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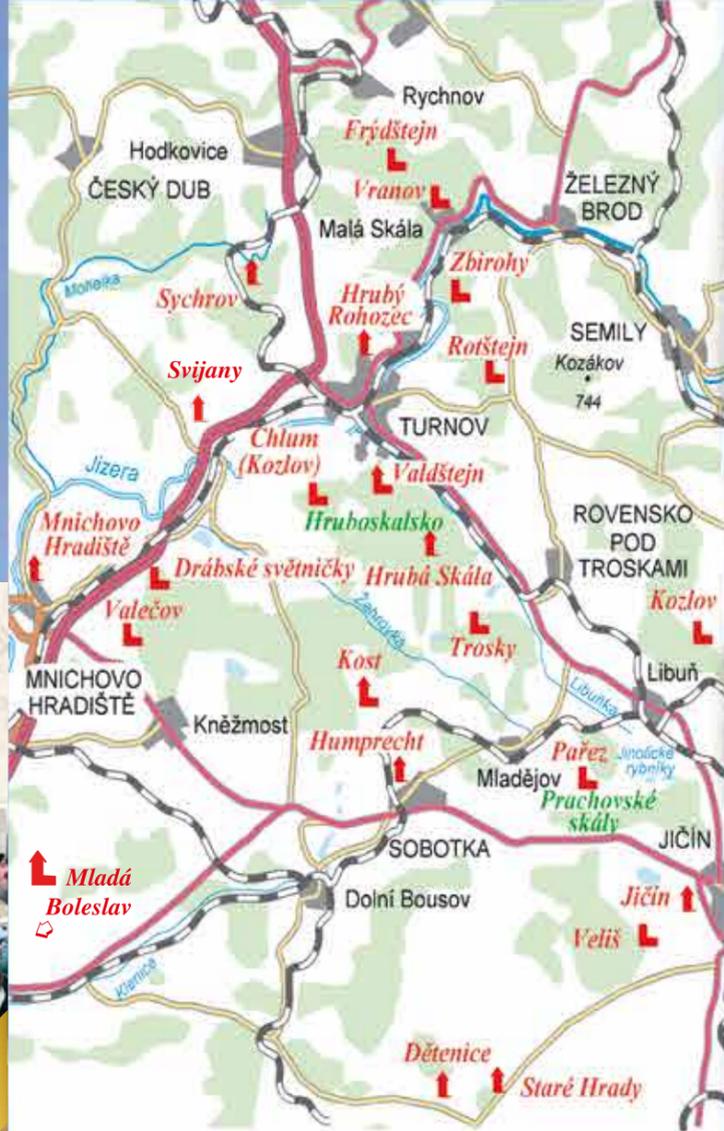
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### Frýdštejn

Frýdštejn is a medieval castle ruin from the 14<sup>th</sup> century that was besieged by the Hussites in vain. The huge cylindrical tower, which rises above the Vranov ridge, was used as the home of witches in a number of film fairy-tales. The Castle of Frýdštejn  
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### Rotštejn

Nowadays this is only the romantic debris of a mid-13<sup>th</sup> century rock castle. Even today we can crawl through the rock rooms carved directly into the rock on several storeys, one above the other. The Castle of Rotštejn, o. s. OKS Klokočí, 511 01 Turnov  
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### Zbirohy

A picturesque castle ruin from the 14<sup>th</sup> century that was originally founded by the noblemen of Lemberk on three sandstone rocks. Michovka, 468 22 Koberovy

### Vranov - Pantheon

There was already a castle on the narrow, steep, rock ridge above Malá Skála here during the 15<sup>th</sup> century. The castle was renovated into a romantic Pantheon at the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and a Neo-Gothic chapel was built here too. The chapel used to serve as a hunting lodge. It is possible to reach the highest rock along the paths, stairs, and foot-bridges. This rock towers more than 130 metres above the level of the Jizera River. 468 22 Malá Skála  
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### Dětenice - chateau

The original fortress was rebuilt as a Renaissance chateau at the end of the 16<sup>th</sup> century. In 1762 - 1765, in the Earl of Kristian Clam-Gallas period, it underwent extensive renovation to resemble its present form. The Order of Maltese Knights acquired the palace at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and Dětenice became the only chateau owned by this Order in Bohemia. It is possible to rent the chateau premises for banquets, receptions, and balls. They are also used for wedding ceremonies. The Chateau of Dětenice, 507 24 Dětenice; Tel.: +420 493 596 132  
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### Mladá Boleslav - castle

Constructions of the castle began in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the 10<sup>th</sup> century, sharing its foundations with an ancient settlement site which covered almost all the entire area of today's Old Town. The castle served as a seat of castle wardens and later it became seigniorial officers' seat and even lords of the manor residence. After the Thirty Years' War, the castle became the town property and it was falling slowly into disrepair. In the middle of the 18<sup>th</sup> century the whole building was rebuilt and used as barracks. It served for military use until 1953. Currently the castle became the seat of the Museum of Mladá Boleslav. Muzeum Mladoboleslavska, Staroměstské náměstí - Hrad 293 01 Mladá Boleslav  
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### Kost - castle

Kost Castle (Bone) is in excellent condition and is one of the biggest and most beautiful castles in the Czech Republic. It has justly become a site much sought-after by film crews. Petr of Vartenberk founded the castle during the 14<sup>th</sup> century on a separated sand-stone rock on a spot located among three marshy valleys and ponds. The strongest part of the castle is the Main "White" Tower, which has an irregular trapezoidal base and therefore, from a certain point, we can see all four of its corners at once. Most of the castle premises are open to the public, including the very attractive black kitchen with its wide range of equipment. Kost Castle (Hrad Kost), 507 43 Sobotka  
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www.kinskycastle.com, www.kost-hrad.cz

### Valečov

The 14<sup>th</sup> century castle, rebuilt and extended in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, is one of our most beautiful rock castles. It is possible to climb up the narrow staircase in the rock to the tower of the castle palace and look out over the whole premises and its surroundings. The Castle of Valečov, Bosen 295 01 Mnichovo Hradiště  
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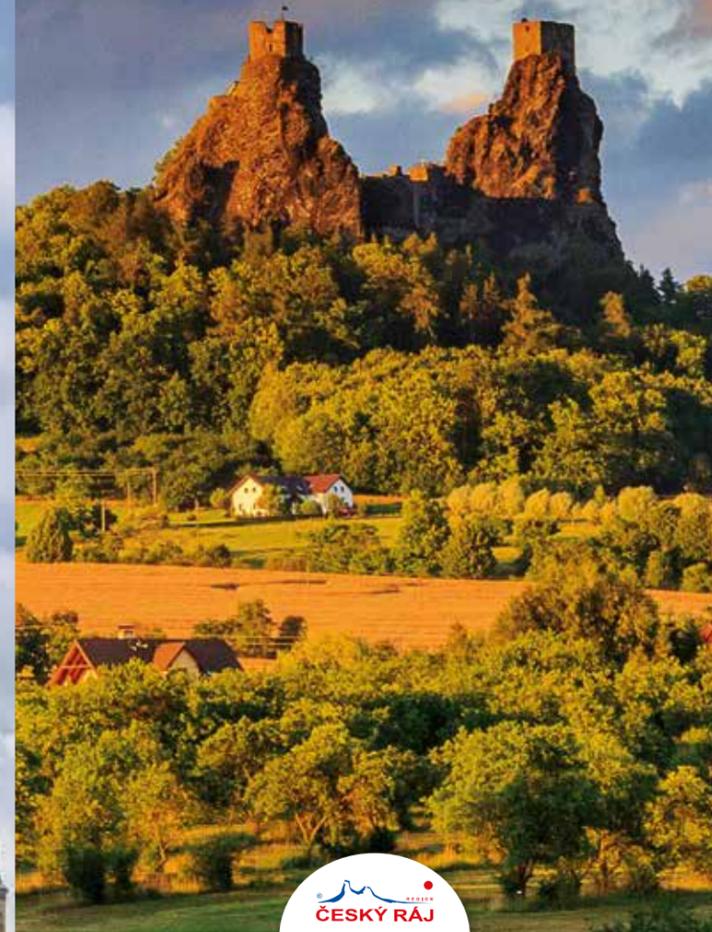
### Hrubá Skála - chateau

Currently, the mansion premises house a hotel and a restaurant. However, you can look at the courtyard and walk up the spiral staircase to the top of the tower with a beautiful view of the whole Rock Town and the Trosky castle. The mansion, originally a castle from the 14<sup>th</sup> century, stands on massive sandstone rocks. The mansion is accessible along a connecting bridge, built over rock clefts, decorated with valuable Baroque sculptures. There are many legends and tales connected with the castle. A well-known fairy tale called Bajaja was shot here. Events for general public are held in the mansion hotel and the place can be used for conferences and weddings. EA Zámecký hotel Hrubá Skála Hrubá Skála 1, 511 01 Turnov  
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# THE CASTLES AND CHÂTEAUX



## Bohemian Paradise



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The beauties of nature and the one-thousand-year long work of man are combined in a unique way in the **Bohemian Paradise**, the landscape with the most beautiful name. Man has added to the wooded hills and valleys containing fabulously-shaped sandstone rocks with a network of paths, fields, meadows and ponds, and monumental castles, as well as simple folk architecture. We can find witnesses to history and ancient legends at every step. Let us set out on a journey round the most interesting castles, châteaux, and castle ruins of the Bohemian Paradise.

#### Sychrov - chateau, national cultural heritage

The Chateau of Sychrov is a gem of the Bohemian Paradise and is among the most popular historical sites in the Czech Republic. Albrecht of Valdštejn acquired the original landed estate's court after the Battle of Bílá Hora (the White Hill). In 1669, the Lamotts became the owners of the estate and built a baroque castle with a tower and a chapel there in the course of 1690-1693. From 1820 onwards the chateau belonged to the prominent French noble family the Rohans. The whole castle was extended and rebuilt in the romantic Gothic style during the second half of the 19th century. There is also a large English park with exotic trees. There are several tours around the sumptuous interiors of the chateau. The collection of Central European

French portrait paintings in the Rohan Gallery is particularly worth visiting. Concerts, theatre performances, night tours, fencing, and compound programmes (falconry shows, period fairs and feasts) are also held on the chateau premises. Several films and fairytales have been shot on the chateau grounds. The chateau is open all-year-round. The State Chateau of Sychrov 463 44 Sychrov Tel. +420 482 416 011 E-mail: sychrov@npu.cz www.zamek-sychrov.cz



#### Valdštejn - castle

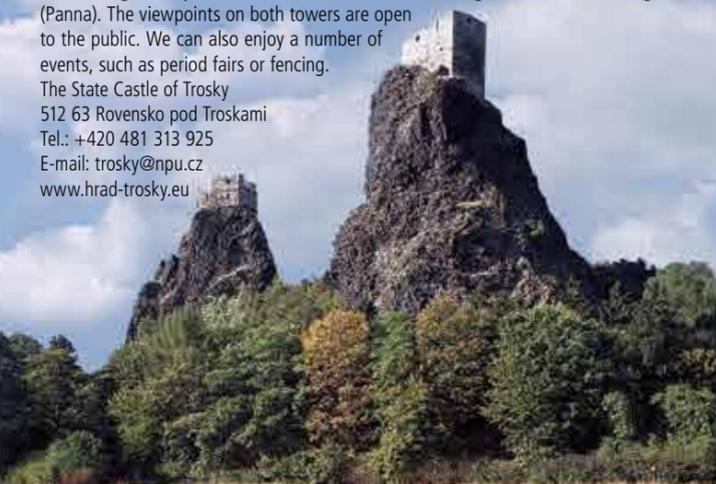
The family castle of Valdštejn was founded in the middle of the 13th century on three sandstone blocks of different height in the rock town of Hrubá Skála ("Rough Rock"). For some time it became a Hussite fort and a den of thieves. It was then divided into an interesting double-castle during the 15th century, and at the end of the 16th century the castle burned down. Albrecht of Valdštejn acquired the Castle after the uprising of the estates. Members of this noble family built a baroque place of pilgrimage in the front part of the castle with the Chapel of St. Jan of Nepomuk, and constructed the unique sculptural decoration of the bridges. Its present look stems from romantic redevelopment in the 19th century during Aehrenthals' times. Another object of interest is a portrait of what is presumed to be Karel Hynek Mácha in the alcove chapel in the first castle-courtyard. Apart from tours of the extensive castle area and the permanent displays on offer, visitors to the castle can also enjoy seasonal exhibitions or concerts, and watch fencing or the training of birds of prey all season. Valdštejn Castle, 511 22 Turnov; Tel.: +420 739 014 104, +420 733 565 254 E-mail: info@hrad-valdstejn.cz, www.hrad-valdstejn.cz

#### Hrubý Rohozec - chateau, national cultural heritage

The mansion, standing on a argillite rock, towers above the Jizera River valley. The early Gothic castle from the end of the 13th century which guarded a merchant road was rebuilt several times - in the Late Gothic, Renaissance and Empire styles. The most beautiful space in the mansion includes the Baroque chapel, library and a Neo-Gothic dining room. Currently, the mansions interiors are being presented in their original appearance from the thirties of the 20th century when the mansion was the seat of its last but one owner, the count Mikuláš Vladimír Des Fours Walderode and his wife Gabriela Karolina (and their sons Maxmilián and Ludvík). Interesting events take place in the mansion premises. The mansion atmosphere is complemented with a natural landscape park with sculptures of saints, dating from the 18th and 19th centuries, and a romantic artificial grotto above the rock precipice, providing a beautiful view of the Jizera River valley. The State Chateau of Hrubý Rohozec, 511 01 Turnov, Tel.: +420 481 321 012, +420 725 181 569, E-mail: hrubyrohozec@npu.cz; www.hruby-rohozec.cz

#### Trosky - castle ruins

The original castle was built on two volcanic tops by Čeněk of Vartenberk in the 14th century. The castle ruins are a characteristic dominant feature of the region and one of the symbols of the Bohemian Paradise. The remains of two towers watch over the surrounding countryside. These are known as "the Old Hag" (Baba) and "the Virgin" (Panna). The viewpoints on both towers are open to the public. We can also enjoy a number of events, such as period fairs or fencing. The State Castle of Trosky 512 63 Rovensko pod Troskami Tel.: +420 481 313 925 E-mail: trosky@npu.cz www.hrad-trosky.eu



#### Mnichovo Hradiště - chateau, national cultural heritage

Albrecht of Valdštejn acquired the original Renaissance chateau, which was built by Vaclav Budovec of Budov on the site of an original fortress from the 15th century, after the Battle of Bílá Hora (the White Hill). The Supreme Imperial Controller Arnošt Josef of Valdštejn had the chateau rebuilt into a representative baroque mansion with a sala terrena, a riding school, stables, and an extensive French park at the turn of the 17th and 18th centuries. The chateau remained in the Valdštejn's hands until the year 1946. The Franciscan Monastery with the Church of Three Kings and the Chapel of St. Anna, where the mortal remains of Albrecht of Valdštejn are placed, also became a part of the baroque premises. There are three different tours prepared for the public. The first tour offers the original interiors of the time with an extensive collection of Delphi faience, as well as Chinese, Japanese, and Meissen china. It is also possible to have a look at the unique Valdštejn Library from Duchcov, which was administered by the world-famous G. Casanova in the 18th century. In the second tour, visitors can see the authentic Empire chateau theatre, where the modern world premieres of baroque operas are performed annually. Finally, we can visit the Church of Three Kings with the Chapel of St. Anna, where baroque sandstone sculptures and the aforementioned Valdštejn Tomb are located. It is possible to organise concerts and theatre performances or to rent rooms for symposiums, concerts, and banquets at the chateau.

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#### Humprecht - chateau, national cultural heritage

Based on the project of the famous Italian architect C. Lurago, Jan Humprecht Černín of Chudecnice had this baroque hunting lodge built during 1667 - 1672 on the site of an original fortress. It was built as an imitation of the Galata Tower in Istanbul on an elliptic plot. The Černín oval hall, which is 16 metres high and which is adorned with beautiful murals, is remarkable for its acoustics - we can experience a multiple echo here. It is also possible to enjoy an enchanting view of the town of Sobotka and its vast surroundings from the wooden gallery around the middle part of the chateau. A wide range of interesting, events are organised on the chateau premises during the season, the concerts in Černín Hall being particularly worthy of note. The Chateau of Humprecht, 507 43 Sobotka Tel.: +420 493 571 583, E-mail: info@humprecht.cz, www.humprecht.cz

#### Staré Hradý - chateau

The originally Gothic castle from the 14th century shows the style of Petr Parléř's buildings with an adjacent Renaissance mansion and the area in front of it. In its heyday it was owned by the duke Albrecht of Valdštejn. In 1960 it was decided to demolish it, however, the enthusiasm of volunteers helped to save the monument and use it further. In 2008, after repairs, the new owners made it accessible to the public, offering untraditional expositions. There is a sightseeing tour in the castle and mansion part called The Life under the Emperor Franz Josef I. The other two sightseeing tours are focused mainly on children, even though the adults too will appreciate the kind humour and hyperboles of the fairy tale of the wizard Archibald I. It is open all year round. Staré Hradý No 1, 50723 Libáň Tel. +420 602 602 265, e-mail: info@starehrady.cz, www.starehrady.cz



#### Jičín - chateau

The Chateau of Jičín in the southeast corner of the square, originally the mansion of Mikuláš Trčka of Lípa, was rebuilt by Zikmund Smiřický into a two-storey Renaissance chateau with arcades after 1608. An explosion of gunpowder in 1620 heavily damaged the building. A new chateau was built in an early Gothic style during the Albrecht of Valdštejn period in 1624 - 1633. Great Italian architects such as A. Spezza, M. Sebregondi, and G. B. Pieroni were involved in the construction. J. Thoma adapted the chateau facade in a late Gothic style. An Empire conference room from the period before 1813 has been preserved, with portraits of representatives of the anti-Napoleon coalition. The Regional Museum and Gallery are located on the chateau premises. In the museum, an extensive display that includes a number of valuable findings records the development and history of the district. The Oratory of St. Jakub Větší and also the new Museum of Play are open to the public. The town itself and its surroundings form a unique sample of urban baroque architecture and composed baroque landscape. The Regional Museum and Gallery, Valdštejnovo náměstí 1, 506 01 Jičín Tel. +420 493 532 204, E-mail: muzeumhry@muzeumhry.cz, www.muzeumhry.cz

