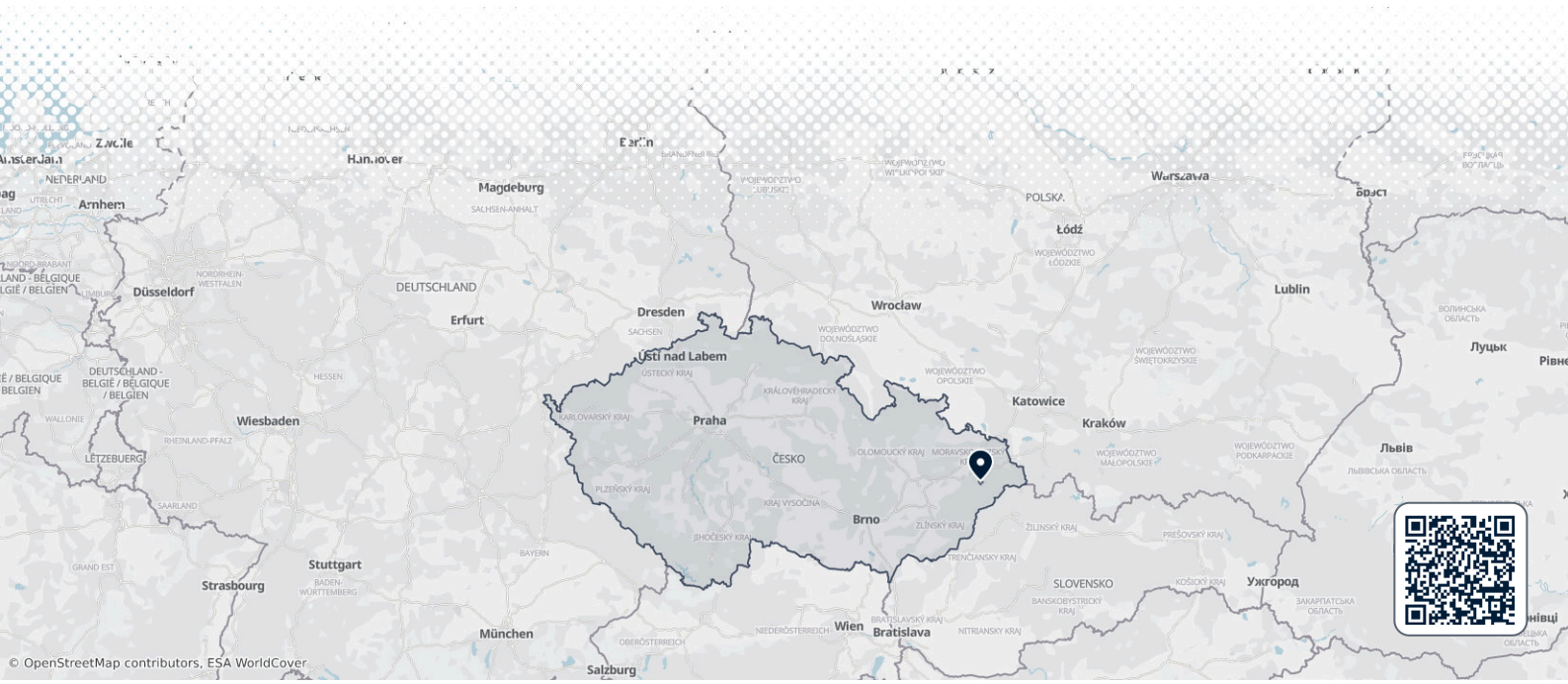


Frenštát pod Radhoštěm

Nový Jičín District · Czech Republic

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Frenštát pod Radhoštěm is a small Moravian-Silesian town of about 10,500 people, set where the flat Moravian Gate meets the Beskydy mountains. Its skyline is dominated by Radhošť, the wooded peak that gives the town its name and its reputation as the main gateway for hiking in the Beskydy.

The historic core keeps a compact main square, a Baroque parish church, and reminders of a long textile-milling past. It suits travelers who want a quiet Moravian base with genuine mountain access rather than a big-city itinerary. The sculptor *Albín Polášek*, later celebrated in the United States, was born here in 1879.

When to visit

Summers are warm and the best time for hiking Radhošť and the wider Beskydy, with July and August bringing the most sunshine. Spring and autumn stay cool and often wet. Winters are cold and snowy, with cross-country and downhill skiing on the nearby slopes.

Plan around **Frenštátské slavnosti**, a folk festival held over a weekend in late August, when traditional dance and music groups from the region and abroad perform on the main square.

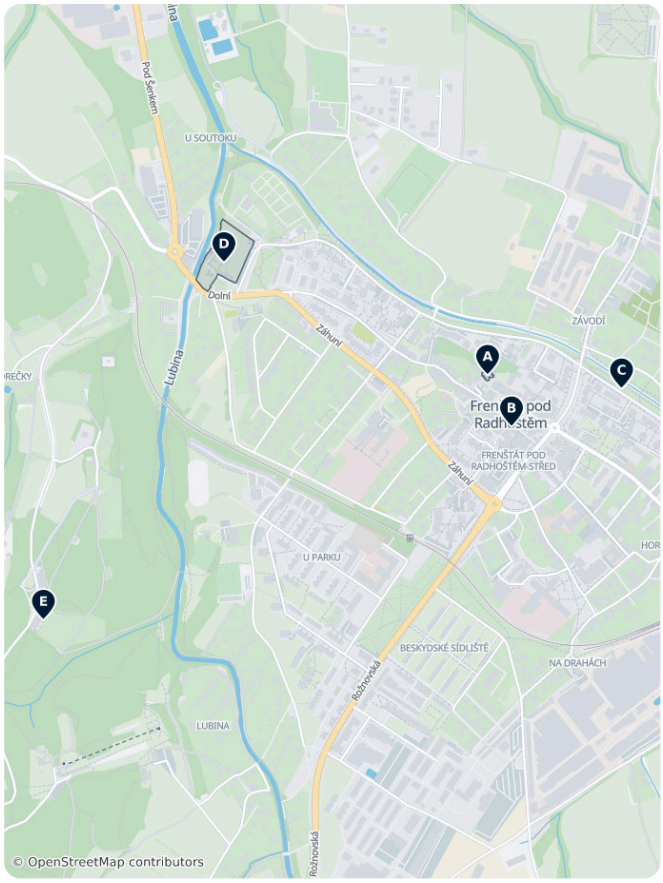
MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for hiking	0° / 6° Feels like -6°	-6° / -16°	12 rainy days · Dry air
February	Poor Poor for hiking	2° / 9° Feels like -4°	-5° / -16°	Dry air
March	Poor Poor for hiking	7° / 16° Feels like 2°	-2° / -9°	12 rainy days · Dry air
April	Good Good for hiking	13° / 21° Feels like 9°	3° / -3°	Dry air
May	Good Good for sightseeing	18° / 25°	8° / 2°	15 rainy days · Dry air
June	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 29°	12° / 6°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
July	Good Good for sightseeing	24° / 32°	14° / 9°	16 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 32°	14° / 8°	13 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Good Good for sightseeing	19° / 27°	9° / 4°	Dry air
October	Good Good for hiking	13° / 21° Feels like 10°	5° / -2°	Dry air
November	Poor Poor for hiking	7° / 15° Feels like 2°	1° / -6°	Dry air
December	Poor Poor for hiking	1° / 7° Feels like -5°	-4° / -13°	Dry air

Best months: June, August

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

July and August are the warmest, sunniest months; January and February are the coldest, with the most reliable snow cover.

Top sights



A Kostel sv. Martina anchors the main square, a Baroque parish church rebuilt in 1661 and known for its onion-domed tower and a rare hanging triptych called the Wallachian Madonna.

Climb B Radniční věž, the town hall's neo-Renaissance tower, for a view over the square and toward Radhošť.

A memorial to C Albín Polášek honors the Frenštát-born sculptor who became one of the best-known Czech-American artists of his generation, and who later carved the Radegast statue that still stands above Pustevny.

Families head to D Aquapark Frenštát p. R., an open-air water park with a 60-meter slide that runs from mid-May to the end of September.

For a short walk with a view, climb E Vlčina, a 532-meter hill on the town's western edge in the Horečky area.

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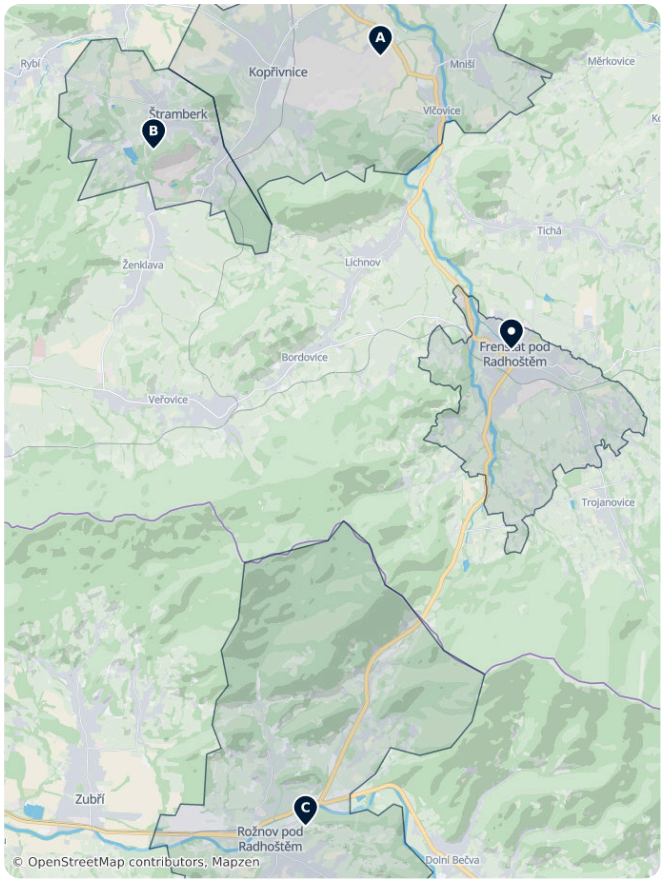
What to experience

- Walk the ridge from Pustevny up to Cyril and Methodius Chapel on the summit of Radhošť, one of the region's classic day hikes, with sweeping views over the Beskydy on a clear day.
- Try the barefoot sensory trail in the town's Dolní park, a short path over stones, sand, and wood chips, popular for cooling off after a summer walk.
- In winter, ski or cross-country ski on the small local slopes at Horečky, on the edge of town.

Day trips

Frenštát sits close to several easy day trips, with the Beskydy high country a longer hike or drive further out.

- **A Kopřivnice** — about 10 minutes by car or bus. Home to Tatra Technical Museum and Tatra Truck Museum, tracing the history of the Tatra car and truck maker, plus the restored 1936 Slovenská strela Depository.
- **B Štramberk** — about 15 minutes by car. A walled medieval town known for its round Štramberk Castle Tower and gingerbread bakeries, with the Botanic Garden and Arboretum nearby in a former limestone quarry.
- **C Rožnov pod Radhoštěm** — about 15 minutes by car or bus. Home to the Wallachian Village, the country's largest open-air museum, with historic wooden cottages and farms brought in from across the region.
- **Radhošť and Pustevny** — roughly 2 to 2.5 hours on foot from town, or about 30 minutes by car to the trailhead near Trojanovice. Pustevny is the mountain saddle with Dušan Jurkovič's wooden chalets and the Radegast statue; from there it is another 45 minutes uphill to Cyril and Methodius Chapel on Radhošť's 1,129-meter summit.



Where to explore

Frenštát belongs to the Nový Jičín district, home to several other historic Moravian towns.

Kopřivnice and Štramberk make easy half-day trips (see Day Trips above). Nový Jičín is the district's administrative center, with an arcaded Renaissance square. Příbor is a small town best known as the birthplace of Sigmund Freud.

Getting there

- **By air**: the nearest airport is Leoš Janáček Airport Ostrava, about 30 km away, with a limited range of scheduled European routes; a taxi or rental car covers the transfer in under an hour. For wider international connections, most travelers fly into Prague or Vienna and continue by train or car.
- **By train**: regional trains connect Frenštát pod Radhoštěm's own station to Ostrava, with onward connections across the Czech rail network; journey time to Ostrava is roughly an hour.
- **By bus**: direct regional buses run to Ostrava, Nový Jičín, Kopřivnice, and Rožnov pod Radhoštěm.

Getting around

- **Public transit**: the historic center is small enough to cover on foot. Regional ODIS buses reach the outlying parts of town and nearby villages; buy a ticket from the driver or through the ODIS app.
- **On foot / cycling**: the town center is flat and walkable. Cycling is possible but the surrounding terrain climbs quickly toward the Beskydy foothills, so expect real hills once you leave the center.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The historic center is compact and flat; the main square and top sights are all within a few minutes' walk of each other.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

Cycling around town is easy, but routes into the Beskydy foothills climb quickly.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: not needed for the town center, which is fully walkable, but useful for reaching Radhošť trailheads, Pustevny parking, and nearby towns on your own schedule.
- **Parking**: paid parking around the main square, pay by ticket machine; free unmetered spaces are usually available a short walk further out.
- **Restrictions**: none in town; parking at the Pustevny/Radhošť trailheads fills up and charges a fee on busy summer and autumn weekends.

Food & drink

Frenštát has no signature dish of its own; expect the same hearty Wallachian and Moravian cooking found across the wider Beskydy foothills — smoked meats, potato dumplings, and kyselo, a sour rye-and-mushroom soup traditional in this part of Moravia.

The main square and the streets just off it hold the best concentration of cafés and pubs.

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

Frenštát is a safe, quiet town with very little crime that affects visitors. The main risk here is not urban but the mountains: check the weather before hiking up to Radhošť or Pustevny, wear proper footwear, and expect ice on shaded trails well into spring even when the town itself is clear of snow.

History

Frenštát pod Radhoštěm received town rights in the late 14th century and grew for centuries as a market town in the shadow of Radhošť. Its economy long depended on weaving and, later, cotton milling; former mill buildings still stand on the edge of the historic center as reminders of that era.

Fires repeatedly damaged the largely wooden old town over the centuries, which is why Kostel sv. Martina and most of the buildings around the square today are Baroque or later rebuilds rather than medieval originals. The town's most famous son, the sculptor *Albín Polášek*, emigrated to the United States as a young man and later carved the Radegast statue that now stands on Pustevny above his birthplace, a piece every local hiker eventually passes.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for the Czech Republic at a glance:

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EMERGENCY

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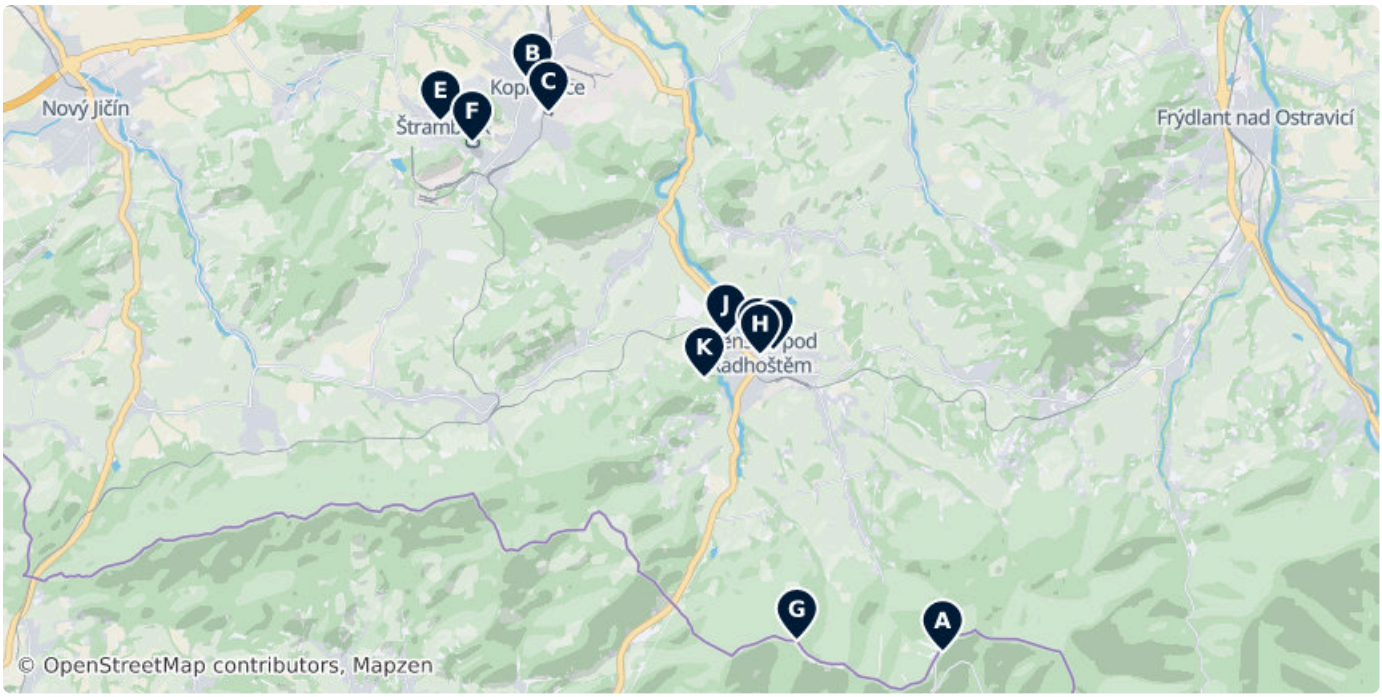
LANGUAGES

Czech

TAP WATER

Safe to drink

Top sights





A Pustevny

Pustevny is a mountain saddle in the Moravian-Silesian Beskids mountain range of the Czech Republic, not far from Radhošť, in the...

226, Pustevny 75656, Czech Republic (49.48964, 18.26623)

pustevny.cz/vstupte.htm



B Tatra Technical Museum

Hundreds of different cars and trucks produced by Tatra over its long history. A must see for any car enthusiast.

Záhumenní 367/1, 742 21 Kopřivnice, Czech Republic (49.59956, 18.14376)

muzeumtatra.cz, +420 420 556 49 2280



C Tatra Truck Museum

Specialized museum housed in a renovated former foundry building featuring nearly 80 historical trucks and over 20 engines. The collection is organized into 14 thematic sections showcasing technical innovations and legendary expedition vehicles.

Husova 1326/13, 74221 Kopřivnice (49.59413, 18.14856)

Tu–Su	09:00–17:00

muzeumtatra.cz, +420737102330



D Church of Saint Martin

Baroque parish church featuring a distinctive onion-domed tower and rococo interior furnishings. The site dates back to the 14th century and houses a unique hanging triptych known as the Wallachian Madonna.

478 Kostelní, Frenštát pod Radhoštěm 74401, Czech Republic (49.54834, 18.21089)

farnostfrenstat.cz/clanek.php



E Štramberk Castle Tower

Forty-meter-tall cylindrical Gothic tower serving as an observation point within the ruins of a thirteenth-century castle. It features a unique conoid roof and is a designated cultural heritage site.

77 Jaroňkova, Štramberk 74266, Czech Republic (49.59236, 18.11625)

Apr Tu–Su	09:00–12:00, 12:30–17:00
May Tu–Su	09:00–12:00, 12:30–18:00
Jul-Aug Mo–Su	09:00–12:00, 12:30–18:00
Mar Sa–Su	09:00–12:00, 12:30–16:00
Jan Mo–Su	Closed

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F Botanic Garden and Arboretum

Botanical garden and arboretum established in 1996 within a former limestone quarry. The site features a stone labyrinth with an amphitheater, limestone wetlands, and approximately 1,200 plant species.

74266, Czech Republic (49.58836, 18.12576)



G Cyril and Methodius Chapel

Highest religious building in the country, this stone chapel features a Romanesque-Byzantine architectural style and serves as a lookout tower.

28, 75655, Czech Republic (49.49189, 18.22273)

H Town Hall Tower

Historical neo-Renaissance tower standing 27.4 meters tall that serves as a viewpoint. Access to the observation area involves climbing 171 steps.

1 náměstí Míru, Frenštát pod Radhoštěm 74401, Czech Republic (49.54715, 18.21175)

I Albin Polasek Memorial

Bust memorial and monument dedicated to a Czech-American sculptor known for his figurative and allegorical works. It includes a memorial plaque installed in 1994 and commemorates the artist's life and legacy.

Podříčí, 744 01 Frenštát pod Radhoštěm, Czechia (49.54803, 18.21567)

frenstatpr.cz/mapa-stranek

J Frenštát Aquapark

Modern outdoor water park featuring a multi-purpose pool, a children's pool, and various water attractions including a 60-meter toboggan. The facility operates during the summer season.

1806 Dolní, Frenštát pod Radhoštěm 74401, Czech Republic (49.55095, 18.20150)

aquafrenstat.cz

K Vlčina

Hill reaching 532 meters above sea level within the Moravian-Silesian Beskids, serving as the highest point of the municipal territory.

Horečky, 744 01 Frenštát pod Radhoštěm, Czechia (49.54267, 18.19507)

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