# Guide Not Only for Cyclists

Olomouc and Its Surroundings | Czech Republic



### Dear Cycling Fans,

We know that you can ride anywhere on a bicycle, that the journey itself may be a destination, and that the routes we recommend might not be those best suited for you. Even so, we would like to offer you several tips for great cycling trips in and around Olomouc, to get to know our region and its places of interest.

Olomouc and its surroundings are a cyclist's paradise. Though in the centre of Haná, not all cycling routes confirm to the general notion of the region being all flatlands. Soon after leaving Olomouc towards Svatý Kopeček, you will encounter a climb that will give you a rough time. On the other hand, going up the Morava River, you will ride along the flatlands, making it ideal for families with children or less proficient cyclists.

When riding along cycling paths in the Olomouc parks or while walking through the city, you will feel the history and see many a picturesque corner.

We have tried to pick interesting places to visit along each route. You will surely find many others that will interest you.



#### Key:



Route suitable for cyclists



Route suitable for in-line skaters



Route suitable for kickbikes



Route suitable for walking



When riding through the Olomouc centre, it is definitely worth getting off the saddle for a while to soak up the atmosphere of the city. You will feel the ancient history as well as the carefree student ambience. Think of Olomouc as a small Prague, but without the endless crowds, inflated prices, and tourist traps. Find out what to see, experience, and taste at the Olomouc Information Centre in the Town Hall archway next to the Astronomical Clock. Order a guided tour, or simply download the TourStories app to your mobile phone.

- 1 Holy Trinity Column
- 2 City Hall
- 3 Astronomical Clock
- 4 Caesar Fountain
- 5 Church of St. Maurice
- 6 Mercury Fountain
- 7 Edelmann Palace
- 8 Hercules Fountain
- 9 Arion Fountain
- 10 Neptune Fountain
- 11 Marian Plague Column
- 12 Jupiter Fountain
- 13 Church of St. Michael
- 14 Chapel of St. John Sarkander
- 15 Villa Primavesi
- 16 Jesuit College
- 17 Church of the Virgin Mary of the Snows
- 18 Tritons Fountains
- 19 Archbishop's Palace
- 20 Olomouc Castle
- 21 St. Wenceslas Cathedral

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## Svatý Kopeček - Basilica and Zoo



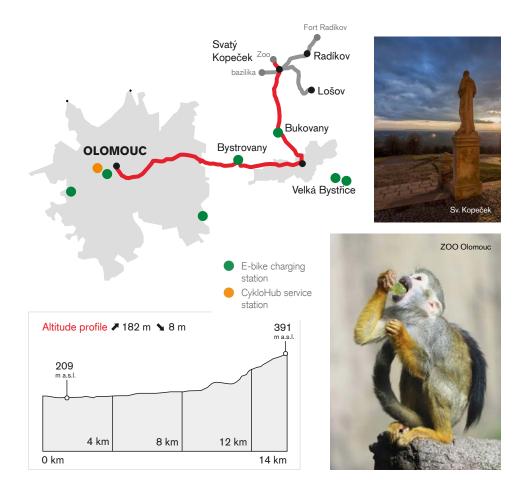
After visiting the centre of Olomouc, push the pedals hard on the climb to Svatý Kopeček. But we promise the destination is definitely worth it! Wait until you get off your bicycle in front of the pilgrimage basilica to see Olomouc from high above. The slight ordeal of uphill pedalling will make you feel like a proper pilgrim! By the way, you can learn more about the history of pilgrimage in the local museum. But save that for later, after the tour of the basilica, visited in the 1990s by Pope John Paul II. Have you had a rest, prayed, and taken delight in the Baroque architecture? So, mount your bicycle and head to the Zoo! It is just a few dozen metres away... Where else you can delve into the immediate vicinity of wolves and go over a footbridge among playful macaques?

# BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE ROUTE:

Length: 14 km
Total elevation: 182 m
Intensity: moderate
Suitable for:







## **Bystřice River Valley - Slate Mountains**



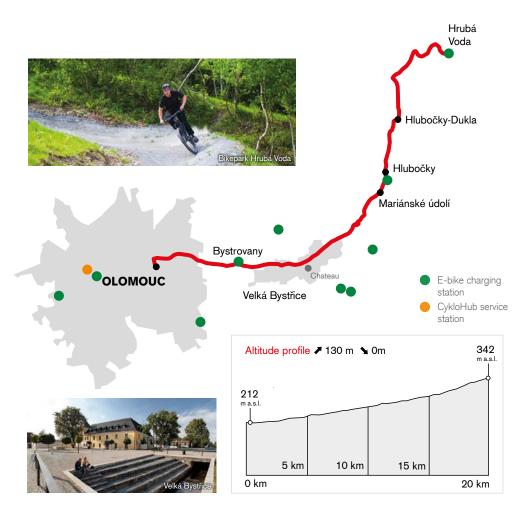
Come and enjoy wild nature around the village of Hrubá Voda! The routes will lead you via Velká Bystřice, where you definitely should not miss the TVARG Brewery. In addition, you can also taste their artisanal pungent cheese tvargle, full of protein, so your muscles will literally rejoice during the following ride uphill. A little further, at Hlubočky Ski Centre, exchange your bicycle for a bob for a few minutes and get an adrenaline rush on the bobsleigh track. Believe it or not, another bobsleigh track winds its course just a few kilometres away, in Hrubá Voda. But here, you will be more tempted by singletracks for beginners as well as advanced bikers.

## BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE ROUTE:

Length: 20 km
Total elevation: 130 m
Intensity: moderate
Suitable for:







## Litovelské Pomoraví - Up the Morava River



Where to take your children for an easy cycling trip? Definitely to the Litovelské Pomoraví Protected Landscape Area! Up the Morava, you will go through alluvial forests, along several points of interest worth stopping for. On hot summer days, refreshment at Poděbrady Lake or Náklo Sandpit Lake will come in handy. Soda and a delicious bite are waiting for you in Horka nad Moravou – at Pádlo Morava canoeing campground or the Hunter's Lodge. Do not miss Sluňákov, an environmental centre where you can learn about the surrounding landscape and visit the unique Open-Air Gallery.

## BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE ROUTE:

Length: 22 km
Total elevation: 22 m
Intensity: easy
Suitable for:





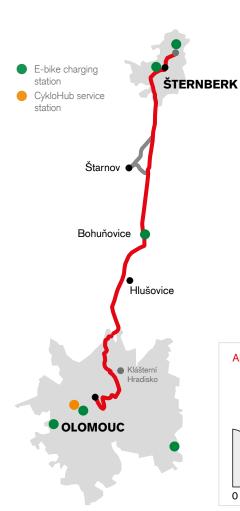


## **Šternberk - Hvězdná (Star) Cycling Route**



The route from Olomouc to Šternberk is an easy ride, even with children. Pack a swimsuit because you will come across Bohuňovice Health Centre with a small aquapark halfway. A bit further, in Štarnov, you can have the best ice-cream far and wide. Come and see for yourself! At your destination, in Šternberk, you can reach for your swimsuit again and head to the local Aquacentre or the swimming pool. But leave that for later and first head to Šternberk Castle, the interactive Exhibition of Time, or put yourself in the shoes of a race car driver for a while at Ecce Homo Park.











## **Tovačov - To the Tovačov Riviera**



The cycling route from Olomouc to Tovačov is part of the trunk Moravian Route (No. 4). Along the way, you cannot miss the pilgrimage Church of the Purification of Mary in Dub nad Moravou, to which pilgrims have headed for more than 200 years to bow down before the painting of the Virgin Mary of Dub, said to have miraculous healing powers. In Tovačov, you can visit the chateau, listen to the Legend of the Black Lady, and climb to the chateau spire with magnificent views of the ponds and lakes around the town. Bathing is only allowed in one of them, the Annín Pond, nicknamed the 'Tovačov Riviera' by the locals.



Length: 23 km
Total elevation: 78 m
Intensity: moderate
Suitable for:













# **Čechy pod Kosířem - Fairy-Tale Romance**



The route from Olomouc to the highest peak of Haná, Velký Kosíř, is intended for experienced cyclists who are not afraid of more challenging terrain with occasional climbs. When passing through Náměšť na Hané, stop at the local chateau. From there, it is not far to Čechy pod Kosířem, where you can stretch your legs walking in the chateau park or touring the chateau itself. If you like the films of Zdeněk and Jan Svěrák (Kolya), do not miss the exhibit. And there is another exhibition you can visit - the nearby Museum of Historical Carriages showcases all things coach-making. And then off to climb the steep slopes of the 'Mont Blanc' of Haná!

#### **BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT** THE ROUTE:

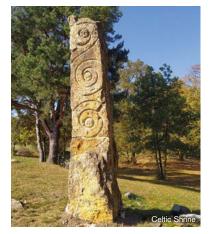
Length: 27 km Total elevation: 381 m Intensity: demanding Suitable for:















## Loštice - "Olomoucké tvarůžky" Cheese Tasting



You can extend the route from Olomouc to Litovel all the way to Loštice - a town dedicated to the pungent cheese called cheese called "Olomoucké tvarůžky". Before taking the Tvarůžky trail, stop at Sobáčov Pond and taste the local home-made meals. If you have your fishing rod with you, cast a line there, and you can even spend the night at the fishing camp. From Sobáčov, it is just a few minutes' ride to the Mladeč Caves, once inhabited by Cro-Magnons and prehistoric beasts. And then follow your nose! In addition to the Museum of Olomoucké tvarůžky Cheese A. W. and cheese retail outlet, stop by the Tvarůžky Patisserie. Your palate will love their original savoury desserts!



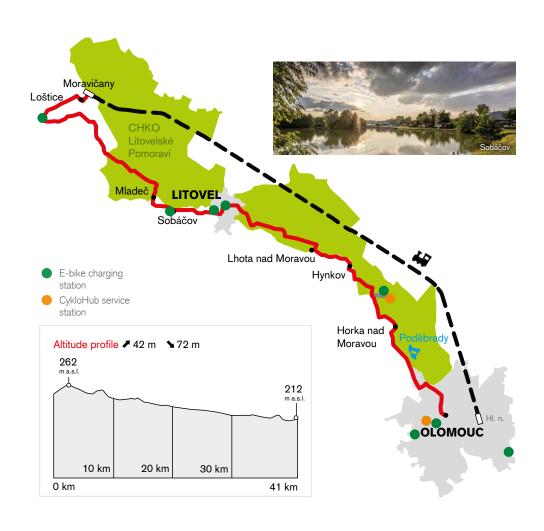
Length: 41 km Total elevation: 42 m **Intensity:** easy Suitable for:











## **Hejčín Trails - Training and Relaxation**



Hejčín Trails in Olomouc are ideal for in-line skating or simply for a walk. After exercising, you can go to Krásná Morava Campground to have a snack as a reward. Or head to Poděbrady Lake for some swimming and relaxation while watching the tranquil surface of the water. And then you can hire a boat or paddleboard at the local boathouse and get those arm muscles busy for a change.

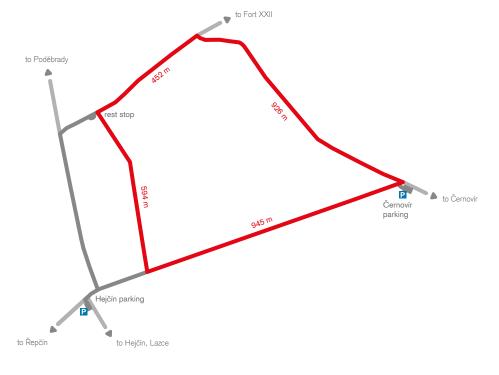
# BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE ROUTE:

Length: 2,9 km
Total elevation: 1 m
Intensity: easy
Suitable for:













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