

OLOMOUC



Olomouc ... Culture of Olomouc



Music

14 MORAVIAN PHILHARMONIC OLOMOUC

The Moravian Philharmonic Orchestra is one of the oldest symphony orchestras in the Czech Republic and has created an exceptionally wide repertoire in the more than fifty years of its existence. The orchestra pays homage to the great world composers of the 19th and 20th centuries, with a strong emphasis on the work of Mahler. The Moravian Philharmonic Orchestra is an authentic interpreter of the classics of Czech national music. It is the organizer of the International Music Festival, Dvořák's Olomouc and the International Organ Festival. www.mfo.cz | tel.: +420 585 206 520

MUSIC CLUBS

- JAZZ TIBET CLUB – a legendary Olomouc scene hosting top musicians from around the world. www.jazzclub.olomouc.com | tel.: +420 585 230 399
- U-KLUB – a music club with a varied program reflecting many genres with particular focus on the Czech scene. www.u-klub.cz | tel.: +420 585 638 117
- BOUNTY ROCK CAFÉ – a nice cafe with a rock music program. www.bountyrockcafe.cz | tel.: +420 736 637 600
- ARCTIC MUSIC CLUB – a non-smoking, multi-genre club in the centre of Olomouc. www.arktic.cz | tel.: +420 775 660 518
- S-CUBE – music and dance club with student events and theatre performances. www.scube-ol.cz | tel.: +420 777 587 517
- KLUB 15 MINUT – a music club with regular student parties. www.15minut.net | tel.: +420 777 059 150

15 VODNÍ KASÁRNA (WATER BARRACKS)

In reconstructed fortifications from the time of Empress Marie Theresa, you will find comfy pubs, restaurants, cafés, bars and clubs where everyone can choose according to his taste. A varied menu of traditional Czech cuisine, Italian pizzerias, fragrantly grilled delicacies and Oriental Nepalese specialties tastes best with refreshing wine or Czech beer.



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Cinemas

12 METROPOL CINEMA

Everyday the oldest movie theatre in Olomouc brings selected movie treats. Rather an arthouse cinema, it offers premieres of new movies, successful movies from film festivals, regular Saturday screenings for parents with children, contemporary Czech documentaries, live broadcasts from the Metropolitan Opera, etc. It is also a base for the Festival of Animated Films, the Festival of Popular-Science Films, the project "One World" and "Project 100". You can refresh yourself in a cosy café, and there is also a children's play area here. www.kinometropol.cz | tel.: +420 585 222 466

13 MULTIPLEX CINESTAR

This modern 7-cinema multiplex is located in the Olomouc City shopping centre. There are parallel screenings of several films daily, with a diverse programme to satisfy everyone. Especially popular are the 3D projections. www.cinestar.cz | tel.: +420 585 809 999



"Na cucky" Theatre

7 MUSIC THEATRE

Since its inception in 1968, the Music Theatre Olomouc has helped significantly to create the image of the city. As a small stage it offers an eye-catching range of performances aimed at diverse audiences: the smallest children, schoolchildren and students, adults, fans of traditional genres as well as experiments. www.divadlohudby.cz | tel.: +420 585 223 565

8 KONVIKT THEATRE

The Konvikt Theatre provides cultural programs on the premises of the Art Centre of Palacký University in Olomouc. Since its founding in 2006 it has carried out a wide range of cultural and educational projects. www.divadlokonvikt.cz | tel.: +420 585 633 803

9 TRAMTARIE THEATRE

The independent Tramtarie Theatre has its own semi-professional ensemble consisting of graduates of art schools and enthusiastic amateurs from among the Olomouc students. It focuses on auteur dramaturgy, contemporary playwrights or modern versions of classic plays. Fairy tales for parents and children are an important part of the repertoire. www.divadlotramtarie.cz | tel.: +420 777 703 946

10 "NA CUCKY" THEATRE

The "Na cucky" Theatre (Theatre in Shreds) is aimed at delivering experimental, alternative and authorial performances. It combines purely creative own projects and audacious performances of little known authors (Jon Fosse, Laura de Weck and others). www.divadlonacucky.cz | tel.: +420 721 308 935

11 KASPERLE'S LAND

For the smallest, there is the Kasperle's land puppet theatre. This amateur theatre was founded by František Čech in 1920. The troupe of Olomouc puppeteers has performed their fairy tales here for almost 40 years. To the youngest generation they convey an encounter with theatre, poetry, beauty and the triumphant victory of good over evil. They produce the puppets themselves, as well as edit and write their own lyrics. www.kasparkovarise.webnode.cz | tel.: +420 585 417 966

Galleries

Apart from art collections that are held in local museums, there are art masterpieces to be seen in local galleries too. There are exhibition galleries as well as sales galleries. Most galleries are open from Monday to Saturday and admission is usually free of charge.

TIPS FOR GALLERIES

- GALLERY CAESAR www.galeriecaesar.cz | tel.: +420 585 225 587 Mon – Fri 9am–12 noon, 12:45pm–5pm, Sat 9am–12 noon, Sun closed
- GALLERY G www.uvuo.eu/galerieg.htm | tel.: +420 585 220 218 Mon – Fri 10am–12 noon, 1pm–5pm, Sat 9am–12 noon, Sun closed
- GALLERY PATRO www.uvuo.eu/friends\_soubory/patro\_galerie.htm | tel.: +420 585 204 458 Mon – Fri 10am–12 noon, 1pm–5pm, Sat 9am–12 noon, Sun closed
- GALLERY MONA LISA www.mona-lisa.cz | tel.: +420 585 226 828 Mon – Fri 9:30am–6pm, Sat 9:30am–12 noon, Sun closed
- GALLERY SKÁCELÍK www.galerieskacelik.cz | tel.: +420 585 223 890 Mon – Fri 10am–1pm, 2pm–6pm, Sat 10am–12 noon, Sun closed

Theatres

6 MORAVIAN THEATRE OLOMOUC

The Moravian Theatre has been a permanent fixture on the national theatre scene since 1920. Ballets, operas, operettas, musicals, dramas, and fairy tales alternate on stage daily thanks to its three ensembles and its own orchestra. www.moravskedivadlo.cz | tel.: +420 585 500 500



Moravian Theatre Olomouc



## Culture of Olomouc

Olomouc is rightly referred to as a city of culture. It is the seat of the Moravian Philharmonic Orchestra and the Moravian Theatre, yet it also provides space for smaller theatres such as the Music Theatre, Tramtarie Theatre, or Konvikt Theatre to complement the Olomouc scene with their alternative repertoire. There are also several children's theatres here like the Kasperle's land puppet theatre.

Olomouc also boasts unique museums. These include the Archdiocesan Museum, which offers visitors a tour of the Olomouc Castle remains, as well as a permanent exhibition portraying the history of fine arts of the Olomouc Archdiocese over the last millennium. Also worth mentioning are the Regional Museum and the Veteran Arena, a modern museum of vintage cars.

In the vicinity of Olomouc there are several museums with unusual displays, such as the Museum of Olomoucké Tvarůžky (famous local cheese) in Loštice, the folk architecture Open-air museum in Příkazy or the Carriage Museum in Čechy pod Kosířem.

Apart from art collections kept in local museums, there is also much to see in dozens of galleries.

If you're a film buff you could pay a visit to the oldest theatre in Olomouc in the city centre or to the multiplex on the outskirts of town. Here you can choose from international and local movies, 3D projections, as well as treats for fans of non-commercial genres.

Whether you come in winter or summer, Olomouc always has something going on. Spring film festivals alternate with the Flora flower shows, and a half marathon race is followed by the City Festival and the Dvořák's Olomouc music festival. Summer promenade concerts in parks are replaced in the fall by the club scene and in October, the Organ Festival resonates within Olomouc churches. Ice-skating at a rink in the city centre or a glass of hot punch at the Christmas market will keep you warm in winter.



### Did you know that...

- a historic parade to honour Saint Paula, the patroness of the city, is part of the City Festival in June?
- admission to many museums and galleries is free for holders of the **Olomouc Region Card**?
- the Veteran Arena is **the largest private museum of vintage cars** in the Czech Republic?
- the Archdiocesan Museum was founded at the initiative of **Pope John Paul II.**
- the Archbishop's Palace, where Emperor **Franz Josef I.** was elevated to the throne, is open to the public?

### Our tip

Come and see the new exhibitions at the Town Hall. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, there is an exhibition on the six hundred year long history of the Astronomical Clock and all of its forms, from the Renaissance to the socialist-realist.

One floor below there is an exhibition tracing the history of the Town Hall. Both exhibitions are also part of a guided tour called Olomouc in a Nutshell, offered at the Information Centre in the Town Hall archway in the summer season.

Here you can also buy presale tickets for cultural and social events – for concerts of the Moravian Philharmonic, events at the U-Club or the music festivals Dvořák's Olomouc, Baroque, International Organ Festival, the Beer Festival and others.

## Museums in Olomouc

### 1 ARCHDIOCESAN MUSEUM

The Archdiocesan Museum is housed in the renovated buildings of the chapter deanery on Wenceslas Square. The tour includes the Romanesque Bishop's Palace and the Chapel of St Barbara. An inspection of the premises is a unique experience and reveals the architectural and artistic progress at the site of the so-called Olomouc castle on Wenceslas hill over the last millennium – from the remains of the royal palace through the high Romanesque, Gothic and Renaissance periods to the late Baroque and Rococo interiors. The permanent exhibition of the Museum introduces visitors to the spiritual culture of the Olomouc Archdiocese. A picture gallery shows marvellous paintings collected by Olomouc bishops since the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Part of the museum is a concert hall called "Mozarteum" named in memory of the famous composer who stayed at this place. [www.olmuart.cz](http://www.olmuart.cz) / tel.: +420 585 514 111

🕒 Tue – Sun 10am–6pm  
every Wed and Sun free admission

### 2 REGIONAL MUSEUM

The Regional Museum, housed in the former church of St Clare with the monastery of Poor Clares dates back to the last third of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Apart from permanent exhibitions (Prehistory of the Olomouc region, Zoology, Geology and Mineralogy, Endangered plant species) the museum holds about twenty temporary exhibitions a year.

Archdiocesan Museum



The nature of its collections in the fields of prehistory, history and the present in social and natural sciences covers not only central Moravia, but a wider area with forays into foreign countries.

The museum also administers the natural monument Arboretum Bílá Lhota.

[www.vmo.cz](http://www.vmo.cz) / tel.: +420 585 515 111

🕒 IV.–IX. Tue – Sun 9am–6pm  
X.–III. Wed – Sun 10am–5pm

### 3 MUSEUM OF ART

The Museum of Modern Art is located in an Art Nouveau building and contains collections of fine and applied arts.

The Museum specializes in visual art of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. It holds long-term and short-term exhibitions of Czech and foreign modern art.

On the second floor there is a permanent exhibition devoted to Dutch painting of the 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> centuries from the collection founded by the Bishop of Olomouc, Karl II of Liechtenstein-Castelcorn. From the attic you can climb to a lookout glass turret and get an interesting view of the historical city centre.

[www.olmuart.cz](http://www.olmuart.cz) / tel.: +420 585 514 111

🕒 Tue – Sun 10am–6pm  
every Wed and Sun free admission

### 4 VETERAN ARENA

The Museum of vintage cars is the largest museum of its kind in the Czech Republic.

At the heart of the collection are pre-war cars of Czechoslovak production, especially the Tatra, Wikov, „Zetka“, Praga, Aero and Škoda.

Here you can see unique WIKOW cars, of which only around 22 pieces have been preserved worldwide. Vintage motorcycle fans can look forward to brands such as JAWA, PRAGA, ČZ and others.

Part of the museum is an Art Gallery. Several times a year it hosts selling exhibitions of prominent Czech artists, painters, and sculptors, as well as technical curiosities. Here you will also find a stylish café with a collection of vintage radios.

[www.veteranarena.cz](http://www.veteranarena.cz) / tel.: +420 585 157 438

🕒 Tue – Sun 10am–5pm  
out of season Wed – Sun 10am–5pm



Veteran Arena

### 5 AVIATION MUSEUM

The Museum of Aviation was established by the 1<sup>st</sup> Training Air Regiment. Along with restoration of aviation technology, their activities include building up a collection of exhibits relating to history of mostly Czechoslovak and Czech aviation. The work of the museum also includes mapping the Czech aviation history.

*Letiště Olomouc-Nefedín*

[www.letecke-muzeum.cz](http://www.letecke-muzeum.cz) / tel.: +420 604 772 478

🕒 Sat – Sun 10am–5pm, in the period from October to March is open only by prior appointment

### Tips on interesting museums in the area

#### OPEN-AIR MUSEUM PŘÍKAZY

[www.hanackeskanzen.cz](http://www.hanackeskanzen.cz) / tel.: +420 585 967 310

🕒 V. Tue – Sun 11am–4pm  
VI. Tue – Sun 11am–5pm  
VII.–VIII. Tue – Sun 11am–6pm  
IX. Weekends and holidays 11am–4pm

#### MUSEUM OF HISTORICAL CARRIAGES IN ČECHY POD KOSÍŘEM

[www.historickekokary.cz](http://www.historickekokary.cz) / tel.: +420 602 557 167

🕒 Tue – Sun 9am–5pm, out of the tourist season, tours are possible by request only

#### MUSEUM OF TVARŮŽKY IN LOŠTICE

[www.tvaruzky.cz](http://www.tvaruzky.cz) / tel.: +420 583 401 236

🕒 July 1<sup>st</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup> from Mon till Fri tour starts at 9am, 10am, 11am, 12:30pm, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 3:30pm, Sat – Sun by appointment only IX.–VI. by telephone request only

## TIPS FROM THE EVENTS CALENDAR

- JANUARY – MAY  
OLOMOUC JAZZ DAYS 2012  
[www.jazzclub.olomouc.com](http://www.jazzclub.olomouc.com)
- APRIL  
ACADEMIA FILM OLOMOUC  
International festival of popular-science films  
[www.upol.cz](http://www.upol.cz), [www.afo.cz](http://www.afo.cz)  
FLORA OLOMOUC | International Floral Exhibition and Fair  
[www.flora-ol.cz](http://www.flora-ol.cz)
- MAY  
FLORA THEATRE | International Theatre Festival  
[www.divadelniflora.cz](http://www.divadelniflora.cz)
- MAY – JUNE  
DVOŘÁK'S OLOMOUC | Festival of classical music  
[www.mfo.cz](http://www.mfo.cz)  
BEERFEST OLOMOUC | Czech Beer Festival  
[www.pivnifestival.cz](http://www.pivnifestival.cz)
- JUNE  
FESTIVAL OF SONGS | International Choral Festival  
[www.festamusicale.com](http://www.festamusicale.com)  
OLOMOUC HALF MARATHON  
[www.olomouc.eu](http://www.olomouc.eu), [www.olomouckypulmaraton.cz](http://www.olomouckypulmaraton.cz)  
CITY FESTIVAL | historical city celebrations  
[www.olomouc.eu](http://www.olomouc.eu)
- JUNE – SEPTEMBER  
SUMMER OF CULTURE IN OLOMOUC  
multi-genre festival of music, theatre and exhibitions  
[www.okl.info](http://www.okl.info)
- SEPTEMBER  
COMMEMORATION OF FIELD MARSHAL RADETZKY  
celebrations including an army brass band parade  
[www.radecky.eu](http://www.radecky.eu)  
INTERNATIONAL ORGAN FESTIVAL  
[www.mfo.cz](http://www.mfo.cz)  
FOLK YEAR IN VELKÁ BYSTRICE  
Folk festival with international participation  
[www.folklorisdruzeni.cz/lidovy-rok](http://www.folklorisdruzeni.cz/lidovy-rok)
- SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER  
BAROQUE | Festival of Baroque music  
[www.ensembledamian.com](http://www.ensembledamian.com)  
AUTUMN FESTIVAL OF SACRED MUSIC  
[www.podzimni-festival.cz](http://www.podzimni-festival.cz).
- DECEMBER  
OLOMOUC CHRISTMAS  
traditional Christmas market in the historic city centre  
[www.vanocnitrhy.eu](http://www.vanocnitrhy.eu)

## OLOMOUC AND ITS PERSONALITIES

W. A. MOZART – in 1767 the brilliant composer stayed in the Cathedral's Deanery, where he composed his Symphony No. 6 in F major.



GUSTAV MAHLER – the famous Austrian composer worked here as a conductor at the German public theatre in 1883.



JIRÍ WOLKER – one of the most talented Czech poets of the 20<sup>th</sup> century used to spend summer holidays in Svatý Kopeček at his grandparents.



KAREL SVOLINSKÝ – author of the current form of the mosaic decoration of the Astronomical Clock was born in Svatý Kopeček.



IVAN THEIMER – a famous Olomouc sculptor living in France decorated Olomouc with his Arion's fountain located on the Upper Square.



### UPDATED TIP

Ticket presale for cultural events is available at the Information Centre Olomouc in the Town Hall arcade.

### INFORMATION CENTRE OLOMOUC

Upper Square – Town Hall arcade  
tel.: +420 585 513 385, +420 585 513 392  
Open daily 9:00–19:00  
e-mail: [infocentrum@olomouc.eu](mailto:infocentrum@olomouc.eu)  
[www.facebook.com/informacni.centrum.olomouc](http://www.facebook.com/informacni.centrum.olomouc)  
**[www.tourism.olomouc.eu](http://www.tourism.olomouc.eu)**



🕒 opening hours

👤 suitable for families with children

⚠️ our tip

📄 discount with Olomouc Region Card For more information please visit [www.olomouregioncard.cz](http://www.olomouregioncard.cz)