

Cesky Krumlov

Czech Republic

TRAVEL GUIDE

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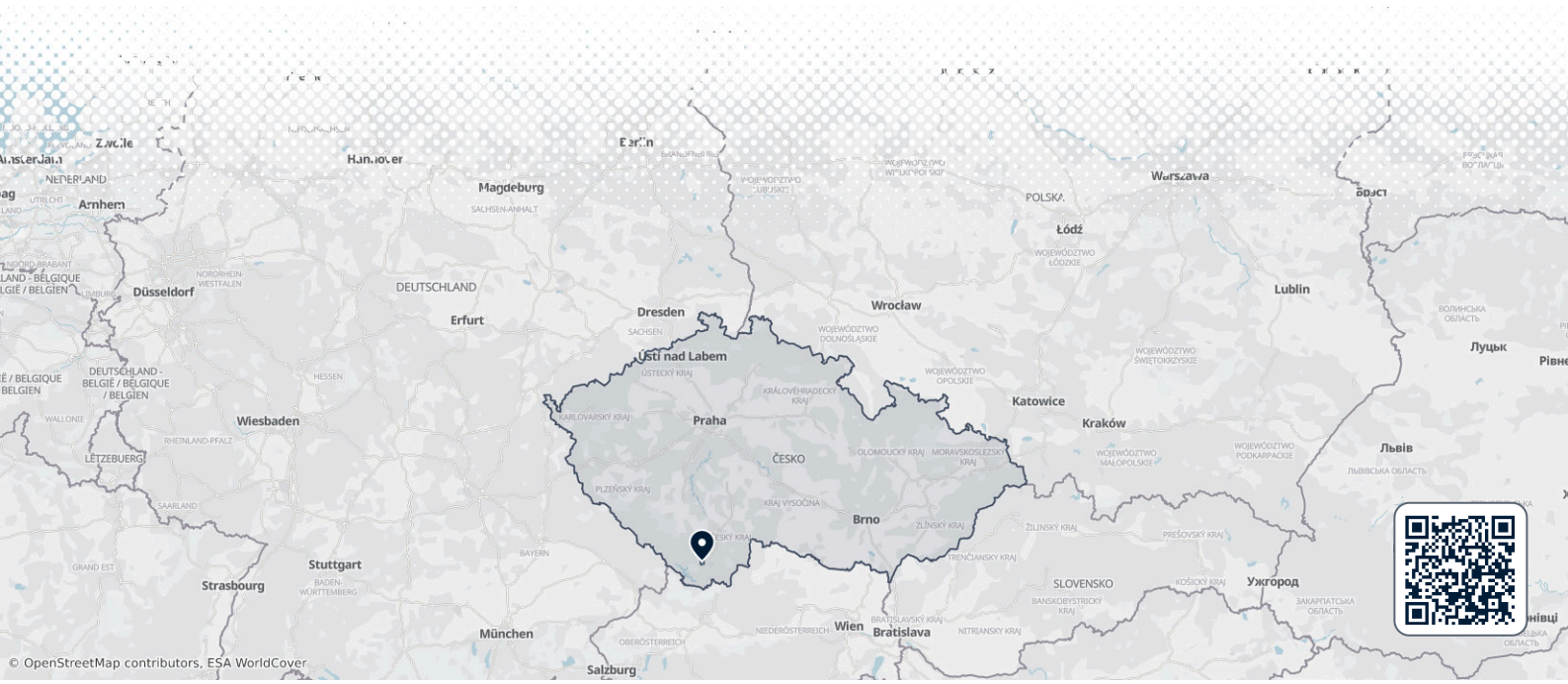

Overview

Cesky Krumlov is a picturesque town in the South Bohemian region of the Czech Republic. Its Historické centrum Českého Krumlova, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is known for its well-preserved medieval and Renaissance architecture. The town is nestled around a meandering bend of the Vltava River, with a prominent castle complex overlooking the water.

This destination suits travelers looking to explore history, culture, and scenic beauty. It offers a distinct atmosphere with its narrow, winding streets and historic buildings, making it a popular stop for visitors to the country.

When to visit

Cesky Krumlov is charming year-round. Spring and autumn offer mild weather and vibrant natural beauty. Summers are warm with the highest rainfall. Winters are cold and often snowy, creating a picturesque setting for festive markets.

Consider visiting in June for the **Five-Petalled Rose Festival**. This major historical celebration transforms the town with medieval pageantry and events.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor	1° / 8° Feels like -4°	-5° / -14°	Dry air
February	Poor	4° / 11° Feels like -2°	-4° / -14°	Dry air
March	Poor	8° / 17° Feels like 4°	-1° / -7°	Dry air
April	Fair	14° / 22° Feels like 10°	3° / -3°	Dry air
May	Good	19° / 26°	8° / 2°	14 rainy days · Dry air
June	Good	23° / 30°	12° / 6°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
July	Good	25° / 32°	13° / 9°	16 rainy days
August	Great	25° / 32°	13° / 8°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
September	Great	20° / 27°	9° / 4°	Dry air
October	Fair	14° / 22° Feels like 11°	5° / -2°	Dry air
November	Poor	7° / 15° Feels like 3°	0° / -6°	Dry air
December	Poor	2° / 9° Feels like -3°	-4° / -12°	Dry air

Best months: August, September

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

Top sights

A Historické centrum Českého Krumlova is a UNESCO World Heritage site built around the meandering Vltava River. Explore its charming medieval streets and well-preserved historic architecture.

The multi-story B Plášťový most connects different parts of the castle complex. It offers picturesque views of the town and river below.

Visit C svatý Vít, a prominent late-Gothic church dating back to the 15th century. Its impressive interior features historical frescoes and a grand altar.

Step back in time at D Museum Fotoateliér Seidel, a unique museum preserving an early 20th-century photography studio. It offers a glimpse into the region's past through its extensive photo archives.

Wander through the expansive E Zámecká zahrada, a Baroque-Rococo garden with fountains and pavilions. It provides a peaceful escape from the bustling town center.

Climb the iconic F Zámecká věž for panoramic views over the winding Vltava River and the red-tiled roofs of the town. It is one of Český Krumlov's most recognizable landmarks.

Experience a unique open-air theatre performance at G Otáčivé hlediště Český Krumlov. The revolving auditorium uses the natural castle gardens as its dynamic stage.

The H Budějovická brána is one of the last remaining medieval gates. It marks the historical entrance to the town from the direction of Budweis.



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What to experience

Beyond its sights, Český Krumlov offers unique activities that connect you with its history and natural beauty.

- **See a show at the Revolving Auditorium**: Catch a summer theatre performance at the unique Otáčivé hlediště Český Krumlov set in the castle gardens.
- **Raft or canoe on the Vltava River**: Experience the town from a different perspective by floating past the historic buildings.
- **Visit the castle bears**: Observe the resident bears in the Medvědí příkop beneath the castle.
- **Tour Pivovar Eggenberg**: Learn about traditional brewing and sample local beers.
- **Hike or take the funicular to Kleť**: Enjoy panoramic views of the region from the Kleť rozhledna after a scenic journey.

Day trips

Explore the charming South Bohemian region surrounding Český Krumlov with these rewarding day trips.

- Ⓐ **Lipno nad Vltavou**: Drive or take a bus for about 30–40 minutes to the Lipno Dam lake. This area offers water sports, cycling, a tree-top walk, and a bobsled track.
- **České Budějovice**: Reach the regional capital in about 25-30 minutes by bus. Explore its large main square, historic arcades, and visit the original Budweiser Budvar Brewery.
- **Hluboká nad Vltavou**: This fairytale-like castle is about 45 minutes by bus or car from Český Krumlov. It is known for its neo-Gothic architecture and extensive gardens.
- **Třeboň**: A historic spa town surrounded by fishponds, about an hour away by bus. Enjoy its picturesque square, chateau, and the Schwarzenberg Tomb.



Where to explore

Beyond the charm of Cesky Krumlov, the surrounding region offers more to explore.

For outdoor activities, head to Lipno nad Vltavou. This village sits on the Lipno Dam lake, a popular spot for water sports, cycling, and hiking, especially during summer. In winter, it transforms into a ski resort.

Getting there

- **By air** Cesky Krumlov does not have its own commercial airport. The most practical international gateways are Prague (PRG) and Vienna (VIE). From Prague, direct buses or trains reach Cesky Krumlov in about 2.5 to 3 hours. From Vienna, expect a 3 to 4-hour journey by bus or train.
- **By train** The town's train station offers regional connections. Direct trains run from České Budějovice, where you can transfer to services for Prague.
- **By bus** Long-distance buses provide frequent connections from major cities. Direct services are available from Prague and České Budějovice, often faster than trains.

Getting around

- Cesky Krumlov has a local bus network. Tickets are typically purchased directly from the driver. Cash is widely accepted. For route information, consult the national transport planner. IDOS (Czech Public Transport)
- Local taxi services are available. Ride-hailing apps like Uber or Bolt are generally not common in Cesky Krumlov.
- The historic center of Cesky Krumlov is compact and best explored on foot. Cycling is a good option for exploring the scenic Vltava River valley and the surrounding countryside.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The compact and largely pedestrianized historic center of Český Krumlov is exceptionally walkable and pleasant to explore on foot. While some surrounding areas might have inclines, the core tourist areas are very accessible.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

While the historic center is charming on foot, cycling infrastructure is limited. Some areas are hilly, and dedicated bike lanes are not extensive, though cycling is possible for recreational purposes.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?** A car is not essential for exploring Český Krumlov's compact, walkable town center. It is useful for day trips and touring the wider South Bohemian region.
- **Parking** Paid car parks are available just outside the historic town center. Street parking is very limited.
- **Restrictions** The Historické centrum Českého Krumlova is primarily a pedestrian zone with restricted vehicle access.

Food & drink

Cesky Krumlov offers traditional Czech cuisine. Expect hearty dishes such as roast pork, goulash, and various dumplings. Local beer is a staple. Many restaurants are found within the Historické centrum Českého Krumlova. Look for eateries along the Vltava riverbanks and in the narrow Old Town streets. For a historical experience, visit Pivovar Eggenberg. It has been brewing since the 16th century and includes a restaurant.

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Safety & health

Český Krumlov is a very safe town for visitors. Serious crime is rare. Like any popular tourist destination, petty theft like pickpocketing can occur. This is most common in crowded areas or on public transport. Keep an eye on your belongings, especially in busy squares or around major attractions. Always confirm prices before ordering or purchasing items.

Tap water in Český Krumlov, as in the rest of the Czech Republic, is safe to drink.

History

Český Krumlov's history is deeply tied to its impressive castle, which dominates the town. The settlement grew around this stronghold, first mentioned in 1253. The powerful Rožmberk family ruled for 300 years. They greatly expanded the castle and shaped the town's Renaissance character.

The town's rich past is visible in its architecture. The Gothic svatý Vít was built between 1407 and 1438. The multi-story Plášťový most is a key part of the castle complex. The Židovská synagoga preserves a photography studio dating back to 1908-1909. Historické centrum Českého Krumlova became a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1992. This recognition preserves its unique medieval and Renaissance heritage.

Country facts

Here are some 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

Walks

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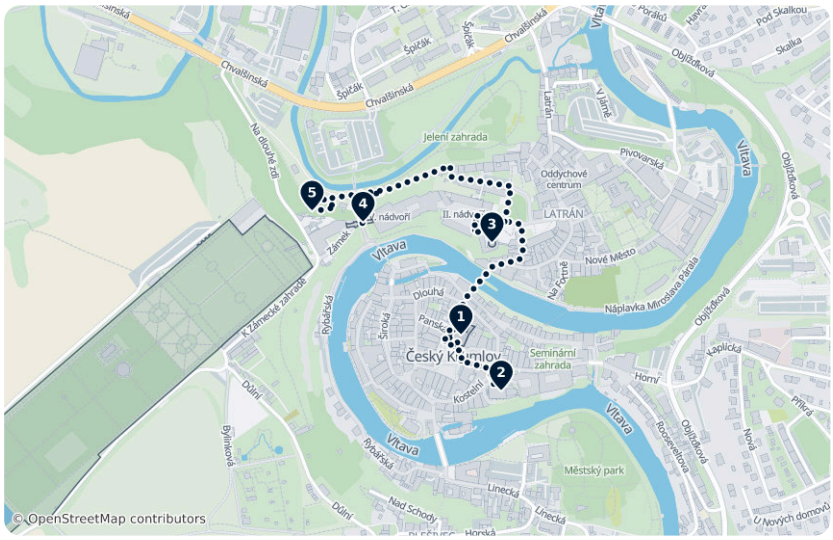
Best of Český Krumlov

50min · 1.4 km · 5 stops



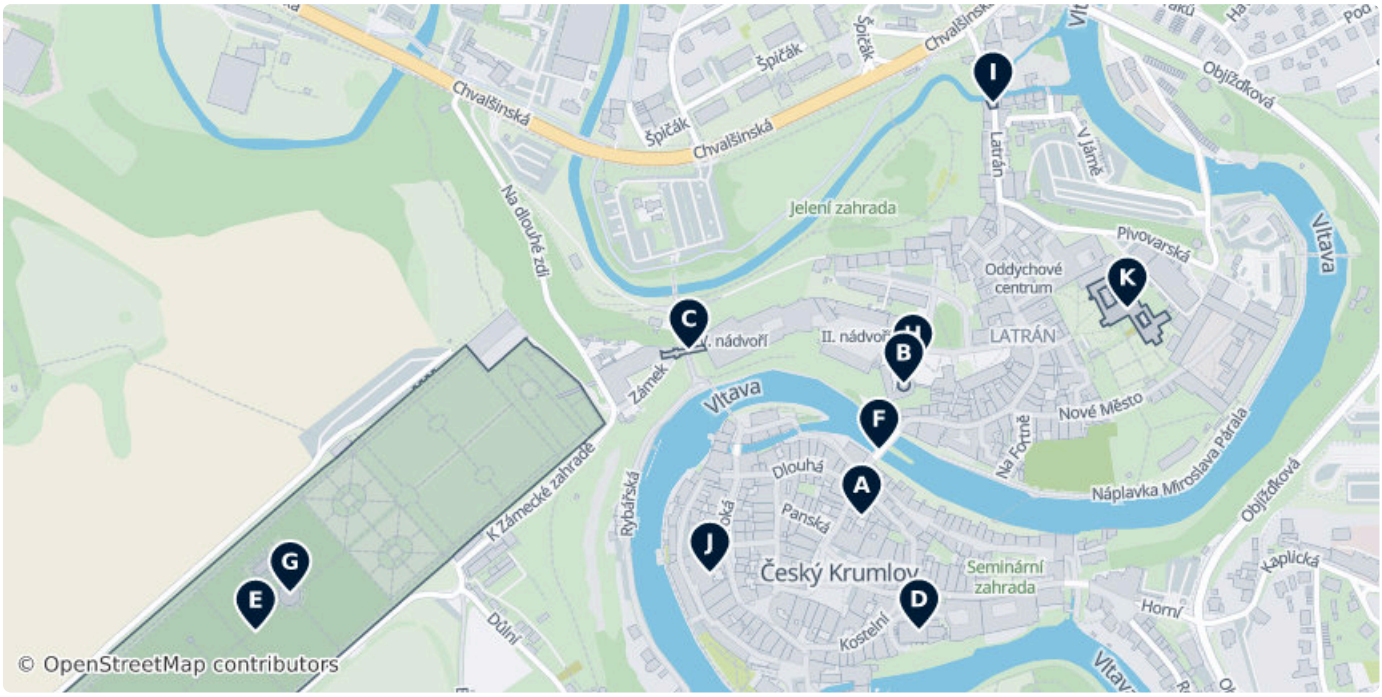
1. Náměstí Svornosti & the Old Town Hall
2. St. Vitus Church
3. The Castle Tower
4. Cloak Bridge
5. The Castle Garden

Walk the tight medieval streets of Central Europe's best-preserved small Renaissance town, from its Gothic-Renaissance main square to the castle towering above the river Vltava. See the icon of the skyline up close from the Castle Tower, cross the dramatic multi-level Cloak Bridge, and finish at the entrance terrace of the castle's Baroque garden. Start on náměstí Svornosti, the town's main square.



Český Krumlov Essentials

Explore the architectural heritage of Český Krumlov through its most significant landmarks. This list features the 13th-century state castle complex, including its iconic round Renaissance tower and the multi-story Cloak Bridge. Discover the late-Gothic Church of St. Vitus, the expansive Baroque castle gardens with a unique revolving theater, and the historical Latrán district. The selection also covers the town's artistic side at the Egon Schiele Art Centrum and its spiritual history within the 14th-century Minorite monastery complex.





A Historic Centre of Český Krumlov

A part of UNESCO's World Heritage, this beautiful town built around the meandering Moldau is the second most visited place in the country –...

26 Radniční, Český Krumlov 38101, Czech Republic
(48.81116, 14.31536)



B Castle Tower

A six-story Renaissance tower featuring 162 steps and a gallery offering panoramic views. The exterior is decorated with 16th-century illusionist frescoes by Bartoloměj Beránek.

3 Latrán, Český Krumlov 38101, Czech Republic
(48.81232, 14.31592)

Jun 29-Aug 31 Mo–Th	09:00–17:30
Jun 29-Aug 31 Fr–Sa	09:00–18:30
Jun 29-Aug 31 Su	09:00–17:30
Sep 01-Oct 31 Mo–Su	09:00–16:30
Nov 01-Dec 20 Tu–Su	09:00–15:30

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C Cloak Bridge

A massive three-story stone bridge spanning the castle moat. Built in the 18th century, it provides a covered passage connecting the castle courtyards with the Baroque theater and gardens.

63 U Prachárny, Český Krumlov 38101, Czech Republic (48.81262, 14.31304)

castle.ckrumlov.cz/docs/en/zamek_5nadvori_plmost.xml



D Saint Vitus

St. Vitus Church in Český Krumlov, Czech Republic, is an important late-Gothic monument from 1407 to 1438, with later modifications.

160 Horní, Český Krumlov 38101, Czech Republic (48.81015, 14.31612)

farnostck.bcb.cz



E Castle Garden

This 17th-century Baroque garden spans 11 hectares and features a tiered Rococo fountain, the Bellarie summerhouse, and a unique outdoor revolving auditorium.

38101, Czech Republic (48.81014, 14.30724)

Mo–Su 07:00–17:00

zamek-ceskykrumlov.cz/cs/informace-pro-navstevniky/pr...



F Lazebnický Bridge

A wooden pedestrian bridge connecting the Latrán district with the Old Town. It features a 19th-century bronze statue of St. John of Nepomuk and a wooden crucifix.

102 Parkán, Český Krumlov 38101, Czech Republic (48.81174, 14.31559)

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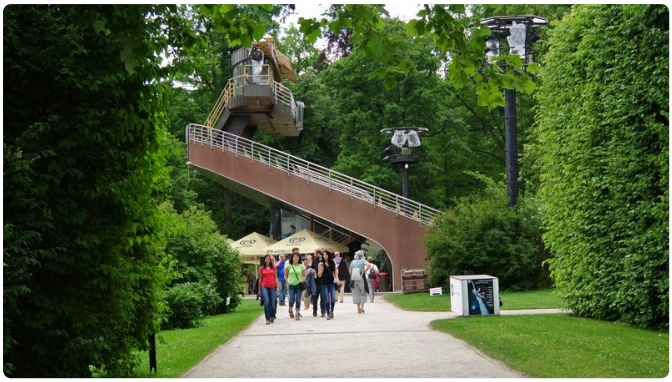

G Revolving Theatre Český Krumlov

This unique structure set in the park of the Český Krumlov chateau enables the actors and spectators to share a unique outdoor theatre...

Zámecká zahrada, 381 01 Český Krumlov, Czech Republic (48.81048, 14.30770)

otacivehlediste.cz, +420 386 711 222

H Bear trench

A traditional moat located between the first and second castle courtyards where bears have been bred since the 16th century, reflecting the Rožmberk family's heraldic connection.

(48.81249, 14.31604)



I Budějovice Gate

Built between 1598 and 1602, this is the only remaining gate of the original nine city fortifications. It features a Renaissance facade and a sundial on its northern side.

104 Latrán, Český Krumlov 38101, Czech Republic (48.81480, 14.31712)

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J Egon Schiele Art Centrum

Housed in a former 16th-century brewery, this gallery features permanent exhibitions on Egon Schiele's life and work, alongside rotating displays of 20th and 21st-century art.

Široká 71, 38101 Český Krumlov, CZ (48.81065, 14.31332)

schieleartcentrum.cz, +420 380 704 011



Minoritský klášter

A 14th-century double monastery complex of the Minorite and Clare orders. It showcases a blend of Gothic and Baroque architecture, including a rare Baroque altar and a peaceful cloister.

Pivovarská, 381 01 Český Krumlov, Czechia
(48.81299, 14.31892)

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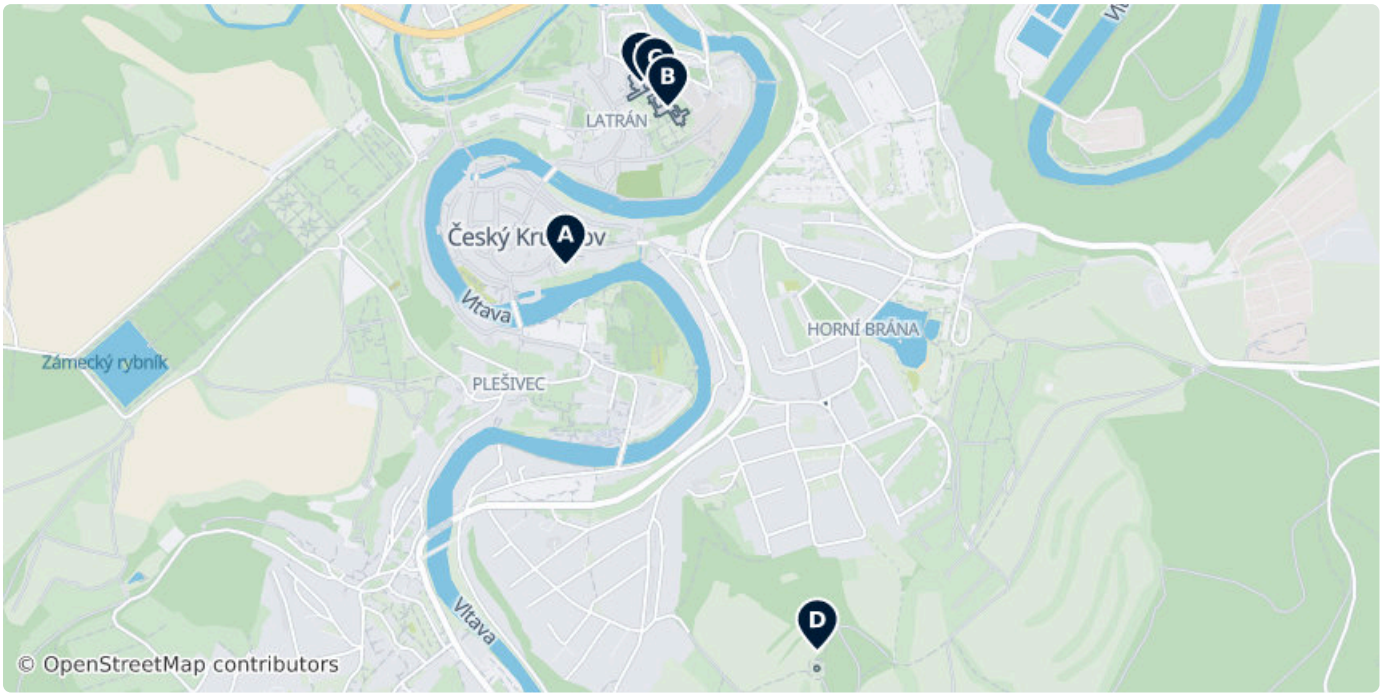
Christian Heritage

This collection highlights the religious landmarks of Český Krumlov, centered on the landmark Saint Vitus Church, a late-Gothic monument from the early 15th century. It features the unique double monastery complex founded in 1350 by the Rosenberg family for the Minorite and Poor Clare orders. The list also includes the Baroque stations of the cross at Horní Brána, representing the town's enduring pilgrimage traditions and the architectural transition from Gothic foundations to later ecclesiastical modifications.





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B Minoritský klášter

A double monastery founded in 1350 by the Rosenberg family. The complex served both the Minorite and Poor Clare orders until its dissolution in 1950, featuring a blend of Gothic and Baroque architectural elements.

Pivovarská, 381 01 Český Krumlov, Czechia (48.81299, 14.31892)

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C Boží Tělo a Panna Marie

The primary church within the Minorite monastery complex, serving as a central place of worship since the 14th century. It houses historic altars and religious art characteristic of the region's ecclesiastical history.

50 Klášterní, Český Krumlov 38101, Czech Republic
(48.81332, 14.31857)

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D Sedm zastavení bolesti Panny Marie

A series of Baroque shrines located in the Horní Brána district. These seven stations depict the Seven Sorrows of the Virgin Mary and serve as a traditional pilgrimage route on the southeastern edge of the city.

Přídolská, 381 01 Český Krumlov, Czechia
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E Klášter klarisek

Established in 1350 as part of a unique double monastery complex, this section was dedicated to the Order of Saint Clare. It forms a significant part of the town's medieval religious architecture.

55 Latrán, Český Krumlov 38101, Czech Republic
(48.81343, 14.31819)

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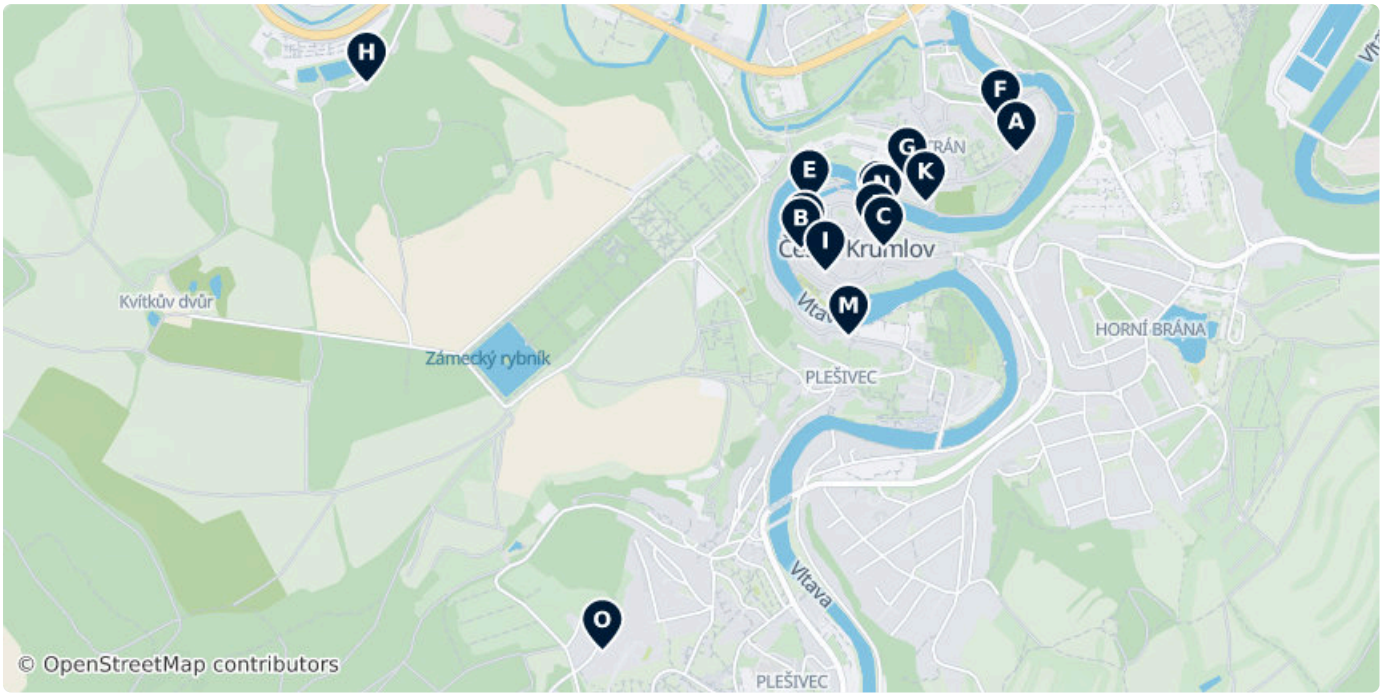
Local Crafts & Cuisine

Discover the culinary and artistic heritage of Český Krumlov through its most authentic venues. This collection features the historic Brewery Eggenberg and medieval-style taverns like Krčma Šatlava, housed in a former town jail. Explore the Egon Schiele Art Centrum, located in a 16th-century brewery building, alongside specialty cheese shops and traditional craft workshops. These locations offer a direct connection to South Bohemian traditions, from charcoal-grilled meats in former Gothic stables to regional woodworking.





A Brewery Eggenberg

Pivovar Eggenberg is a brewery in Český Krumlov, Czech Republic.

27 Pivovarská, Český Krumlov 38101, Czech Republic (48.81264, 14.32006)

eggenberg.cz, +420 380 711 426



B Egon Schiele Art Centrum

Large gallery housed in a former 16th-century brewery. It features a permanent exhibition on Egon Schiele's life and work alongside rotating displays of 20th and 21st-century international art.

Široká 71, 38101 Český Krumlov, CZ (48.81065, 14.31332)

schieleartcentrum.cz, +420 380 704 011



C Krčma Šatlava

Medieval-themed tavern located in a former town jail. The kitchen features an open fire grill used for preparing traditional meats and regional dishes within a historic stone-walled interior.

Šatlavská, 381 01 Český Krumlov, Czechia (48.81069, 14.31591)

Mo–Su 11:00–24:00

satlava.cz, +420 380 713 344

D Krčma U Dwau Maryi

Restaurant in a restored 16th-century house serving "Old Bohemian Feast" platters based on historic recipes. It includes a riverside terrace with views of the castle.

104 Parkán, Český Krumlov 38101, Czech Republic (48.81143, 14.31574)

Mo–Su 11:00–22:00

2marie.cz, +420 380 717 228



E Krumlovský mlýn

Restaurant and bar located in a historic water mill by the Vltava River. The complex also houses a museum showcasing antique motorcycles and historical machinery.

Široká, 381 01 Český Krumlov, Czechia (48.81165, 14.31359)

Mo–Su 11:00–22:00

krumlovsky-mlyn.cz, +420 736 634 461



F Restaurace Eggenberg

Spacious restaurant located within the historic Eggenberg brewery complex. It serves traditional Czech cuisine and beer brewed on-site in a hall with high vaulted ceilings.

(48.81330, 14.31956)

Mo–Su 10:00–20:00

eggenberg.cz, +420 380 711 917

G Švejk

Traditional Czech restaurant themed after the famous literary character. It serves classic dishes like roast duck and goulash, paired with draught Pilsner Urquell.

12 Zámecké Schody, Český Krumlov 38101, Czech Republic (48.81211, 14.31664)

Mo–Th	11:30–22:00
Fr–Sa	00:00–01:00, 11:30–24:00
Su	11:30–22:00

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H Štoly Madeta

Specialty shop and cellar focused on the maturation and sale of South Bohemian cheeses, particularly the blue-veined Niva.

(48.81407, 14.29973)

madeta-gastro.cz/stoly, +420 778 526 326

I Na Louži

Traditional pub and hotel featuring an authentic 1920s interior. It serves local Eggenberg beer and classic Czech pub snacks in a historic building near the town square.

Kájovská, 381 01 Český Krumlov, Czechia (48.81018, 14.31408)

Mo–Su	10:00–22:00

hospodanalouzi.cz, +420 380 711 280

J Restaurace Maštal

Steakhouse and regional restaurant located in the former Gothic stables of a building on the main square, specializing in charcoal-grilled meats.

(48.81096, 14.31564)

mastal.satlava.cz, +420 608 973 700

K Midnight gallery

Small private gallery showcasing contemporary art, jewelry, and local crafts.

Český Krumlov (48.81162, 14.31722)

paral.cz/uk/index.htm

L Egon Café

Art-focused cafe located within the Egon Schiele Art Centrum, offering coffee and light refreshments in a historic setting with outdoor seating.

(48.81078, 14.31344)

schieleartcentrum.cz, +420 380 704 011

M U Bejka

Traditional Czech tavern offering regional specialties and local beers in a rustic setting near the city center.

(48.80885, 14.31481)

Mo–Su	12:00–22:00

ubejka.cz, +420 728 567 057

N Laibon

Vegetarian and vegan restaurant located on the Vltava riverbank, featuring an international menu and a terrace with views of the castle.

(48.81136, 14.31585)

Mo–Su	11:00–23:00

laibon.cz, +420 775 676 654

Arnošt Bednář

Workshop of a local joiner and craftsman specializing in traditional woodworking and furniture restoration.

(48.80238, 14.30711)

: +420 380 729 196

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