

Welcome to the Region of Český Krumlov

No matter from what direction you choose to come to Český Krumlov, you will instantly and forever be enchanted by the picturesque landscape and beauty of the entire Český Krumlov region. While you will enjoy the history and the Renaissance atmosphere of the town, the surrounding area offers countless opportunities for hiking, walking, cycling, water sports, golfing or fishing.

The Český Krumlov region allows you to easily combine the cultural activities and comfort that the town offers with active pursuits and discovering the natural attractions of the surrounding countryside. You can explore it on foot, by bike, scooter, boat or car. The architectural beauty of historic Český Krumlov and the fascinating beauty of the surrounding hills, forests, lakes, monasteries and castles are truly captivating. The whole region hides dozens of architectural gems and artistic and natural sights – remains of Celtic settlements, ruins, castles, chateaux, monasteries, churches...

Wandering through the Český Krumlov region will give you so many unforgettable experiences, whether your steps are directed towards discovering something new or entertainment. It is only up to you which direction you decide to take out of town. If you feel like taking a break from Krumlov's history, you can head to the highest peak of the Blanský Forest, the **Klet' Mountain**. It is within easy reach from Krumlov and you can reach it on foot, by bicycle or by chairlift from the village of Krasetín. Provided the visibility is good, you will be awarded by a stunning panorama of the Alps from the lookout tower, which is incidentally the oldest stone lookout tower in Bohemia. The educational nature trail in Třísov will introduce the life of the Celts on the territory of the southernmost **Celtic Hill Fort** in Bohemia and will lead you to the ruins of the **Dívčí Kámen** (Maiden Stone) Gothic castle.

The romantic ruins of the Dívčí Kámen castle, situated on a high rocky promontory above the confluence of the Vltava River and Křemežský brook, is the largest mediaeval ruin in the Czech Republic. Looking at the remains of this once imposing castle, you will get the impression that history and nature come together in perfect harmony. You can also explore the village of **Zlatá Koruna** with its monastery, one of the most valuable complexes of Gothic architecture in Central Europe and learn about the life of the Cistercian monks many centuries ago.

Heading south of Krumlov offers more sightseeing and entertainment. Follow in the footsteps of the Rosenbergs as you head upstream along the Vltava River, where you will, after about twenty kilometres, discover the famous landmark above the Vltava and the cradle of the Rosenberg noble family, **Rožmberk** (Rosenberg) **castle**. In addition to a tour of the castle itself, do not miss the enchanting views from the reconstructed Gothic tower of Jakobínka. You can

also follow the Rosenbergs a few kilometres further to the Cistercian monastery in **Vyšší Brod**, where the legendary family tomb of the founders and protectors of the Vyšší Brod Abbey is hidden under the floor of the church.

The landscape around Český Krumlov invites you to be active. While floating down the Vltava River from Vyšší Brod to Český Krumlov, you will enjoy countless unique views of the surrounding sights and at the same time enjoy the beauty of the local nature. If water doesn't rock your boat, but wheels do, you can cycle along the newly built cycle path towards the military training area of **Boletice**, directly from the centre of Krumlov. Boletice is a relatively large area – a sanctuary for nature and featuring St. Nicholas Church. This originally Romanesque building from the second half of the 12th century, with a late Gothic modification from the end of the 15th century, is considered the oldest sacred heritage site in South Bohemia. The proximity and easy accessibility of the **Lipno Lake** makes Český Krumlov an ideal starting point for trips involving various water and other physical activities.