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“Olomouc, the most beautiful Czech city.”
“Olomouc, the hidden treasure of Europe.”

Lonely Planet
WELCOME TO OLOMOUC!

Olomouc, a city of more than 100,000 citizens and the sixth largest city in the Czech Republic, lies right in the heart of Moravia, of which it was the former capital. It is home to an ancient university, the archbishopric, philharmonic orchestra, many museums, theatres and clubs, and the venue for a host of interesting events and festivals. For hundreds of years, Olomouc has been one of the most important settlements in the Kingdom of Bohemia. A rich past has endowed it with a magnificent collection of historical treasures, making Olomouc the second most extensive urban conservation area in our country after Prague.

The original medieval Astronomical Clock, transformed in the spirit of socialist realism after WWII, is globally unique. Other sights include the 32-meter-high Trinity Column – a UNESCO World Heritage Site, six master Baroque fountains and the charming modern Arion Fountain.

There are also numerous reminders of the famous military history of the former Olomouc Fortress. The entire city is encircled by a ring of forts, preserved to this day in an almost unchanged form. In the beautiful city parks, you can find remnants of medieval fortifications and the former Crown Fortress, today a centre of culture and relaxation.

Olomouc is definitely worth a visit!

Do you know that…

…the Holy Trinity Column has been a UNESCO site since 2000?

…St. Wenceslas Cathedral boasts the highest church tower in Moravia and the second highest tower in the Czech Republic? One of the three Cathedral towers is exactly 100.65 metres high?

…Olomouc Town Hall has been serving its original purpose for more than 600 years?

…on the Upper Square, there is a bronze model of the city, providing a bird’s eye view of the historical city centre?

◆ St. Wenceslas Cathedral
Distance from selected European cities

- Olomouc – Berlin (D) 628 km
- Olomouc – Bratislava (SK) 201 km
- Olomouc – Brno (CZ) 78 km
- Olomouc – Budapest (H) 398 km
- Olomouc – London (GB) 1 546 km
- Olomouc – Moscow (RU) 1 730 km
- Olomouc – Ostrava (CZ) 99 km
- Olomouc – Paris (F) 1 310 km
- Olomouc – Prague (CZ) 282 km
- Olomouc – Rome (I) 1 323 km
- Olomouc – Warsaw (PL) 503 km
- Olomouc – Vienna (A) 208 km
Basic facts about Olomouc

Population: 100 378
6th largest city in the Czech Republic

Geography
Olomouc is situated in the eastern part of the Czech Republic on the River Morava.
Olomouc is the metropolis of the fertile Haná lowlands and the administrative centre of the Olomouc Region.

Area: 10 333 ha
Elevation (city centre): 219 m.
Coordinates: 49.5937867N, 17.2512347E

Partner cities
Olomouc has a total of 12 partner cities in Europe and overseas with which it successfully cooperates. They are Antony (France), Bratislava-Staré Mesto (Slovakia), Krakow (Poland), Kunming (China), Luzern (Switzerland), Makarska (Croatia), Nördlingen (Germany), Owensboro (USA), Pécs (Hungary), Subotica (Serbia), Tampere (Finland), Veenendaal (Netherlands).

Olomouc – a university city
In 1573, the Palacký University (UP) was founded, the second oldest in the Czech Republic. Currently there are more than 22 000 students enrolled in its 8 faculties.
UPoint – the UP Information Centre – is situated on the Upper Square and is also an official shop, reading room and community venue.

UPoint – Information Centre and UP Store
“U Černého psa” House, Horní náměstí 12
http://upoint.upol.cz
City symbol

The coat of arms of Olomouc consists of the red-and-silver chequered Moravian eagle shown on a blue background, with golden crown, armour and a red tongue, accompanied in the corners by the capital letters S P Q O. This is an acronym for the Latin: SENATUS POPULUSQUE OLOMUCENSIS, which translates as “The Senate and People of Olomouc”.
How to reach us

By car
The Czech Republic has a relatively good quality network of highways by which you can easily reach Olomouc from all major destinations such as Prague, Brno, Ostrava and Vienna. Highways are subject to toll (vignette). www.ceskedalnice.cz

By train
Olomouc is an important railway junction. Passengers can travel by means of a large number of modern trains, e.g. the journey from Prague to Olomouc is quick and comfortable and takes just 2 hours. | https://jizdnirady.idnes.cz

By bus
Bus travel is usually less expensive. For domestic and international timetables, see | https://jizdnirady.idnes.cz.

By air
Olomouc is also accessible by air. The nearest airports are Brno, Ostrava, Katowice, Krakow, Vienna and Prague. Olomouc is easily accessible from all these airports by train, bus or car.
Brief history of the city

- already in the Stone Age, the site of present-day Olomouc was an important crossroads settlement. A temporary Roman military camp was established here at the end of the 2nd century AD;
- in the early Middle Ages, this was one of the main centres of Moravia, a seat of appanage princes;
- 11th century – a bishopric was founded in Olomouc; in 1306, the last king of the mighty Premyslid dynasty, Wenceslas III, was assassinated here;
- 1573 – the university was founded (the second oldest in the Czech Republic);
- Renaissance period – a splendid city with magnificent palaces and probably 10,000 inhabitants, the capital of Moravia (the second largest city in the Czech lands after Prague);
- Thirty Years’ War – a devastating occupation by Swedish troops (1642–1650); the city was completely destroyed, the vast majority of inhabitants either died or moved out from the ruined city;
- Baroque period – a number of unique monuments, buildings and churches was built (Holy Trinity Column, six Baroque fountains, St. Michael’s Church…);
- 1767 – 11-year-old W. A. Mozart composed Symphony No. 6 in F Major in Olomouc;
- 1848 – Emperor Franz Joseph I ascended the Habsburg throne here to reign for the next 68 years;
- 18th and 19th centuries – an important military centre of the Austrian monarchy; the city was transformed into a Baroque fortress, construction of barracks and detached forts;
- in WW2, 2,000 Jewish inhabitants died in concentration camps; after the war, the vast majority of Germans were expelled from Olomouc (before the war, Germans made up one-third of the population);
- after the Communist coup in 1948, the importance of Olomouc declined, its historical heritage was neglected, panel housing estates were built;
after the Velvet Revolution in 1989, a gradual reconstruction of the historical city centre and monuments, new sports grounds, recreational sites, hotels, transport and tourism infrastructure;

- in 2000 the monumental Holy Trinity Column was registered on the UNESCO World Heritage List;

- now the 6th largest city in the Czech Republic, centre of the Olomouc Region, seat of the Archbishopric of Olomouc and Palacky University.

Do you know that...

...according to legend, Olomouc was founded by Roman Emperor Gaius Julius Caesar?

In approximately 57 BC, a group of Roman soldiers led by Gaius Julius Caesar arrived at a rocky site, the present-day St Michael’s Hill, where they had a beautiful view of the flat surroundings with floodplain forests and areas of cultivated land. Caesar was so pleased with the site that he set up a military camp here, later named Juliomontium (Julius’ Hill). The etymology of the Czech name “Olomouc” is controversial, its derivation from the name Juliomontium is only one of the options considered.
Significant personalities in Olomouc

- **Wenceslas III** (1289–1306), King of Bohemia, Poland and Hungary. As the last male descendant of the Přemyslid dynasty, he was murdered at the age of 16 on 4th August 1306 in the capitular deanery near Přemyslid Castle.

- **St Jan Sarkander** (1576–1620) – Catholic priest, patron of Moravia. Tortured to death on the rack in Olomouc in 1620 for refusing to violate the seal of confession. Canonised during the visit of Pope John Paul II to Olomouc in 1995.

- **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** (1756–1791) – composer. In 1767, the 11-year-old musical prodigy stayed at Hauenschild Palace and the capitular deanery in Olomouc, where he composed Symphony No. 6 in F Major.

- **Marie Joseph Paul Gilbert de La Fayette** (1757–1834) – famous French General – was imprisoned in the Jesuit Barracks (now the Military Administrative Archive) on 19th May 1794. Lafayette’s enforced stay in Olomouc, which lasted until 1797, is commemorated by a plaque on his former prison building.

- **Joseph Radetzky von Radetz** (1766–1858) – Austrian Fieldmarshal, one of the best European commanders of the 19th century – governed the Olomouc imperial fortress from 1829 to 1831. He stayed at Edelmann Palace on the Upper Square.

- **Gregor Johann Mendel** (1822–1884) – natural scientist, founder of Genetics. He studied between 1840 and 1843 at the Faculty of Philosophy of the then Francis University. A memorial plaque on the Cyril and Methodius Theological Faculty (22 Univerzitní Street) commemorates his stay in Olomouc.
Franz Joseph I (1830–1916) – Austrian Emperor – ascended the throne here at the age of 18 years. The event took place on 2nd December in the revolutionary year of 1848 in the Archbishop’s Palace.

Sigmund Freud (1856–1939) – world-renowned Austrian psychiatrist, founder of Psychoanalysis, stayed in Olomouc as a young doctor during military manoeuvres in 1886. Freud’s stay is commemorated by a plaque with his bust on the building in which there was a café mentioned in Freud’s correspondence (present-day Café Opera at 21 Upper Square).

Gustav Mahler (1860–1911) – composer, inspired by Czech folk music, worked in Olomouc in 1883 as conductor of the German Theatre’s orchestra (present-day Moravian Theatre). He stayed in the house called “At the Golden Pike” in what is today Mahler Street.

Bohdan Pomahač (*1971) – world-renowned plastic surgeon, graduate of the Faculty of Medicine at Palacký University. He was one of the first in the world to perform a successful face transplant.

What was Mozart's journey to Moravia like? At the end of October 1767, a carriage with four passengers arrived at the gates of the fortress town of Olomouc: Leopold Mozart, his wife Maria Anna and their children, Nannerl and Wolfgang. The family was fleeing Vienna to escape the malignant smallpox epidemic. Little Wolfgang became ill in Olomouc, but the disease was mild and the young Mozart soon recovered. The Mozarts stayed in Olomouc until 23rd December 1767.
MOST IMPORTANT MONUMENTS

Upper Square

Honorary Column of the Holy Trinity – UNESCO World Heritage Site

The unique Baroque sculptural group from the mid-18th century is 32 metres high and has been on the UNESCO World Cultural and Natural Heritage List since 2000. The column has no parallel in the world due to its size, diversity, complexity and sophisticated sculptural decoration. The Holy Trinity Column is the crowning work of several artists and craftsmen. The creator of the idea and designer of the Column was the Olomouc building contractor and stonemason, Václav Render. After his death in 1733, stonemasters František Thoneck, Jan Václav Rokický and his son Ignác continued the construction of the Column. The magnificent sculptural decoration was commenced by Filip Sattler, followed, after his death, by Ondřej Zahner. The sculptural decoration is composed of 18 sculptures of saints, 12 torchbearers and 12 reliefs of the apostles, a sculpture of the Assumption of Mary in the central part of the Column and a sculpture of the Holy Trinity placed at the top. There is a chapel in the bottom section. Construction of the Column lasted 37 long years; its consecration was performed in the presence of the imperial couple, Empress Maria Theresa and her husband, Francis I of Lorraine. The townspeople were very proud of the Column, as the construction was carried out exclusively by Olomouc artists, something which was not at all common at that time.

Do you know that…

…at 32 metres, the Column is the tallest Baroque sculptural group in Central Europe?

…Václav Render bequeathed his entire fortune to complete the Column?

Holy Trinity Column from behind the Arion Fountain
During the siege of Olomouc by the Prussian army in 1758, the Column was hit several times by cannonballs and the townspeople decided to ask the Prussian General to stop the bombardment. The General was surprised by such a request, complied with their wish and spared the Column. Eventually, the whole city resisted the siege. When you view the Column, try to find the replica of a gold-plated cannonball, which commemorates the bravery of Olomouc citizens.

You can learn more about this unique monument from the mobile app “Holy Trinity Column” which can be downloaded free of charge for Android and iOS.
Town Hall

For more than six centuries, the Town Hall has been a symbol of the economic and political importance of the city. Its construction was allowed by a privilege from the Moravian Margrave, Jost of Luxembourg, in 1378. Today, it is a four-winged building with an inner courtyard. On the south facade there is a bay window of the Gothic Chapel of St Jerome, richly decorated with tracery and figural motifs. On the eastern side, there are a biaxial staircase and a Renaissance loggia. A number of original vaulted rooms, including a ceremonial hall (present-day Ceremonial Hall), have been preserved to this day. The interior of the Chapel of St Jerome is decorated with a unique ribbed vault.

The Town Hall tower was built together with the stone Town Hall building in the 1420s. Its current impressive height of 75 metres was achieved during the 1601–1607 reconstruction.

Do you know that…

…under the Gothic bay window, you can see a man’s bust with a begging hand? Legend states that it is a self-portrait of a stonemason, who is suggesting to Olomouc burghers that he did not get paid for his work.
…the four turrets on the Town Hall tower indicate that Olomouc had the privilege of capital punishment and therefore its own executioner?

The guided tour of the Town Hall tower includes a peek into the tower watchman’s chamber. Tours are provided by the Olomouc Information Centre.

Olomouc Information Centre
Upper Square (Horní náměstí) – Town Hall
Tel.: +420 585 513 385, 392
http://tourism.olomouc.eu

Permanent exhibitions in the Town Hall
The exposition located on the 1st floor is devoted to the history of the Town Hall, all its renovations as well as the Chapel of St Jerome. The exhibition “Olomouc through the Ages” presents the city history in paintings, info panels and facsimiles of significant historical documents.

An exposition capturing the story of the Astronomical Clock, its creators and clockmasters, can be found on the floor above.
In 2018, a new exposition will be added on the history of the city administration, including a gallery of all Olomouc Mayors since the mid-19th century.

A Town Hall audio guide can be rented at the Information Centre. It is free of charge for Olomouc region Card-holders.

**Astronomical Clock**

The origins of the Astronomical Clock date back to the 15th century. In historical sources it is first mentioned in 1519. The Clock has undergone many modifications – Gothic, Renaissance, as well as Baroque. The present appearance by Karel Svolinsky dates back to the 1950s and is heavily influenced by the aesthetics of socialist realism.

Every day at 12 o'clock a glockenspiel starts playing Haná's folk songs and the figures of labourers, peasants and working intelligentsia are set in motion.
Caesar Fountain

Since the turn of the 17th and 18th centuries, the city centre has been adorned by six masterfully crafted Baroque fountains with mythological motifs. Caesar Fountain, built in 1724–1725, is the largest and most finely decorated of these. Its sculptural decoration represents the legendary founder of the city – Emperor Caesar resembling the Holy Roman Emperor Charles VI. At his feet, there are two male figures symbolising the Morava and Danube Rivers; the seated dog expresses the town’s loyalty to the ruler. The statue of Caesar is placed facing St Michael’s Hill, where the Roman troops’ camp allegedly stood. The sculpture was created by Jan Jiří Schauberger, the fountain’s basin is the work of stonemason Václav Render.

Church of St Maurice

One of the most valuable Late Gothic buildings in Moravia is distinctive for its two asymmetric prismatic towers and highly arched triple nave. The Renaissance tomb of the noble Edelmann family was added in the 16th century, richly decorated with stone reliefs. After a fire in 1709, the interior was redecorated in Baroque style. Painters Jan Kryštof Handke, Karel Josef Haringer and Václav Jindřich Nosek and sculptors Filip Sattler, Jan Sturmer and Jiří Antonín Heinz took part in the interior Baroque adaptations. By the mid-19th century, the church was enriched with high-quality neo-Gothic...
furniture. The church boasts the largest organ in Central Europe, by Wroclaw Master Michael Engler, dating back to 1745. It has 135 registers and 10 400 pipes. The sounds of the famous instrument are heard during the annual International Organ Festival, among others. Opletalova 10 | www.moric-olomouc.cz

Visitors can climb up one of the church towers, from which there is a wonderful view.

**Dominican Church**

The Late Gothic Church of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary was built on the initiative of preacher, John of Capistrano in the mid-15th century. The church was consecrated in 1468 in the presence of King Matthias Corvinus. The pyramidal roof as well as interior decoration of Late Gothic wall paintings are of particular interest. | Slovenská 14 | http://olomouc.op.cz

**Do you know that …**

...the fanatic preacher, John of Capistrano preached against the Hussites, Turks and also the Jews who were expelled from Olomouc in 1454? The ban on their permanent settlement in the city was not revoked until 1848.

**Mercury Fountain**

The fountain was built in 1727 as the last of the 6 Baroque reservoirs with antique themes. The sculpture of Mercury, the patron of merchants and travellers, is the work of Filip Sattler. Mercury holds one of his attributes in the right hand – a winged staff entwined by two serpents called caduceus. 8. Května Street

**Edelmann’s Palace**

The Renaissance palace was built in 1572–1586 by merging two Gothic houses for leading citizen and alderman, Václav Edelmann. This double-storey house has a richly decorated facade. The entrance portal bears the coat of arms
of the Edelmann family and symbolic portraits of Václav Edelmann and his son.
In 1719, the Palace became a city property. Fortress commanders, including Fieldmarshal Radetzky, resided here from 1816. A commemorative plaque was placed on the Palace in his honour in 1892. | Horní náměstí 5

The Upper Square is surrounded by other interesting palaces. Do not miss Salm Palace and Petráš Palace, where the first scientific society on the territory of the Austrian monarchy was founded in 1746 – the Societas incognitorum.

**Hercules Fountain**
The 1687 fountain is decorated by a statue of the ancient mythical hero, Hercules who, with a club in his right hand, protects the chequered eagle – the symbol of the city – against a seven-headed Hydra. The statue was sculpted by Michael Mandík of Gdansk and ranks among his most accomplished works of art.

**Arion Fountain**
The sculptural decoration of the breathtaking 2002 work by Ivan Theimer, a famous native of Olomouc, is based on an ancient legend of the Greek poet Arion, rescued from the sea by a dolphin attracted by his singing. It also serves as a wading pool, popular with both children and exhausted tourists.

![Arion Fountain](image)
Next to the Arion fountain, there is a marble and bronze drinking fountain sculpted by Ivan Theimer.

Lower Square

Neptune Fountain
The oldest preserved Olomouc fountain from 1683 comes from the workshop of Michael Mandík. The creator of the basin is Václav Render. The sculptural group consists of four seahorses, among them the sea god Neptune who, with a trident pointed downward, calms the waters and protects the city. Under the figure of Neptune, Michael Mandik left his signature "MAN/DIK/FE" (Mandik fecit, i.e. “Made by Mandik”).

Do you know that…
…Neptune Fountain used to be called the Turtle Fountain? Originally there were four turtles in the basin, which were removed during repair works in 1754.

Marian Plague Column
The Column was built on the initiative of stonemason, Václav Render, after a devastating plague epidemic
(1713–1715). The lower part is decorated with the sculptures of 8 saints, patrons of plague sufferers – St Charles Borromeo, St Francis Xavier, St Sebastian, St Roch, St Rosalia of Lima, St Catherine of Siena, St Barbara and the patroness of the city of Olomouc – St Paula. The statue of the Virgin Mary Immaculata is placed on top of the helically twisted column.

**Jupiter Fountain**

The fountain’s appearance underwent interesting changes. Originally, it included a statue of St Florian, protector against fire and floods, created by an unknown sculptor in 1707. It was later replaced by a sculpture of Jupiter, in order to thematically unify the set of six Baroque fountains. The sculpture of the ancient ruler of gods with lightning in his hand and an eagle at his feet was created by Filip Sattler; the basin is again the work of Václav Render. The fountain was completed in 1735.

**Capuchin Church**

The early Baroque monastery church of the Capuchin Order, built after the Thirty Years' War, catches the eye with its distinctive shield and architectural rigidity. Above the entrance, there is a mosaic depicting the scene of the Annunciation, created by Karel Benedík in 1972.

**Hauenschild’s Palace**

The Renaissance palace was built for the Hauenschild family from Fürstenfeld in about 1583. Its dominant feature is a corner bay window with figural reliefs. Since the mid-17th century, ownership of the Palace has often changed and the building was later used as a coaching inn, whose most famous visitor was the 11-year-old Mozart in October 1767.
Wenceslas Hill and surroundings

St Michael’s Church
The richly decorated single-nave building with its three domes is a distinctive part of the city skyline. The early Baroque church was built on a former Gothic church site, as designed by G. P. Tencalla and D. Martinelli in 1676–1699. The impressive Baroque interior, one of the most beautiful in Olomouc, was partially restored in historicist style at the end of the 19th century. You can also access a Gothic bell tower, a cloister with paintings by the Baroque painter Ignaz Raab and an underground hermitage with a spring. In the summer months you can relax in the cloister garden.

Žerotínovo náměstí 1 | www.svatymichal.cz

Chapel of St Jan Sarkander
On the site of a one-time city prison, where the Catholic priest Jan Sarkander was tortured in 1620, a small house of prayer was opened in 1672–1673, later turned into a public chapel. An imposing reconstruction by architect Eduard Sochor in 1909 to 1912 transformed it into a Neo-Baroque chapel with rich sculptural decoration. In the cellar of the chapel, there is the original rack on which Sarkander was tortured, and a well with a healing spring which burst forth for Sarkander to quench his thirst.

Mahlerova 19 | www.svatymichal.cz

Do you know that …
…Sarkander’s grave was visited by Maria Josepha, Polish Queen and Saxon Elector, in 1745 and by Empress Maria Theresa in 1748?
…in 1995 Jan Sarkander was canonised by Pope John Paul II in Olomouc?

Villa Primavesi
The Art Nouveau villa was built in 1905–1906 according to the designs of architects Franz von Krauss and Josef Tölk, leading protagonists of Viennese modernism.
Its interiors were designed by prominent artists, such as the family friend, Anton Hanak, architect Josef Hoffmann and painter Gustav Klimt. | Univerzitní 7 | www.vilaprimavesi.cz

**Jesuit Convent**

Attractively renovated Baroque premises, closely linked to the origins of Olomouc University, currently the seat of the Art Centre of Palacký University, with enchanting park view and the splendid **Chapel of Corpus Christi** with valuable painting and sculptural decoration. The ceiling fresco is the work of the Baroque sculptor, Jan Kryštof Handke, depicting the legend of Jaroslav of Šternberk’s victory over the Tatars in the Battle of Olomouc in 1241. Three monumental allegorical statues – Life, Love and Faith – are the work of Filip Sattler. | Univerzitní 3 | https://uc.upol.cz

**Church of the Virgin Mary of the Snow**

The single-nave church was built in 1712–1716 as part of a complex of former Jesuit school buildings. While the church layout is loosely based on the Jesuit Church Il Gesù in Rome, the direct inspirational source for the architect Michal Josef Klein of Nisa was the Church of St Nicholas in Prague. The portal was created by the local stonemason, Václav Render, statues on the front by David Zürn. The church is exceptional for its intact historical furniture. It is dominated by frescoes by Karel F. J. Haringer and Jan Kryštof Handke. | Denisova Street

**Villa Primavesi**
Triton Fountain
This is considered to be artistically the most valuable of all Baroque fountains, created after the 1709 fire. In ancient mythology, Triton, the son of the sea god Poseidon, used to be portrayed as a giant being, half human, half fish. In this fountain Triton is depicted as a child taming marine monsters. Standing in a seashell carried by atlantes, water-bearers and dolphins, there is a boy holding two dragons on chains. The fountain was designed by Václav Render, while the creator of the impressive sculptures is unknown.

náměstí Republiky

Archbishop’s Palace
Seat of the Archbishop of Olomouc, one of the most spectacular Baroque palaces in Olomouc. It was built in the 17th century according to the project of the Italian architect Filiberto Lucchese on the site of an earlier Renaissance palace. The second stage of an early Baroque redesign is associated with the imperial architect G. P. Tencalla.

Wurmova 9 | tel.: +420 587 405 421
www.arcibiskupskypalac.cz
Do not miss a guided tour of the **Archbishop's Palace**! You will see the Throne Hall, where 18-year-old Franz Joseph I took over the rule of the Austrian Empire on 2nd December 1848, and other formal halls with rich Rococo, Empire and Neo-Baroque décor and period furniture.

**Do you know that...**

...Russian Tsar Alexander I and Austrian Emperor Francis II met at the Archbishop’s Palace to discuss steps against Napoleon before the Battle of Austerlitz in 1805?

...the Archbishop's Palace has hosted many other notables, among them Maria Theresa – Queen of Bohemia and Hungary, Pope John Paul II and Presidents T. G. Masaryk, E. Beneš, V. Havel, V. Klaus and M. Zeman?

**Theresian Armoury**
The monumental Classicist building with late Baroque decorations is a typical example of Theresian military architecture. Its construction was completed in 1771 and it served a military purpose until 1989. Now it is a place filled with students, with a large courtyard and seating area, a modern fountain and café. The Central Library, UP Archive and other university facilities are housed here. Biskupské náměstí 1 | www.upol.cz

**Olomouc Castle**
On Wenceslas Hill, only some visible evidence has survived of the significance and power of Přemyslid Castle, which was later replaced by church buildings and the Cathedral. Monumental remnants of the Castle can still be seen from the north-eastern side on a rocky headland – stone walls, remains of an outer wall of the Romanesque Bishop’s Palace with preserved double and triple windows, the Round Tower and other buildings bearing castle elements. Near the Cathedral is the **Chapel of St Anne**, which previously served as an election venue for Olomouc bishops and archbishops. The former **Cathedral Deanery**
is now the seat of the Archdiocesan Museum. Many important personalities have passed through the history of Olomouc Castle. Bishop Jindřich Zdík, probably a son of the chronicler Cosmas, consecrated the Cathedral in 1131 and relocated the seat of the Olomouc bishopric to the Castle grounds in 1141. King Wenceslas III, the last Přemyslid, was assassinated here in 1306. For several weeks in 1767, the young W.A. Mozart stayed in the house of the Chapter Provost and composed his Symphony No. 6 in F Major here. Some of the recent celebrities who have visited the site are Mother Theresa and Pope John Paul II.

Václavské náměstí

**St Wenceslas Cathedral**

The Cathedral with its double-tower face is an integral part of the city skyline. The third tower at 100.65 metres is the highest in Moravia. The originally Romanesque basilica was consecrated in 1131 by Bishop Jindřich Zdík. In the 13th and
14th centuries, after several fires, it was rebuilt as a Gothic triple-naved structure. Later, the Renaissance St Stanislaus Chapel was added on the southern side. Under the presbytery, the double-storey crypt is accessible – its upper storey serves as an exhibition space, the coffins of Olomouc bishops can be seen on the lower floor. A shrine with relics of St Jan Sarkander is placed on the altar at one of the pillars. Between 1883 and 1891, the Cathedral underwent a Neo-Gothic reconstruction, designed by Gustav Meretta.

Václavské náměstí | www.katedralaolomouc.cz

Do you know that …
…the Cathedral boasts the largest bell in Moravia – St Wenceslas Bell, weighing eight tons?
…the bells of St Wenceslas Cathedral chime noon at 11 am already?

According to the legend, Bishop Jan Železný saved Olomouc from being plundered by the Hussite army when he let the bells chime before noon. The Hussites had announced that they would conquer the city before the bells sounded at noon. Since then, the Cathedral bells toll noon at 11 o’clock.

Other sights not to be missed

Hradisko Monastery

Hradisko Monastery was founded in 1078 by Olomouc Prince Otto I the Fair and his wife Euphemia. The first monks to settle here were the Benedictines, replaced by the Premonstratensians in the mid-12th century. The Monastery was reconstructed at great cost in the Baroque style during 1659–1736. The construction of Monastery buildings was influenced by architects G. P. Tencalla, D. Martinelli and K. A. Reina. Until its abolition in 1784, the Monastery was a unique treasury of Moravian Baroque art. Some of the outstanding painting and sculptural decorations of artists such as Pavel Troger, Daniel Gran, Jan Kryštof Handke, plasterer Baltazar
Fontana and sculptors Josef Antonín Winterhalder and Jiří Antonín Heinz have been retained to this day. A priestly seminary was accommodated here after the Monastery’s abolition. Since 1802, the building has been used as a military hospital. | Sušilovo nám 5 | tel.: +420 973 407 208 | +420 602 965 662 | www.vnol.cz

Do you know that…
…the Monastery has been destroyed several times? The Hussite Wars had catastrophic consequences – the Monastery was burnt down, and then destroyed by burghers. Later, it fell victim to Swedish looting in the Thirty Years’ War. The most valuable books were taken to Sweden from the ravaged library as war booty.

Hradisko Monastery

Olomouc Fortress

Olomouc used to be a “town in a fortress”. Remains of fortifications can be found in many sites in Olomouc and surroundings. Remnants of medieval walls can be admired in Bezruč Park, where there is one of the preserved gateways to the city, called the Jewish Gate. In 1655, Olomouc was declared a fortress town. A Baroque bastion fortress was gradually raised, completed by the Theresian fortifications in 1742–1756. The construction of the fortress culminated in
the 19th century with a unique crown of **advanced forts**. As the walls hindered further development of the city, its fortification function was abandoned in 1886.

While visiting the city, admirers of military monuments can not miss seeing unique reminders of its military history:

**Theresian Gate**
A carefully restored monument named after the Empress Maria Theresa is the only preserved gate and the last remnant of the Baroque bastion fortress. | Palachovo náměstí

**Crown Fortress**
The Crown Fortress is a very well preserved part of the former bastion fortress of Olomouc. Its construction started in 1754. A Baroque gunpowder magazine and a torso of an Empire style guardhouse are to be seen here. In the mid-19th century its interior was complemented by a large artillery warehouse.

You can visit the **Powder House Exposition**, where you will learn about Olomouc Fortress and what it looked like at the time of its operation, about the preserved military buildings in the city and surroundings. Do not forget to visit the **Fort Science**, an interactive science museum.

`třída 17. listopadu 7 | www.pevnostolomouc.cz
www.pevnostpoznani.cz`

**Olomouc Forts**
In the 19th century, many detached forts were built a few kilometres from the city. Thus, Olomouc became a unique example of such a fortification method. Today you can visit Fort No. XIII in Nová ulice, Fort No. XVII in Křelov, Fort No. XXII Lazecký in Černovír and Fort No. 2 in Radíkov.

www.forty.cz
http://pevnost-radikov.cz
http://cisarska-pevnost.cz
www.fort-olomouc-xxii.cz
CULTURE

Music, theatre, cinema, museums, galleries

Theatres, cinemas, galleries and a number of other cultural venues enable a varied mosaic of leisure activities.

Moravian Philharmonic Olomouc

One of the oldest symphony orchestras in the country, with a very extensive repertoire. The Orchestra concentrates on great international musicians of the 19th and 20th centuries and is one of the authentic interpreters of famous Czech classics – A. Dvořák, B. Smetana, L. Janáček and B. Martinů. It also intensively promotes contemporary Czech and world music and organises regular concerts and major music festivals.

Horní náměstí 23 | tel.: +420 585 206 520 | www.mfo.cz

Moravian Theatre Olomouc

The Theatre, with its almost 100-year tradition, presents classic and modern works of opera, operetta, ballet and drama. Every year in May, one of the largest international theatre festivals in the Czech Republic, the Flora Theatre, is held here. | Horní náměstí 22 | tel.: +420 585 500 500 | www.moravske-divadlo.cz
Music Theatre
The Theatre performs chamber productions of various genres, puppet theatre for children and adults, concerts, film shows. The Theatre is part of the Museum of Art and is housed in the same building.
Denisova 47 | tel: +420 585 514 111 | www.muo.cz

“Na cucky” Theatre
An independent theatre ensemble with its own stage at the new cultural centre on Lower Square.
Dolní náměstí 42 | www.divadlonacucky.cz

“Na Šantovce” Theatre
A theatre located in the Šantovka shopping centre.
tel.: +420 731 256 406 | www.divadlonasantovce.cz

Tramtarie Theatre
Independent professional theatre.
Slovanský dům, Hynaisova 11 | tel.: +420 739 863 893
www.divadlotramtarie.cz

Cine Star Olomouc
Multiplex in the Olomouc City shopping centre.
Pražská 255/41 | tel.: +420 800 288 288
www.cinestar.cz

Metropol Cinema
Classic cinema in the city centre, a partner of many festivals and film shows.
Sokolská 25 | tel.: +420 722 955 466
+420 585 222 466 | www.kinometropol.cz

Live Broadcasts from the Metropolitan Opera.

Premiere Cinemas
Multiplex at the Šantovka shopping centre.
Polská 1 | tel.: +420 723 755 320
http://olomouc.premierecinemas.cz
Archdiocesan Museum
The Museum presents a thousand years of Moravian spiritual culture. The sensitively renovated premises of Přemyslid Castle, Cardinal Troyer’s carriage, the famous Madonna from Šternberk, a safe-deposit chest in the tower of St Barbara and other treasures from the collections of the Olomouc Archdiocese demand an almost obligatory visit. The Archdiocesan Museum is the first Czech site to get the prestigious “European Heritage Label”.
Václavské náměstí 3 | tel.: +420 585 514 190 | www.muo.cz

Museum of Modern Art
tel.: +420 585 514 241 | www.muo.cz

Regional Museum
The Museum houses valuable collections, today amounting to almost one million items. Apart from permanent exhibitions, there is a number of short-term exhibitions and educational programmes. | náměstí Republiky 5
tel.: +420 585 515 111 | www.vmo.cz
Interesting Exhibitions at the Regional Museum:

Nature of the Olomouc Region and Olomouc – Fifteen Centuries of a City
Both expositions are equipped with interactive exhibits. You can touch hedgehog’s spines, catch a virtual fish, or find detailed information about animals and the history of Olomouc via touch panels.

Fort Science
This interactive science museum of Palacky University introduces visitors to Natural and Social Sciences in a playful and entertaining way.
Encounter life-sized aquatic creatures, walk through a model of the human brain, try to solve giant puzzles, and explore the cosmic sky in the Planetarium.
The Fort Science is located in a former artillery warehouse at Crown Fortress.
The Fort Science is simply an adventure for the whole family located in an extraordinary venue!
17. listopadu 7 | Crown Fortress
tel.: +420 585 634 145 | www.pevnostpoznani.cz
Veteran Arena
Museum of veteran cars, one of the largest in the Czech Republic. 100 cars and many other exhibits.
Sladovní 3, Olomouc | tel.: +420 585 157 438
www.veteranarena.cz

City Gallery of Olomouc
The municipal gallery presents works by artists working in Olomouc and the region. | Dolní nám. 7
tel.: +420 585 220 218 | www.galerie-mesta-olomouce.cz

Event Tips

March – April
Olomouc Easter
Easter celebrations, regional folk customs, Easter craft fair. 
http://tourism.olomouc.eu

Olomoucké tvarůžky Cheese Festival
A feast of regional gastronomy – Tvarůžky cheese in a variety of ways, regional breweries, local folk musicians and a wonderful atmosphere. | http://tvaruzkovyfestival.olomouc.eu

Flora Olomouc | spring stage
International horticultural and floral exhibition with the longest tradition in the Czech Republic. | www.flora-ol.cz

Academia Film Olomouc
International festival of popular scientific films. 
www.afo.cz

Eco-Days Olomouc
Exhibitions and lectures on environmentalism, eco-fair. 
www.slunakov.cz

May – June
Dvořák’s Olomouc
International music festival. | www.mfo.cz
Night of Olomouc Museums
Event held by Olomouc museums and galleries, night excursions with accompanying programme.
www.olomouckamuzejinoc.cz

City Fest
Traditional historical city festival, procession to honour St Paula – patroness of the city; concerts & theatre, gastro fair. | http://svatkymesta.olomouc.eu

Garden Food Festival
Gourmet festival in Smetana Park.
www.gardenfoodfestival.cz

Olomouc Half Marathon
Popular running event, the second most visited Czech half marathon, awarded the IAAF Gold Label.
www.runczech.com

July – August
Olomouc Baroque Festival
Summer evenings with Baroque opera against the historical backdrop of ancient Olomouc. | http://baroko.olomouc.eu
Flora Olomouc | summer stage
International horticultural and floral exhibition
www.flora-ol.cz

August – September
International Festival of Army Brass Bands
Show by army brass bands. | http://tourism.olomouc.eu

International Organ Festival
International leading musicians play rare Engler organs in St Maurice Church. | www.mfo.cz

European Heritage Days
Open-door days, concerts & theatre, guided tours, craft and food market on the Upper Square.
http://ded.olomouc.eu

September – October
Autumn Festival of Sacred Music
Concerts of spiritual music in Olomouc churches.
www.podzimni-festival.cz

Flora Olomouc | autumn stage

November – December
St Martin’s Day in Olomouc
Celebration of St Martin’s Day, tasting and sale of young wines on the Upper Square | www.vanocnitrhy.eu

Advent in Olomouc
Charming Advent atmosphere in the city centre, Christmas markets. | www.vanocnitrhy.eu

Overview of all events:
http://tourism.olomouc.eu
LEISURE

City tours
Wide choice of different types of sightseeing tours in Olomouc should top your “to do” list, whether you prefer classic city tours or unconventional tours with a dose of adrenaline!

Olomouc in a Nutshell
A popular, roughly 1-hour tour of the most important monuments of the Upper Square, ending with an ascent of the Town Hall tower. You can buy tickets at the Information Centre in the Town Hall’s archway.
Olomouc Information Centre
Upper Square – Town Hall | tel.: +420 585 513 385, 392
http://tourism.olomouc.eu

Audio Guide
At the Information Centre, there are headphones available to you, comprising a 90-minute recorded commentary on the most important city attractions. Simple operation allows you to design your own tour and off you go!

Town Hall Tower ascent
Commented ascent to the viewing gallery of the 75-metre-high Town Hall tower. Tickets can be purchased at the Information Centre.

Guided church tours
All major Olomouc churches and chapels are freely accessible. Free guided tours are available during the tourist season.
http://tourism.olomouc.eu

Olomouc with a guide
While exploring the city, you can also use guide services to customise a tour programme to your needs.
Booking: Olomouc Information Centre
City tour with Ola the Cat
A self-guided city tour in the form of a game for families with children. At the Information Centre and at other selected locations, you can obtain a map on which children will place collectible symbols of Ola the Cat. Kids will receive a small reward for finding all the symbols. You can take the tour with Ola the Cat from June until the end of September, every day except Mondays. | http://tourism.olomouc.eu

OLINA Multimedia Guide
A highly attractive form of tourist navigation. OLINA is a mobile app which depicts Olomouc in all its diversity and beauty. Free download of the app to your smartphone or tablet: tourism.olomouc.eu/tourism/information-centre/multimedial-guide

Sightseeing cruises of historical Olomouc
Get to know the beauty of the city from the deck of a boat! You will learn many interesting things about the history of the city and the river, while enjoying views of Hradisko Monastery, St Wenceslas Cathedral and the Orthodox Church of St Gorazd.
tel.: +420 776 857 870 | www.plavbyolomouc.cz
Olomouc by raft
Pleasant sightseeing cruise along the Mlýnský Creek through peaceful parks below the city walls, during which the guide will familiarise you with the history of the city and other interesting facts.
tel.: +420 603 113 344 | www.perej.cz

Olomouc by bike
A guided bike tour takes you to the most beautiful sights in the city | tel.: +420 603 113 344 | www.olomoucbiketour.cz

Olomouc by Olopedal
Sightseeing by Olopedal, a unique transport vehicle, through historical Olomouc, including live guided comments. The Olopedal will satisfy your taste for history, sport, relaxation and even locally brewed beer.
tel.: +420 776 857 870 | www.oloslap.cz

Four-wheel bike rides
Have you come to Olomouc with children and would like to enjoy a bike ride? Take advantage of this attractive offer and rent a four-wheel family bike! Feel free to go on a family excursion through Olomouc parks.
tel.: +420 603 113 344 | www.olomoucbiketour.cz

Segway rides
Get to know the city centre and surrounding parks on Segway with a guide. | tel.: +420 778 776 500
www.segway-olomouc.cz

Tip for fans of games and gaming apps! The Olomouc Labyrinth game will entertain you! Take a safe journey through a 3D maze, created according to the Olomouc city model located in the city centre. You can download the game app for Android free of charge.
Parks and gardens
Olomouc parks are among the historical and cultural jewels of the city. Beautiful parks surround the ancient city centre and provide not only the opportunity to escape into greenery but also plenty of opportunities for a pleasant walk and relaxation. The foundation of the city parks was laid during the 19th century. Today Olomouc boasts three main parks with an area of almost 50 hectares – Smetana, Čech and Bezruč Parks.

Smetana and Čech Parks
Smetana Park is the largest city park and the venue for Flora Olomouc exhibitions. Here you can visit unique subtropical and tropical greenhouses. The Park includes a colonnade with a period restaurant and café, a music pavilion, a pond, biking and in-line skating paths and playgrounds. Smetana and the neighbouring Čech Parks are connected via a fly-over pedestrian bridge built in 1965 – a very progressive architectural solution at that time.

The greenhouse collections are some of the largest in the Czech Republic. Visit the Palm, Cactus, Tropical and Subtropical greenhouses. Collection greenhouses, Wolkerova 17 tel.: +420 585 726 243 | www.flora-ol.cz

Bezruč Park
This Park was located beneath the medieval and Theresian city walls at the end of the 19th century. In summer, you can visit the Botanical Garden and Rosarium – a rose garden with a unique collection of local and foreign roses.

The Rosarium with a pond and relaxation areas induce repose. Play Pétanque here or enjoy a picnic. In the Botanical Garden, children can try to discover hidden treasure or romp around the playground. | Botanical Garden, Bezruč Park tel.: +420 585 225 566 | www.flora-ol.cz
Do you know that …

…at the entrance to Čech Park from Palacký Street, you can see Litovel Gate, which used to be part of Olomouc fortifications and was transferred to this site in 1896?

…Olomouc parks have valuable sculptural adornments?

In Smetana Park, the works of Olomouc sculptor, Julius Pelikán, can be admired.

Flora Olomouc

Three times a year, Smetana Park comes to life with the famous Flora floral exhibition which fills the Olomouc Exhibition Centre and attracts thousands of visitors to the “City of Flowers”. Flora Olomouc is the largest and oldest Czech flower show – held for the first time in 1958. | www.flora-ol.cz

Palacký University Zwinger Gardens

Located on the city walls above Bezruč Park, they complement the collection of historical park treasures of Olomouc. Zwinger Gardens mimic the original canon’s gardens from the 15th to 18th centuries. The restored Zwinger Gardens, opened in 2011, have become an oasis of peace in the city and a favourite meeting place for students, Olomouc townspeople and city visitors. | Křižkovského Street

https://parkanovezahrady.upol.cz
Relaxation and sport
Olomouc is not only a city of beautiful sights but also of sport. Sport is played in the open air in city parks and in specialised sporting facilities. Perfect relaxation can be enjoyed at one of the wellness centres.

Do you know that … …Olomouc holds the 2017 title “European City of Sport”?

Ander Stadium
“Andrův Stadion” is a football stadium, the home ground of SK Sigma Olomouc football club. Due to its top-level facilities, it is also used for national team matches.
Legionářská 12 | tel.: +420 585 223 380
www.sigmafotbal.cz

BALUO Application Centre
This Palacký University Centre is focused on a healthy lifestyle and physical activities. | třída Miru 117
tel.: +420 585 636 710 | www.acbaluo.cz

Aquapark Olomouc
A year-round relaxation centre with a wide range of water attractions. Tube slides, extreme Space Bowl, saunas, whirlpools and wellness area. A venue for respite, refreshment, and children’s fun.
Kafkova | tel.: + 420 588 517 770 | www.aqua-olomouc.cz

Balneo – Flora Spa
Water spa at the Flora Hotel offers a swimming pool, Finnish sauna, whirlpool, massages and a solar meadow.
Krapkova 34 | tel.: +420 702 003 963
www.laznefloraolomouc.cz
**Best Sportcentrum**
Play squash, go bowling or do fitness exercises in this sports centre.
*Dolní Hejčínská 36 | tel.: +420 773 313 314 +420 725 222 168 | www.best-sportcentrum.cz*

**Bowland Bowling Centre – Galerie Šantovka**
A bowling centre with 18 professional tracks.
*Šantovka shopping centre, Polská 1
Tel: +420 588 884 138 | http://bowland-centre.cz*

**Semafor Centre**
Traffic park for the whole family. Rental of bikes, scooters and equipment, in-line skates and balance bicycles.
*Legionářská 15 | tel.: +420 731 122 280
www.centrum-semafor.cz*

**Aquapark Olomouc**

**Inline skating**
The best inline skating trails are in Smetana Park close to the city centre. You can also skate on the inline skating circuit Hejčínské louky and on Chválkovice – Samotišky, Chválkovická – Černovír or Legionářská trails – bridge over Mlýnský Creek in Řepčín.
Proud Rope Course
An adrenaline experience for anyone who loves adventure and is not afraid of heights! | Na Střelnici 48
tel.: +420 605 215 348 | www.lanovecentrum.cz

Laser Arena
The right choice for those who like adrenaline, sport and action games. There are 360 m² of obstacles, corners and recesses that comprise ideal shelters. | Koželužská 29
tel.: +420 604 685 483 | www.laserarenaolomouc.cz

Mini Golf
Outdoor course in the vicinity of Crown Fortress; indoor mini golf course at Olomouc City shopping centre. www.minigolfolomouc.cz

Go-karts
Lamborghini Kart Arena – a 240-metre-long, covered go-kart track in the above-ground garages in Hanácký Regiment Street. In the summer months, you can ride in the multifunctional area behind the Šantovka shopping centre.
tel.: +420 583 035 057, +420 604 559 552 | www.motokary-olomouc.cz
Olomouc and surroundings by bike
Olomouc is the ideal spot for cyclists. Two long-distance cycling routes intersect the city – the Moravian and Amber Routes. A new cycle route connects Olomouc with Poděbrady natural swimming pool. Military fans can cycle on a special route along the Olomouc forts. There is also a cycle path from Chválkovic to Samotíšky and a cycle path in Horka nad Moravou. There is a special cycling route for families with children – the Sightseeing Route across Olomouc. More proficient cyclists will enjoy the Experience Route to Svatý Kopeček. The Relaxation Route through Litovelské Pomoravi Nature Reserve is suitable for all ages. | http://tourism.olomouc.eu

Omega Centre for Sport and Health
This modern centre provides a wide range of sporting and relaxation activities. | Legionářská 19
tel.: +420 585 205 700 | www.omegasport.cz

Public swimming pool
A sports centre with indoor and outdoor swimming pools, water slide and sauna, close to the city centre.
Legionářská 11 | tel.: +420 585 427 181
www.olterm.cz/plavecky-bazen
Poděbrady natural swimming pool
These popular natural ponds are located 6 km from Olomouc in the direction of Horka nad Moravou.

Scene Wellness
Everything for perfect relaxation and regeneration can be found in the generously designed Scene Wellness Centre in Hodolany Resort. | Ostravská 1 | tel.: +420 585 312 442 www.scene-wellness.cz

Spa Centre – Theresian Hotel & Spa
Spa, massage and fitness on the top floor of Theresian Hotel, overlooking the city's gorgeous architecture. | Javořičská 5 | tel.: +420 581 113 114 | www.theresian.cz

St Wenceslas Beer Spa
Beer spa in the cellars of St Wenceslas brewery. Enjoy a beer bath and a salt sauna with beer tasting and a massage. | Mariánská 4 | tel.: +420 585 242 219 http://lazne.svatovaclavsky-pivovar.cz
Olomouc Surroundings

Olomouc Golf Resort | 14 km
The 18-hole championship course and 9-hole public course afford magnificent views of the countryside. The Resort also offers guests accommodation in a 4* golf hotel. Dolany-Véska 89 | tel.: +420 581 112 911
www.golfolomouc.cz

Olomouc Golf Resort

Hlubočky Ski Resort | 15 km
The Resort offers great summer and winter attractions for the whole family. There is also a summer bobsled track with a total length of 1536 metres | Školní 126, Hlubočky
tel.: +420 775 771 077 | http://skiarealhlubocky.cz

Sports Park – Hrubá Voda Resort | 21 km
This modern venue in the beautiful Bystřice River valley includes a leisure park with a summer bobsled track, a wellness hotel, a ski area and the recently open Chamois Trail treetop walk. | Hrubá Voda 21 | tel.: +420 585 100 404–406
www.hrubavoda.cz

More information:
http://tourism.olomouc.eu
GASTRONOMY | ACCOMMODATION

In Olomouc, choose from a wide range of hotels, guesthouses and other accommodation facilities, ranging from luxury four-star hotels to hostels, meeting the requirements of young travellers as well as demanding guests. You can also visit one of the renowned Olomouc restaurants! Regional Haná cuisine is provided by restaurants that are part of the “Taste Haná” project. Enjoy unique culinary delights that will make you want to return to Olomouc!

Overview of accommodation and restaurants:
http://tourism.olomouc.eu

Upper Square – Caesar Fountain and the Town Hall in the background
Taste the renowned Olomouc speciality – Olomoucké tvarůžky cheese
The most famous product of the local cuisine is Olomoucké tvarůžky. In the past, the famous low-fat cheese with an unmistakable distinctive aroma and delicious taste was made in villages around Olomouc. As it was sold on markets in Olomouc, people started to call it Olomoucké tvarůžky. Today, this gastronomic speciality is produced only in Loštice town. Here, there is also a modern museum presenting the history of the making of this cheese. Whether you indulge yourself in eating it with only bread and the inevitable glass of beer, or prepared in one of the city restaurants, an unforgettable gastronomic experience is guaranteed.

Visit the Olomoucké tvarůžky Cheese Festival held every April! http://tvaruzkovyfestival.olomouc.eu

Tvarůžky Vending Machine
You can purchase Olomoucké tvarůžky at the Information Centre from a unique Tvarůžky vending machine.

Olomoucké tvarůžky Cheese Shop
Specialised shop for Olomoucké tvarůžky on the Upper Square opposite the Astronomical Clock.
www.tvaruzky.cz
**Tvarůžky Patisserie**

Unique Tvarůžky specialities can be tasted at the Tvarůžky Patisserie, which offers many kinds of delicious Tvarůžky cakes according to their own recipes.  
Denisova 13, Olomouc | +420 604 137 953  
www.tvaruzkovacukrarna.cz

**Entertainment in Olomouc**

Olomouc has many pubs, mini-breweries, bars and cafes to check out. If you want to dance or listen to good music, we recommend local dance clubs, discos and jazz clubs. Near Mlýnská, Uhelná and Lafayettova Streets, you will find a vibrant entertainment hub in the original setting of the historical city fortifications from 18th-century.

**More tips for fun:**

http://tourism.olomouc.eu
SHOPPING

Shopping tips
Olomouc offers many shopping opportunities in modern shopping centres with dozens of fashion brand shops. You can also succumb to the magic of small shops in the historical downtown. On the Upper Square and vicinity, you will find shops offering traditional Czech products and high quality food. Small souvenirs can be bought at the Information Centre.

Stores for regional products

Tvarůžky Shop
Horní náměstí 7 | www.tvaruzky.cz

La Formaggeria
Horní náměstí 8 | www.laformaggeria.com

The Right Thing from Haná and Elsewhere
Úzká 2 | www.topravezhane.cz

Shopping malls near the city centre

Galerie Šantovka
Polská 1 | www.galeriesantovka.cz

More information:
http://tourism.olomouc.eu
For each purchased dessert from the main menu, coffee of your choice free of charge.

For each hour purchased, another hour with a 50% discount.

Shopping centre in the heart of Olomouc
TIPS FOR EXCURSIONS

The surroundings of Olomouc will entice you with historical treasures, the unique Nature of the Litovelské Pomoraví Reserve and excellent conditions for sport and relaxation. Let yourself become absorbed by the fabulous atmosphere of castles and manor houses, go for a walk through floodplain forests or play golf. There really is something for everyone!

Litovelské Pomoraví | 7 km
Protected landscape area with natural floodplain forests in the inner delta of the Morava River, sought out by both hikers and cyclists. It lies between Olomouc and Mohelnice and its unique territory is home to many rare plants and animals.

Sluňákov – Environmental Centre | 8 km
Located in Horka nad Moravou, the low-energy Sluňákov building with a unique gallery in the countryside serves as a gateway to the Litovelské Pomoraví Nature Reserve. The outer area of Sluňákov is freely accessible, you can walk through an interactive gallery “Nature House of Litovelské Pomoraví” which combines nature with the works by significant Czech artists. Guided tours, souvenirs and other services are provided by the Sluňákov Information Centre. | Horka nad Moravou tel.: +420 585 154 711 | www.slunakov.cz

Svatý Kopeček | 10 km
Svatý Kopeček (Holy Hill), set high above Olomouc, is one of the most popular tourist destinations and pilgrimage sites in the region. It offers ideal conditions for hiking, cycling and relaxation.

Basilica of the Visitation of the Virgin Mary
Svatý Kopeček hill is dominated by the monumental Baroque pilgrimage Church of the Visitation of the Virgin Mary, which was granted Minor Basilica status by Pope John Paul II in 1995.
The basilica with a two-tower front was built by Premonstratensians in 1669–1679 to the design of the renowned architect G. P. Tencalla. The complex was completed between 1714 and 1721 according to the D. Martinelli’s design. | tel.: +420 585 385 342, +420 777 742 176 www.svatykopecek.cz

Do not miss the charming city vista that opens up from the front of the church!

Do you know that…

…Jiří Wolker, one of the most talented Czech poets of the 20th century, used to spend his summer holidays in Svatý Kopeček at his grandparents’ home?

Zoological Garden at Svatý Kopeček

The Zoo at Svatý Kopeček is located in the splendid forests of the Jeseník Mountain foothills. Here you will see 400 species of animals – the enclosure shared by wolves and bears, walk-through enclosures of macaques, the giraffe pavilion as well as sea aquariums arouse great interest. You can enjoy a train ride through the safari zone, and climb the 32-metre-high observation tower, while kids romp in the Lanáček children’s rope course. | Darwinova 29, Olomouc-Svatý Kopeček tel.: +420 585 151 601 | www.zoo-olomouc.cz
**Fort Radíkov | 12 km**
Radikov Fort is an architecturally and historically unique fortress, built in the second half of the 19th century as part of the imperial royal Olomouc Fortress.

*Vrchní 75 | Olomouc-Radíkov, tel.: +420 777 135 001 | http://pevnost-radikov.cz*

**Příkazy Open-air Museum | 11 km**
This folk architecture museum presents the lifestyles and crafts of the past to modern audiences.

*Příkazy 54 | tel.: +420 777 238 830 | www.skanzen-prikazy.cz*

**Náměšť na Hané Chateau | 16 km**
An early Classicist chateau from the 2nd half of the 18th century. Rococo interiors, a rare collection of Meissen china and archbishops’ carriages.

*Hrad 1, Náměšť na Hané | tel.: +420 585 952 184 | http://zamek.namestnahane.cz*

**Čechy pod Kosířem Chateau | 20 km**
A Classicist chateau, surrounded by a park of 21.5 hectares, connected with the noble family of Silva-Tarouca and the famous Czech painter, Josef Mánes.
Here you can visit the Museum of Zdeněk and Jan Svěrák and view the film sets, costumes and other movie props.

*Mánesova 1, Čechy pod Kosířem | tel.: +420 773 784 110 | www.zamekcechy.cz*

Do not forget to visit the Museum of Historical Carriages and the Fire Museum in Čechy pod Kosiřem.

*tel.: +420 608 610 324 | www.historicekekocary.cz | tel.: +420 582 373 726 | www.cechypk.cz*

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* Svatý Kopeček Zoo
Šternberk Castle | 19 km
Originally a Gothic castle, founded by the lords of Šternberk in the mid-13th century. The interiors will surprise by their size and the countless works of art imported from all over Europe. | Horní nám. 6, Šternberk tel.: +420 585 012 935 | www.hrad-sternberk.cz

Museum of Olomoucké tvarůžky Cheese A. W. | 31 km
Museum documenting the tradition and present production of this original regional speciality. Complemented by a company cheese shop. Palackého 2, Loštice tel.: +420 583 401 217 www.tvaruzky.cz

Javoříčko Caves | 31 km
Caves with the richest cave formations in the Czech Republic. | Luká-Javoříčko tel.: +420 585 345 451 www.caves.cz/jeskyne/javoricske-jeskyne/
Bouzov Castle | 33 km
One of the most visited and most splendid Czech castles was founded in the early 14th century. It obtained its current appearance of a romantic mansion after the extensive reconstruction between 1895 and 1910. The fairytale castle is a sought-after location for filmmakers. Bouzov 8 | tel.: +420 775 888 960 | www.hrad-bouzov.cz

Helfštýn Castle | 33 km
The Castle hosts many cultural events, the most famous of which is Hefaiston, a meeting of artist blacksmiths Týn nad Bečvou | tel.: +420 581 797 093 www.helfstyn.cz

More excursion tips:
http://tourism.olomouc.eu
PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Public Holidays
1 January New Year’s Day, Restoration Day of the Independent Czech State
moveable feast March/April – Good Friday
moveable feast March/April – Easter Monday
1 May Labour Day
8 May Liberation Day
5 July Saints Cyril and Methodius Day
6 July Jan Hus Day
28 September St Wenceslas Day (Czech Statehood Day)
28 October Independent Czechoslovak State Day
17 November Struggle for Freedom and Democracy Day
24 December Christmas Eve
25 December Christmas Day
26 December St Stephen’s Day (Czech: “The Second Christmas Day”)

Currency: Czech koruna (CZK)

Emergency Calls in the Czech Republic
150 Fire Brigade
155 Ambulance
156 Municipal Police
158 Police
112 General Emergency

Country dialing code: +420

Health Services

Olomouc Faculty Hospital
I. P. Pavlova 185/6 | tel.: +420 588 441 111
Emergency Department tel.: +420 588 442 653 | www.fnol.cz

Olomouc Military Hospital
Sušilovo nám. 5 | tel.: +420 973 407 150 | www.vnol.cz
Olomouc region Card

The Olomouc region Card is a tourist discount card that offers significant savings during your visit to Olomouc. By purchasing the card, you obtain free or discounted admission to castles, palaces, museums, the Zoo and other interesting attractions.

Holders enjoy free use of the public transport, discounted theatre tickets, hotel accommodation and dining at numerous Olomouc restaurants. This is definitely worthwhile!

www.olomoucregioncard.cz

City public transport

The city public transport is provided by a network of tram and bus lines. The basic transfer ticket allows 40 minutes of travel on weekdays and 60 minutes on weekends and holidays. Tickets can be purchased from ticket machines, via SMS (on phone number 90206 in the form of DPMO) and also from the driver. |

www.dpmo.cz

Parking

The city centre is a car-free zone. In side streets, parking is allowed after payment of a parking fee at parking meters or by SMS text message (phone number 90266 quoting: OLspace1spacevehicle registration number). Parking is free
at weekends. We recommend the use of parking lots, underground garages and the car parks marked on the map.

A parking ticket from the underground car park in close proximity to the Central Railway Station, Jeremenkova Street, is valid as a free one-person public transport ticket for 60 minutes.

**Internet**
Free WiFi in the city centre on the Upper Square. The wireless network appears under the name OLOMOUC-FREE.

**Recommendation**
Consumption of alcohol in public places is prohibited.

**Explanatory Notes**

- Olomouc region Card
- Our tip
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Map key Olomouc

The most important monuments
1 Holy Trinity Column
2 Town Hall with Astronomical Clock
3 Romanesque Bishop’s Palace
4 St Wenceslas Cathedral
5 Church of St Maurice
6 Archbishop’s Palace
7 Church of the Virgin Mary of the Snow
8 St Michael’s Church
9 Chapel of St Jan Sarkander
10 Caesar Fountain
11 Hercules Fountain
12 Mercury Fountain
13 Neptune Fountain
14 Jupiter Fountain
15 Triton Fountain
16 Arion Fountain
17 Jesuit Convent
18 Theresian Gate
19 Theresian Armoury
20 Capuchin Church
21 Marian Plague Column
22 Hauenschild’s Palace
23 Crown Fortress
24 Dominican Church
25 Villa Primavesi

Culture
1 Moravian Theatre
2 Moravian Philharmonic Orchestra
3 Music Theatre
4 Theatre Na Šantovce
5 Archdiocesan Museum
6 Museum of Modern Art
7 Regional Museum
8 City Gallery of Olomouc
9 Fort Science

Leisure
1 Flora Exhibition Centre
2 Swimming pool
3 Ander Stadium
4 Ice rink
5 Semafor Centre

Shopping
1 Šantovka shopping centre