



ČESKÝ KRUMLOV
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Český Krumlov

A City of Many Faces



A City of Many Faces – one day in Krumlov is not enough



Did you know that the first written record of Český Krumlov as a town dates back to 1309? This charming town experienced its greatest prosperity during the rule of Lords of Rožmberk, who chose Český Krumlov to become the seat of their kingdom. At this time, Krumlov lay on the crossroads between the Czech, Austrian, Bavarian and Northern Italian lands. You can see the influence of these different cultures that have left their mark on the town and Castle with brushstrokes of the Italian Renaissance. At the end of 17th century, during the reign of House of Eggenberg, the Castle Baroque Theatre was built and the Castle Gardens were renovated. Under the rule of House of Schwarzenberg, Český Krumlov gained its Baroque appearance. Český Krumlov's Old Town hasn't experienced major changes since the 19th century, other than the demolition of the town's fortification walls and guard towers, and has maintained its historic character. The town was inscribed in the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1992.

The beauty of architecture and the Renaissance atmosphere unite with the modern art and culture – like in a fairytale. Sgraffito facades, the dominant feature of the castle

tower, exhibitions of contemporary artists, performances of singing stars. Throughout the year, the town lives a colourful life – the aristocracy celebrates, the music of

different genres drifts through the town and castle, ancient stories come about on the stage of the Baroque Theatre or revolving auditorium.

INSPIRING KRUMLOV / inspiration for 3-day stay in Český Krumlov



1st day: Lafran Tour / morning: Castle Český Krumlov * Castle Garden

afternoon: Český Krumlov Monasteries (Tip: Grand tour)

2nd day: Old Town Tour / morning: Egon Schiele Art Centrum * St. Vitus' Church

afternoon: Regional Museum * Flatboats on the Vltava River

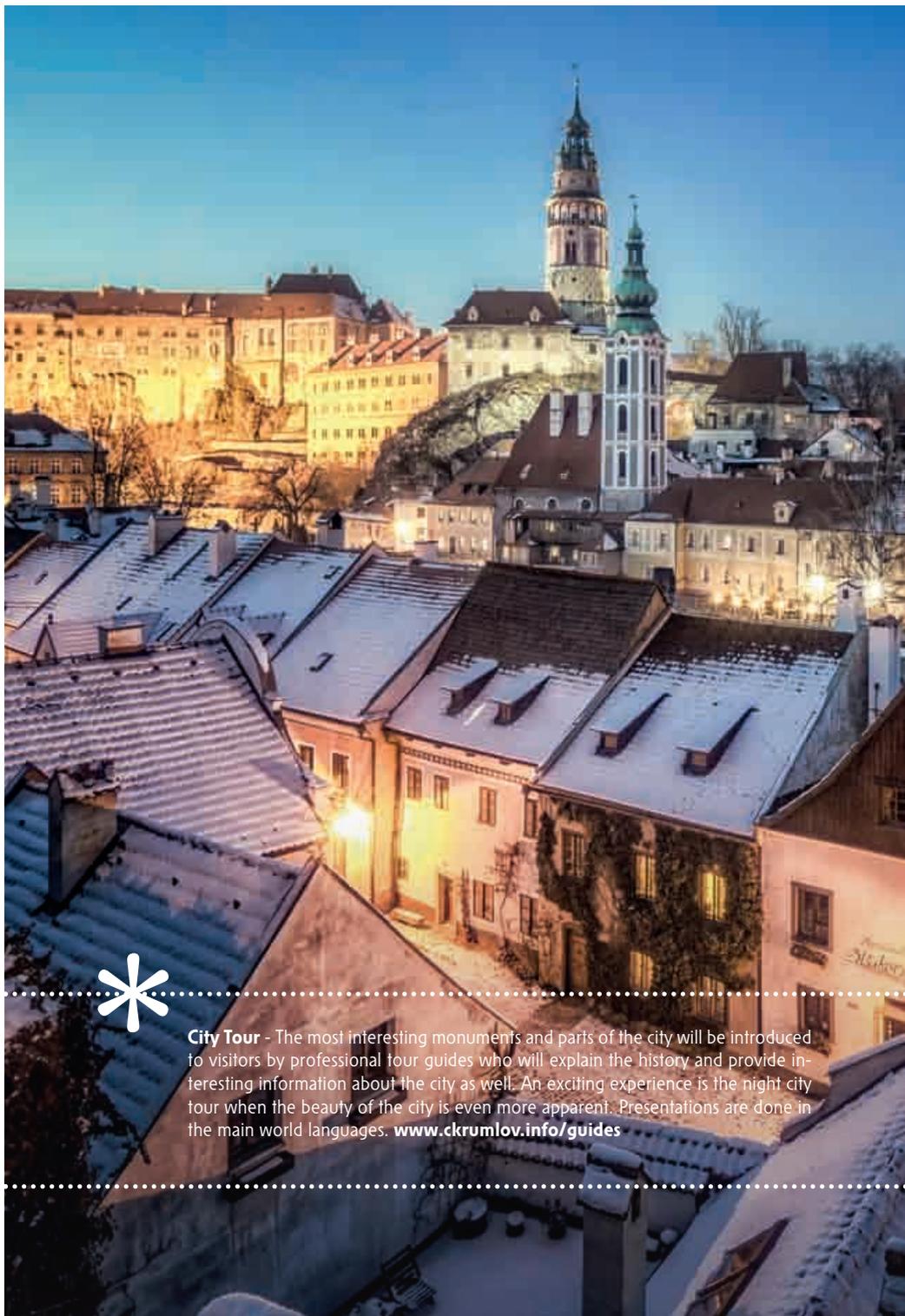
3rd day: Walking tour Southern Meander / morning: Museum Fotoatelier Seidel * Synagogue Český Krumlov

afternoon: Egon Schiele Atelier with the terrace * Town Park

ACCOMMODATION: www.ckrumlov.info/accomodation, **EAT & DRINK:** www.ckrumlov.info/gastronomy

More tips for your stay you can find at www.ckrumlov.info/inspiration

www.ckrumlov.info



City Tour - The most interesting monuments and parts of the city will be introduced to visitors by professional tour guides who will explain the history and provide interesting information about the city as well. An exciting experience is the night city tour when the beauty of the city is even more apparent. Presentations are done in the main world languages. www.ckrumlov.info/guides

Sightseeing in Krumlov



Český Krumlov Castle and Chateau

The dominating feature and the symbol of the town, one of the largest castle complexes in Europe, is impressive from outside and breathtaking from inside. It is not just ostentatious rooms, halls and noble bedrooms that attract every visitor. Due to the fact that the castle caretaker, the smith, the stableman and the apothecary used to live directly in the castle, you can visit even more historical facilities. When you look at the walls in the Masquerade Room, you will appreciate the skills and effort of Josef Lederer, the painter, who managed to complete the decorations in less than six months.



Baroque Theater

At first sight - a rather inconspicuous building in the 5th courtyard. In fact, it is a truly unique structure. Besides the stage, the original equipment remained well preserved and the stage technical

instruments too, so even today you can hear exactly the same thunderstorm or wind as the visitors could perceive during performances more than 250 years ago.



Castle Garden

The pleasant conclusion of the sightseeing tour is a walk in the castle garden with a cascade fountain, French flower beds and a summer house in the rococo style called the Bellarie.

www.zamekceskykrumlov.eu



Český Krumlov Monasteries

A unique triple-cloister, which occupies the second place in the area after Krumlov castle, attracts the general public, especially families and children to the monastic life, culture, history and art of the period and creates an interesting space for knowledge and experience.

www.klasteryck.cz



Synagogue Český Krumlov

Since the beginning of the 20th century, the panorama of the Krumlov spires has been enhanced by a synagogue. It was one of the views that withstood the war, and it was used for worship services by American soldiers and as a storage facility. However, visitors will be convinced that the uniqueness and mystical atmosphere of the site has been preserved. A permanent exhibition presents the history of Jewish culture

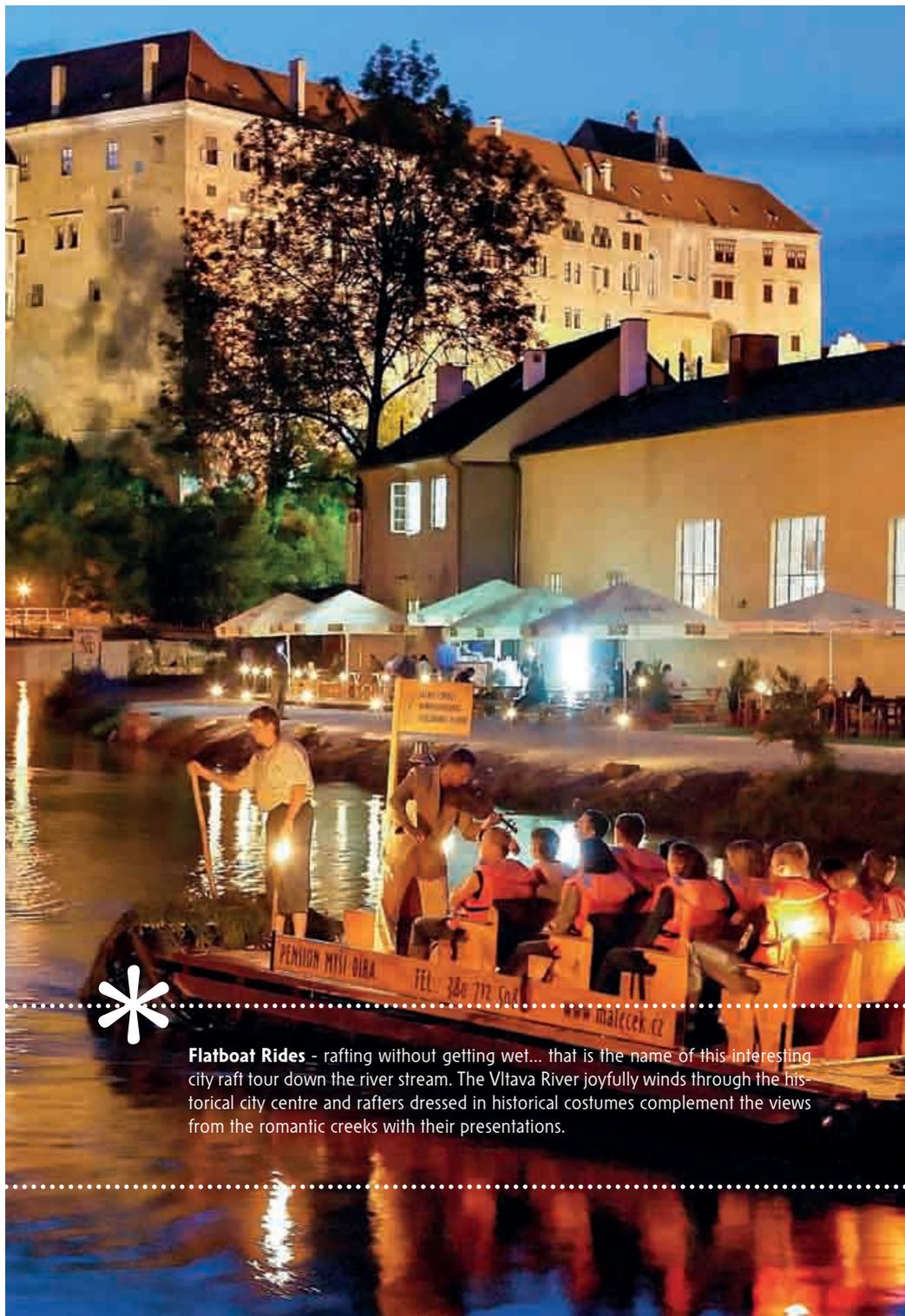
www.ckrumlov.info/synagogue



St. Vitus' Church

Besides the castle tower, the tall and slim Gothic style tower of St. Vitus' Church, built at the beginning of the 15th century, completes the characteristic silhouette of the town. Experts regard it greatly, in particular for the master stone cutters' work, well-visible at the Gothic three-aisled dome.

www.ckrumlov.info/attractions



Flatboat Rides - rafting without getting wet... that is the name of this interesting city raft tour down the river stream. The Vltava River joyfully winds through the historical city centre and rafters dressed in historical costumes complement the views from the romantic creeks with their presentations.

For art and history



Egon Schiele Art Centrum

Historic Český Krumlov has, with its beauty and outstanding location on the banks of the Vltava River, inspired many generations of artists. Its picturesque lanes have obviously been most celebrated by Egon Schiele, a world-famous artist, painter and graphic designer. Try to compare the present shape of the streets with his artistic stylizations when visiting the gallery named after him.

www.schieleartcentrum.cz



Museum Fotoatelier Seidel

If you arrive at the idea that in this perfectly preserved historical locality you find yourself in another time period and that time has stopped right here, you should go to the original Museum Fotoatelier Seidel too and your feelings will be doubled. In the authentic photographic atelier established at the beginning of the 20th century you can admire noteworthy period pictures of Krumlov and its

surroundings and its original technical equipment.

www.seidel.cz



Moldavite Museum

The globally unique semi-precious stones appeared 15 million years ago during the impact of an enormous meteorite on the territory of what is today Bavaria, from where the catastrophic explosion dispersed them up to a distance of 400 km. Visitors can enjoy the story of the Moldavites in the museum's modern interactive exhibit.

www.vltaviny.cz



Egon Schiele Atelier

This cozy house on the bank of the Vltava, surrounded by roses and vines, is a place where several of Egon Schiele's works were created. The painter lived here in 1911 and experienced a period full of good fortune and stormy inspiration. The idyllic mood in the house has continued until today and enables visitors to remember the famous artist's stay.



Regional Museum

A rich array of valuable exhibits on the history of Český Krumlov and its surroundings await you in the Regional Museum, located in the newly-reconstructed Baroque building of the former Jesuit High School. The Museum also features a detailed ceramic model of the Old Town, the largest such model of its kind in the world.

www.museum-krumlov.eu

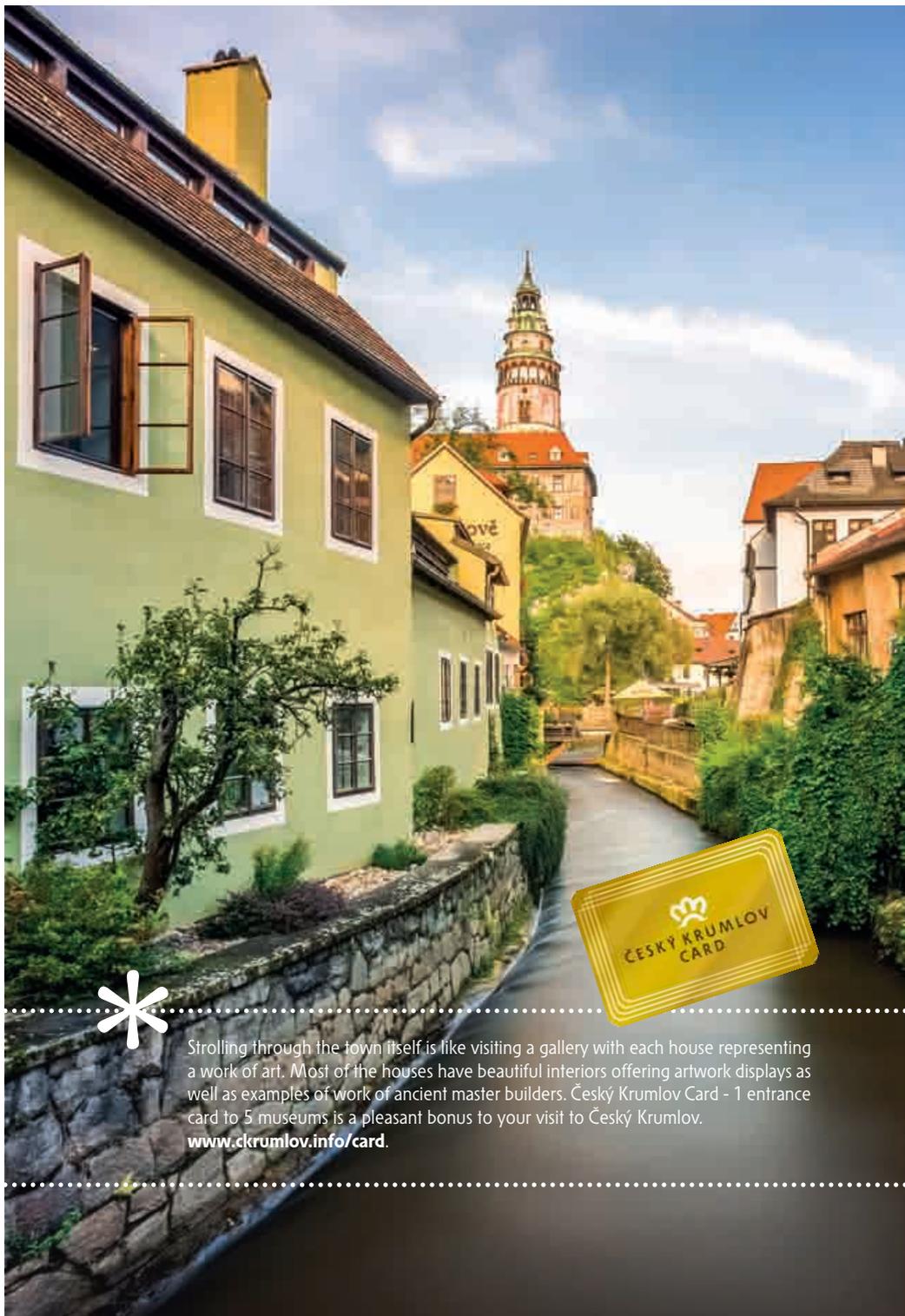


Castle Museum and Castle Tower

Come join us for a trip through time! The Castle Museum brings you to the times of the Lords of Krumlov, Rosenbergs and other noble houses residing in Český Krumlov over the centuries and transforming its appearance. The exhibition is topped off with an ascent to the Castle Tower where you can enjoy a breathtaking view onto the town.

www.zamekceskykrumlov.eu

www.ckrumlov.info/attractions



Strolling through the town itself is like visiting a gallery with each house representing a work of art. Most of the houses have beautiful interiors offering artwork displays as well as examples of work of ancient master builders. Český Krumlov Card - 1 entrance card to 5 museums is a pleasant bonus to your visit to Český Krumlov.
www.ckrumlov.info/card.

Take the children with you!



Interactive Exposition and Craft Workshops in Monasteries

Awake your creativity and enjoy the skills of our ancestors with your children - the work of a medieval scribe, template painting, bake your own crunchy pretzels, make your own bracelet and a lot more. Nothing boring about monasteries!

www.klasteryck.cz



Wax Museum

You can sneak into an ancient pub, take a quick peek into an old alchemist's workshop or admire the skills of medieval craftsmen, in the gripping exposition of wax figures, supplemented with famous members of the Rožmberk clan and other rulers. Here you may meet Peter Vok, Václav Havel, T. G. Masaryk, John Paul II, Michael Jackson and many other famous persons and celebrities.

www.waxmuseumprague.cz/cesky-krumlov/



Graphite Mine

You can discover an unusual adventure, if you take an educational trip into the old graphite mine. The tour will take you through a large labyrinth under the ground. Here you will experience a ride in the original old mining train and then walk on paths where graphite used to be excavated.

www.grafitovydul.cz



Marionette Museum

The melancholy of ancient puppets, coulisses in the former Baroque Church of St. Jošt, and current wood-carving jewels from the National Theatre of Marionettes all wait for the eyes of both children and adults to be filled with fairy-tale dreams.

www.marionetmuseum.cz



Do not forget to take a memorial in the form of a period photo of our grandmother's costumes. Visit the Museum Fotoatelier Seidel and take a century back.

For more inspiration visit www.krumlov.info/children



Fairy Tale House

Children, as well as their parents, will most certainly enjoy the presentation of over three hundred valuable puppets, made even more interesting with thematically-arranged units, various historical legends, and a display of a mechanical theatre created in 1815.

www.krumlovskainspirace.cz

www.krumlov.info/children



Would you like to see your children's eyes radiant with happiness? Take them to a fairy tale! Fabulous Krumlov has a lot to offer. The variety of activities designed for small and older children will make your trip a pleasure both for them and you.

For Festivities and Festivals



Instrumentalists of illustrious names and singing world stars perform every year at the **International Music Festival Český Krumlov**. Just choose one of many excellent performances to enjoy wonderful music. Concerts given as part of the longest musical festival in the country take place in various attractive premises of the town, with the music of a number of genres from the 15th century to the contemporary.



The summer solstice is a big Renaissance celebration. **Five-Petaled Rose Celebrations** are ones of the biggest and best-known festivals of their kind in Europe. You will feel the captivating atmosphere of the Renaissance period during the abundant weekend programme that will leave each visitor with unforgettable memories.



The May Day kiss, a modern custom, at the Svornosti Square, nicknamed the Love Square for the month when the **Magical Krumlov** event is held, could not be sweeter anywhere else. Witches fly over the town, a maypole is erected, various concerts take place and a lantern parade is held.



Enjoy the time of Baroque, visit the **Festival of Baroque Arts** or the Baroque Night at Český Krumlov Castle® within the **Chamber Music Festival**, which is organized close to the 18th century pattern.

If you love theater performances, you should not miss some of the open-air shows held in the castle gardens where you will become a direct participant - an actor - due to the unique **revolving theatre**.

Music, dancing, traditional customs and crafts also accompany the **St. Wenceslas' Celebrations**. The autumn offer of cultural events is complemented by the **Wine Festival Český Krumlov**®. The **advent** and **Christmas season**.

www.ckrumlov.info/culturaltips



Český Krumlov is wrapped in a festive atmosphere full of celebrations and festivals, no matter the season of the year. The wide range will also include folklore, jazz and other modern genres that you can enjoy in the remarkable areas of the Renaissance town.

Holidays in Motion



Water Sports - canoeing has been inseparably linked to the Vltava River, which in turn has its own relations with Český Krumlov. To enjoy pleasant sailing or rafting from Vyšší Brod

to Český Krumlov or even further down the Vltava River via Zlatá Koruna all the way to Boršov, you can rent a raft or a canoe in one of the many boat and raft rental places.

Český Krumlov - in Svachova Lhotka - is situated an 18-hole golf course with a romantic hotel and restaurant in the former country house.

Horseback riding - people who love viewing the world from horseback may enjoy a ride in an indoor or outdoor riding hall, or set out to do a sightseeing loop through the fields.

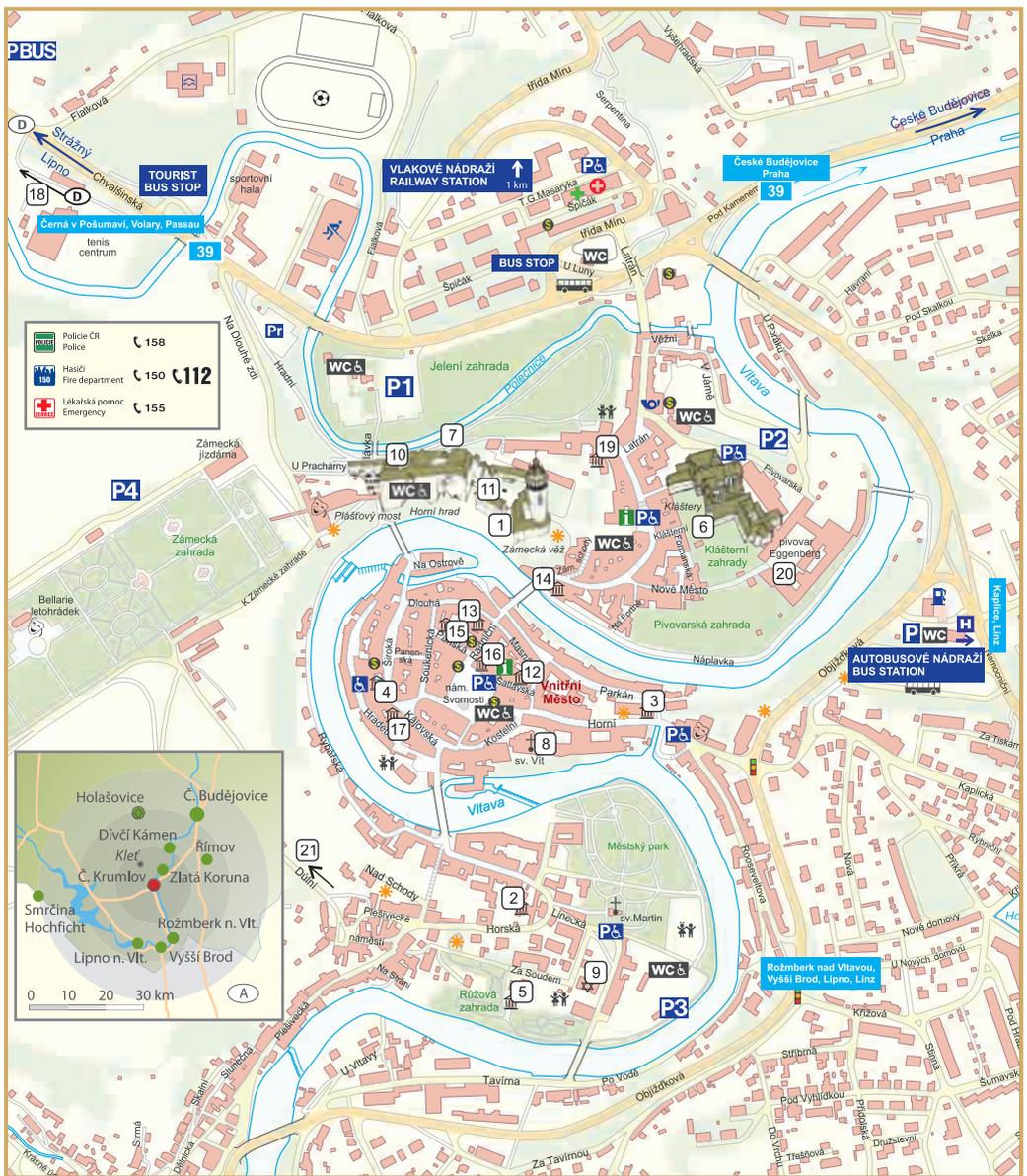
Tennis, Squash, Bowling - lovers of the "white sport" will find outdoor clay courts with night lighting in Krumlov. When the weather is not good, tennis players can play in a sheltered hall that comprises three courses with artificial surfaces and a pleasant restaurant. Another attractive point of your holiday may be a tournament with your friends playing bowling, skittles or squash.



Biking - the slightly hilly landscape of the Český Krumlov region invites you for a ride on a bike or a trip - nordic walking style. Did you leave your bicycle or poles at home? No problem at all! There are several places in the town where you can borrow the sports equipment you need. And then you can set off, to follow some of the trails leading through forests and the countryside full of natural beauties and, often, monuments.

Golf - Krumlov has something for the greens lovers too. Just 5 km from

www.ckrumlov.info/activities



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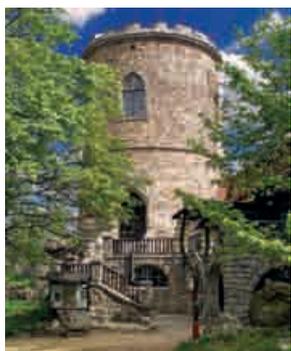
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Places to visit around Krumlov



Rožmberk Castle

The castle is a dominant feature above the turn of the Vltava River that is well known to every water-sports enthusiast - and an unforgettable experience for every visitor who takes a tour around the castle, for example, the night event with a scenic performance. What is more, it is attractive for children, too, since there is a special program designed for them.



Mountain and view tower Klef

On foot, by bike or Nordic walking style, climb the nearby peak of the Blansko Forest and visit the oldest lookout tower in Bohemia. When the visibility is good, you will be rewarded for your "climbing" with the view of the spectacular Alpine panorama. On the way back, you can opt for a comfy ride on scooters – an exciting experience not only for your children.



Monastery Zlatá Koruna

The former monastery is one of the most valuable complex buildings of the Gothic period in central Europe. If you use your imagination a little bit here, you can imagine the life of Cistercian monks many centuries ago.



Monastery Vyšší Brod

The legendary Rosenberg family tomb is hidden in its church, under the flooring. The postal museum that found a refuge in the monastery is also worth visiting.

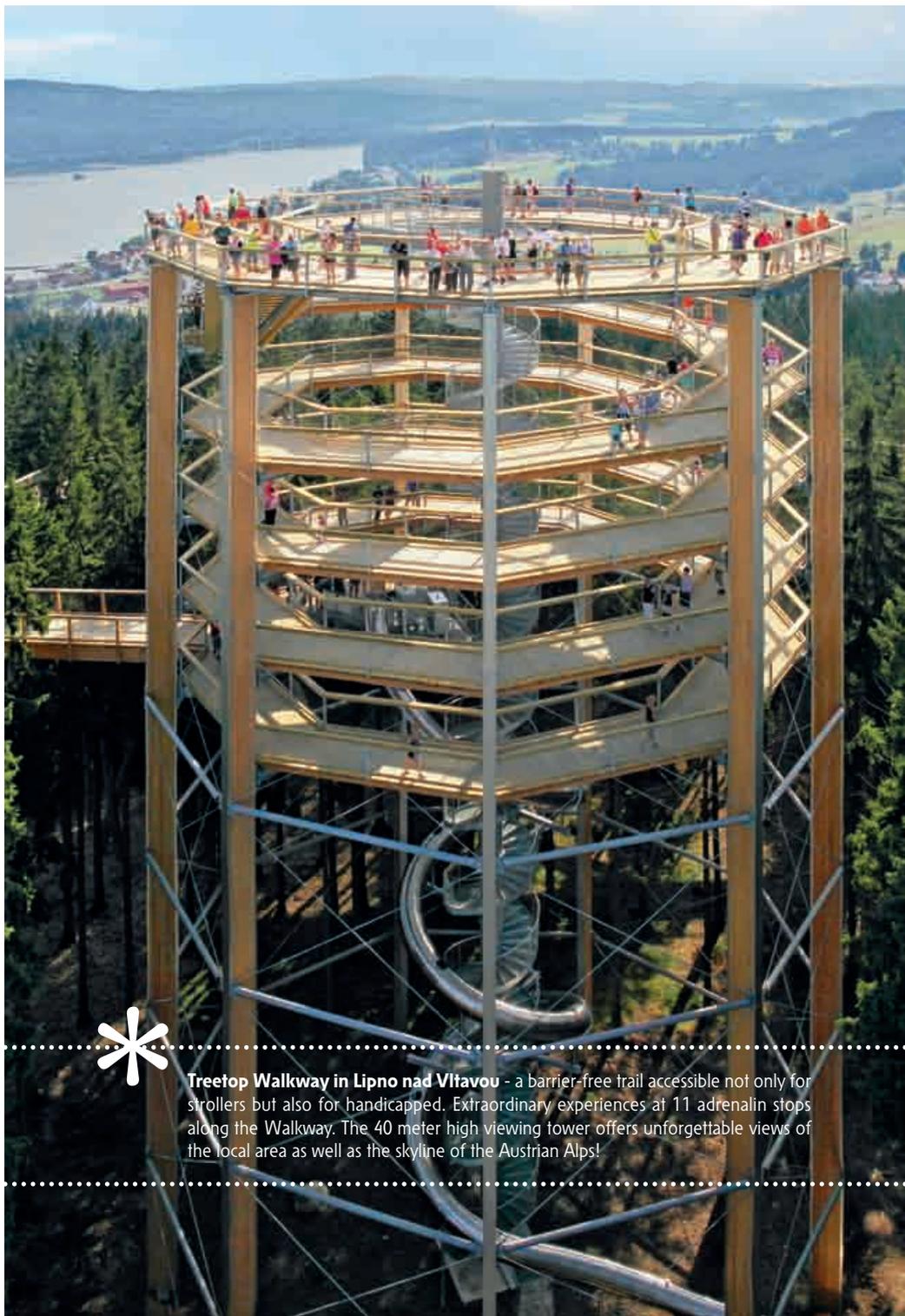


Castle ruine Dívčí Kámen

The largest medieval stronghold ruin in the country, promising a romantic experience. It is situated on top of a high rock cliff above the Vltava valley and Křemežský creek.

Lipno Lake

The entertainment for the whole family, swimming, rides on a boat, yacht activities, fishing or cycling and in-line skating. In winter prepared skiing slopes, perfectly maintained network of cross-country skiing trails or a several kilometers long skating track on the frozen surface. You can experience a pleasant and active day on the banks of the Lipno dam lake.



Treetop Walkway in Lipno nad Vltavou - a barrier-free trail accessible not only for strollers but also for handicapped. Extraordinary experiences at 11 adrenalin stops along the Walkway. The 40 meter high viewing tower offers unforgettable views of the local area as well as the skyline of the Austrian Alps!



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