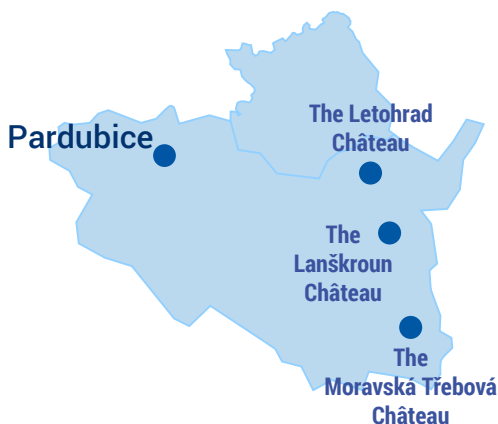




## Château stops

See the magic and charm of East Bohemia's châteaux! What treasures will you find there? Moravská Třebová will take you to a mysterious world of magic and alchemy. Lanškroun will remind you of imperial manoeuvres and show you historical nativity scenes. Letohrad will attract you to the Jára Cimrman Museum and Room or to see Napoleon's famous sleigh.



### Day 1 – In a world of magic and alchemy

#### The Moravská Třebová Château

Some tips for your trips around: Moravská Třebová, Svitavy, Mladějov na Moravě

### Day 2 – A surprise from the emperor

#### The Lanškroun Château

Some tips for your trips around: Lanškroun, Jablonné nad Orlicí, Ústí nad Orlicí, Suchý vrch

#### The Letohrad Château

Some tips for your trips around: Letohrad, Orlice, Žamberk

## DAY 1:

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# The Moravská Třebová Château

What treasures can you find at the château in Moravská Třebová? Its unique mannerist columned courtyard dating from the beginning of the 17<sup>th</sup> century means that it is one of the **most significant renaissance monuments** in Central Europe.

The rarest exhibits include a Flanders tapestry of Iphigenia in Tauris dating from the beginning of the 16<sup>th</sup> century. The portrait medallions of Ladislav of Boskovice and his wife Magdalena of Dubá and Lipá are exceptional. They converted the originally Gothic castle into a renaissance château, which is attested to by the unique portal dating from 1492, which is the oldest preserved renaissance monument to the north of the Alps. The courtyard includes a restored set of six sundials.

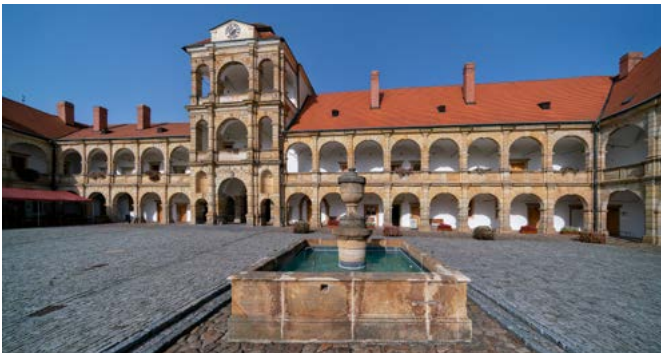
The exhibition entitled **Treasures of Moravská Třebová** will acquaint you with the history, life and customs of the aristocrats and rich town citizens. It commences with the period of the early renaissance and humanism. You can look forward to

seeing period furniture, paintings, sets of glass goblets, beer steins, porcelain or faience.

Yet another tour circuit passes through the medieval torture chamber and Master Bonacina's alchemy laboratory. It will introduce you to the secrets of renaissance alchemy and alchemical and astrological symbolism and you will even experience some attempts at magic.

How did people live in the countryside? This exhibition shows how people lived and worked in the villages in the Hřebeč region in the 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. The exhibition on the Geological Points of Interest of Moravská Třebová includes the former smoke room that served the inhabitants of the château more than 500 years ago. You can rest in the château gardens.

The château holds a number of **events** such as the Château Cultural Summer and **the Advent tours**.



## Some tips for your trips around:

### Moravská Třebová

- The Municipal Museum – The Holzmaister Collection of items from India, Myanmar, Tibet or Japan, the rarities of which include four Samurai swords.
- The Pastýřka Lookout Tower – Climb the lookout tower peak and see the view of Moravská Třebová and its environs, the Eagle Mountains, Buková hora, the Jeseník Mountains, the massif of Králický Sněžník and the Zábřežské Uplands.

### Svitavy – 17.7 km

- The Municipal Museum – A reminder of the famous native son of Svitavy, Oskar Schindler, the rescuer of more than one thousand persecuted Jews.

### Mladějov na Moravě – 14 km

- The Mladějov Narrow Gauge Railway and Industrial Museum – the museum is involved in the rescue and renovation of historical vehicles (locomotives, freight vehicles, tractors, motorcycles).



**Recommended restaurant:** Restaurace a penzion Excalibur Moravská Třebová [www.excalibur-rp.cz](http://www.excalibur-rp.cz),  
Castle Café [www.zamekmoravskatrebova.cz](http://www.zamekmoravskatrebova.cz)



**Recommended accommodation:** Penzion Excalibur Moravská Třebová [www.excalibur-rp.cz](http://www.excalibur-rp.cz)

## DAY 2:

# Lanškroun Château

Visit the **Lanškroun Château**! It is actually a converted Gothic Augustinian monastery, which was burned down during the Hussite wars. It has undergone a number of reconstructions and changed its appearance over the years. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, it served as the office administering the Lanškroun estate. The chateau has been owned by the city since 1928 and it houses the municipal museum today.

You will explore an **exposition** of Lanškroun history here, which also highlights a number of important natives of Lanškroun. The **Imperial Room** reminds of the imperial manoeuvres of the Austro-Hungarian army, which took place in the vicinity of Lanškroun in 1894 with the participation of František Josef I himself. You will also learn about the art of **glassmaking in the Czech-Moravian borderland** or about the music composer and conductor **Jindřich Praveček**. He was signed up as a guest conductor with leading wind orchestras, was a member of juries at competitions organised at home and abroad, and



stood at the cradle of many wind music festivals and regularly participated in them.

**Coins and medals created by Zdeněk Kolářský** and ceramic sculptures by Lubomír Šilar also have their displays in the museum. You can also view an extensive **collection of Nativity Scenes** here, which will entertain all generations. You should definitely not miss the wooden nativity scene, which has been gradually extended every year, nor the Ústecké and Králické ceramic and paper nativity scenes.

Eye-catching short-term exhibitions are also regularly held here, sourced from the collections of the city museum and beyond.

If you wish to experience a genuine Mardi Gras carnival, do visit the castle in Lanškroun at the beginning of the year, when a **Mardi Gras parade** and a hog-killing fest are traditionally held here.



## Some tips for your trips around:

### Lanškroun – 4 km

- Lanškroun Ponds – A unique system of seven ponds offers a wonderful setting for rest, walks, refreshment and fishing. Make sure you visit the bird observatory and the Hláška lookout.

### Ústí nad Orlicí – 20 km

- Ústí nad Orlicí Municipal Museum – The exposition of the Municipal Museum, which is housed in the majestic Hernych Villa, will acquaint you in an absorbing way with the local textile traditions and the town's history.

### Jablonné nad Orlicí – 16 km

- In the footsteps of a sweet-toothed bear – This educational nature trail passes through the places of interest in Jablonné nad Orlicí. You will learn a bit about the history of the town itself plus a mixed bag of additional interesting facts. Do not forget to take your grandchildren along, as the trail is also suitable for them.

### Suchý vrch – 22 km

- Lookout tower on the Suchý vrch hill – Climb the mushroom-like former water tower and take a look around. Kramář's tourist lodge next door offers the right kind of mountain wellness.



**Recommended restaurant:** Kramářova chata Suchý vrch [www.suchak.cz](http://www.suchak.cz)



**Recommended accommodation:** Kramářova chata Suchý vrch [www.suchak.cz](http://www.suchak.cz)

## DAY 2:

# Letohrad Château

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Do you know which of the East Bohemian towns used to be called **Kyšperk**? Yes, you got it right. The one in question is **Letohrad** with its dominant feature being its **chateau**. It was built in the middle of the 16<sup>th</sup> century as a wooden fortress first. The following century saw its conversion into an early Baroque chateau. The estate received its present form with the connecting wing, which you can see even today as you arrive from the square, as late as in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The chateau is now owned by the city. In addition to the chateau exposition, the estate is home to a hotel, restaurant, private grammar school, library and elementary art school.

Take a half-hour-long **guided tour**. You will be awaited by Baroque, Historism and Art Nouveau furnishings here. You can admire the works of Alfons Mucha here, who stayed in Letohrad for some time and had a studio rented here. The guide will turn on a music box known as polyphon just for you to listen to.



The chateau vaults hide the **Jára Cimrman Museum and his living room**, in which you can commemorate this outstanding personality during one of the regular summer guided tours. The adjacent **city museum** is also worth paying a visit. You will be surprised by a **matchmaking exhibition** or by the **Emperor Napoleon's sleigh**.

The chateau is surrounded by a **beautiful park** with a number of rare plant and tree species. In the early spring, for example, dog's tooth violet blossoms here. The park also boasts an Empire pavilion and an artificial cave with a view. An aviary with exotic parrots will attract you from a distance and you can greet kangaroo albinos here, too. Make your walk even longer along the lime tree alley to reach the baroque chapel of St. John of Nepomuk, from which you will get some awesome views of the surrounding area.



## Some tips for your trips around:

### Letohrad – 400 m

- Museum of Crafts – The largest museum of its kind in the Czech Republic will take you back to a time when people relied mainly on their dexterity and craftsmanship.

### Orlice – 3,5 km

- Orlice Fortress – The complex with preserved sgraffito decoration features 4 attractive sightseeing tours. See the historic rooms with the fortress vaults, a collection of hunting weapons, pewter dinnerware, a remarkable book printing workshop and products from the no longer existent Eagle Mountains glassworks.

### Žamberk – 7 km

- Prokop Diviš's native house – Learn everything about his life and work. Right next to the house, you will see the scientist's most famous invention – a lightning rod.
- Municipal Museum – Visit the Žamberk Museum and learn about the local history, important natives and folk and art crafts in the area. You will also see a neo-Gothic pharmacy and a unique mechanical nativity scene here.



**Recommended restaurants:** Tvrz Orlice [www.tvrzorlice.cz](http://www.tvrzorlice.cz), Restaurace Nový dvůr Letohrad [www.novydvur-letohrad.cz](http://www.novydvur-letohrad.cz)



**Recommended accommodation:** Tvrz Orlice [www.tvrzorlice.cz](http://www.tvrzorlice.cz)