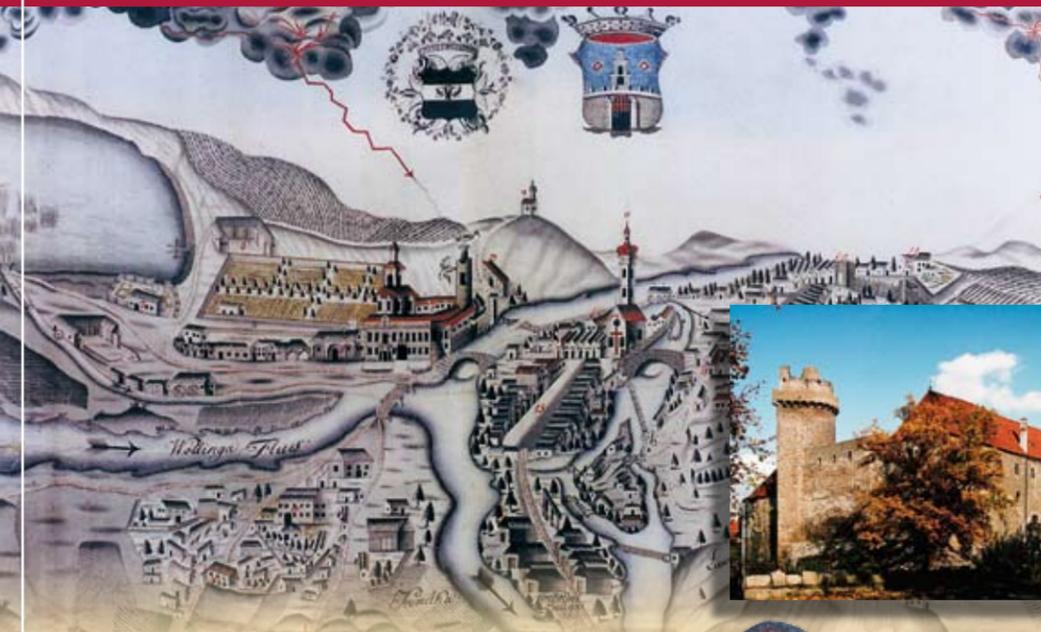
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Sights and history



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Strakonice – Sights and history



History of the town

Strakonice, a modern town with interesting history, architecture and well-known industrial enterprises, has spread during centuries at the junction of the River Otava and the Volyňka, around the crossroads of the Prague–Vimperk and České Budějovice–Horažďovice roads and close to the railway crossroads České Budějovice–Plzeň and Břežnice–Vimperk. The town arose in the 14th century from a settlement located in the shadow of the monumental medieval castle and it gradually absorbed other settlements. Bezděkov, Žabokřty, and Lom, the existence of which is commemorated by St Wenceslas's Church. The original medieval town formed a unique urban entity, noticeable to this day when you stroll the centre. Two almost parallel oblong squares connected by a single narrow alley (U Sv. Markéty) and a millrace with an arm of the river created an island in the middle of the town (this location is called Na Ostrově – „On the Island“). The days of old are reminded by the Masné krámy market located on the Big Square, the column of Our Lady in the middle of the Palacký Square and by St Margaret's Church. Both squares and the street by the Renner Gardens are embroidered by a number of storey houses with richly decorated fronts.



Industrial development of the two past centuries changed both the character and the appearance of the town. Renowned textile products of Fezko were made in factories near the castle or in the Na Ostrově locality, workshops of Česká zbrojovka took fields, meadows and the pond of the former settlement of Lom. The contemporary town offers not only pleasant walks through the town or the nearby Podskalí and alongside the banks of the River Otava, but also the doors of the swimming pool, the ice stadium and of other sports and cultural facilities are open to all visitors.

Strakonice castle

The castle is a unique historic sight and landmark and it played an important role in the historical development of Strakonice because the owners of the castle influenced significantly the life of its inhabitants until the 19th century. By 1243 the exclusive owner was the aristocratic family of Bavor from Strakonice. That year they transferred a part to the Order of Knights Hospitallers who obtained the whole castle at the beginning of the 15th century and held it for long years since then. There is probably no similar building in the Czech lands that was held by the same owner for almost 700 years. The owner

The Region of Strakonice is for connected inseparably with folk bagpipe music for centuries. The tradition of bag piping became a basis for contemporary international bag piping festivals and regular meeting of bagpipers from the whole world.



changed again as late as 1925 when the deputy Rudolf Beran bought the castle. The oldest parts of the castle are marked by the Gothic architecture – St Procopius's Church, originally consecrated to St Adalbert, the construction of which commenced in the 13th century, the Capitular Hall and a cylindrical tower with an edge, called Rumpál. The period of Renaissance marked the construction of the Jelenka tower in the South area. The front of the Eastern part, called the chateau, was rebuilt in the Classicist style. Other modifications were connected mainly with reconstructions of former industrial and farm buildings – a brewery, a mill, and a large estate. The gradual reconstructions did not change the principally medieval look of the castle with its enclosed second court and a moat located near the river. The castle of Strakonice has never been an isolated place; it has always been an integral part of the town, taking part in its life. The exhibition halls of the museum welcome visitors for more than five decades, the Northwest buildings serve as a library, and since a reconstruction a basic arts school has used a part of the castle. Regular services are held in the church and many interesting events are held at the courtyard. Every visitor can certainly find a place of interest or an attractive event in the large area of the castle.

the height of 500 metres above sea level dominate a wide area. These are Hradiště by Libětice, Kůstrý on the foothills of the Bohemian Forest, Hradec over Chrašřovice or Srpská and Kuřidlo near Strakonice.

The long past habitation in the region of Strakonice is documented by remains of fortified settlements on hills with a far view of the country and in the vicinity of rivers. Kněží hora near Katoovice, Hradiště by Sousedovice or Hrad near Skočice are counted among the best-preserved and the most important ones.

The ruins of medieval castles Střela in the vicinity of Strakonice and Helfenburk close to the town of Bavorov are fabulous and romantic places documented also by historic reports. Long-past times are commemorated by the tower of the fortress in Doubavice near Volyně and by a high monument to Jan Žižka near Sudoměř. Every visitor is touched by the atmosphere of the Middle Ages in the stronghold of Volyně as well. Baroque buildings that are the pride of the whole region were built in the 17th century at important and memorable places, among which one can count churches in Podsrp and in Skočice. A church towers over Lhota u sv. Anny, bearing the same name as the village (St Ann), with its four-wing cloister; a set of chapels of Dobrá voda is hidden in vert near Milejovce in the region of Volyně.

Written documents prove that many villages in the very vicinity existed already in the 12th and 13th centuries. Nowadays, they attract visitors especially by their large homesteads with gables from the 19th century built in the rustic Baroque style. Peasants decorated their homes in this style for example in Nahořany and Zechovice near Volyně, in Předslavice or Jiřetice. There are also many natural sights in the vicinity of Strakonice. An educational nature trail guides visitors through Pods-

Strakonice surroundings

The region of Strakonice is a picturesque landscape with lakes, meadows full of flowers, grassland and cultivated agricultural plots, with mixed and conifer woods and a number of streams feeding the once gold-bearing river Otava and its affluent, the River Volyňka. Both the rivers rise from the hillsides of the Bohemian Forest and their waters merge in the very centre of Strakonice. Several hills exceeding

kalí alongside the River Otava and to Boží kámen by Tažovice, other nature trails and cycle paths guide visitors on their way to lakes Pílský and Mílavý at Sedlice, to the forest district of Mlák, and to the gold-washing sites close to Modlešovice. The region of Strakonice is happy to welcome all those who wish to acquaint themselves with the history of its towns and villages, to know their inhabitants, to delight in interesting architecture, to walk along river banks or streams or just to repose in the shadow of woods or on banks of its numerous lakes.

Monuments, memorial plaques or regular social events remind the town's citizens of prominent natives. Besides František Ladislav Čelakovský we can mention among prominent personalities also Josef Skupa, the author of the worldfamous puppets of Spejbl and Hurvínek.

