

Chomutov

Chomutov District · Czech Republic

TRAVEL GUIDE

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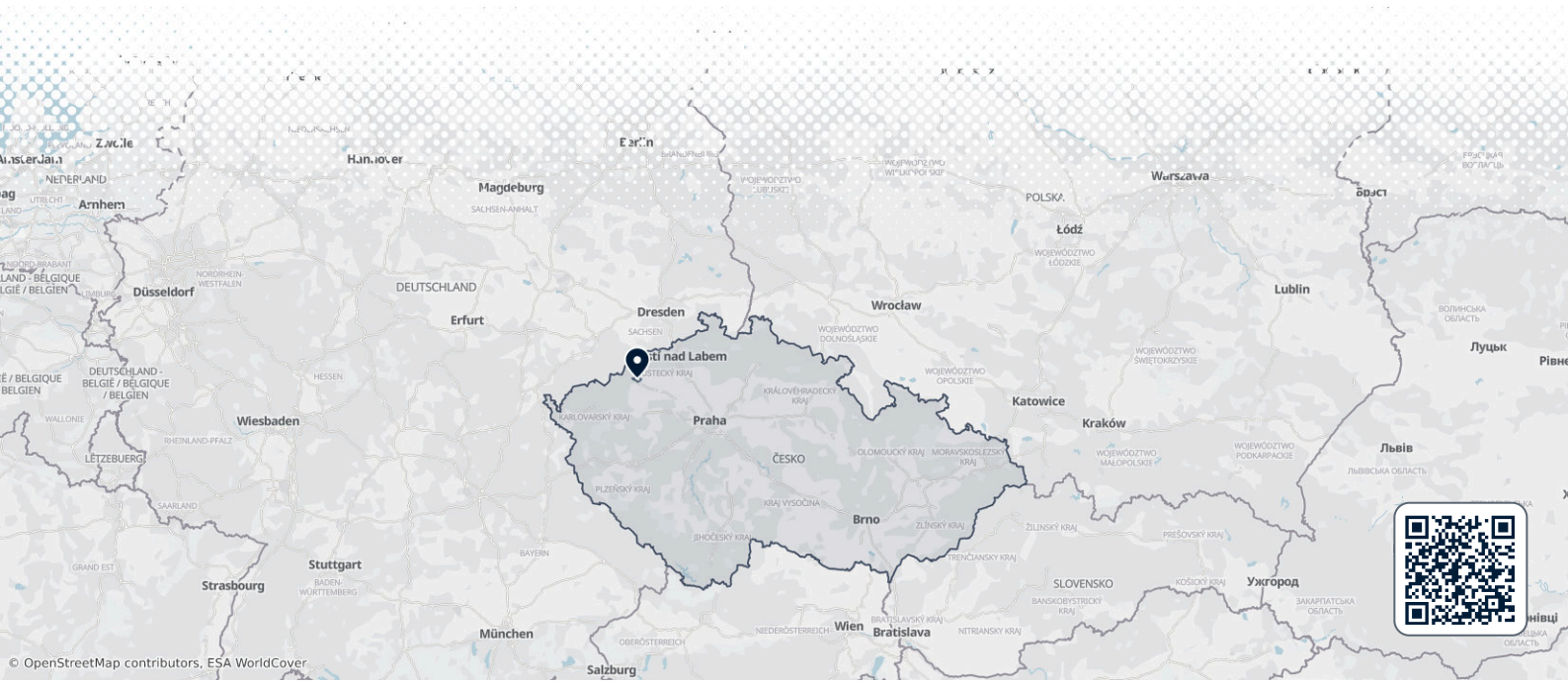


Overview

Chomutov is a mid-sized town in northwest Bohemia, at the foot of the Ore Mountains (Krušné hory). Its German name was Komotau. The town grew around a seat of the Teutonic Knights and later became an industrial and mining centre.

Chomutov is not a classic tourist town, but it rewards a short stay. The small old town has a well-kept main square with Gothic and Baroque churches. On the edge of town are the largest zoo in the Czech Republic by area and a rare alum lake for summer swimming. Chomutov also works well as a base for nearby castles, historic towns, and hikes in the Ore Mountains.

When to visit

Late spring to early autumn is the best time. Summers are warm, and the lake and the zoo are at their best. The town tower and some sights open only from April to September. Winters are cold and grey in town, but the nearby Ore Mountains get snow for cross-country skiing.

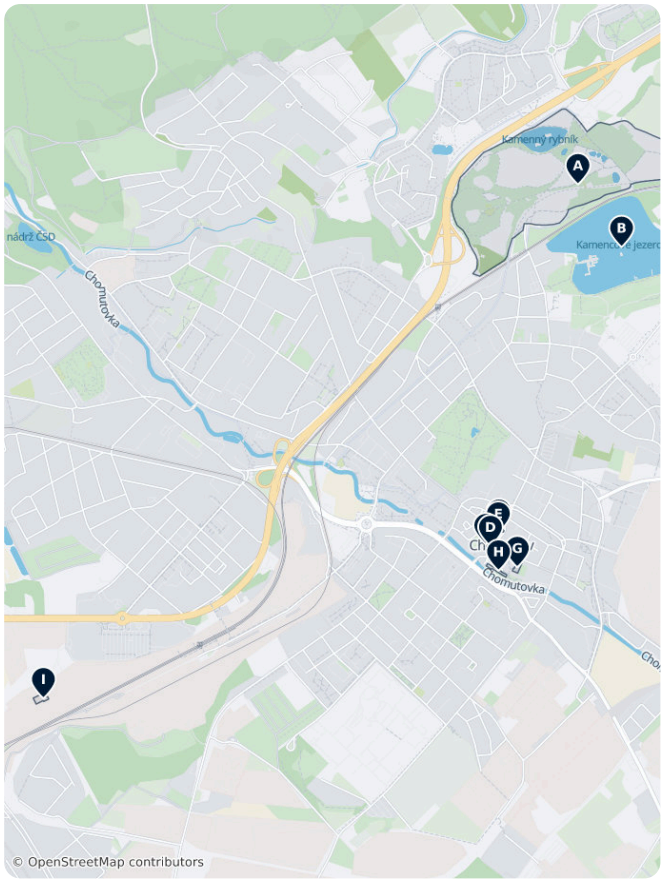
The main town festival, Chomutovské slavnosti, usually takes place in late May in the city park. It is a relaxed weekend with music, stalls, and a family programme.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	1° / 8° Feels like -4°	-4° / -13°	14 rainy days · Dry air
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	3° / 11° Feels like -2°	-3° / -13°	12 rainy days · Dry air
March	Poor Poor for cycling	8° / 16° Feels like 3°	0° / -8°	12 rainy days · Dry air
April	Good Good for cycling	14° / 22° Feels like 10°	3° / -3°	Dry air
May	Good Good for sightseeing	18° / 25°	8° / 2°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 30°	12° / 7°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
July	Good Good for sightseeing	24° / 31°	14° / 9°	16 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 32°	14° / 9°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
September	Great Great for sightseeing	20° / 28°	10° / 4°	Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for hiking	14° / 21° Feels like 11°	6° / -1°	12 rainy days · Dry air
November	Poor Poor for sightseeing	7° / 14° Feels like 3°	1° / -4°	12 rainy days · Dry air
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	3° / 9° Feels like -3°	-2° / -11°	14 rainy days · Dry air

Best months: June, August, September

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

Top sights



- A Chomutov Zoo covers 112 hectares and is the largest zoo in the country by area. It focuses on animals from Europe and Asia. A small train takes you through the Eurosafari enclosure, and an open-air village museum shows old rural buildings.
- B Kamencové jezero is a small lake on the edge of town. Its alum-rich water stops algae from growing, so the water stays clean. In summer it is a popular place to swim, with a beach, a floating pier, and paddle boats.
- C Zámek Chomutov began as the Teutonic Knights' residence around 1300. Today it is the town hall. It stands on the main square, náměstí 1. máje.
- D Kostel sv. Kateřiny is an early Gothic church from the late 13th century, built as part of the Teutonic Knights' seat. It is now part of the regional museum and hosts exhibitions and concerts.
- E Městská věž is almost 54 m tall and stands next to the late Gothic F Kostel Nanebevzetí Panny Marie. Climb it from April to September for views over the old town and the Ore Mountains. Inside is a small exhibition on the town's history.
- G Kostel sv. Ignáce is an early Baroque church designed by *Carlo Lurago*. Building started in 1663, and the church was consecrated in 1668. It belongs to the former Jesuit college on the main square.
- H Oblastní muzeum v Chomutově occupies the old Jesuit school. Its collections cover archaeology, Gothic and Renaissance art, and the history of the Ore Mountains region.
- I Železniční depozitář NTM Chomutov is a depot of the National Technical Museum with a large collection of historic locomotives and carriages. It is open only from spring to autumn, and on fewer days outside summer, so check the hours before you go.

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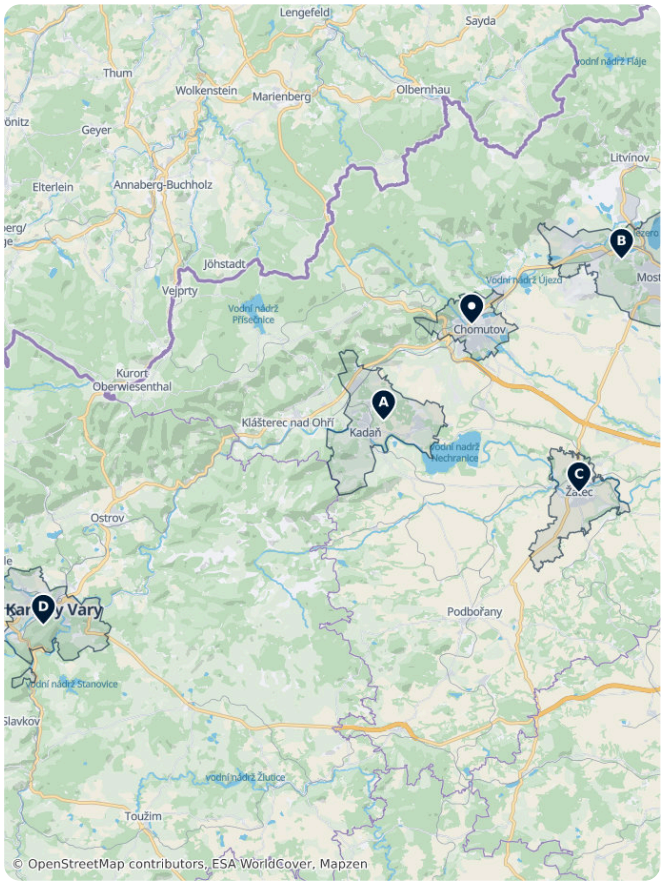
What to experience

A few things to do in Chomutov that go beyond sightseeing:

- **Ride the Safari Express** through the Eurosafari enclosure at Chomutov Zoo. You pass herds of bison, Przewalski's horses, and other large animals.
- **Take a summer swim** in the alum water of Kamencové jezero, then rent a paddle boat or relax on the floating pier.
- **Hike or cycle Bezručovo údolí**, a wooded valley with a stream that climbs from the edge of town towards the Ore Mountains.
- **Attend a concert** in Kostel sv. Kateřiny, one of the oldest Gothic church interiors in the region.
- **Cool off at the water park**: Aquasvět has slides and a wild-river channel. It is a good choice for families on a rainy day.

Day trips

Chomutov sits between the Ore Mountains and the Ohře river valley, with several good trips close by. The list starts with the nearest.



- **Červený Hrádek** — a chateau with guided tours and a large park between Chomutov and Jirkov, about 10 minutes by car or local bus.
- **Hasištejn** — a medieval castle ruin in the hills northwest of town, about 20 minutes by car. Climb the tower for wide views.
- Ⓐ Kadaň — about 20 minutes by train or bus. A pretty old town on the Ohře river with a castle, a Franciscan monastery, and one of the narrowest streets in the country.
- Ⓑ Most — about 20 minutes by train. See the Gothic church that was moved 841 m on rails in 1975 to save it from coal mining.
- **Klášterec nad Ohří** — about 25 minutes by train. A chateau with a porcelain collection and a large park by the river.
- Ⓒ Žatec — about 30–40 minutes by train. A historic hop-growing town whose hop landscape is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- **Ore Mountains (Krušné hory)** — the ridge above town. Drive about 50 minutes to Klínovec, the highest peak, for hiking in summer and skiing in winter.
- Ⓓ Karlovy Vary — about 1 h 15 min by train. The most famous Czech spa town, with colonnades and hot springs.

Where to explore

The closest other destination in the Chomutov district is Kadaň, a small historic town on the Ohře river.

Further afield, Most and Žatec are each well under an hour away, and the spa town of Karlovy Vary makes an easy longer day out.

Getting there

- **By air**: The nearest major airport is Václav Havel Airport Prague, about 90 km away. From the airport, take public transport into Prague and continue by bus or train.
- **By bus**: Direct buses from Prague (departing near Hradčanská metro station) take about 2 hours. This is usually the cheapest and fastest option.
- **By train**: Direct trains from Prague main station take about 2.5 hours. Chomutov is also a rail junction with lines to Karlovy Vary, Most, and Ústí nad Labem. The station is about a 15-minute walk from the main square. Book on České dráhy.
- **By car**: The D7 motorway links Chomutov with Prague in about 1.5 hours.

Getting around

- **Public transport**: Trolleybuses and buses run by DPCHJ connect the centre, the station, the zoo, and neighbouring Jirkov. Pay with a **contactless bank card** at the ticket machine inside the vehicle, or with coins at the driver's machine. A day ticket is available.
- **On foot**: The old town is compact and easy to walk. The zoo and the lake are about 20 minutes on foot from the main square.
- **Cycling**: Cycle paths lead to the lake and into the green Bezručovo údolí valley north of town.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

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CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

Cycle paths lead to the lake and into Bezručovo údolí; hills rise steeply towards the Ore Mountains.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: Not needed in town. A car helps for the castles and the Ore Mountains, which have limited public transport.
- **Parking**: The centre has paid parking zones; pay at the parking meters. There are larger car parks at the zoo and at the lake.
- **Restrictions**: Parts of the main square are closed to general traffic. Park nearby and walk.

Food & drink

Chomutov has no single local dish of its own. Expect standard Czech food: roast pork with dumplings, goulash, and schnitzel, served with local lager. Nearby Žatec is famous for its hops, and many pubs serve beer made with them.

For eating out, head to the main square, náměstí 1. máje, and the streets around it. Most cafés, pubs, and restaurants in the centre are here. In summer, simple snack bars at the lake and the zoo are good for a casual lunch.

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

Chomutov is generally safe for visitors. The old town, the zoo, and the lake are calm during the day.

Some housing estates on the outskirts have social problems, but visitors rarely have a reason to go there. Take normal care at night around the train station and bus station. Petty theft is the main risk, so watch your bag in crowded places. Tap water is safe to drink.

History

Chomutov first appears in records in 1252, when it passed to the Teutonic Knights. They built a fortified seat on today's main square. Its early Gothic chapel survives as Kostel sv. Kateřiny, and the former residence is now Zámek Chomutov.

In 1421, during the Hussite Wars, a Hussite army stormed and burned the town and killed much of the population. After a large fire in 1525, the town was rebuilt, including Městská věž. The Jesuits arrived in 1589 and founded a college and school. Their church, Kostel sv. Ignáce, and the school building, now home to Oblastní muzeum v Chomutově, still frame the square.

In the 19th century, coal mining and heavy industry made Chomutov a busy industrial town. Most people here spoke German until 1945. After the Second World War, the German population was expelled, and new settlers moved in from other parts of the country.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for the Czech Republic at a glance:

CURRENCY

CZK Kč

EMERGENCY

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ELECTRICITY



Type C / Type E
230 V · 50 Hz

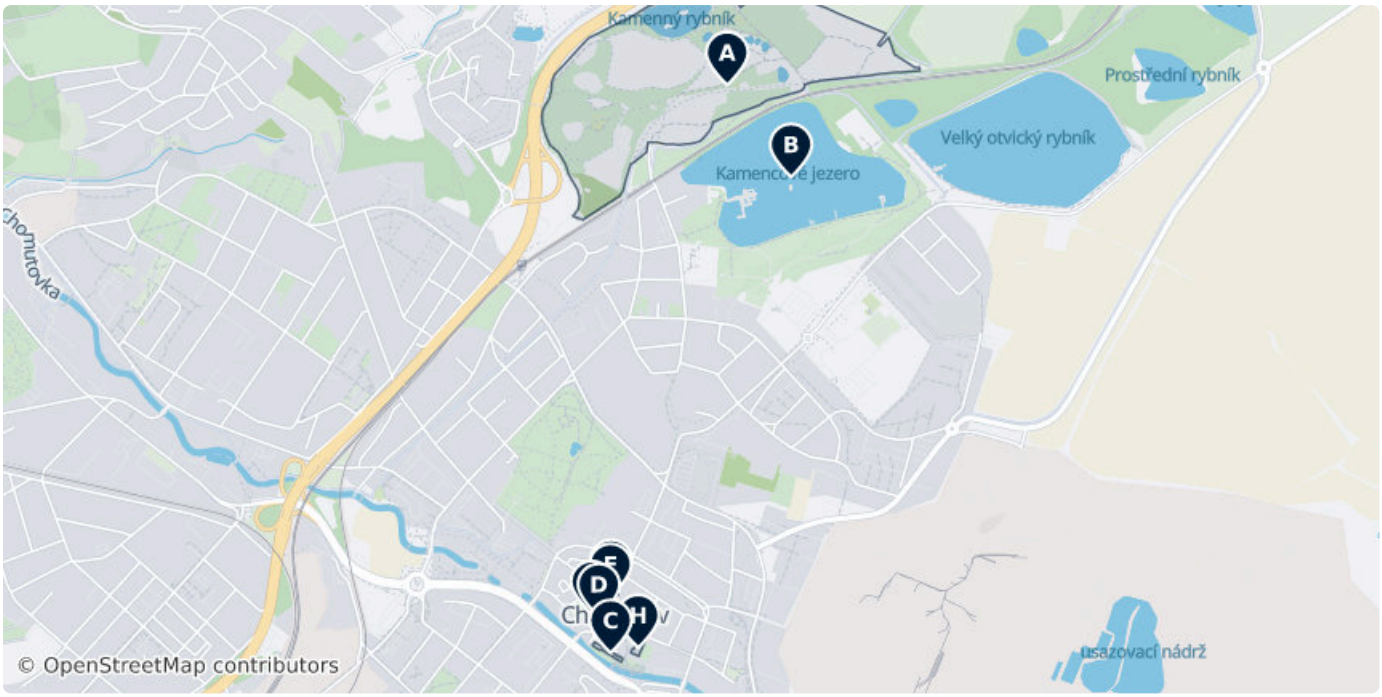
LANGUAGES

Czech

TAP WATER

Safe to drink

Top sights





A Chomutov Zoo

Zoopark Chomutov is a Czech zoo located on the outskirts of Chomutov in Ústí nad Labem Region, Czech Republic.

Přemyslova 259, 430 05 Chomutov, Czech Republic (50.47473, 13.42251)

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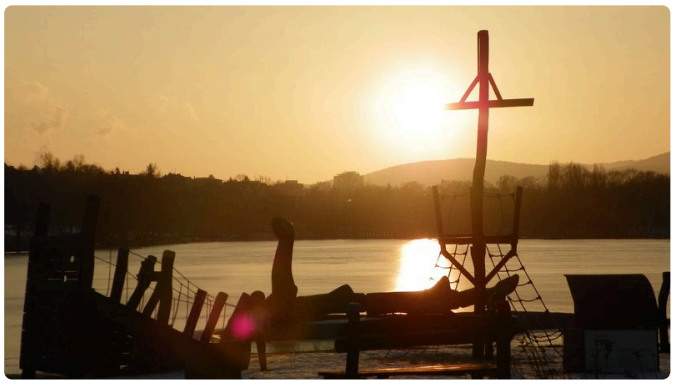

B Kamencové jezero

Kamencové jezero is a lake in the municipal area of Chomutov, Czech Republic.

43001, Czech Republic (50.47229, 13.42517)

kamencovejezero.cz



C Chomutov Regional Museum

Regional museum housed in a former Jesuit gymnasium featuring collections on archaeology, medieval art, and regional history. It includes an astronomical tower, the Church of St. Catherine, and the Old Town Hall.

86 Palackého, Chomutov 43001, Czech Republic
(50.45968, 13.41766)

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Tu–Fr	12:00–18:00
Sa–Su	10:00–18:00

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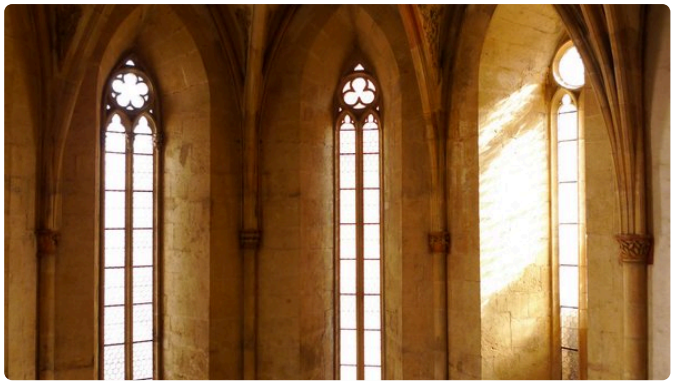

D Church of Saint Catherine

Early Gothic church dating back to around 1300 that originally served as part of a Teutonic Knights commandery. It is the oldest preserved monument of its kind and currently functions as a venue for museum exhibitions and concerts.

100 Chelčického, Chomutov 43001, Czech Republic
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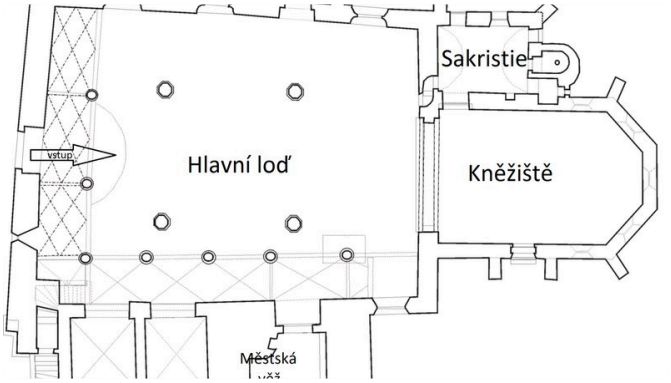

E Church of the Assumption

Gothic sacral building dating back to the 14th century, featuring notable Renaissance elements including cell vaults and a noble gallery.

154 náměstí 1. Máje, Chomutov 43001, Czech Republic
(50.46127, 13.41768)



F City Tower

Historic 53.7-meter tall neo-Gothic lookout tower that serves as a landmark. Originally built in the Gothic style, it provides views of the surrounding Ore Mountains.

Husovo náměstí, 430 01 Chomutov, Czechia
(50.46116, 13.41764)



G Chomutov Castle and Town Hall

Historic complex featuring an early Gothic church and a Renaissance castle originally built around 1300 as a commandry for the Teutonic Knights. The site evolved from a religious seat to a noble residence and currently serves as the town hall.

430 01 Chomutov, Czechia (50.46071, 13.41687)



H St. Ignatius Church

Early Baroque Roman Catholic church built between 1663 and 1671 according to the design of architect Carlo Lurago. It forms part of a former Jesuit college complex and is a protected cultural monument.

88/20 náměstí 1. Máje, Chomutov 43001, Czech Republic (50.45982, 13.41880)

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