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Olomouc churches open their doors to the public

For a thousand years, Olomouc has been the spiritual capital of Moravia. Throughout the summer season, you can once again visit the most beautiful Olomouc churches, cathedrals and chapels and thanks to knowledgeable guides you will learn a lot of interesting about them. “The operation of guide service and access to churches has been on for several seasons. We are getting very positive feedback from visitors and therefore we offer our support to churches this year again,” says Deputy Mayor Pavel Urbášek. Daily from April 23 to September 30 you can inspect churches of st. Maurice, st. Michael, Our Lady of the Snows, St. Wenceslas Cathedral incl. the crypt, st. John Sarkander Chapel, Dominican Church, Basilica of the Visitation at Holy Hill (Svatý Kopeček) and the chapel inside the Holy Trinity Column on Horní Square. The service is free, no reservation is needed. tourism.olomouc.eu

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Welcome to Olomouc, dear guests.

It is said that we can learn the level of cultural character of a particular community by the degree of its hospitality. I therefore hope that you will find our city and its citizens really hospitable and welcoming. I believe that your experience of Olomouc and its hospitality will not only make you to come back but also to bring your friends with you next time or to recommend them visiting Olomouc. Olomouc deserves it and it will certainly reward you with friendliness.

The ancient Olomouc has its charm. You can feel it when you enter the maze of old streets at the Castle, when the slim silhouette of the Renaissance Town Hall tower suddenly emerges in front of you, when you visit magnificent churches, sit on a bench next to one of the Baroque fountains or walk along the city walls through parks and then enter through a medieval gate back to the historic centre. Just let the city work its magic and let your imagination drift for a while ... Then you will feel that the city has won your heart and you will understand why the Czechs refer to Olomouc as “she”.

Olomouc is a beautiful, colorful, fragrant and friendly. It can not only please the visual senses, but also treats the taste buds and provides nourishment for the artistic soul.

Come and see for yourself. I'm sure you will fall in love with Olomouc.
Festivities for Olomouc citizens and guests

Theater performances, concert, fair, evening procession of fencers and historic aldermen, festival of microbreweries and big battle of Swedes against Habsburg Imperial army. Olomouc is going to celebrate for two days, the 5th and 6th of June. And although our city is beautiful every day in every season, these are probably the two best days to become familiar with Olomouc.

The City Fest is connected with reverence to Saint Paula, the patron Saint of the city, to whom the citizens of Olomouc successfully pledged to avert the plague in the 17th century. This year too, Saint Paula will play an important part in the festivities. For the first time however, the procession with the relics of the patron saint will set out in the evening, after the main concert.

The procession of city officials and some 150 fencers, all in historical costumes and with burning torches, promises a great visual experience.

Yet the City Fest offers much more than that. Since Friday morning on the Dolní Square, there will be plenty of opportunities for shopping at the Hanakian regional farmer’s market, handmade market, book and antiquarian market, later joined by historical and craft fair with workshops and attractive presentation of Olomouc microbreweries. Choirs participating in the Feast of Songs will introduce themselves during the day and at 7 pm, three hundred singers and brass bands will gather for a large open-air concert. Saturday's program has a similar content – fairs and microbreweries joined by fencers, historical music bands and theater groups. In Bezruč Park below massive medieval walls, a military camp from the Thirty Years War will be established. At 4 pm, a big battle between the Swedish and the Habsburg Imperial Army over control of the city will break out.

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Olomouc Zoo – connecting the world of animals and humans

Olomouc Zoo on the Holy Hill, one of the largest Czech zoos, is getting on with construction of Safari, this year its African part.

The zoo-train will now pass right among South African Oxries and just past the extended enclosure of popular Rothschild giraffes. The first of the five planned parts, the Eurasian one, has been enticing visitors for two years. Out of the train they can watch bisons that inhabited our forests centuries ago, as well as elks, chamois, ibex, sika deer and other animals. “In June, we would like to launch the main tourist season with the opening ceremony of the African safari,” says Radomír Habáň, director of Olomouc Zoo.

The 29.3 meters high observation tower is going to get a new anticorrosive coating. From its peak visitors can overlook animal enclosures, Basilica of the Visitation of the Virgin Mary, the city of Olomouc and Hanakia lowlands bordered by Drahanská Highlands, Hostýnské Hills, Jeseňky Mountains and in fine weather even Praděd, its highest mountain.

Lovers of exotic animals will certainly be pleased by the opportunity to observe the Amur leopard mother and cub, beautiful large cats, unfortunately on the verge of extinction in the wild.

In Olomouc however, they thrive and breeders again rejoice at their new baby. Their pavilion and enclosure are partly sunk into the ground and resemble a rock with caves through which visitors can venture in the territory of these wild beasts. “The new pavilion provides habitat approaching natural conditions and we now have the chance to see what kind of role it plays in rearing the next generation of this predator,” says Radomír Habáň.

Cheetah twins, born on Christmas Day last year, are another attractive novelty. In nice weather Dayo and Dinari will be seen with their mother Bint in cheetahs’ enclosure engaged in wild games and teasing. However, this breeding success is not the last one in Olomouc Zoo. Right in the entrance hall the incoming visitors are welcomed by ring-tailed lemurs with offspring, among which there are to be seen playful twins of these Malagasy prosimians. The nearby monkey pavilion offers another lemur species, gibbons and small marmosets with proud parents and playful kids.

The Zoo is attractive not only due to a large amount of species (more than 370), the number of animals (over 1,700 pieces), regular breeding of pups (almost 300 per year) but also thanks to the beautiful, rolling, almost mountainous terrain, so unusual for the local region. Visitors often admire the pavilion with beautiful marine aquariums, feline enclosures, they enjoy sometimes a rather adventurous stroll among macaques monkeys and admire one of the largest domestic herds of majestic Rothschild’s giraffes. An enhanced connection between the world of animals and humans is the journey that the Zoo has been following for the last three years and its vision is being gradually realized.

Parents can relax while kids have fun in the waterpark

To combine parents’ relaxation with fun for their children? Possible! Come and enjoy the summer in Olomouc Aquapark in any weather! There is a novelty for young visitors – an indoor play park with a climbing wall, fun nooks and crannies and interactive play panels. Their parents can in the meantime relax with a massage, in sauna or by the pool. And that’s not all! Summer at the Aquapark guarantees a lot of fun and adventure. Entertainers will engage both big and small adventurers into interesting competitions. You can take part in Aquafitness and Aquazumba exercise as well as in a summer octathlon with events such as tube slide racing, AquaZoring, smart diver, 25 meters Hippo Run and more. Children aged 4–15 years have a bonus! A Health Card, where they will collect stamps for accomplished events and possibly win an attractive prize at the end of the holidays.

For 3–7 year old handy kids there will be Creative Workshop open in the outdoor area in fine weather. Summer holidays will also launch popular summer camps for children who will return home either as experienced travellers or rescuers. The Little Explorer Camp is for 3–7 year old children and will take place from 29. 6. to 28. 8. 2015. Young Rescuer is ready for swimmers from 8 to 14 years from 6. 7. to 28. 8. 2015. Every camp lasts from Monday to Friday, from 7:30 am to 4 pm, drinks and meals included.

In addition to water fun, people of all generations can enjoy moments of relaxation with a massage, sauna ceremonies or nude sunbathing on a separate terrace.

Learn more at www.aqua-olomouc.cz. Do not hesitate and come enjoy the summer with the whole family. There is something for everyone at the Aquapark.
Ildebrando D’Arcangelo: from La Scala of Milano to Olomouc

Year after year, the Horní Square opens for lovers of good music as the most beautiful concert hall. This place has already seen stars such as José Cura, Paco de Lucia and Elina Garanča, repeatedly the Moravian Philharmonic as well as opera performed by the Moravian Theatre.

This year in June, the warmed up square will host a star of several European opera houses, the Italian bass-baritone Ildebrando D’Arcangelo.

An outdoor temporary stage in the historic centre of Olomouc will offer place for almost three thousand spectators. Ildebrando D’Arcangelo is praised by critics and audiences for his majestic stage presence and unmistakable voice color. Fans know him as several Mozart’s characters (Figaro, Don Giovanni and Leporello); in his repertoire one will find many bel canto roles from operas by Bellini, Donizetti and Rossini. The Italian star will be assisted by Simona Houda Šaturová. Both protagonists will be accompanied by the Moravian Philharmonic Orchestra.

Radetzky is returning to his Olomouc

For at least one day of the year, our best military strategist of the 19th century, Field Marshal Johann Joseph Wenzel Anton Franz Karl Graf Radetzky von Radetz, takes over command of the city again. One of the most famous Czech military commanders, who never lost a battle, was in command of the Olomouc fortress in 1829–1831. He became close to Olomouc, contributed to the establishment of city parks and won the hearts of Olomouc burghers.

They commemorate him every year by holding festivities which evoke the best of 19th century traditions. Marshal Radetzky stayed in Edelmann Palace on Horní Square and it is this square where celebrations of August 29th and 30th will take place. The main program is scheduled for the Saturday morning, August 29th. Visitors can expect performances by both local and foreign military orchestras and a ceremonial arrival of Marshal Radetzky.

Hanakian farmers’ markets for connoisseurs

Hanakian farmers’ markets are here for those who like local fresh vegetables, proper sausage, traditional delicacies, spices, jams and fruit juices. Products being sold here have been awarded with regional brands Haná, Jeseniky and Moravská brána, Olomouc Regional Product or the Local Food of the Olomouc Region.

Markets always take place on Horní Square in front of the Town Hall’s archway from April to October from 8 am to 1 pm on the following days:

- **Fridays:** 8. 5.; 15. 5.; 22. 5.; 12. 6.; 19. 6.; 10. 7.; 17. 7.; 7. 8.; 14. 8.; 21. 8.; 18. 9.; 9. 10.; 16. 10.; 23. 10
- **Saturdays:** 4. 4.; 25. 4.; 2. 5.; 30. 5.; 27. 6.; 4. 7.; 25. 7.; 5. 9.; 26. 9.; 3. 10.; 31. 10

This June is all about sports

There will have never been so many athletes and sports fans in Olomouc. In mid-June, Olomouc will host the Mattoni ½ Marathon which has long been among the most popular running races in our country and was certified the Road Race Gold Label by International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) last year. From June 18 to 27, Olomouc will host one of two groups of the UEFA European Under-21 Championship.

English and Italian representatives, the UEFA delegation and of course thousands of Italian and English fans will stay in Olomouc and vicinity. At the end, one of the two semi-final matches will take place in which the Czech team Lvičata might take part, according to the results of the Prague group. Near the stadium, there will be a big fanzone, busy with many activities not only on days of matches. Olomouc ½ Marathon is already an established concept. Last year, nearly 25,000 runners and their fans arrived to Olomouc. 5500 runners, including elite athletes from Kenya, Ethiopia and Japan, will run through the streets and parks of Olomouc on Saturday, June 20.

Beerfest is the feast of all beer connoisseurs

Several dozens of breweries, mainly from Bohemia and Moravia, plus a hearty portion of culture – concerts of Kamil Střihavka, Mandrage, Walda Gang, Fleret, Burma Jones and more and more bands on two stages. Zlínský Švec, Černý Orel Kroměříž, Čechmánek Zlín, Lišák Topolany and many other breweries which you normally do not encounter in restaurants will present their specials to the public. Every year there is something new on the menu, every time hearts and taste buds of beer experts rejoice. The well proven Crown Fortress will turn into the beer capital of the Czech lands.

The fourteenth year of the largest Czech beer festival will take place from May 28 to 30. Do not hesitate – we start on Thursday, May 28, at 3 pm with a ceremonial keg tapping.
Imperial fortress Olomouc presents itself

It is well known that Olomouc also used to be a major military centre of the Habsburg monarchy. The Imperial-Royal Fortress Olomouc belonged since the time of Empress Maria Theresa to the top among large imperial fortresses of the Austrian Empire. Yet the walls had been built here long before Maria Theresa, as early as the first Přemyslids, from which time there are still some parts preserved.

The fortress had its glory days in the 18th and 19th centuries. Today, visitors can experience how life was like here back in those days. While for decades parts of the defence system were out of public reach, as they belonged to the army, in recent years they are getting involved in the life of the city. The Crown Fortress engages increasingly in social events – it hosts the City Fest, Letní Letná festival, the popular Olomouc Beer-fest and people also come here to see film and theater performances. In the Baroque gunpowder magazine, there is an exposition of the history of the Olomouc fortress and a gorgeous model of fortified Olomouc, which shows the city exactly as it looked like in the mid-18th century.

You can also visit other premises such as fort XVII in Křelov, II in Radíkov, the recently opened fort XXII in Černovír and fort XIII in Nová Ulice Street. The forts are being gradually restored and stage historical exhibitions and summer events. The fort in Nová Ulice Street has a collection of modern military equipment from the second half of the 20th century on display.

Each of the forts attracts tourists keen on culture and heritage. Fort Křelov, for example, holds a lot of social events throughout the year, including programs for schools called C. K. Kinematograf as well as music and theater performances. Meet the Olomouc Fortress. Try to evoke the feeling of such moments, for example, when 200,000 soldiers were waiting here for the Prussian enemy in 1866. www.cisarska-pevnost.cz

A fortress can also offer attractive knowledge

The Olomouc fortress appeals not only to military history fans. Thanks to the newly opened scientific museum called Fortress of Knowledge, the Crown Fortress has become interesting also to those who want to know the secrets and mysteries of science.

Visitors can use interactive displays or walk through a river bed and become familiar with the laws of the river system. A personal tour through the nooks of an 8 meter model of the brain gives you an idea of the most complex human organ. Are you interested in distant worlds in the universe? The digital planetarium will guide you through the space. There are more other tech ways to get to know the scientific topics.

Of course, the history of the premises is being capitalized on. What was the fortress like in the days when it served as a refuge for troops and not science? You will learn about the various trades, health care, construction, ballistics and cartography, starrng the erratic 18th century and the army, which has always had an easy access to the latest scientific and technical know-how. You will also enjoy the landmark of the exhibition in the form of a humorous comic’s story on twelve large-size panels.

Popularization of scientific knowledge takes place in a unique setting of a former artillery store from the mid-19th century. The four-storey building underwent a thorough reconstruction. It is part of the Crown Fortress – a unique complex from the time of Maria Theresa. Its construction started in 1754 and it later served as the main entrance to the city. www.pevnostpoznani.cz

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Environmental education and amusement...
The Baroque Festival is an unforgettable experience

Incredible and colorful costumes, beautiful and catchy melodies, surprising scenery. Baroque period, which is indelibly imprinted into today's Olomouc, does not mean just palaces, temples and “serious” art. This great cultural epoch also includes Baroque opera and theater. Olomouc Baroque Festival draws viewers in and convinces them that the distance of several centuries need not be a major obstacle.

In July, Ensemble Damian will catch the attention of Olomouc citizens for the third time. On squares and in the streets, people will know that Olomouc has returned once more to its favorite era when everything in the city literally glowed. Costumed youngsters will invite to evening performance and here and there they will show a scene from a Baroque opera to passers-by. And the best is yet to come in the evening. The courtyard of Konvikt, a huge Baroque building, where students of the Olomouc University lived and studied in the 17th and 18th centuries, will turn into a genuine Baroque theater. Its functional replica, which changes backdrop during performance, is impressive on its own. Likewise musicians and singers dressed in fascinating costumes. The performance of recovered Baroque opera is a strong experience even for those who would otherwise not even think of going to opera or theater. Baroque operas are namely very expressive, use strong gestures, are very emotional and resemble in some way contemporary musicals. Tomáš Hanzlík, conductor and composer, rescues Baroque operas from old archival materials and shortens the three or four hours long originals to significantly shorter performances.

The approximately one hour performance is followed for those interested by an evening tour of several Baroque gems such as the St Michael’s Church and the Chapel of St. Jan Sarkander, where this Olomouc saint was tortured to death in 17th century.

The Olomouc Baroque Festival is held from July 1 to 24.

Baroque Olomouc

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Museums that won’t bore you

Art Museum, Archdiocesan Museum, Regional Museum, Museum of Olomouc Fortress, Veteran Arena ... You may well call Olomouc “the city of museums”. There is a range of contemporarily conceived museums here which offer so many treasures that one could spend a few days here. That, of course, is not necessary – a couple of hours will also do it...

If you want to know the history of Olomouc, visit the Regional Museum. You can literally touch it there.

ART MUSEUM

Jedna návštěva – tisíc let výtvarné kultury. MOne visit – a thousand years of art culture. The motto captures one of the largest museum and gallery institutions in the Czech Republic with over 180,000 artefacts, among them some real treasures of European art. More other addresses are actually hiding behind this brand: Museum of Modern Art and the popular Archdiocesan Museum.

The Archdiocesan Museum is an institution of European importance and the only one of its kind in the country. The museum presents spiritual visual culture from 12th to 18th century. It is housed in the renovated Přemyslid castle, a national monument with over a millennium of unbroken cultural and architectural legacy and one of the oldest continuously inhabited site in Central Europe (since around 4000 BC). You will pass the castle’s foundations from the 12th century, visit the equally old castle tower and find yourself a few steps from the place where King Wenceslaus III was assassinated in 1306. The permanent exhibition called For Glory and Praise presents more than 300 works from Romanesque to Baroque.

The Museum of Modern Art specializes in fine art culture of the 20th and 21st centuries. The permanent exposition called “The House of the Art Lover” represents one of the most prolific art periods from the turn of 19th and 20th centuries – Art Nouveau, Modern Style, Expressionism and Cubism. At one place you can find works of the most important missionaries of Modern Style such as Bohumil Kubíšta, Emil Filla, Gustav Klimt, Antonín Hudeček, Jan Preisler, Alfons Mucha and Otto Gutfreund as well as works of the famous Victor Vasarely.

And the most famous masterpieces? Šternberk Madonna from the 14th century represented Czech Gothic Art at an exhibition in the Metropolitan Museum in New York. The fascinating Troyer’s carriage was 16 meter long with six horses hitched and thrilled even the Empress Maria Theresa. Famous is the Golden Sun of Moravia, a monstrance adorned with 1,400 diamonds and emeralds.

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REGIONAL MUSEUM

OLOMOUC

The oldest city museum is housed in the former church of St. Clare with the monastery of Poor Clares. Although founded as early as 1883 as the first Czech museum in Moravia, today it is a contemporary museum with exceptionally attractive and recently updated expositions.

Those who are fascinated with the past can admire 1500 years of history of Olomouc and the oldest Moravian university. Visitors intrigued by nature’s secrets will be delighted as well. The Nature of the Olomouc Region is the most advanced natural science exhibition in the Czech Republic! Here you can touch, experience and learn in detail about everything possible in terms of animate and inanimate nature.

Not far from the main building, in basement of the Baroque Jesuit university, the exposition The Story of Stone is waiting. Magnificent stonework, portals, statues, tombstones ... and also the really unique, over two thousand years old, ship of our Celtic ancestors!

The Regional Museum manages approximately one million collection items! It is no wonder that it belongs to the most popular and most sought after museums.

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VETERAN ARENA

A museum smelling of motor oil and gasoline? Yes, this is the Veteran Arena. The largest private museum of vintage cars in the Czech Republic features about 160 cars, motorcycles and an old petrol pump. All in perfect condition, no replicas, only originals!

And what is essential – the Veteran Arena openly favours Czech technical skills. The patriotic museum’s owner has gathered the largest collection of domestic cars such as Wink, Tatra, Zetka, Praga and Aero ... In addition to this, visitors marvel at old radios, gramophones and over four hundred historical phones.

Veteran Arena is simply irresistible not only for enthusiastic motorists!

www.veteranarena.cz
Flora Olomouc Exhibition Centre – a green place in the heart of the city

Unique nature area, four exhibition halls, collection greenhouses, botanic garden and rosarium – it’s the Flora Olomouc Exhibition Centre. Located in the heart of historic parks, it offers space for trade fairs and exhibitions and many other year-round opportunities.

The Flora Olomouc Exhibition Centre Company offers rental and furnishing of both inside and outside areas, as well as consulting and implementation of exhibitions, accompanying programs, floral decorations and arrangements, tours of botanic garden, rosarium and collection greenhouses and other wide range of services.

HISTORIC PARKS

The nature area of the Flora Olomouc Exhibition Centre is part of the cultural and historical heritage of the city. The Rudolph Alley was a popular walking place for townspeople in the early 19th century. Popularity of parks continues to this day – their greenery is a favourite place for meetings, rest and relaxation. The original modest alley has grown to a green ring formed by Smetana, Čech and Bezruč parks of more than 47 hectares.

EXHIBITIONS AND FAIRS

The Flora Olomouc Exhibition Centre is one of the leading Czech trade fair organizers holding two dozens of its own exhibitions and fairs each year including accompanying programs. Flora Olomouc, an international horticultural show, is the oldest and largest Czech flower event. The show of top flower cultivations, ornamental trees and flower arranging methods brings tens of thousands of visitors every year.

HALL A

The main pavilion A underwent a complete reconstruction in 2013–2014. Exhibition space on the ground floor has 1700 m², the first floor gallery has an area of 910 m². The hall meets the highest demands in terms of modern communication technologies, air conditioning, acoustics, escalators and wheelchair access. It serves for organizing own exhibitions as well guest exhibitions and trade fairs, congresses, symposia, balls, concerts and other events. A new annex building of 1090 m² was built last year.

An oratorio will commemorate Jan Hus

1415 – 2015. Exactly six centuries separate us from the dramatic moment when the religious reformer Jan Hus was burned at the stake in Constance. Only few events influenced the subsequent history of the Czech nation as intensely as this one. This July, we are going to commemorate the anniversary of this great Czech personality in Olomouc too.

The local native, composer, singer and writer Richard Pachman will pay tribute to Jan Hus, Master at Charles University who longed wholeheartedly for the Church’s purification from secular corruption and ultimately sacrificed his life for it. An oratorio, simply called Master Jan Hus, will resound at the Moravian Theatre Olomouc on July 1st.

The excellent oratorio, which was awarded by Dagmar and Václav Havel at the Golden Prague Festival in 2006, will mark the 600th anniversary of the Constance’s burning.

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Sugar-free confectionery made of Tvarůžky cheese

Loštice turnover or Loštice cookie – these names would perhaps not surprise us at a sweet shop. Yet Cheese roll, Cheese cream horns, Cheese anise pastry or even Cheese beer pastry? At Tvarůžková confectionery in Denisova Street, these goodies are at the right place however!

Tvarůžky (local ripened curd cheese) is a specialty well known to every Czech, even if he or she has never been to Olomouc. Now it has found its way from Loštice, where it’s being produced, to Olomouc. First, a cheese vending machine appeared in Loštice, where it’s being produced, to Olomouc. First, a cheese vending machine appeared in Olomouc and this year, the Tvarůžková confectionery was opened, run by Poštulka family.

Muffins, cream puffs, rolls and cakes that one wouldn’t distinguish from their sweet originals taste great. Your tongue will perhaps wonder at first as the taste doesn’t match the appearance. You will do without calories and sugar because Tvarůžky is the least fat cheese of all cheeses. For those looking for something warm, here are hotdogs, Lángoses, steak tartar or pancakes, all made of Tvarůžky cheese.
The paradise garden was built by the artist František Skála.

Photo Oldřich Šembera

Treasures amidst a protected floodplain

Right on the doorstep of a one hundred thousand city, one can find an oasis of untouched nature with a unique eco centre called Sluňákov.

The Olomouc Centre for Ecological Activities, which is the whole official name of this center, is open year-round for visitors of all ages. They learn here about Litovel Pomoraví, an area between Olomouc and Litovel with preserved meandering river branches and floodplain forests, and find out about sustainable landscape management. Since last year, there is additional attractive feature here – the House of Nature in Litovel Pomoraví.

A trail consisting of artistically conceived buildings nestled in wetlands of Litovel Pomoraví Protected Area suggests the long tradition of artistic landscape conception whose most famous example is the Lednice-Valtice Area. “As late as the 1990s, this area was a waterlogged field where no one wanted to farm.

Thanks to efforts of people from Sluňákov, wetlands with five habitats have arisen here: floodplain forest, floodplain meadows, static and flowing water bodies and human settlements. Finally, the centre was completed with an artificial landscape with several trails,” explains Michal Bartoš, director of the Sluňákov center. Between natural lakes and wetlands, several stops where made where people can identify internally with the landscape. Works by renowned artists bring profound experience: Paradise Garden by František Skála, Sun Mountain by Miloš Šejn, Forest Temple and Magic Forest by Miloslav Fekar and Golden Spiral’s Fireplace by Marcel Hubáček.

The area is also linked to a following project called Seven Gates to the Nature of Litovel Pomoraví. “The project creates imaginary seven ways, seven stories related to journey, poetry, water, air, earth, fire and common inhabitation of the land between earth and heaven,” says Michal Bartoš. Visitors can wander through the House of Nature with the help of an information map or audiovisual aids.

Each week concert or theater

Olomouc Cultural Holidays – holidays, as it should be. Thanks to them, there is always something going on from late June to late August in Olomouc – especially concerts and theater performances. It's nice that the events are spread over several locations, such as the Town Hall's courtyard, a stage next to the Theresian Gate or Crown Fortress’ premises. These are the big stars of this year's cultural holidays: the long time lead vocalist of the famous Santana band Alex Ligertwood, the South African jazz singer Melanie Scholtz, family band The Brew representing the classic British rock and the Irish singer Patricia Kelly, a former member of Kelly Family, who has been pursuing a solo career since several years. Supporters of domestic music will certainly rejoice at the legendary Krausberry blues band, funk-soul-rock Ota Balage Band and Slovak blues rock guitarist René Lacko. The entire program is yet to be announced, but in any case it is something to look forward to.

Colores Flamencos is preparing something unique!

Spanish culture is best reflected by diversity, temperament and ardor. Flamenco dancers, guitar players and other musicians – this presentation of the lively Southern European world has been associated with summer Olomouc for many years now. The multi-genre festival Colores Flamencos is about to introduce you to the culture of Spanish cities and country. Its seventh year will be held from July 30 to August 2. Visitors and Olomouc citizens will become familiar not only with flamenco dancing but also with the unique Spanish gastronomy and cinema. Most of the events take place in the open air on Horní Square, like the Flamenco Fiesta that reliably excites both dancers and the audience. In the meantime, a festival of Spanish film takes place at Metropol cinema, one of the best restaurants in the city holds the Days of Spanish Gastronomy and another popular place offers genuine sangria. The Flamenco Fiesta will be the highlight of the festival. One of the world’s finest guitarists Carlos Pinan with his band and the Moravian Philharmonic Orchestra Olomouc have prepared a symphony especially for this occasion – a unique piece that will never be performed again.
Place where the history talks – Olomouc Archbishop’s Palace

The official residence of Olomouc bishops, a place where Emperor Franz Josef I ascended the throne, where Austrian Emperor and Russian Tsar discussed steps before the battle of Austerlitz and where the Empress Maria Theresa and Pope John Paul II stayed – all of this is the Archbishop’s Palace in Olomouc. The palace of the second half of the 17th century offers visitors a guided tour of representation halls with rich Rococo, Empire style and Neo-baroque décor and period furnishings.

This year, for the first time, we offer regular tours for children (on weekends and public holidays at 11 am). We try to accommodate to families who often worry about whether their offspring would master the long tour. The tour for children is conceived as educational and entertaining.

From April 23 to October 4, 2015, visitors can see the exhibition “Contract new and eternal. Eucharist in the visual arts” prepared on the occasion of the National Eucharistic Congress by the Archdiocesan Museum and the Olomouc Archbishopric. The exhibition is part of the Spiritual Axis of Moravia project and its main part is placed in the crypt of St Wenceslas Cathedral and the rest in the Archdiocesan Museum and the Archbishop’s Palace. There is a discounted admission into both buildings (Archbishop’s Palace and the Archdiocesan Museum). Visitors can also enjoy concerts and lectures. For more information on individual events visit the www.arcibiskupskypalac.cz.

Martin Kučera

Celebration of the 20th anniversary of John Paul II’s visit to Olomouc

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Holy Father John Paul II’s stay in Olomouc. We will commemorate the Papal visit of 1995 both at the Holy Hill (Svatý Kopeček) and in Olomouc. For more information about the upcoming festivities and accompanying program please see www.slavnostnakopecku.cz.

CELEBRATIONS SCHEDULE:
Holy Hill (Svatý Kopeček)
Saturday, May 16, 2015
Václav Hudeček’s concert
Basilica on the Holy Hill
Adoration of VKH Olomouc students
Sunday, May 17, 2015
10:30 am, Mass with enshrining of the relics of St. John Paul II, the main celebrant: Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, Archbishop and Metropolitan of Cracow, Basilica on the Holy Hill
prayer of the Angelus
12:30–15:00, children’s entertainment, Basilica’s cloister
13:00–14:30, composed commemorative program; Basilica
Admission is free. Mons. Jan Graubner, Archbishop of Olomouc, invites you to the commemorative event.

OLOMOUC-HEJČÍN,
Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church
Thursday, May 21, 2015

John Paul II in the archbishop’s residence, Archbishop Jan Graubner and Auxiliary Bishop Josef Hrdlička in the background.

Olomouc Archbishopric’s archive
Olomouc in the summer, it’s not just sights

The city of Olomouc has prepared a varied summer program for visitors of all ages and interests.

The Olomouc Information Centre will hold themed guided city tours again this summer. Among the popular ones is the new guided tour “Exploring the city’s house signs” introduced last year.

This guided tour tracks the signs at Olomouc town houses, explaining their meaning. In addition to those familiar, such as the Golden Deer, Black Dog or Red Bull, there are many others in the city centre and each of them has an interesting story to tell. Tours will be held on request only every first Saturday of the month at 10 am.

The long-term popular tour “Olomouc in a nutshell” will introduce you in an hour to the most significant sights on Horní Square. The tour ends with the ascent of the Town Hall tower. Available from June till September six times a day.

“An hour long guided tour of the sights of Olomouc in a nutshell!” says Jitka Lučanová, Head of the IC. Expositions at the Town Hall focus on the town’s history, the Town Hall and the Astronomical Clock and can be seen free of charge during weekdays. “By co-working with the Peřej Tours agency, visitors can also tour Olomouc on a bike or even a four-wheel bike. Rafting tours of Olomouc are very popular too,” says Jitka Lučanová. If you bring your own bikes, you can store them for a fee in a bicycle storage room in the Town Hall’s archway. If you do not have your own bike, do not worry, you can borrow one at the Information Center, ČD Center or SEMAFOR Center.

WHAT ELSE IS NEW IN THE CITY?

A new camp for boaters, hikers, cyclists and caravan drivers will open in Olomouc-Hejčín in May 2015. The camp will be equipped with showers, toilets, shelters, party tents and pergolas.

Cottages are going to be built within next three years. The project is implemented by Beautiful Morava Association. Those who like a bit of adventure and mystery can venture into Olomouc’ underground with the historical association Durancia. Tours are held in several languages and on request.


 Olomouc Information Centre services

Olomouc in a Nutshell

An hour long guided tour of the sights of the Horní Square. The tour ends with a tour of the Town Hall and climb up the Town Hall tower. Available from June till September six times a day.

Price: adults CZK 70, children from 6 to 15 CZK 35, children under 6 and Olomouc Region Card holders for free, family ticket CZK 175.

House Signs

Guided tour of house signs in the city center will take place from May to September, every first Saturday of the month at 10 am, on preliminary reservation. Meeting point in front of the Information Center – Town Hall’s archway.

Admission: adults CZK 50, children, students and seniors CZK 25, children under 12 and Olomouc Region Card holders for free.

Town Hall tower climb

A guided climb to the observation gallery of the 75 meter tall Town Hall tower. It is possible to see the former tower keeper’s chamber.

In the summer season 6x a day, in the rest of the year 2x a day, always with a guide.

Price: adults CZK 30, children from 6 to 15 and students CZK 10, children under 6 and Olomouc Region Card holders for free.

Olomouc and Town Hall audio guide

At the IC, there are headphones available with a recorded guide to the main city sights or the Town Hall, enabling visitors to create their own tour. The recording is available in several languages.

Price: adults CZK 100, Olomouc Region Card holders for free. Refundable deposit: CZK 300.

Civil defence shelter

A guided tour of the shelter in Bežruč Park built as a command post for civil defence staff in the 1950s. Open from June to September. Thursday, Saturday 10:00, 13:00, 16:00.

Price: adults CZK 30, children up to 15 for free.

Bicycles and luggage storage

Bike and luggage storage is open in the Town Hall’s archway in the summer season.

Price: CZK 30; refundable deposit CZK 100.
A WINDOW TO OLOMOUC REGION SPAS

We invite you to following events:
• 30.5.2015 Health Day with a rich cultural program and lectures by MD. R. Gocál
• 16.8.2015 Veteran rally From Spa to Spa, exhibition of cars, cultural program.

What awaits you at the spa:
• accommodation in the Balnea spa house with all services under one roof
• accommodation in the stylish Majorka guesthouse with a brick bakery
• extensive range of therapeutic and relaxation treatments
• pool with whirlpool
• excellent cuisine
• friendly staff

Get to know the vicinity:
• natural park Velký Kosíř with an observation tower
• castles, museums, zoo, water park
• UNESCO sight in Olomouc
• you can borrow Nordic walking sticks
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• cosy cafes and restaurants
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We invite you in 2015
9.5. Traditional meeting of vintage cars
16.5. Opening of the 462nd spa season – a daylong cultural and entertainment program
9.12. Heart Day – entertaining and educational program
June to September / Sunday Promenade Concerts – cultural morning

www.ltmb.cz
A unique thermal park called Therme Losiny is taking shape at the Velké Losiny thermal spa. As the only one of its kind in the country it offers a relaxing and regenerating water world and pools filled with sulphurous thermal water. With its size and focus, Therme Losiny is going to be comparable with the famous Austrian Laa an der Thaya and gmünd.

Indulge yourself into a world of balance of man and nature, into a world where you can achieve harmony of body and soul. Let therefore the water to heal you. Encourage your body with appropriate activity. Learn to relax your mind. Relax with your whole family.

“The sulphur healing thermal water has been a fundamental component of the entire spa treatment in the thermal spa Losiny for decades,” says Ing. Martin Plachý, executive director of Thermal Spa Velké Losiny, and adds: “At the spa park, on the spot where now there is the thermal park Therme Losiny, a thermal pool with sulphur water was built in the 1950s and 1960s. Its history and popularity has inspired us to build a unique thermal park here, unparalleled in the Czech Republic – the Therme Losiny.”

There are available for your perfect relaxation, regeneration and entertainment: 9 thermal pools filled solely with curative thermal water, sauna, massage, pool exercise, facilities for families with children, indoor cafeteria and summer outdoor fast food stand, wheelchair access, year-round operation.

Visit Therme Losiny and stay here with many advantages. Book your accommodation at our spa hotels now and enjoy many benefits.

• those who will stay at Diana Hotel (min. 2 nights) will receive a 50% discount on all-day entrance fee to thermal park Therme Losiny
• in summer, free transport from the Diana Hotel to the Therme Losiny and back
• those who will stay at Eliška Hotel (min. 2 nights) will receive a 30% discount on all-day entrance fee to thermal park Therme Losiny
• we have prepared a special package for you called “Thermals to the full”

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www.lazne-losiny.cz
www.diana-losiny.cz

“A pearl of Jeseníky mountains,” so called the original German population Jeseník, a picturesque town hidden in a valley at the foot of Hrubý Jeseník Mountains and Ryčlebské Mountains at the northernmost tip of the Olomouc region. Vincenz Priessnitz, the founder of modern hydrotherapy, is said to state repeatedly that it’s not him who does heal people but the local region and everything that belongs to it. If you visit Jeseník and the Priessnitz spa, which is considered the first hydrotherapy centre in the world, you will agree with them.

GENIUS LOCI
The central spa building is like straight out of a fairy tale. From the hotel, which resembles rather a large Baroque palace, you have the surrounding mountains at your fingertips. The view as far as the Polish lakes, the highest Moravian mountain Praděd, fabulous Giant rocks or Šerák peak will take your breath away.

UNIQUE CLIMATE AND LIVING WATER
Vincenz Priessnitz appreciated not only the beauties of local nature, but also discovered its unique healing power. Biogenic elements, naturally occurring in the geological subsoil, penetrate here in small quantities into the atmosphere and also significantly enhance the therapeutic potential of the spa climate. The spa is, not surprisingly, among the cleanest in the Czech Republic and is compared to the renowned Austrian spa Bad Gastein. Another asset of the spa is the healing power of local mountain springs whose water is literally living due to its molecular structure. The Priessnitz hydrotherapy has been sought after for more than 190 years. Its inclusion on the prestigious list of traditional folk culture of the Czech Republic in 2014 proves its uniqueness.

UNIQUE BALNEOPARK ATTRACTS VISITORS
The Vincenc Priessnitz’s Balneopark is a world rarity. It is a special “water garden” where you can paddle in brooks, try out Priessnitz’s benches and Scotch hose. You should also not miss a walk around healing springs with a spa guide, Gräfenberg Walking, outdoor fitness park, disc golf course or the popular spa train.

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Music has been at home in Olomouc for centuries

Music can be experienced in Olomouc throughout the whole year thanks to the Moravian Philharmonic and festivals such as Dvořák’s Olomouc or Feast of Songs.

The real treat is the autumn however. In September and October, Olomouc hosts the International Organ Festival and the Autumn Festival of Sacred Music.

The 47th year of the International Organ Festival will take place at the St. Maurice Church from September 3 to 17. Its success is based on interaction between world organists and the royal instrument of the Wrocław’s organ maker Michael Engler. The festival was founded in 1969 with Professor Antonín Schindler standing by its cradle. He restored and expanded this unique but dilapidated instrument from 1745. The initiative then led to the founding of the Organ Festival which now hosts a number of world renowned artists.

As a city with a thousand year long spiritual tradition and rich history of music production, Olomouc is an ideal host of a festival with a spiritual dimension. That is precisely the case of the Autumn Festival of Sacred Music which has been part of Olomouc since 1994. Its dramaturgy draws on the legacy of famous world composers, it pays, however, attention to contemporary sacred music as well. The festival program is as always very varied and rich. The absolute highlight will be the modern Czech premiere of Messa di Gloria by the Italian composer Gaetano Donizetti on October 10. “It’s a beautiful and an unknown title in our country. It brings out vocal mastery of all soloists in demanding bel canto arias,” says the festival organizer Dobromila Hamplová. Music will be performed by Hradec Králové Philharmonic Orchestra and the Czech Philharmonic Choir Brno.

THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS IN CENTRAL MORAVIA 2015

MAY
Author Šela Marathon – Helfštýn Castle
Grand Prix Mohelnice – Mohelnice
Colonnade opening – Teplice nad Bečvou Spa
Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the Visitatin of the Virgin Mary – Holy Hill (Svatý Kopeček)
March for Loštice’s Tvarůžek cheese – Loštice
Beerfest Olomouc – Olomouc

JUNE
Ecce Homo Šternberk – Šternberk
Záhorské festivities – Lipník nad Bečvou
Venice of Haná – Litovel
Wolker’s Prostějov – Prostějov
In and Beneath the Manor House – Přerov
From fairy tale to fairy tale – Náměšť na Hané Castle
Kermesse feast – Náměšť na Hané
Loštice’s festival of music and Tvarůžky cheese – Loštice
Uniočov fair – Uničov

JULY
Hranice rock fest – Hranice
Ride of the Kings – Doloplazy
Celtic Night – Plumlov
Josefkol – international wheelwright festival – Čechy pod Kosířem
Hanakian Kermesse feast – Němčice nad Hanou
Brass band festival – Dřevohostice
Music Cultural Summer – Litovel

AUGUST
Přerov’s St. Lawrence Kermesse feast – Přerov
Flowers for the lady of the manor – Náměšť na Hané Castle
Tovačov’s Portal – Tovačov
Kojetín’s Kermesse feast – Kojetín
Mohelnice’s Coach – Mohelnice
Hefaiston – Helfštýn Castle
Šternberk’s hill – Šternberk Castle
Bobr Bike – Litovel

SEPTEMBER
Folk Year, folk festival – Velká Bystřice
Ecce Homo Historic – Šternberk
European Heritage Days – a number of places in the region
Prostějov Hanakian festivities – Prostějov
Heart Day – Teplice nad Bečvou Spa
European Autocross Championship – Přerov
St. Wenceslas Kermesse feast – Tovačov

OCTOBER
Czech-Slovak jazz festival – Přerov
Bobr Cup – Litovel
Fish haul of the Hradecký pond – Tovačov

NOVEMBER–DECEMBER
Christmas markets in cities of the region
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