


South Bohemia

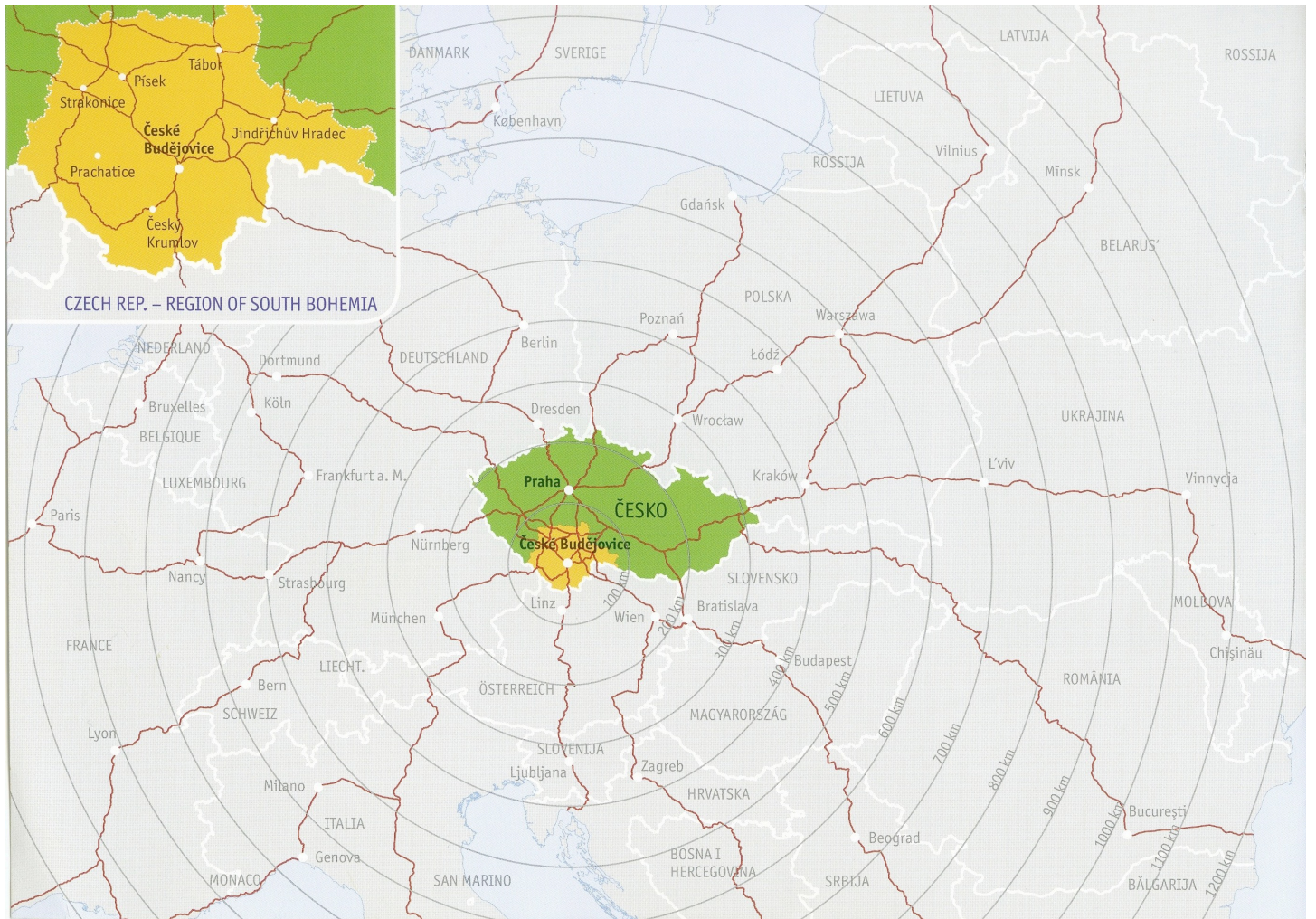


WELCOME
to our spectacular region

LISTEN to the symphony
of the forests, rivers
and ponds

BECOME inspired
by the poetry of days both
ordinary and special

TREAT yourself to
extraordinary experiences



...South Bohemia's romantic, diverse landscape is among the largest and most visited tourist destinations in the Czech Republic...

...the polymorphic, undisturbed natural beauty of the Šumava, and ponds, reservoirs and deep forest all entice walks, excursions and swimming...

...the major rivers Vltava, Otava and Lužnice running through the region are sought out by water sports enthusiasts of all kinds...

...quaint folk architecture mingles with magnificent chateaux, majestic castles and fascinating technical monuments...

...if you're ready to enjoy a holiday full of experiences like no other, visit the captivating Region of South Bohemia...



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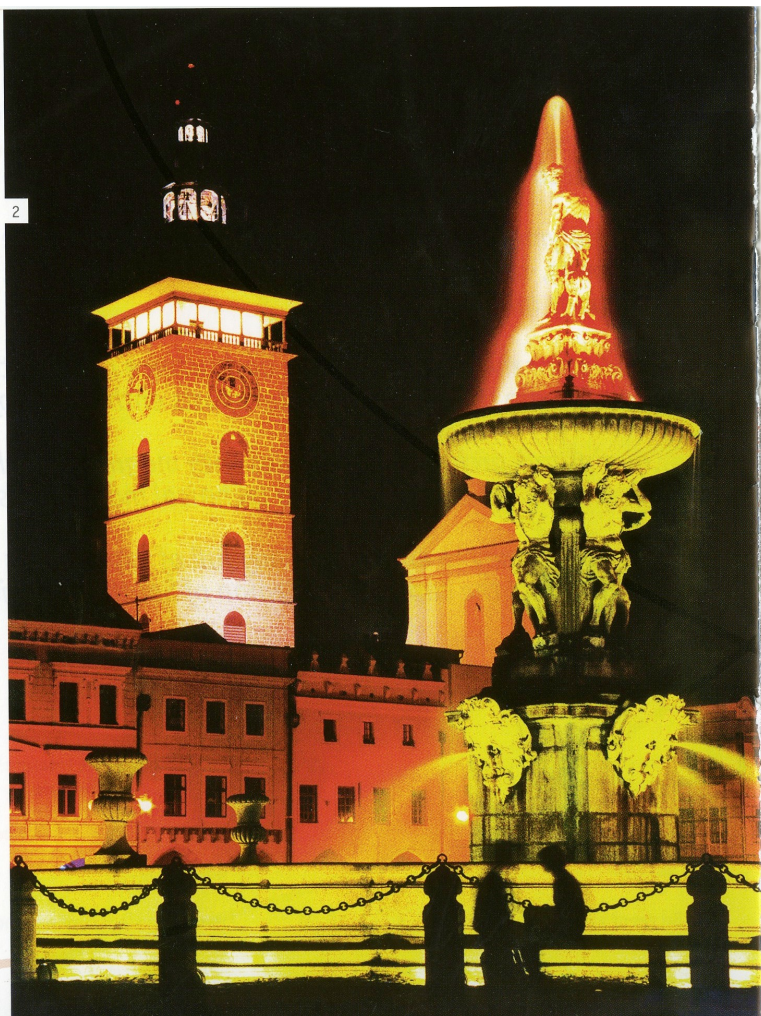


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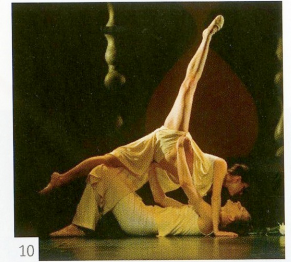
1 Baroque town hall façade in detail 2 Samson Fountain and Black Tower on square náměstí Přemysla Otakara II 3 traditional restaurant Masné krámy 4 Budějovice beer "Budvar" is famous worldwide 5 horse-drawn railway from Budějovice to Linz, Austria 6 South Bohemian Motorcycle Museum 7 The Long Bridge across the Vltava River 8 city coat of arms 9 former city armoury 10 ballet production by South Bohemian Theatre



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ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE

Feel the harmony of sublime antiquity and pulsating modern times in the metropolis of South Bohemia! České Budějovice draws tourists with its architectural monuments around the sprawling náměstí Přemysla Otakara II., Europe's largest square-shaped square. The lovely Baroque town hall and Samson Fountain are among the city's symbols. České Budějovice's dominant feature is the sightly Renaissance-age Black Tower. Budějovický Budvar brewery has also contributed to the largest South Bohemian city's eminence, but their world-renowned beer is far from its only flavoursome delight...



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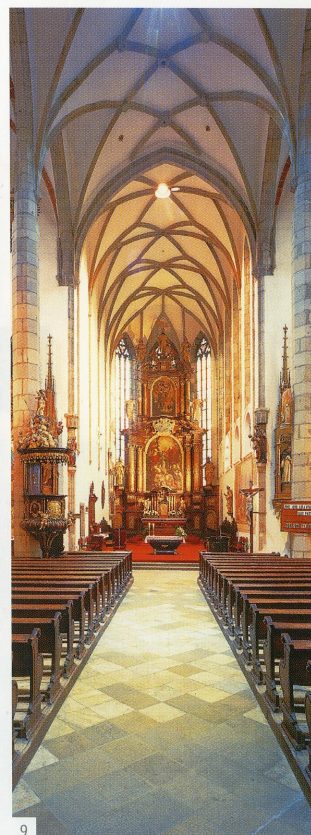
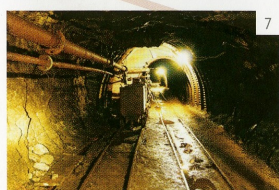
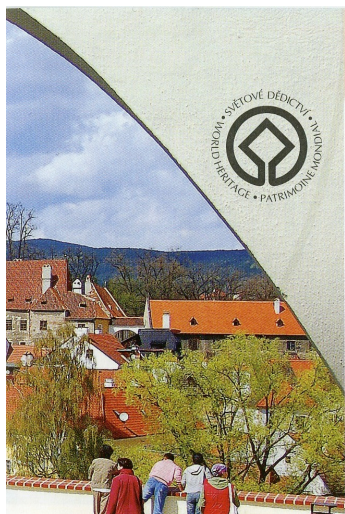
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ČESKÝ KRUMLOV

Go back in time to the Renaissance...to the very heart of the erstwhile domain of the powerful Rožmberk family! Nothing compares to visiting this most romantic of Czech cities hidden in the Šumava foothills along the meanders of the Vltava. When enjoying a Czech vacation, few miss the chance to stroll along zigzagging streets of old Český Krumlov, listed on the UNESCO World Heritage List for its undying beauty. The historical centre's dominant feature is its vast chateau complex with its massive Renaissance tower. Aside from its stunning architectural monuments that form picturesque scenery together with the winding Vltava River, Český Krumlov offers visitors many unique experiences – especially to lovers of culture and art.

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1 Five-petal Rose Celebrations 2 panorama of Český Krumlov 3 Baroque chateau theatre 4 summer theatre with revolving auditorium 5 gilded coach from 1638 6 International Music Festival 7 tour in the graphite mine 8 ceremonial lunch in Hotel Růže 9 main nave of the Church of St. Vítus 10 city coat of arms



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JINDŘICHŮV HRADEC

The expansive chateau's dungeon tower of this typical South Bohemian city provides a spectacular view reflecting off of the surface of Vajgar Pond. You may also visit its museum with Europe's largest moving nativity scene.

TŘEBOŇ

You'll fall in love with this traditional spa town in the middle of forested terrain with numerous ponds. Tour the Renaissance chateau or the noteworthy Schwarzenberg tomb, and enjoy a relaxing mud bath.

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1 coat of arms of Jindřichův Hradec
 2 view of city from tower of Church of the Assumption
 3 one of the most visited exhibits in Jindřichův Hradec is the Krýza nativity scene
 4 Jindřichův Hradec Chateau
 5 chateau interior
 6 Třeboň coat of arms
 7 Třeboň Chateau
 8 historical celebration on the square
 9 tomb of the Schwarzenbergs

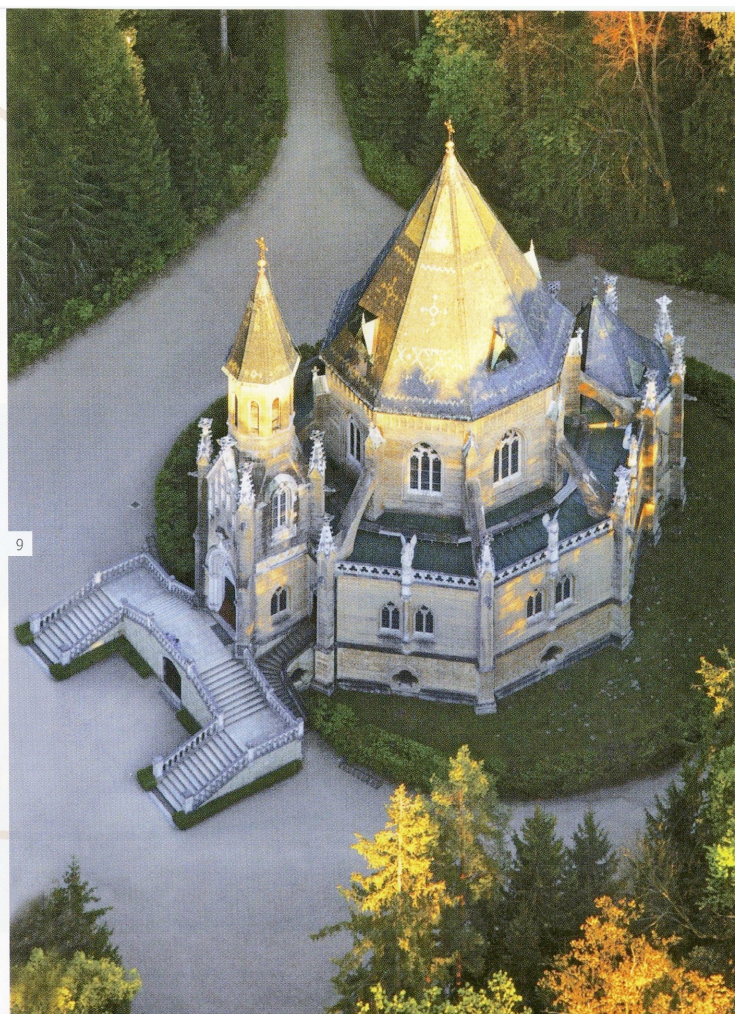


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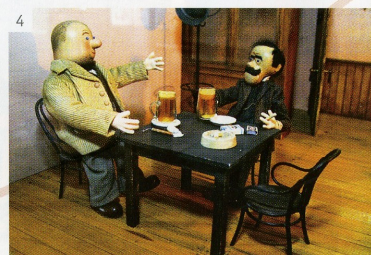


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1 Tábor – square Žižkovo náměstí with old town hall 2 Písek with old Stone Bridge 3 panorama of village green in Putim 4 anabasis of the Good Soldier Švejk (on left) 5 Strakonice coat of arms 6 Strakonice Castle 7 bagpipe exhibit in the castle museum 8 Strakonice's bagpipe festival has a long tradition



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REGION OF ROMANTIC HISTORY

The stone bridge in Písek, the oldest in Central Europe, typical squares and village greens telling of intriguing fortunes of the local town and cities, and monuments to historical figures and literary characters – these too make up South Bohemia. Follow the footsteps of the famed Good Soldier Švejk from Tábor all the way to České Budějovice...

STRAKONICE

This city at the confluence of the Otava and Volyňka rivers is famous for its bagpipe festival derived from its folk music tradition. Bagpipers from around the world meet here every other year. Strakonice's dominant feature is the 13th-century castle with massive tower, Rumpál.

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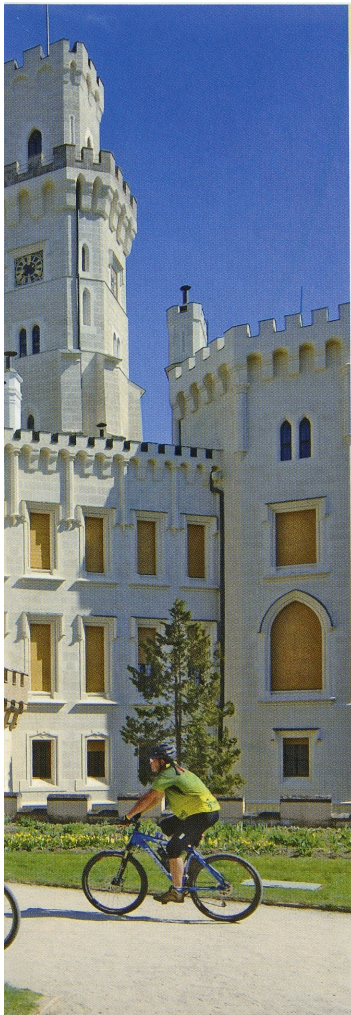
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HLUBOKÁ NAD VLTAVOU

Explore this romantic pearl among local chateaux! Hluboká nad Vltavou, near České Budějovice, is one of the loveliest and most visited Czech chateaux. The chateau's contemporary appearance comes from the original castle's reconstruction in 1839–71 in Tudor Gothic style. England's Windsor Castle served as a model for this architectural design. A landscaped park great for walks surrounds this romantic residence with richly adorned interiors. Nearby you'll enjoy the hunting manor Ohrada and zoo, perfect for adults and kids alike.





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1 stairway in chateau garden 2 Hluboká nad Vltavou Chateau 3 Aleš South Bohemian Gallery 4-5 the ostentatious interiors thrill every visitor 6 city of Hluboká nad Vltavou coat of arms 7 Zoo Ohrada – Eurasian Lynx pair 8 the sports centre under the chateau provides great conditions





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1 Orlík Chateau above reservoir 2 Blatná Chateau 3 Romantic Červená Lhota Chateau attracts the young and old alike 4 Zvíkov Castle 5 nature around Czech Canada near Slavonice 6 Renaissance homes on square náměstí Míru in Slavonice 7 sgraffito decoration of one of the homes 8 fountain with statue of St. Florian on the square

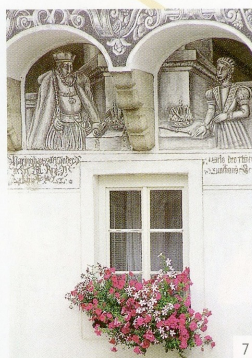
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ZVÍKOV • ORLÍK • ČERVENÁ LHOTA

Numerous picturesque castles and chateaux attract the attention of all of South Bohemia's visitors. These include Zvíkov above the confluence of the Vltava and Otava rivers, Orlík on the shore of the Orlík Reservoir, and the fairy tale Červená Lhota in the middle of a pond.

SLAVONICE

South Bohemia offers traces of the Renaissance along nearly every step. You're sure to enjoy a small excursion to this town at the Austrian border. The local square surrounds a group of charming homes untouched by modern times. Centuries-old stories are found in the illustrative Renaissance sgraffito on their richly adorned façades.





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1 Cistercian monastery Zlatá Koruna 2 Cistercian monastery in Vyšší Brod 3 Lomec – Church of Our Lady 4 Church of the Most Holy Trinity in Klášter 5 cemetery in Albrechtice nad Vltavou 6 Římov – Stations of the Cross 7 column of the Most Holy Trinity in Jindřichův Hradec



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ECCLESIASTICAL MONUMENTS

Visitors to South Bohemia will also feel its strong spiritual dimension and rich religious traditions. These are reflected not just in the copious treasures of significant churches, chapels and other ecclesiastical structures, but also in small Baroque architectural works that beautify this land. Monasteries also played an important role in settling the region. Many are veritable artistic gems, such as those in Vyšší Brod, Zlatá Koruna or Klášter by Nová Bystřice. The numerous remnants of the erstwhile Jewish presence also form an irreplaceable facet of this area.

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LAND OF FISHPONDS

Water areas strongly influence the landscape of South Bohemia – meandering rivers and streams, broad surfaces of reservoirs and ponds of all sizes, of which over 7,000 have been built in the past. They serve not just for recreation but also help to form the romantic atmosphere of the local nature, cities and villages alike. They also provide conditions for many rare species of flora and fauna.



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1-2 fauna of South Bohemian ponds 3 pond Svět near Třeboň 4 ponds create a mosaic in the South Bohemian landscape 5 small pond on village green in Rojšín 6 Třeboň carp 7 traditional autumn netting of carp 8 Rožmberk, the largest Czech pond

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- 1 resting on the reservoir bank
2 rafting on wild rapids 3 glade
Spálený luh along the Studená
Vltava 4 water enthusiasts on the
Vltava under Rožmberk Castle
5 Lipno Marina 6 surfing on Lipno
7 playing hockey on frozen surface



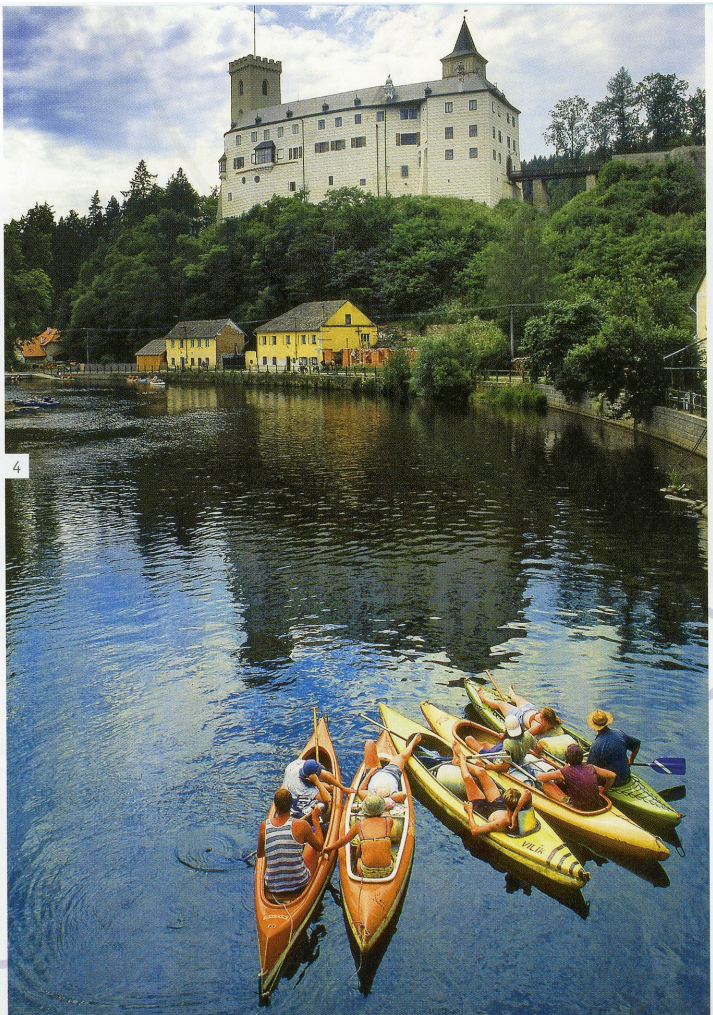
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EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES

The various waters of South Bohemia are an attraction for the young and old alike. Many of its rivers are perfect for navigating in boats, offering the chance to enjoy the exquisite landscape, historical cities and monuments. The large Lipno Reservoir offers visitors rides on large boats, windsurfing and winter ice skating. Draw strength during recreational activities!



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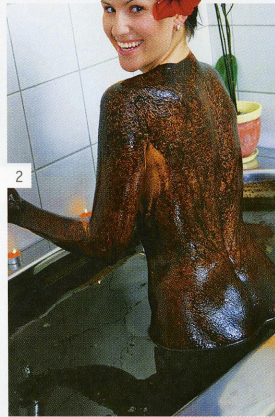


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1-2 Třeboň spa Aurora 3 authentic South Bohemian roast goose
4-5 Vráž u Písku – spa building, sophisticated gastronomy 6 the
South Bohemian landscape is ideal for golf 7 you may even see dog
sleds in the Šumava foothills 8 parachuting 9 horseback riding is
an interesting way of getting to know the region



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HOSPITALITY AND FREE TIME

The Region of South Bohemia with its many recreational opportunities, comfortable accommodations, spa services and sports activities has become a major tourist destination for Czechs and foreign visitors alike. Visiting the local region also provides a unique opportunity to enjoy not just its famous beer, but typical Bohemian cuisine as well.

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1 traditional farming implements 2 old Bohemian market in Holašovice 3 village green in Holašovice 4 area of Soběslav-Veselí nad Lužnicí peat bogs 5 Úsilné 6 small chapel in Klečaty 7 picturesque buildings in Krašovice





HOLAŠOVICE

This picturesque village, where a group of unique folk architecture buildings are found in the style of so-called Folk Baroque from the 19th century, is yet another South Bohemian monument found on the UNESCO World Heritage List. These remarkable structures – homesteads with richly adorned gables, granges, a school, and a blacksmith shop – draw not only tourists, but film makers, photographers and artists alike. You may visit the folk crafts markets each summer; their atmosphere is sure to enchant you! Of course there are many other small villages throughout the region that appear straight out of age-old fairy tales.



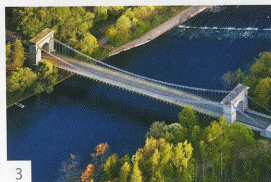
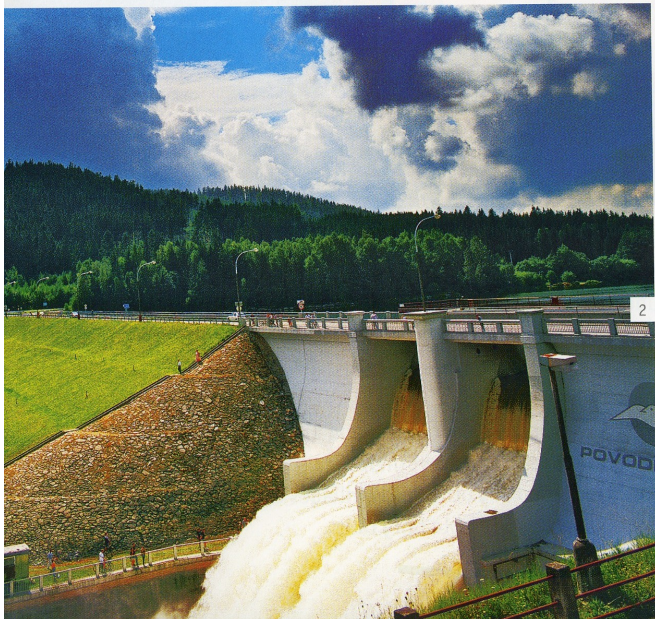
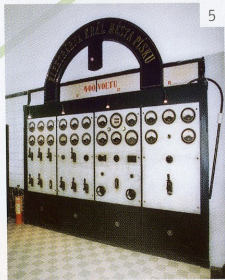
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- 1 historic ride along narrow-gauge railway
- 2 dam of the Lipno Reservoir
- 3 Stádlec chain bridge from 1848
- 4 Schwarzenberg Canal
- 5 power station of the royal city of Písek
- 6 old water tower in Třeboň built in 1909



TECHNICAL MONUMENTS

The handicraft of the local people is also manifested in the countless magnificent technical structures, which form regional landmarks. These include the dam of our largest reservoir, Lipno, the 44 km long Schwarzenberg Canal, and the Empire chain bridge in Stádlec, the only one of its kind in Bohemia. Our ancestors have also left us a narrow-gauge railway winding through the romantic landscape around Jindřichův Hradec.

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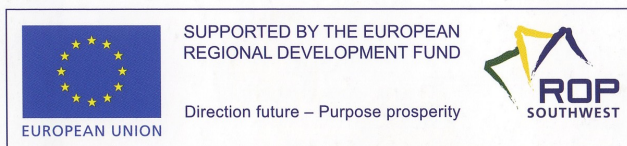
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