

Olomouc In Your Pocket

Czech Republic

Our City • Sights • Culture • Leisure • Gastro • Accommodation • Shopping



HOLIDAY IN OLMOUC

Choose from a wide range of holiday packages and head to Olomouc for a wealth of history, relaxation and adventure!

Experience romantic moments on Valentine's Day, laid-back summer evenings and the perfect pre-Christmas atmosphere! People also come to Olomouc for good food, for example the Olomoucké Tvarůžky Cheese Festival! All this at bargain prices!

All-year-round accommodation packages: www.moraviaforyou.cz



Olomouc Information Centre

Upper Square (Horní náměstí) –
Town Hall Arcades
+420 585 513 385
+420 585 513 392

infocentrum@olomouc.eu

[f](#) [@](#) [X](#) Olomouc Tourism

[#myolomouc](#)

Open daily | eshop.olomouc.eu

tourism.olomouc.eu

CONTENTS

Our City

Basic facts about Olomouc	7
Brief history of the city	10
Significant personalities	12

Most Important Monuments

Upper Square	15
Lower Square	24
Wenceslas Hill and surroundings	26
Other sights	34

Culture

Music, theatre, cinema, museums and galleries	39
Event tips	41

Leisure

City tours	47
Parks and gardens	50
Relaxation and sport	52

Accommodation | Gastro Entertainment | Shopping

Accommodation, Olomoucké Tvarůžky Cheese	58
Entertainment and shopping tips	61

Trips in the region

Tips for Excursions	62
---------------------	----

Practical Information

Practical information	69
-----------------------	----

St. Wenceslas Cathedral

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 inhabitants 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, a philharmonic orchestra, many museums, theatres and clubs, and hosts a wide range 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

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 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?*

endowed it with a magnificent collection of historical treasures, making Olomouc the second most extensive urban conservation area in the 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 city fortifications and the Crown Fortress, today a lively cultural centre.

Olomouc is definitely worth a visit!

My Olomouc

Mobile application for tourists, students and citizens.

Free download for Android and iOS.





Distance from selected European cities

- Berlin (DE) 628 km
- Bratislava (SK) 201 km
- Brno (CZ) 78 km
- Budapest (HU) 398 km
- London (GB) 1 546 km
- Ostrava (CZ) 99 km
- Paris (FR) 1 310 km
- Prague (CZ) 282 km
- Rome (IT) 1 323 km
- Warsaw (PL) 503 km
- Vienna (AT) 208 km



BASIC FACTS ABOUT OLOMOUC

Population:

- over 100,000
- 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 a.s.l.

Coordinates

49.5937867N, 17.2512347E

Partner cities

Olomouc has a total of 13 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), Berlin – Treptow-Köpenick (Germany).

Olomouc – a university city

In 1573, the Palacký University (UP) was founded, making it the second oldest university in the Czech Republic. Currently there are more than 23 000 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
Dům U Černého psa, Horní náměstí 12
www.upoint.upol.cz*



Lower Square (Dolní náměstí)



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 network of highways by which you can easily reach Olomouc from all major destinations such as Prague, Brno, Ostrava and Vienna. Highway use is subject to a toll (vignette).

www.ceskedalnice.cz

www.dopravniinfo.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.

www.idos.cz

By bus

Bus travel is usually less expensive. For domestic and international timetables, see www.idos.cz.

By air

Olomouc is also accessible by air. The nearest airports are Brno, Ostrava, Pardubice, 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 Přemyslid 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**, 2000 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 began**, along with new sports grounds, recreational sites, hotels, transport and tourism infrastructure;
- in 2000 the monumental **Holy Trinity Column** was inscribed 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's 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.



On May 19, 1794, he was imprisoned in the Jesuit Barracks (now the Military Administrative Archive). 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 Field Marshal, 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
(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.

Arion Fountain and the Holy Trinity Column



MOST IMPORTANT MONUMENTS

- UPPER SQUARE (HORNÍ NÁMĚSTÍ)

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

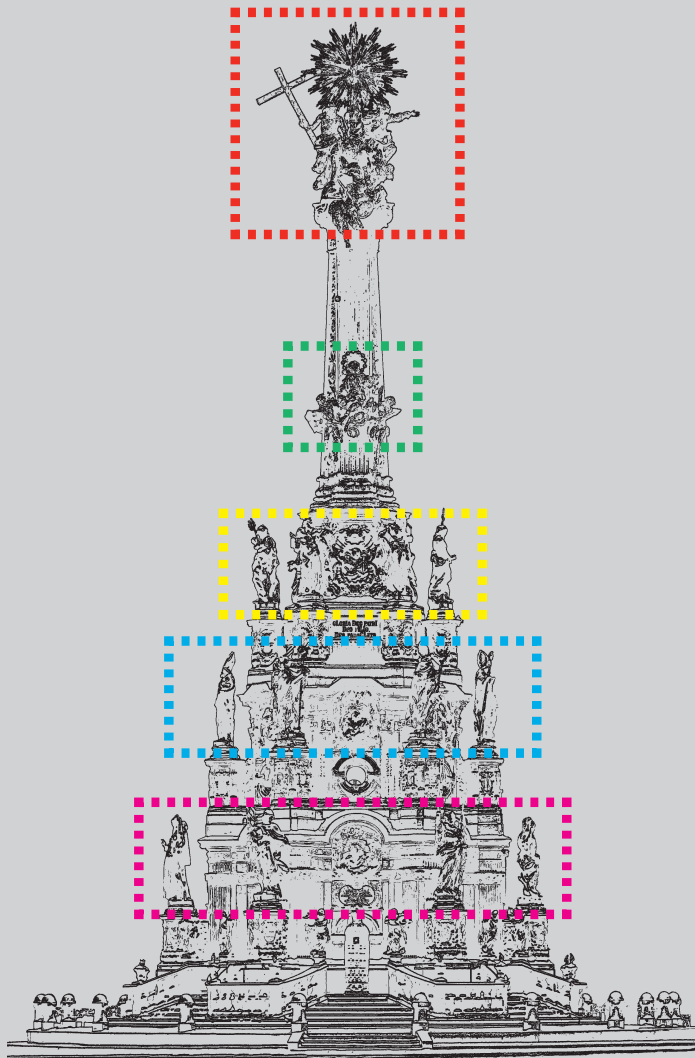
the presence of the imperial couple, Empress Maria Theresa and her husband, Francis I of Lorraine.

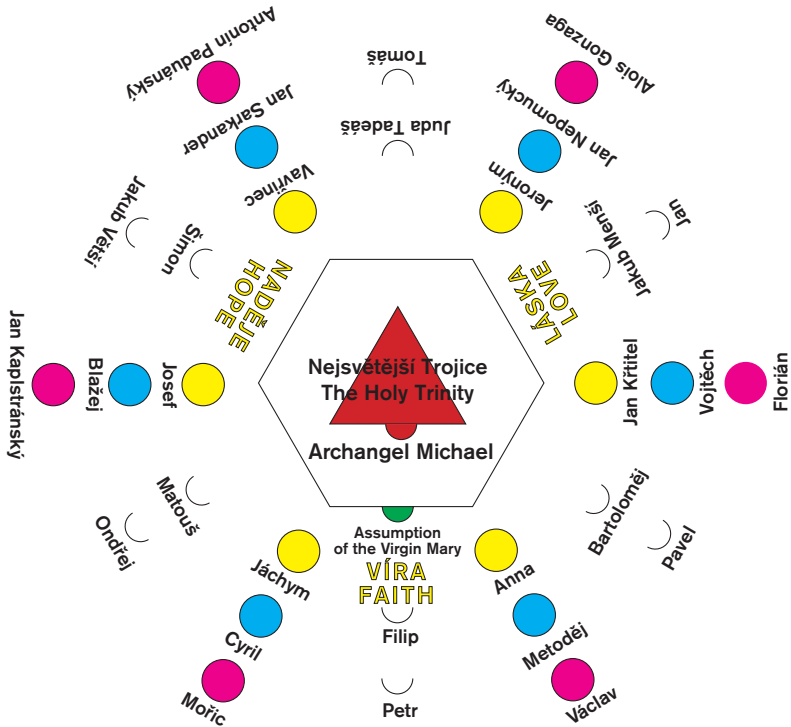
The townspeople were very proud of the Column, as the construction was carried out exclusively by Olomouc artists, something which was not at all common at that time.

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?

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. In the end, 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 on www.unesco.olomouc.eu



Upper Square – the Town Hall



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 made possible 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 double-axis 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 alongside the main stone structure in the 1420s. Its current impressive height of 75 metres was achieved during the 1601–1607 reconstruction.

A corner sundial which had been part of the Town Hall for many years returned to its facade.

It was restored to its original appearance with the imperial eagle and the initials of the famous Habsburg rulers.



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.

Upper Square (Horní náměstí) –

Town Hall Arcades

tel.: +420 585 513 385, 392

www.tourism.olomouc.eu



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?



Town Hall with Astronomical Clock – Upper Square

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 Svolinský dates back to the 1950s and is heavily influenced by the aesthetics of socialist realism.

 Every day at noon, a glockenspiel plays folk songs from the Haná region and the figures of labourers, peasants and working intelligentsia are set in motion.

Caesar Fountain


Since the turn of the 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 representing 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 Schauburger, 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, richly decorated with stone reliefs, was added in the 16th century. 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 Wrocław 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 the 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 the interior's Late Gothic wall paintings is of particular interest.

Slovenská 14 | www.olomouc.op.cz

Do you know that ...

- *the preacher John of Capistrano spoke out 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 fountains 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 his right hand – a winged staff entwined by two serpents called caduceus.

ulice 8. května

Edelmann's Palace

The Renaissance palace was built between 1572 and 1586 by merging two Gothic houses for Václav Edelmann, a prominent citizen and alderman. This double-storey house has a richly decorated facade. The entrance portal bears the coat of arms of the Edelmann family and stylized portraits of Václav Edelmann and his son. In 1719, the Palace became city property.

Fortress commanders, including Field Marshal 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.

Caesar Fountain



Arion Fountain



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 Arion, the Greek poet rescued from the sea by a dolphin attracted by his singing.

! Next to the Arion fountain, there is a marble and bronze drinking fountain sculpted by Ivan Theimer.

- LOWER SQUARE (DOLNÍ NÁMĚSTÍ)

Neptune Fountain

The oldest preserved Olomouc fountain from 1683 comes from the workshop of Michael Mandik. The creator of the basin

is Václav Render. The sculptural group features four seahorses surrounding 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 Palermo, St Catherine of Siena, St Barbara and the patroness of the city of Olomouc – St Paula. The statue of the Immaculate Virgin Mary is placed on top of the helically twisted column.

*Marian Plague Column
on the Lower Square*



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, to thematically unify the set of six Baroque fountains. The sculpture of the ancient ruler of gods with lightning bolt in his hand and an eagle at his feet was created by Filip Sattler; the basin is 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 façade and architectural rigor. Above the entrance, there is a mosaic depicting the scene of the Annunciation, created by Karel Benedík in 1972.


Kapucínská 2 | www.kapucini.cz

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, which famously hosted the 11-year-old Mozart in October 1767.

Dolní náměstí 38

 Follow in the footsteps of the young Mozart in Olomouc. The app Hidden Stories – Mozart in Quarantine is available for free download.



• 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 a historicist style at the end of the 19th century. You can also visit 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

*The Garden of the Primavesi Villa
and St. Michael's Church*



Primavesi Villa



Chapel of St Jan Sarkander

On the site of a former 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 from 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. In front of the chapel, there is a fountain called “The Spring of Living Water”, a work by the artist Otmar Oliva.

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?*

Primavesi Villa

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 an enchanting park view and the splendid Chapel of Corpus Christi featuring 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 – Hope, Love and Faith – are the work of Filip Sattler.

Univerzitní 3 | www.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 source of inspiration 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 furnishings. It is dominated

by frescoes by Karel F. J. Haringer and Jan Kryštof Handke.

Denisova ulice

Triton Fountain

This is considered to be the most artistically 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 sea 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 remains 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 a design by 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 | 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 Habsburg 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 measures 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 with the Václav Havel Bench, a seating area, a modern fountain and café. The Central Library and other university facilities are housed here.

Biskupské náměstí 1 | www.upol.cz



Park under the Cathedral



Olomouc Castle

On Wenceslas Hill, only a few visible traces remain 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 more recent notable visitors include Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul II.

Václavské náměstí

St Wenceslas Cathedral

The Cathedral with its double-tower façade 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. The heart of Archbishop Rudolf Jan, grandson of Maria Theresa, is buried in the crypt.

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 ring noon already at 11 a.m.?*

According to legend, Bishop Jan Železný saved Olomouc from being plundered by the Hussite army when he let the bells ring 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

Red Church

At the beginning of the 20th century, the Red Church was built by the local German Evangelicals according to an architectural design by Max Löw. The use of red bricks, typical of German Brick Gothic, inspired the popular name “Red Church.” In 1961, the church was transferred to the administration of the University Library (now the Research Library) to serve as a book storage facility. After a successful renovation, the church was reopened to the public in 2023 and now functions as a multifunctional cultural and social centre of the Olomouc Research Library.

Bezručova 3 | www.vkol.cz

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 Benedictines, replaced by 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. Rein. 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 | 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 later destroyed by the 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.*

Red Church



Hradisko Monastery



Olomouc Fortress

Olomouc used to be a “city of fortresses” in the past. Remains of fortifications can be found at many sites in Olomouc and its surroundings. Remnants of **medieval walls** can be admired in Bezruč Park, where the so-called **Jewish Gate** has also been preserved. 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 touring the city, fans of military monuments cannot miss the unique documents of the city’s 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 the torso of an Empire style guard-house are to be seen here. In the mid-19th century, its interior was complemented by a large artillery warehouse.

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



At the Crown Fortress, visit the **Olomouc Fortress Museum** to learn about the fortress and what it looked like during its operation, about the preserved military buildings in the city and surroundings. Do not forget to visit the **Fort Science**, an interactive science centre.

Olomouc Forts

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



Olomouc Forts are presented on the website and app www.visitczechrepublic.online/cz/olomoucke-forty-mob

Evening relaxation at the Holy Trinity



CULTURE

MUSIC, THEATRE, CINEMA, MUSEUMS, GALLERIES

Theatres, cinemas, galleries and a number of other cultural venues offer 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. It also actively promotes contemporary Czech and world music and organises regular concerts and major music festivals.

Horní náměstí 22 | www.mfo.cz

Moravian Theatre Olomouc

A permanent Czech theatre scene since 1920. The theatre presents both classical and modern works of opera, operetta, ballet, and drama. The Moravian Theatre also organizes the open-air festival Moravian Theatre Summer.

Horní náměstí 22 | www.moravskedivadlo.cz

 **A packed program is offered at Sedmíčka** – the small cultural stage of the Moravian Theatre and the Moravian Philharmonic.

Sokolská 7 | www.sedmickasokolska.cz

Na Cucky Theatre

An independent theatre ensemble with its own stage at the cultural centre on Lower Square.

Dolní náměstí 42 | www.divadlonacucky.cz

Tramtarie Theatre

Independent professional theatre.

*Slovanský dům, Hynaisova 11
www.divadlotramtarie.cz*

Cine Star Olomouc

Multiplex in the Olomouc City shopping centre.

Pražská 255/41 | www.cinestar.cz

Metropol Cinema

Classic cinema in the city centre, a partner of many festivals and film shows.

Sokolská 25 | www.kinometropol.cz

Premiere Cinemas

Multiplex at the Šantovka shopping centre.

Polská 1 | 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 trea-



tures 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 | www.muo.cz


 In the summer season, the Romanesque **Zdík Palace** is part of the Archdiocesan Museum tour.

Museum of Modern Art

The Museum specializes in visual art of the 20th and 21st centuries. The Art Nouveau building hosts a permanent exhibition

“Century of Relativity” and short-term exhibitions of renowned artists.

Denisova 47 | www.muo.cz

 The Museum of Modern Art includes CENTRAL, the so-called Large Stage, which hosts concerts, theatre and film performances, as well as a number of festivals (One World, Theatre Flora, Academia Film, etc.).

Regional Museum

The Museum houses valuable collections, today amounting to almost one million items. Apart from permanent exhibitions,

there are a number of short-term exhibitions and educational programmes.

náměstí Republiky 5 | 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 a hedgehog's spine, 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 Palacký 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.

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 | areál Korunní pevnůstky
www.pevnostpoznani.cz*

Veteran Arena

Museum of veteran cars, one of the largest in the Czech Republic. Over 100 cars and many other exhibits.

Sladovní 3, Olomouc | www.veteranarena.cz

Telegraph Gallery

Gallery of contemporary visual arts. Exclusive exhibitions – paintings, photography, and sculptures by Czech and international artists.

Jungmannova 3 | www.telegraph.cz

City Gallery of Olomouc

The municipal gallery presents works by artists working in Olomouc and the region.

*Dolní nám. 7
www.galerie-mesta-olomouce.cz*

• EVENT TIPS

FEBRUARY – APRIL

Olomouc carnival festivities

A masked procession with an accompanying program and traditional pig slaughter dishes.

www.masopust.olomouc.eu

Olomouc Easter

Easter celebrations, regional folk customs, Easter craft fair.

www.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.

www.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

The largest environmental festival in the Czech Republic. Exhibitions, discussions, and workshops.

www.ekologickednyolomouc.cz

MAY – JUNE

Theatre Flora

International theatre festival.

www.divadelniflora.cz

Night of Olomouc Museums

An event organized by Olomouc museums and galleries, featuring night tours with an accompanying programme.

muzejnino.olomouc.eu



OLOMOUCKÉ TVARŮŽKY CHEESE FESTIVAL



April | Upper and Lower Squares

Tvarůžky specialties and regional products | craft breweries
folk ensembles | cimbalom bands | popular music bands
shows by famous chefs | competitions and workshops for children



tvaruzkovyfestival.olomouc.eu

City Fest

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

Olomouc Half Marathon

One of the most popular running races, the second-largest half marathon in the Czech Republic.
www.runczech.com

JULY – AUGUST

Festival Colores

International festival of flamenco and Spanish culture.
www.flamencool.cz

Summer Wine Festival

Wine celebrations in Bezruč Park.
www.olomoucka-vinna.cz

Evening Relaxation at the Holy Trinity

Summer multi-genre music festival in the city centre.
www.pohodaurojice.olomouc.eu

SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER

Flora Olomouc | autumn stage

International horticultural and floral exhibition and trade fair. Blooming Sights – beautiful floral arrangements in Olomouc churches.
www.flora-ol.cz

International Organ Festival

Leading international musicians play rare Engler organs in the St. Maurice's Church.
www.mfo.cz

European Heritage Days

Open-door days, concerts & theatre, guided tours.
www.ded.olomouc.eu

Autumn Festival of Sacred Music

Concerts of sacred music in Olomouc churches.
www.podzimni-festival.cz

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER

Olomouc Design Days

Exhibitions, seminars, discussions, workshops, and more. Not just about design.
www.olomoucdesigndays.cz

Olomouc Christmas

Enchanting atmosphere of Advent in the city centre, Christmas markets.
www.vanocnitrhy.eu

Overview of all events:

www.tourism.olomouc.eu

My Olomouc app





Sightseeing tour with Ola the Cat



LEISURE

- CITY TOURS

Wide choice of different types of sight-seeing 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
www.tourism.olomouc.eu

Town Hall Tower ascent

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

Olomouc Information Centre
www.tourism.olomouc.eu

Guided church tours

All major Olomouc churches and chapels are freely accessible. Free guided tours are available during the tourist season.

Olomouc Information Centre
www.tourism.olomouc.eu

Olomouc with a guide

While exploring the city, you can also use guide services to customise the tour programme to your needs.

Olomouc Information Centre
www.tourism.olomouc.eu



City Tour with the Tour Stories Mobile App

Discover the sights and fascinating history of Olomouc at your own pace and on your own schedule.



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.

Olomouc Information Centre
www.tourism.olomouc.eu



Panorama Olomouc

The mobile app offers the opportunity to look at the city and its monuments from the Town Hall tower via augmented reality.



Cruises through the historic Olomouc

Discover the beauty of the city from a boat deck! During the cruise, you will learn many interesting facts about the city's history and the river itself.

Olomouc Riverside, Josef Jařab Embankment
www.plavbyolomouc.cz



Olomouc Riverside

Offers a unique combination of city atmosphere and peaceful waterside surroundings. An ideal place for relaxation and social gatherings.

Josef Jařab Embankment

Tours of Primavesi Villa

Tours of the Art Nouveau villa built in 1905–1906 as the residence of the important Primavesi business family. You will see Art Nouveau masterpieces of arts and crafts and get an insight into the fates of the people who visited the famous villa.

Univerzitní 7 | www.vilaprimavesi.cz

Tours of the Festive Fresco Hall at the Komenium School

The hall from the end of the 19th century takes visitors' breath away! Thanks to the rich fresco decoration, it is nicknamed the "Olomouc Sistine Chapel". The hall is covered with frescoes from floor to ceiling, you will find no piece of unpainted area here. Decoration of such size and design is unique and unparalleled in the country.

8. května 29 | Olomouc Information Centre
www.tourism.olomouc.eu

Olomouc by Olopedal

Sightseeing rides through historic Olomouc on a unique vehicle with commentary.

www.oloslap.cz

Archbishop's Palace tours

Discover the charm of the Archbishop's Palace in Olomouc – a place with a rich history and stunning interiors. Take a guided tour through the representative halls where history was made and get an up-close look at the lives of the archbishops.

Wurmova 9 | www.arcibiskupskypalac.cz

Hradisko Monastery guided tours

Explore one of the most important Baroque monuments in Moravia. Tours take you through the former Premonstratensian monastery, where history meets architectural beauty. The site now serves as a military hospital.

Sušilovo nám. 5 | www.vnol.cz




• 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 and many other events. Here you can visit unique **subtropical and tropical greenhouses**. The Park includes a colonnade with a restaurant, a music pavilion, a pond, biking and in-line skating paths and playgrounds. **Smetana and the neighbouring Čech Park** are connected via a fly-over pedestrian bridge built in 1965 – a very progressive architectural solution at that time.


*Collection greenhouses, Wolkerova 17
www.flora-ol.cz*

 The greenhouse collections are some of the largest in the Czech Republic. Visit the Palm, Cactus, Tropical and Subtropical greenhouses.

Bezruč Park

From **Bezruč Park**, you can reach the **Botanical Garden and the Rosarium** – the second-largest rose garden in the Czech Republic, featuring a unique rose collection. Since 2023, it has held the official designation of National Plant Collection, and in 2025 it received the prestigious Award of Garden Excellence.

Botanical Garden, Bezruč Park. Entrance to the Rosarium is from 17. listopadu Street or via the Botanical Garden. www.flora-ol.cz

 **The Botanical Garden** offers educational games for children, a playground, pétanque courts, and picnic areas.

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.*
- *In Bezruč Park, you can also find the South Slavic Mausoleum from 1926 – the tomb of South Slavic soldiers who died in Moravia and Silesia during World War I.*



Flora Olomouc

Twice 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



A Tribute to Roses

Every June, the Olomouc Rosarium hosts the unique festival and exhibition A Tribute to Roses.

Palacký University Zwinger Gardens

Located on the city walls above Bezruč Park, they complement the collection of historical park treasures of Olomouc. The Zwinger Gardens mimic the original canons' 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.

ul. Křížkovského

www.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.

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 | www.sigmafotbal.cz

BALUO Application Centre

This Palacký University Centre is focused on a healthy lifestyle and physical activities.

třída Míru 117 | 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.

Kařkova | www.aqua-olomouc.cz

Balneo – Flora Spa

Water spa at the Central Park Flora Hotel offers a swimming pool, Finnish sauna, whirlpool, massages and a solar meadow.

Krapkova 34 | www.laznefloraolomouc.cz



Best Sportcentrum

In the sports complex, you can play squash, bowling, or work out in the fitness area.

Dolní Hejčinská 36 | www.best-sportcentrum.cz

Bowland Bowling Centre - Galerie Šantovka

A bowling centre with 18 professional lanes.

*Šantovka shopping centre, Polská 1
www.bowland-center.cz*

Semafor Centre

Traffic playground for the whole family. Bike, scooter, and other equipment rentals.

*Legionářská 15
www.centrum-semafor.cz*

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 Hejčinské 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
www.lanovecentrum.cz*

Laser Game

The perfect choice for those who enjoy adrenaline and action-packed games.

*Koželužská 29 | www.lasarenaolomouc.cz
Legionářská 7 | www.lasermania.cz*

Mini Golf

Outdoor course in the vicinity of the Crown Fortress.

www.minigolfolomouc.cz

Go-karts

Lamborghini Kart Arena Indoor Go-Kart Track located in the above-ground garages on Hanáckého pluku Street, the track is 240 meters long. A drift kart circuit can be found on Legionářská Street.

www.motokary-olomouc.cz | www.d2drift.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. One 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 Chválkovice to Samotišky 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 Pomoraví Nature Reserve is suitable for all ages.

www.tourism.olomouc.eu

Omega Centre for Sport and Health

This modern centre provides a wide range of sporting and relaxation activities.

Legionářská 19 | 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 | www.bazen-olomouc.cz

Poděbrady natural swimming pool

These popular natural ponds are located 6 km from Olomouc in the direction of Horka nad Moravou.

www.olomouckepodebrady.cz

Scene Wellness

Everything for perfect relaxation and regeneration can be found in the generously designed Scene Wellness Centre in Hodolany Resort.

Ostravská 1 | 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.

Javoříčská 5 | 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 | www.svatovaclavsky-pivovar.cz

• OLOMOUC SURROUNDINGS

Golf Resort Olomouc | 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 | www.golfolomouc.cz

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
www.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 Chamois Trail treetop walk.

Hrubá Voda 21 | www.resorthrubavoda.cz

More leisure tips:

www.tourism.olomouc.eu



Golf Resort Olomouc



ACCOMMODATION | GASTRONOMY | ENTERTAINMENT | SHOPPING

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 restaurants in Olomouc. Three local establishments have been recognised by the Michelin Guide – one Michelin-starred, one awarded the Bib Gourmand distinction, and one included in the Michelin Selected category. Enjoy unique culinary delights that will make you want to return to Olomouc!

Overview of accommodation and restaurants:

www.tourism.olomouc.eu


My Olomouc App



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, it gradually became known as Olomoucké Tvarůžky. Today, this gastronomic speciality is produced only in the town of Loštice. Here, there is also a modern museum presenting the history of the making of this cheese.

 Visit the Olomoucké Tvarůžky Cheese Festival held every April!

www.tvaruzkovyfestival.olomouc.eu

Olomoucké Tvarůžky Cheese Shop

Specialised shop for Olomoucké Tvarůžky on the Upper Square opposite the Astronomical Clock.

www.tvaruzky.cz





Long Story Short Terrace



• 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. In Mlýnská, Uhelná and Lafayetteova Streets, you will find vibrant entertainment in the original settings of historical butcher's shops and city fortifications from 18th century.

• SHOPPING TIPS

In the historical downtown, you will find small shops with regional food, art objects and souvenirs. There are even more shopping opportunities in the Galerie Moritz, Šantovka, Olympia, Haná and Olomouc CITY shopping centers.

Stores for regional products

Tvarůžky Shop

Horní náměstí 7 | www.tvaruzky.cz

La Formaggeria

Horní náměstí 8 | www.laformaggeria.com

The Right Thing from Moravia

Úzká 2 | www.topravezmoravy.cz

Lavender Bistro

Horní náměstí 7 | www.levandulovystatek.cz

Shopping malls near the city centre

Galerie Šantovka

Polská 1 | www.galeriesantovka.cz

Galerie Moritz

8. května 24 | www.galeriemoritz.cz

More information:

www.tourism.olomouc.eu



TIPS FOR EXCURSIONS

The surroundings of Olomouc will entice you with historical treasures, the unique landscape of the Litovelské Pomoraví Protected Landscape Area and excellent opportunities 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 landscape. 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 prominent Czech artists. Guided tours, souvenirs and other services are provided by the Sluňákov Information Centre.

Horka nad Moravou | 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.

Svatý Kopeček Museum


Immerse yourself in the stories of pilgrims and unique sacred treasures and explore the historic halls that once served as the abbot's residence.

*Návřší Jana Pavla II. 1, Svatý Kopeček
www.svatykopecek.cz*

Bazilika Navštívení Panny Marie

Svatý Kopeček hill is dominated by the monumental Baroque Basilica of the Visitation of the Virgin Mary. In 1995, it was granted Minor Basilica status by Pope John Paul II. The basilica with a two-tower façade 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.

www.svatykopecek.cz

 Do not miss the panoramic view of Olomouc that opens up from the front of the church!

*Basilica of the Visitation of the Virgin Mary
on the Svatý Kopeček hill near Olomouc*



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 are among the main attractions. You can enjoy a train ride through the safari area, and climb the 32-metre-high observation tower, while children can have fun in the Lanáček children's rope course.

Darwinova 29, Olomouc-Svatý Kopeček
www.zoo-olomouc.cz



Fort Radíkov | 12 km

Radíkov 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
pevnost-radikov.cz

Haná open-air museum | 11 km

The exhibition of original folk architecture presents the traditional lifestyle and crafts of a Haná village.

Příkazy 54 | www.nmvp.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 archbishop's carriages.


Hrad 1, Náměšť na Hané
www.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
www.zamekcechy.cz



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

www.historickekokary.cz
www.cechypk.cz



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
www.hrad-sterberk.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 | www.tvaruzky.cz

Javoříčko Caves | 31 km

Caves with the richest cave formations in the Czech Republic.

Luká-Javoříčko | javoricske.caves.cz

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 | www.hrad-bouzov.cz

Helfštýn Castle | 33 km

The Castle hosts many cultural events, the most famous being Hefaiston, a meeting of artist blacksmiths.

Týn nad Bečvou | www.helfstyn.cz

More excursion tips:

www.tourism.olomouc.eu



Bouzov Castle



Hrnčířská Street



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Public Holidays

1 January	New Year's Day, Restoration Day of the Independent Czech State
Easter	moveable feast March/ April
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")

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.

Cardholders also benefit 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 at stops, at newsagents and tobacco shops, at the Olomouc Information Centre, via SMS (to phone number 90206 using the format DPMO), and also directly from the driver.

www.dpmo.cz

- ! Quick and easy ticket purchase in the DPMO app.



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 in the format according to zone A or B: OL space A/B space vehicle registration

number. Parking is free at weekends. We recommend the use of parking lots; underground garages and the car parks marked on the map.

www.parkovani.olomouc.eu

- ! 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.
- ! Parking payment via the EasyPark mobile application.



Internet

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

Explanatory Notes

- ☐ Olomouc region Card
- ! Our tip



Olomouc Information Centre

Upper Square – Town Hall Arcades | +420 585 513 385

infocentrum@olomouc.eu | [f](#) [@](#) [X](#) Olomouc Tourism | [#myolomouc](#)

Open daily | eshop.olomouc.eu | tourism.olomouc.eu



Fort XVII – Křelov



Major Sights

- 1 Holy Trinity Column
- 2 Town Hall with the Astronomical Clock
- 3 Romanesque Bishop's Palace
- 4 St. Wenceslas Cathedral
- 5 St. Maurice Church
- 6 Archbishop's Palace
- 7 Church of the Virgin Mary of the Snow
- 8 St. Michael's Church
- 9 Chapel of St. John 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 Vila Primavesi
- 25 Red Church
- 26 Dominican Church

Culture

- 1 Moravian Theatre
- 2 Moravian Philharmonic
- 3 Archdiocesan Museum
- 4 Museum of Art
- 5 Regional Museum
- 6 Fort Science

Leisure

- 1 Collection greenhouses
- 2 Swimming Pool
- 3 Ander Stadium
- 4 Ice Rink
- 5 Semafor Centre

Shopping

- 1 Šantovka shopping centre
- 2 Moritz shopping centre



Parking



Public toilets



Tram lines



Parking garages



Police



City walls



Bus parking



Municipal Police

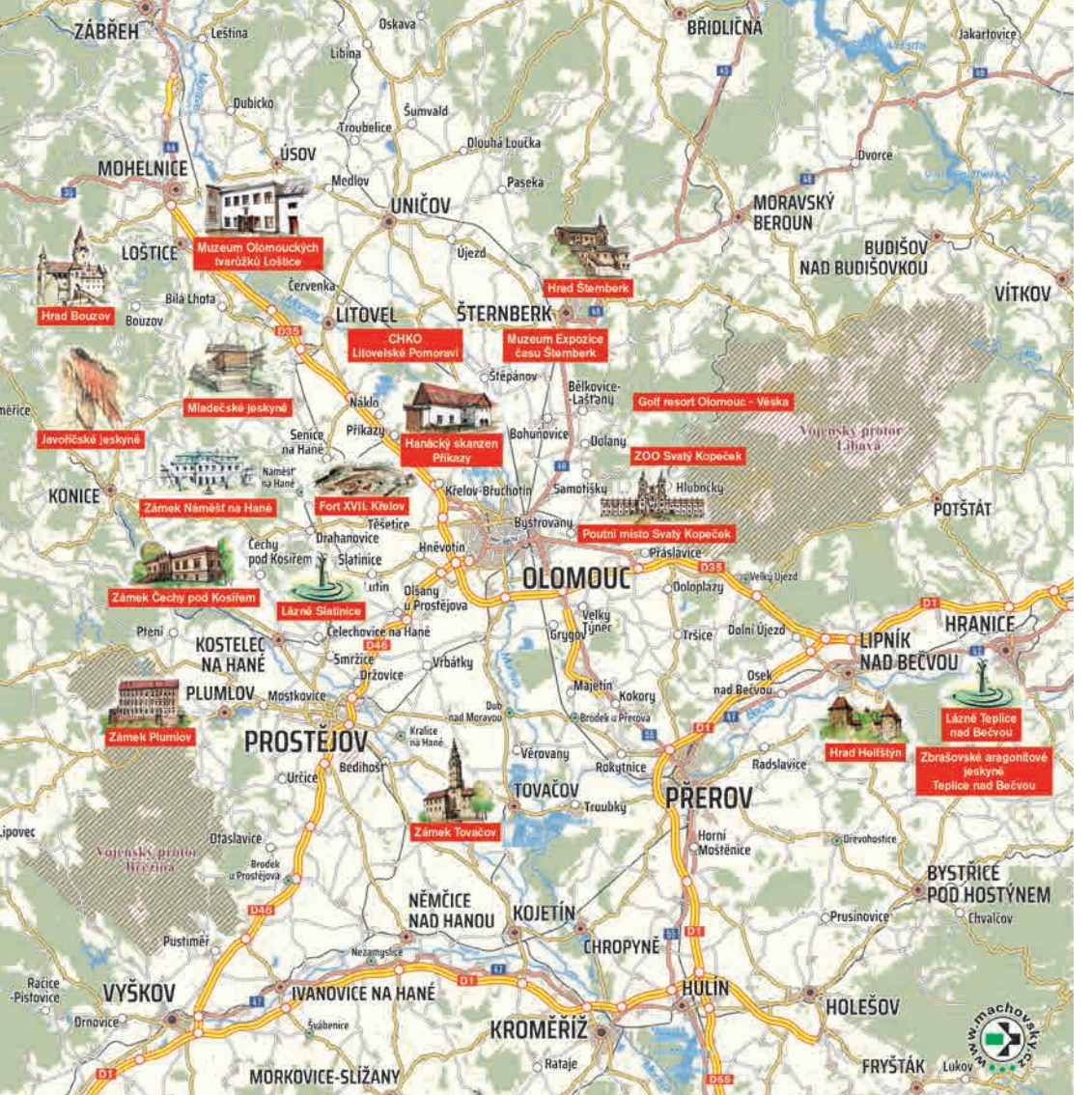


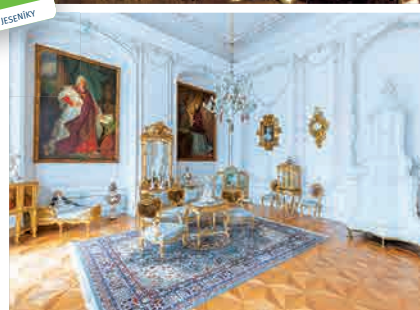
Railway



City park | sports facilities







See more. Pay less.

TOURIST CARD with free admission

The **OLOMOUC REGION CARD** is a tourist card that entitles its holders to **FREE** entry to the most attractive sites – castles, châteaux, museums, zoos, and more – in Olomouc, Central Moravia, and the Jeseníky Mountains.

- **FREE ENTRY TO MORE THAN 100 SITES + PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN OLOMOUC**
- **AT LEAST 80 SITES WITH DISCOUNTS**



More information:
www.olomouregioncard.cz





Olomouc In Your Pocket

- © Published by: Statutory City of Olomouc, Department of Tourism and Information Centre, 2026, 3rd edition
- © Photo: archive of the City of Olomouc, archive of Bohdan Pomahač, Golf Resort Olomouc, Jan Andreáš, Michal Cikryt, Daniel Schulz, Tomáš Loutocký, Tomáš Helísek, Museum of Olomoucké Tvarůžky Cheese A. W., State District Archives of Olomouc, Regional Museum in Olomouc

Printing: Profi-tisk group s.r.o., Olomouc

Despite careful contextual control, we do not accept liability for the contents.

www.olomouc.eu
www.tourism.olomouc.eu

ISBN: 978-80-88408-39-0