



Southern Bohemia – Southern Moravia

Nostalgic journey by historical steam railway in Czech Canada
“Garden of Europe” – concert in Punkva cave – poetic architecture



A beautiful area with cozy towns that look like they were taken out of a fairytale. All of Southern Bohemia is known for its pretty man-made lakes that are used for breeding fish. The traditional Christmas carp comes from here as well. Come with us and discover the magic of “Czech Canada”, the “Garden of Europe” and other authentic treasures of Southern Moravia.

Day 1

Arrival to **Jindřichův Hradec**, Concertino Hotel. This family hotel opened in 1996 in the historical centre of one of the most beautiful towns in Southern Bohemia. Welcome drink and dinner at hotel.



Day 2 - Jindřichův Hradec – Hluboká nad Vltavou – České Budějovice



After breakfast, departure to **Chateau Hluboká nad Vltavou** and sightseeing. The chateau is the most significant neo-Gothic building of the Czech Republic, known for its luxurious representative halls. The Schwarzenberg family held the chateau for over 280 years.

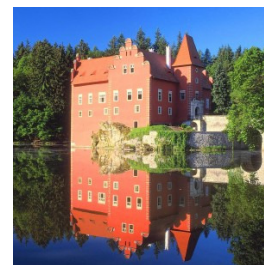
Departure to **České Budějovice**, a former royal town. Beer tasting, lunch. Sightseeing of the old town with its unique large town square, the old town hall, and Samson's Fountain. A walk to the junction of the Malše and Vltava rivers. Free time. Return to **Jindřichův Hradec**. Dinner.

Day 3 - Jindřichův Hradec – Červená Lhota



After breakfast, a sightseeing tour of **Jindřichův Hradec**. The Lords of Hradec decided to have a Gothic castle built here on the grounds of a former fortified settlement. Excursion to **State Castle** and **Jindřichův Hradec Chateau**. Its complex is the third largest of its kind in the Czech Republic. Lunch individually.

Twenty kilometre excursion to the very charming romantic castle of **Červená Lhota**—positioned in the middle of a lake on a rocky island, connected to land by a stone bridge. Return to **Jindřichův Hradec**. Barbecue on the hotel terrace and Czech folk songs.



Day 4 – Nostalgic journey by historical steam railway in Czech Canada – Slavonice – Telč (UNESCO)



A narrow-gauge railway ride through the beautiful countryside called **Czech Canada**. The railway was built in 1887. A small train will take us through the entire national park.

By bus to the village of **Maříž**, which lies in the bordering area of Bohemia, Moravia and Austria. Before 1989 this village was inaccessible, the buildings having turned into ruins. In 1991, the local tradition of ceramic production was founded by artist and

glass-worker Kryštof Trubáček. Possibility to paint your own mug.



Visit to **Slavonice** - a small town located close to the border of Bohemia, Moravia and Austria. Two squares, lined by houses featuring gables graced with graffiti and paintings, reflect the heyday of Slavonice during the Renaissance period.

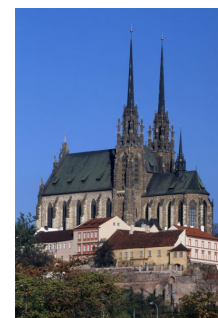
Trip to **Telč**. After 1530, thanks to Italian builders and artisans, Telč had acquired its Renaissance appearance. This most picturesque Moravian medieval town was added in 1992 to the UNESCO World Heritage List. A sightseeing tour of **Telč Chateau**.

Departure to hotel in **Brno**. Dinner.

Day 5 – Brno – The Moravian Karst – concert in Punkva Cave

Visit to **Brno**—the second largest city in the Czech Republic located on the juncture of the Svatava and Svitava rivers. Trip to Brno from the **Spilberk Castle**. It was founded in 1270 as a royal castle protecting the town of Brno. Later it was used as a stronghold and, in the 17th century, as a prison for political prisoners and the most dangerous criminals.

The Gothic **Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul** (*katedrála sv. Petra a Pavla*)—another dominant feature of the city of Brno and the most important sacred building. It is located on the presumed site of the former Brno castle. The **Vegetable Market** (*Zelný trh*) and the **Parnas fountain** (*Kašna Parnas*) are located in the historical centre. The **Reduta Theatre** (*Národní divadlo*) is the oldest theatre in Brno (1670).



The oldest secular building in Brno is the **Old Town Hall** built around the year 1240. The richly decorated Old Town hall portal is the work of Antonín Pilgram. Visit to the **Church of St. James** (*kostel sv. Jakuba*) (1220) and the **Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary** (*kostel Nanebevzetí panny Marie*).



In the early evening, a departure to **Moravian Karst**, the most remarkable karst area in the Czech Republic. In 1956 it became the Protected Landscape Area of Moravian Karst. It has more than 1100 caverns and gorges, but only four caves are open to the public. The **Macocha Abyss** is more than 138 m deep and is one of the biggest gorges of its kind in the world. By cable car to

the **Punkva Caves**. In this fabulous setting on the lakeside, a private concert awaits you. Romantic water cruise on the underground River Punkva. Late dinner at the restaurant **Skalní Mlýn**. Departure to hotel in Brno.



Day 6 – The “Garden of Europe” (UNESCO)

Visit to the “**Garden of Europe**” (Lednice-Valtice complex) and the beautiful **Pálava Landscape**. Pálava is a protected landscape area and a biosphere reservation registered under UNESCO. A walk to the Nové Mlýny water reservoir and to the picturesque town of **Mikulov** located in the centre of the wine-growing region.



Valtice – the town with the romantic **Colonnade** right in the vicinity of the present day Czech-Austrian border. Unique view of the Pálava and Mikulov vineyards.

Another significant architectural monument of the Lednice-Valtice area built by the Liechtenstein family is the **Little Border Chateau** (*Hraniční zámeček*). A light meal.



Departure to the town of **Lednice**. Visit to the Neo-Gothic **Lednice Chateau** set in beautiful parkland. The most popular dominant feature of the park is the **Minaret**, an approximate 60 metre high watchtower.



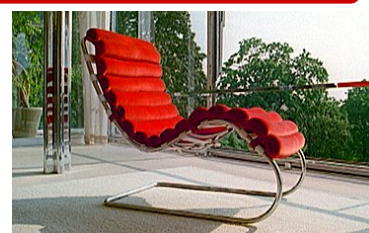
In the late afternoon, a visit to the **Free Federal Republic of Kraví Hora**. Enjoy your dinner with typical Moravian melodies, Slivovice and wine. Return to **Brno**.



Day 7 – Tugendhat Villa Brno – Slavkov



By bus to **Villa Tugendhat**, one of UNESCO Cultural World Heritage Sites since 2001. This monument of modern world architecture by the German architect Ludwig Mies van der Rohe reflects the avant-garde trends of the 1920s.



Departure to **Austerlitz** (*Slavkov*) —the town and the castle. The Kounic family Renaissance manor, under the inspection of the Italian architect Domenik Martinelli, took more than 50 years to construct.



By bus to **The Cairn of Peace** (*Mohyla míru*). Memorial of the Battle of Austerlitz (1805). Brief tour of the Pozořice Old Post Office built in 1785. Emperor Napoleon spent a night here after a battle in November 28, 1805. A tasting of the local speciality *Kouli z kanonu* (Cannonball). Return to **Brno**.

Day 8

Breakfast and departure.