

Broumov

Náchod District · Czech Republic

TRAVEL GUIDE

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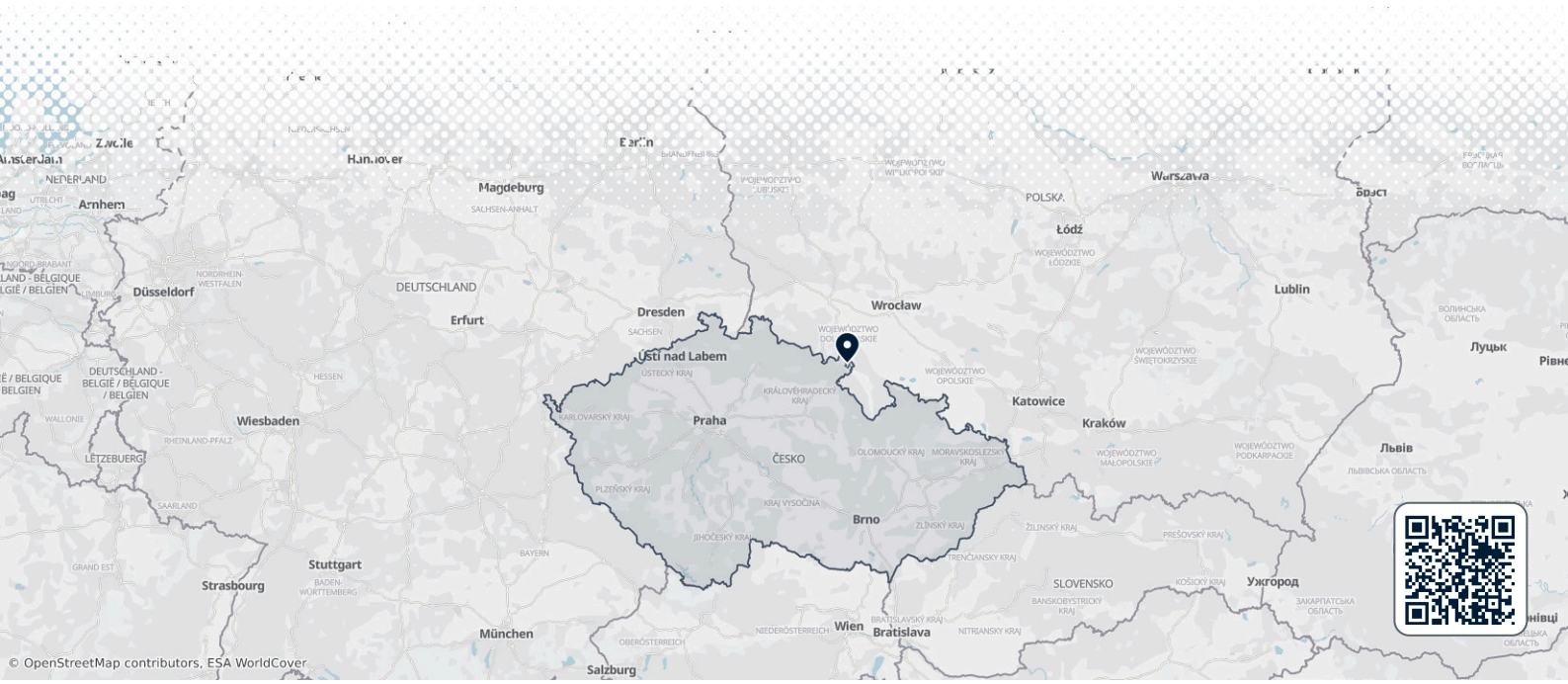


Overview

Broumov is a small town in the far north-east of Bohemia, almost surrounded by the Polish border. It grew up around a large Benedictine monastery, and the monastery still dominates the town today. Its Baroque halls, a copy of the Shroud of Turin and one of the oldest wooden churches in Central Europe make it a strong stop for anyone interested in history and architecture.

The town is also the base for the Broumovsko Protected Landscape Area, a region of sandstone rock towns, forested ridges and quiet villages with Baroque churches. It suits a slow trip of two or three nights that mixes one day of culture with long walks in the rocks. The writer *Alois Jirásek* went to school at the monastery.

When to visit

Late spring to early autumn is the best time. Summer is mild and green, which is ideal for hiking in the rocks. Winters are cold and snowy, and some sights keep shorter hours or close outside the main season.

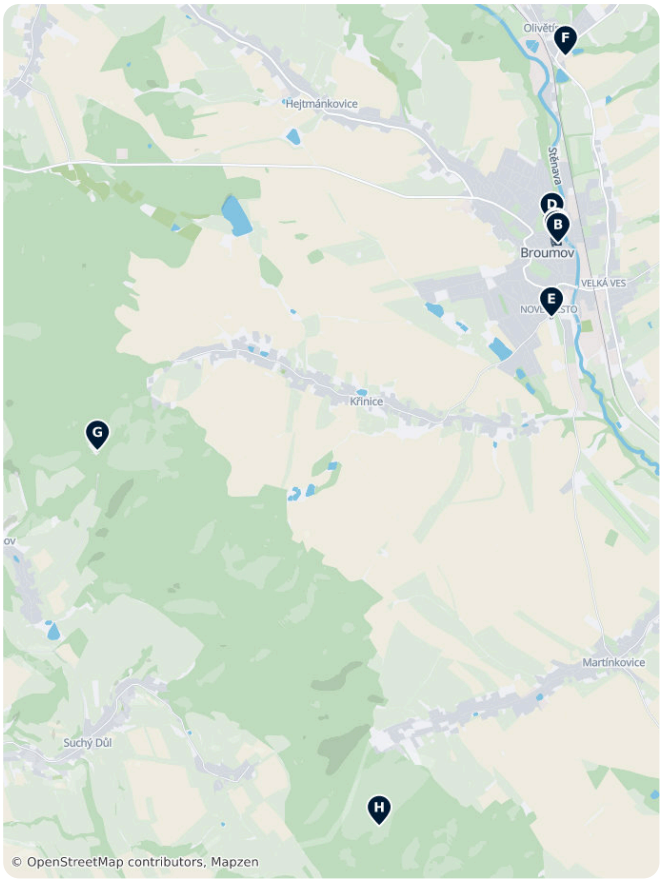
The main season also brings **Za poklady Broumovska**, a summer series of classical concerts held in the Baroque village churches around Broumov. It is a good reason to plan a summer weekend here.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	0° / 6° Feels like -6°	-6° / -16°	13 rainy days · Dry air
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	2° / 9° Feels like -4°	-5° / -15°	12 rainy days · Dry air
March	Poor Poor for sightseeing	6° / 15° Feels like 1°	-2° / -9°	12 rainy days · Dry air
April	Good Good for cycling	12° / 20° Feels like 8°	2° / -4°	Dry air
May	Good Good for cycling	17° / 24°	7° / 2°	15 rainy days · Dry air
June	Great Great for sightseeing	21° / 28°	11° / 6°	14 rainy days · Dry air
July	Good Good for sightseeing	23° / 30°	13° / 9°	16 rainy days
August	Great Great for sightseeing	24° / 30°	13° / 8°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
September	Good Good for hiking	19° / 26°	9° / 3°	Dry air
October	Good Good for hiking	13° / 20° Feels like 9°	4° / -2°	Dry air
November	Poor Poor for sightseeing	6° / 13° Feels like 1°	0° / -6°	Dry air
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	1° / 7° Feels like -5°	-4° / -14°	13 rainy days · Dry air

Best months: June, August

Climate data: NASA POWER (MERRA-2) · 1996–2025

Top sights



A Broumov Monastery is the heart of the town. The Baroque complex was rebuilt by the architects *Christoph* and *Kilian Ignaz Dientzenhofer*. Guided tours show the grand halls and the refectory with a historic copy of the Shroud of Turin.

B Church of St. Adalbert is the monastery church. Its rich Baroque interior has painted ceilings, carved altars and a fine pulpit.

C Muzeum Broumovska occupies part of the monastery. It tells the story of the town and the region, from the Middle Ages to the textile era.

D Monastery Garden is the restored Baroque garden behind the monastery. It is a quiet place for a break and often hosts exhibitions and events.

E Wooden Church of the Virgin Mary stands in the town cemetery, a short walk south of the centre. Built from massive oak beams without nails, it is one of the oldest wooden churches in Central Europe.

F Broumov Brewery Museum sits in the brewery in the Olivětín district. The brewery was founded by the Benedictine monks, and the museum shows old brewing tools and machinery.

G Chapel of Our Lady of the Snows (Hvězda) crowns the ridge of the Broumov Walls about 5 km west of town. The Baroque chapel has a star-shaped plan and wide views over the Broumov basin and into Poland.

H Broumovské stěny is a long sandstone ridge with rock towers, gorges and viewpoints. Marked trails make it an easy half-day walk from the chapel.

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What to experience

A visit here is about quiet landscapes and old traditions.

- **Take a night tour of the monastery**: In July and August, evening tours show the halls by lamplight.
- **Attend a summer church concert**: The Za poklady Broumovska series brings classical music to the Baroque village churches around the town.
- **Watch the sunset from Hvězda**: Walk the ridge of the Broumov Walls and stay for the evening light over the basin.
- **Cross the border on foot**: Marked trails lead from the Broumov area into Poland's Table Mountains without any formalities.

Day trips

Broumov sits close to some of the best rock scenery in Central Europe. The Broumov Walls are covered in top sights; the trips below go farther and are listed from nearest to farthest.

- **Police nad Metují** — about 10 km south-west, ≈20 min by car or train. A small town with its own Benedictine monastery and a quiet square.
- **Adršpach-Teplice Rocks** — ≈25 min by car to Ⓐ Adršpach. Adršpach-Teplice Rocks is a maze of huge sandstone towers, narrow gorges and a small lake. Entry is paid. In the main season, buy tickets online in advance and arrive early.
- **Szczeliniec Wielki, Poland** — ≈40 min by car across the border. The highest point of the Table Mountains National Park, with stairs and paths through dramatic rock formations.
- **Náchod** — about 30 km south, ≈45 min by car or train. A border town with a large castle above the centre.
- Ⓑ **Nové Město nad Metují** — ≈50 min by car. A pretty hilltop town with a castle and gardens above the Metuje valley.



Where to explore

Broumov is part of a wider area that is worth exploring by car or regional train.

- For rock towns and hiking, head to Broumov Walls and Adršpach.
- Heading south, Nové Město nad Metují has a hilltop castle and a fine square.
- Hradec Králové is the regional capital and the main rail hub on the way to Prague.

Getting there

- **By air**: There is no airport nearby. Wrocław in Poland is about 2 hours away by car. Prague Airport is about 2.5–3 hours by car and longer by public transport.
- **By train**: Regional trains link Broumov with Meziměstí, Police nad Metují and Náchod. Change in Náchod or at the junctions beyond it for Hradec Králové and Prague. The whole trip from Prague takes about 3.5–4 hours. The station is a 10-minute walk from the monastery. Plan with České dráhy.
- **By bus**: Regional buses connect Broumov with Náchod, Police nad Metují and nearby villages. Direct long-distance buses from Prague are few.

Getting around

- **On foot**: The old town and the monastery are compact. You can reach every in-town sight on foot, including the wooden church.
- **Buses and trains**: Regional buses and trains belong to the IREDO system. You can pay with a contactless bank card on board most services. See IREDO.
- **To the rocks**: Buses to the rock areas are infrequent, especially at weekends. A car or bike gives much more freedom.
- **Tourist information**: Region Broumovsko lists trails, events and opening hours.
- **Cycling**: The Broumov basin has quiet roads and marked cycle routes. Expect hills whenever you leave the valley floor.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The compact old town and monastery are easy to explore on foot.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

Quiet roads and marked routes, but hilly outside the valley floor.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: Yes, if you want to see the rocks and villages. Public transport to the trailheads is limited. In town, you do not need a car.
- **Parking**: There is parking near the main square and near the monastery. Paid car parks serve the trailheads at Hvězda and the Adršpach rocks.
- **Restrictions**: Nothing special applies in town. Some rock areas limit car access and can fill up on summer weekends.

Food & drink

Local food is simple, hearty Czech fare. Look for roast pork with dumplings, game in autumn and fruit dumplings in summer. The local beer is Opat, brewed at the monastery-founded brewery in the Olivětín district, next to Broumov Brewery Museum.

Most places to eat cluster around the main square, Mírové náměstí, and in the streets near the monastery. Village inns near the rocks serve good lunches for hikers.

What to eat & drink

LUNCH

Fruit Dumplings · Ovocné knedlíky
Sweet dumplings filled with seasonal fruit (like plums or apricots), topped with cottage cheese and sugar.

DINNER

Svíčková · Svíčková na smetaně
Marinated beef sirloin in a creamy vegetable sauce, served with bread dumplings and cranberries.

Goulash · Guláš
A hearty stew, typically made with beef, onions, and paprika, often served with bread dumplings or potatoes.

Roast Pork with Dumplings and Cabbage · Vepřo knedlo zelo
A traditional Czech dish of roast pork, bread dumplings, and sauerkraut or stewed cabbage.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Fried Cheese · Smažený sýr
A thick slice of cheese, breaded and deep-fried, usually served with fries and tartar sauce.

Potato Pancakes · Bramboráky
Crispy pancakes made from grated potatoes, flour, and spices, often served as a side dish or a snack.

Chlebíčky
Open-faced sandwiches on slices of white bread, elaborately decorated with various toppings.

Fried Cauliflower · Smažený květák
Breaded and deep-fried cauliflower florets, similar to fried cheese but made with cauliflower.

SWEETS & DESSERTS

Trdelník
A sweet pastry made from rolled dough, wrapped around a stick, grilled, and topped with sugar and walnut mixture.

DRINKS

Pilsner Urquell · Plzeňský Prazdroj
The world's first pale lager, originating from the city of Pilsen, known for its crisp, refreshing taste.

Becherovka
A traditional Czech herbal liqueur with a distinctive bitter-sweet taste, often enjoyed as a digestif.

Kofola
A popular Czech herbal cola-like soft drink, often described as having a unique, slightly medicinal flavor.

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Safety & health

Broumov is a safe, quiet town with little petty crime. The main risks are outdoors. Paths in the rock areas can be steep, narrow and slippery after rain, so wear proper shoes and stay on marked trails. Climbing on the rocks is regulated and allowed only for trained climbers. Ticks are common in the forests from spring to autumn, so check yourself after a hike. Tap water is safe to drink.

History

In 1213, the Bohemian king gave this remote border area to the Benedictine monks of Břevnov in Prague. They founded Broumov Monastery, and a market town grew around it. In the 1420s, the monks from Prague fled here from the Hussite wars, and the town was besieged but never taken.

In 1618, a quarrel over a Protestant church in Broumov became one of the sparks of the Thirty Years' War. A century later, the Dientzenhofer architects rebuilt the monastery and many village churches in Baroque style. The churches of the Broumov region still show this golden age today.

After 1945, the mostly German-speaking population was expelled. Under Communism, the monks left and the monastery fell into decline. It has since been restored and reopened as a centre for culture and education.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for the Czech Republic at a glance:

CURRENCY
CZK Kč

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY

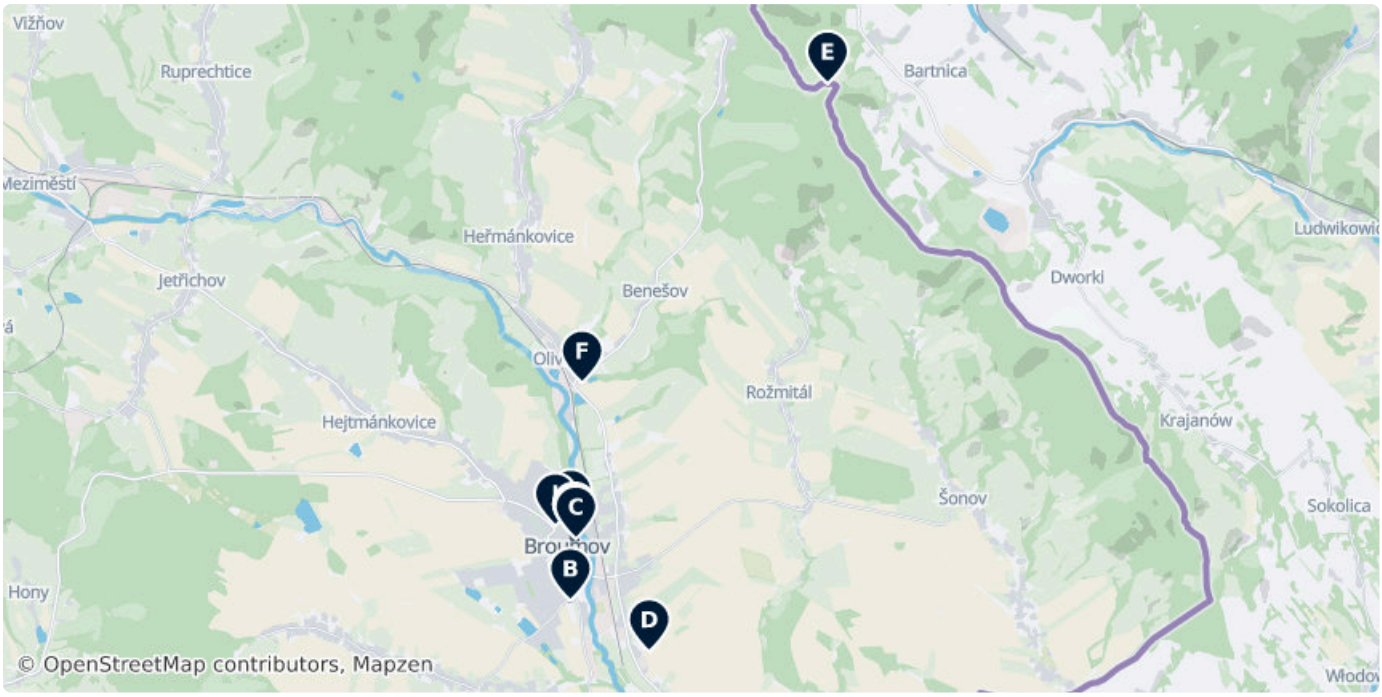
Type C / Type E
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
Czech

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Broumov Essentials

Broumov is defined by its massive Benedictine monastery, a Baroque masterpiece by the Dientzenhofer family, and the unique 15th-century wooden cemetery church. Beyond these landmarks, the town features the Olivětín brewery, one of the oldest in the country, and a regional museum exploring the area's rich history. The surrounding landscape is marked by the Three Lords' Stone at the Polish border and a revitalized monastery garden, blending ecclesiastical history with traditional Czech brewing and borderland heritage.





A Broumov Monastery

Baroque Benedictine monastery redesigned by Kilián Ignác Dientzenhofer. It houses a historic library with 17,000 volumes and a rare 17th-century copy of the Turin Shroud.

1 Klášterní, Broumov 55001, Czech Republic (50.58658, 16.33360)

klasterbroumov.cz



B Church of Saint Mary

Dating from approximately 1450, this is the oldest surviving wooden church in the Czech Republic. It was constructed without nails and features a distinctive shingled roof and painted interior ceilings.

176 Křinická, Broumov 55001, Czech Republic (50.57950, 16.33292)



C Church of Saint Adalbert

A high Baroque monastery church decorated with intricate stucco work and frescoes. It forms the architectural centerpiece of the Benedictine complex.

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(50.58637, 16.33388)

D Farma Wenet

A family-run farm and zoo featuring a variety of domestic and exotic animals, including llamas, camels, and water birds.

(50.57385, 16.34672)

Mar-Aug Mo–Su	10:00–17:00
Sep-Feb Mo–Su	10:00–14:00

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E Trójpański Kamień / Třípanský kámen

A historical boundary stone from 1732 located on the Czech-Polish border in the Javoří Mountains, marking the meeting point of three historic estates.

57-451, Poland (50.63686, 16.37793)



F Broumov Brewery Museum

Located within the Olivětín brewery, this museum showcases the history of brewing in Broumov since 1348, featuring vintage equipment and a traditional malting floor.

55 třída Osvobození, Olivětín 55001, Czech Republic
(50.60368, 16.33496)

Sep-May Mo–Fr	10:00, 12:00
Jun Mo–Fr	10:00, 12:00
Jul-Aug Mo–Sa	10:00–16:00

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G Monastery Garden

A revitalized Baroque monastery garden featuring a gallery, a historic water tower, and a wooden bridge connecting the grounds to the main complex.

226 Klášterní, Broumov 55001, Czech Republic
(50.58823, 16.33300)

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H Broumov Region Museum

Regional museum situated in the monastery's former abbey, documenting the history, nature, and folk culture of the Broumov region.

(50.58673, 16.33361)

Tu–Su 08:30–12:00, 12:30–16:30

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I městský úřad

The town hall of Broumov, originally a Renaissance building located on the central Mírové Square.

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(50.58783, 16.33029)

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