

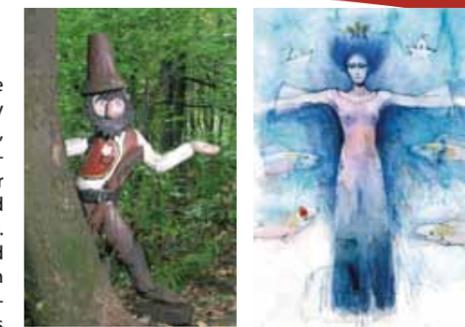
Ústí nad Labem and its environs



Basic information



City Information Centre in Ústí nad Labem
Mírové náměstí 1/1, Ústí nad Labem, 400 01
tel: 475 271 700, info.stredisko@mag-ul.cz,
www.usti-nad-labem.cz



The Queen of the Elbe

The Queen of the Elbe is a collection of fairy tales about dwarves, knights and highway-men along the River Elbe from Ústí nad Labem and its environs. The stories originated from local German legends. The information centre offers a fairy tale book and other souvenirs to buy.

Those keen on fairy tale adventures can enjoy two adventurous **Queen of the Elbe geocaching games**.

For more information, go to:
www.usti-nad-labem.cz/labskakralovna
or in the information centre of the city

Famous local brands from Ústí nad Labem

Did you know that Ústí nad Labem gave rise to the famous soap with a stag and is the birthplace of Viktor Cibich, whose face is displayed on the label of „Březňák“ beer? Or perhaps that Ústí is where one of the most famous Czech drinks - Stará myslivecká (Old hunter's whisky) is made. So as not to leave anyone in doubt about what famous brands were born right here in Ústí, the information centre has a number of purely local souvenirs marked „Originally made in Ústí nad Labem“.

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Na Rychtě Brewery

The Na Rychtě brewery dates back as early as to the mid-19th century, with wine being sold here. The building has been used for more than 150 years as a dining facility. Today, the restaurant and brewery offers various beer specialties which have already won many awards.

Klášterní 75/9, 400 01 Ústí nad Labem
www.pivovarnarychte.cz

Museum of folk architecture in Zubrnice



Zubrnice is home to the newest open air museum in Bohemia, depicting the village way of life in the Bohemian Uplands. Visitors can enjoy several exhibitions documenting the habits and customs of our forefathers. Visitors can experience the atmosphere of long gone days at a number of cultural events that take place here. The most popular are Zubrnice May Fair, Easter and Christmas.

Zubrnice 27, 400 02 Ústí nad Labem, www.skanzen-zubrnice.cz

Zubrnice Museum Railway

The railway museum, located on the premises of the Zubrnice railway station, offers a permanent exhibition on the history and present of the Velké Březno - Verneřice - Úštěk railway.

www.zubrnickazeleznice.cz



Ústí nad Labem to children

Fairy tale forest in Vaňov

Walking along the tourist path marked in green through the forest past Vaňov towards Dolní Zálezly you will find nearly 30 wooden statues depicting the world of animals and the realm of fairy tales (such as Rumcajs, Neptune, a water sprite, etc.).



Tips for trips in the Ústí region

The Rock Town in Tisá

The Tisá Rocks are the gateway to the romantic Elbe Sandstone Area. You are welcomed here by a picturesque rock town with many fanciful sandstone formations with names such as „Mushroom“ or „Napoleon's Boot“. The rock town is not only a paradise for hikers and climbers, but was also a location in the fantasy film The Chronicles of Narnia.

www.tisa.cz

Castle in Velké Březno

The Renaissance Revival castle in Velké Březno is associated particularly with the life and work of a significant politician of the 19th century, Karel Chotek. One of the newest, smallest and most beautiful castles nationwide is surrounded by a beautiful English-style park.

Zámecká 63
403 23 Velké Březno
www.zamek-vbrezno.cz



Breweries

Velké Březno Brewery

The brewery in Velké Březno originated more than 400 years ago. Visitors will enjoy the unique guided tour around all the main plants of the brewery and naturally the inevitable beer tasting.

Pivovarská 116, 403 23 Velké Březno
www.breznak.cz



Calendar of important events

Cultural events:

- » The International Festival of Community Singing
- » The „Trampská porta“ contest festival of western, country and rambling music
- » The International Jazz and Blues Festival
- » The International Dance Festival
- » The „Virtuosi per musica di pianoforte“ international contest of young piano players



Sports events:

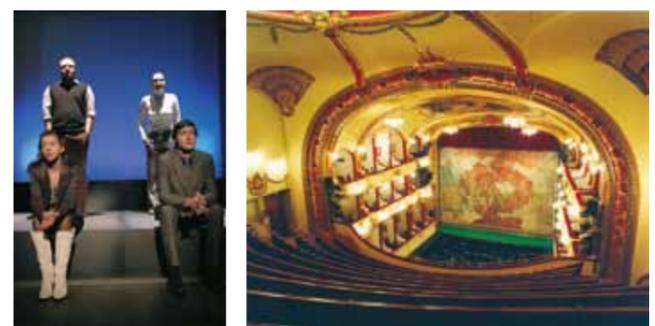
- » Grand Prix of Ústí nad Labem in boxing
- » Grand Prix of Ústí nad Labem in show jumping
- » Lake Milada cycle race
- » Mattoni 1/2 Marathon
- » Grand Prix NORTHBOHEMIA (karate)



Sport

The Ústí region offers a number of leisure time activities in the summer season. The indented hilly countryside provides ideal conditions for hiking, cycling, golf, climbing or horse riding. Swimming facilities and natural swimming pools tempt you to take a dip, while the Labská cycle path is used by recreational cyclists and in-line skaters.

Culture



Ústí nad Labem hosts a number of cultural institutions. The North Bohemian theatre (Severočeské divadlo) puts on a wide range of genres comprising opera, ballet, operetta and musical performances. One of the theatre's specialties are „open air“ performances. Another of the city's important theatres is the Drama Theatre (Činoherní divadlo). Its repertoire offers traditional dramas as well as plays responding to topical social issues.

SEVEROČESKÉ DIVADLO - www.operabalet.cz
ČINOHERÁK ÚSTÍ, spolek - www.cinoherak-usti.cz
VEŘEJNÝ SÁL HRANIČÁŘ - www.hranicar-usti.cz
KULTURNÍ STŘEDISKO MĚSTA ÚSTÍ NAD LABEM, p. o. - www.ksul.cz



The city of Ústí nad Labem

The city of Ústí nad Labem is situated in the north of the Czech Republic, in the lovely countryside of the Bohemian Uplands where the River Bílina joins the mighty flow of the River Elbe. The capital city Prague is at a distance of about 90 km, and the German border is 25 km from Ústí. With a population of more than 100 000 it is the 7th biggest city in the Czech Republic and hosts the Regional Authority of the Ústí Region and the Jan Evangelista Purkyně University.

The first references to the city date back to the year 1056. It became a royal town before 1249, under the rule of King Wenceslas I. It is one of approximately the forty oldest royal towns in Bohemia. The town experienced its greatest boom in the late 19th century with the rapid development of industry and transport, which made it one of the most important industrial and business centres in Bohemia.

The city is situated on the borders of 4 geographical units – the Bohemian Uplands, the Ore Mountains, the Elbe Sandstone Area and the Podkrásohorská Basin. Ústí nad Labem and its environs boasts attractive natural scenery, numerous cultural and historical sights as well as very good conditions for cultural, sports and other relaxation activities.



A city of viewing points and waterfalls

Ústí nad Labem is located in a charming landscape of the Bohemian Uplands, dominated by the canyon-like River Elbe valley called Porta Bohemica – The gateway of Bohemia. The countryside here is characterised by cones of volcanoes long extinct. Numerous viewing points and observation towers (e.g. Větruše, Erben Lookout Tower, Vysoký Ostrý) offer marvellous views of the countryside.

A number of brooks running down to the River Elbe from the surrounding hills have created many waterfalls. There are 12 of them near the city. One of the most famous and visited waterfalls is the Vaňovský Waterfall.



Significant tourist destinations

Castle Střekov

The castle from the early 14th century creates a viewing point and is also one of the best preserved castle ruins nationwide. The castle's silhouette on the steep rock hill overlooking the River Elbe has been the symbol of the city for centuries. Those awed by the castle included poet Karel Hynek Mácha and world-renowned classical composer Richard Wagner, who was inspired to compose his Tannhäuser by the romantic setting of Střekov. Since 1563, it has been held by the Lobkowitz family from Roudnice nad Labem.

Na Zacházce 844, 400 03 Ústí nad Labem / www.hradstrekov.cz



Větruše chateau and cable car

The Větruše chateau, dating back to the late 19th century, is one of the most important landmarks of the city. Větruše is used as a restaurant, with the observation point at the top of its tower offering views of the city, the River Elbe valley and the surrounding part of the Bohemian Uplands and the Ore Mountains. In 2011, plans to build the hotel part were commenced. Since December 2012, Větruše has also been used as a hotel with wellness facilities as well as facilities to hold conferences and social events. At the Větruše complex visitors can get to Větruše by cable car having its departure station on the roof of the Forum shopping mall. Větruše is also a popular starting point for trips to the fascinating landscape of the Bohemian Uplands. You can set off on marked tourist routes to the Vaňovský Waterfall and elsewhere.

*Fibichova 392, 400 01 Ústí nad Labem / [VĚTRUŠE - www.msul.cz](http://VETRUSE-www.msul.cz)
[HOTEL - www.hotelvetruse.cz](http://HOTEL-www.hotelvetruse.cz) / [CABLE CAR - www.dpmul.cz](http://CABLE CAR-www.dpmul.cz)*

Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary

The Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, more famous as the „church with the leaning tower“, is situated right in the centre of the city. The origins of the New Gothic structure date back to the mid-14th century. Air raids at the end of WWII caused the displacement of the church tower. Since then, Ústí has the most leaning tower of any country north of the Alps.

*U Kostela, 400 01 Ústí nad Labem
www.usti.farnost.cz*



Mariánský Bridge

This bridge across the River Elbe, which is an interesting structure in architectural terms, was completed in 1998 and at once became one of the city's symbols. In 2001, it was ranked among the 10 most beautiful world structures of the last decade of the 20th century.

Masaryk Lock

Below the Střekov rock you can cross the river to the opposite bank and, at the same time, see this technical sight, a waterworks with a hydraulic power plant – the Masaryk Lock, built between 1923 and 1936, in order to make the river navigable. They contain a spillway, lock chambers, hydro power station and a fish transfer channel. A footpath and the cycle path runs above the spillway.



*Litoměřická 1043/31, 400 03 ústí nad Labem – Střekov
www.pla.cz*

Zoo in Ústí nad Labem

The Zoo originated in 1908 as a private bird sanctuary. Here you can find a unique collection of animals from all over the world, featuring more than 200 species. Visitors can take part in interesting programmes such as elephant drills and walks around the Zoo, orang-utan feeding and enrichment, and many other things. The Zoo also has playgrounds, rest areas, a Zoo train and a restaurant and sweetshop available.

*Dráždanská 23, 400 07 Ústí nad Labem
www.zoousti.cz*



City Museum in Ústí nad Labem

The museum is located in a newly reconstructed building dating back to 1876. Thanks to its far-reaching history, it boasts hundreds of thousands of exhibits, numerous collections of natural science, zoology and archaeology. Warfare is represented with a remarkable collection of weapons dating back to approximately 1813, when the famed Battle of Kulm (Chlumeč) took place nearby. The programme prepared for visitors also comprises topical exhibitions, a cultural programme and fun educational programmes for children.

*Masarykova 1000/3, 400 01 Ústí nad Labem
www.muzeumusti.cz*



Napoleonic battlefield at Chlumeč and Přestanov

In August and September 1813, the Chlumeč environs near Ústí nad Labem staged the most important battle between the French army of Emperor Napoleon I and the Allied armies of Austria, Russia and Prussia. The war events have been commemorated by a number of monuments and brasses on the nature trail in its environs. The battlefields see staged battle re-enactments every year.

*www.mesto-chlumeč.cz
www.prestanov.cz
www.usti-nad-labem.cz*

Leisure time

Water transport on the River Elbe

Why not enjoy unique views of the Bohemian Uplands scenery in an untraditional way – from the deck of a ship. Summer sailing along the River Elbe on one of the passenger ships is a remarkable experience.

The offer comprises regular trips to Litoměřice. You can sail through the most beautiful part, the canyon-like valley called Porta Bohemica – the Gateway to Bohemia.

***Labská plavební společnost, s. r. o.** – www.labskaplavebni.cz
Marie boat – www.amjiousek.cz/lod-marie*



Historic places

Stadice

The legend of Přemysl the Ploughman is one of the oldest stories in Czech history, recalling his summoning to become the Prince and founder of the oldest Bohemian ruling dynasty. This story allegedly took place in the village of Stadice in the valley of the River Bílina near Ústí nad Labem. Today it is commemorated not only by a monument from the year 1841, but also by Přemysl's Farmhouse, the Royal Spring, the Oxen Rock and Přemysl's hazel tree.

www.rehlovice.cz

