

Havlíčkův Brod

Vysočina Region · Czech Republic

TRAVEL GUIDE

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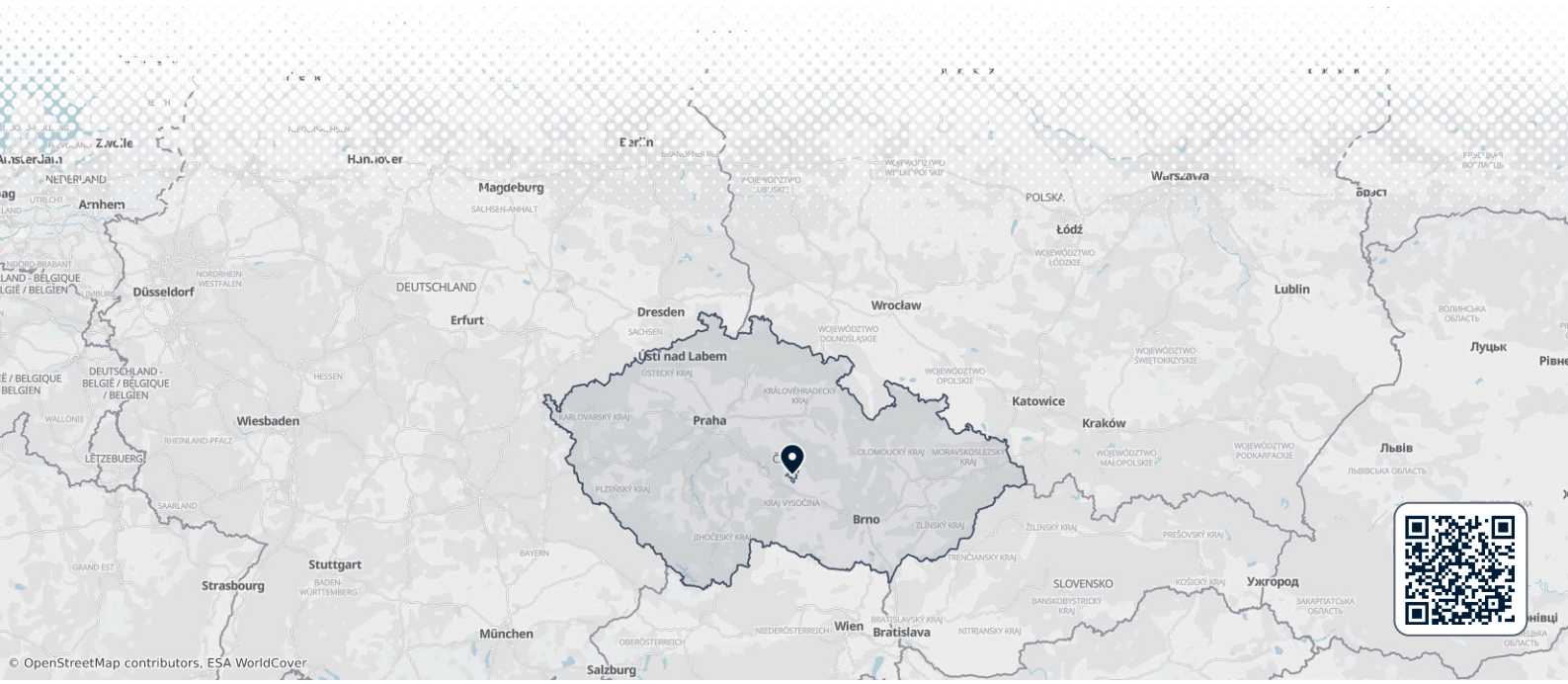


Overview

Havlíčkův Brod is a small historic town on the Sázava River in the Vysočina highlands, between Prague and Brno. It grew up in the 13th century around silver mines and was long called Německý Brod. In 1945 it took the name of *Karel Havlíček Borovský*, the 19th-century journalist and satirist who grew up and studied here.

Most visitors stay a few hours or one night. The long main square, with its two town halls, fountain and plague column, is the heart of the town. Havlíčkův Brod also works as a practical base for the quiet hills, forests and small villages of Vysočina, because it sits on a main rail line.

When to visit

Late spring to early autumn is the best time to visit. Summers are warm and good for walks along the Sázava. Winters are cold, with frequent frost and some snow. In July and August you can join a short guided climb up the tower of the main church, which opens daily in these two months.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	0° / 8° Feels like -6°	-5° / -14°	12 rainy days · Dry air
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	3° / 10° Feels like -3°	-4° / -14°	Dry air
March	Poor Poor for sightseeing	8° / 16° Feels like 2°	-1° / -8°	Dry air
April	Poor Poor for sightseeing	13° / 21° Feels like 9°	3° / -3°	Dry air
May	Good Good for sightseeing	18° / 25° Feels like 15°	8° / 2°	15 rainy days · Dry air
June	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 29°	12° / 7°	14 rainy days · Dry air
July	Good Good for sightseeing	24° / 31°	14° / 9°	16 rainy days
August	Great Great for sightseeing	24° / 32°	14° / 9°	12 rainy days · Dry air
September	Good Good for sightseeing	19° / 27° Feels like 16°	9° / 4°	Dry air
October	Fair Fair for sightseeing	13° / 21° Feels like 9°	5° / -1°	Dry air
November	Poor Poor for sightseeing	7° / 14° Feels like 2°	1° / -5°	Dry air
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	2° / 8° Feels like -4°	-3° / -12°	Dry air

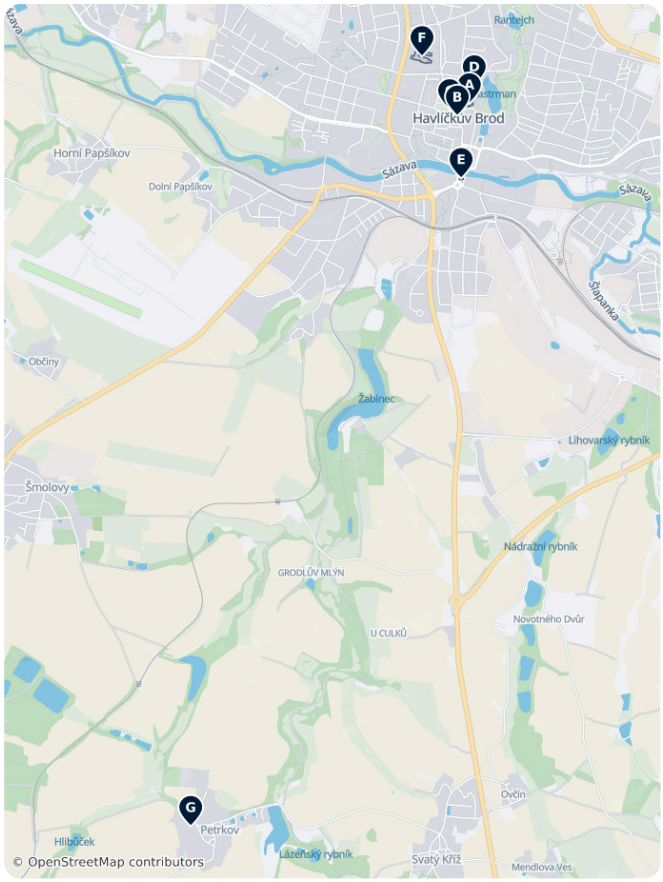
Best months: June, August

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

Top sights

Almost everything worth seeing is on or near Havlíčkovo náměstí, the main square. Half a day on foot is enough for the centre.

- The Vysočina Museum (Muzeum Vysočiny) on the main square occupies the house where *Karel Havlíček Borovský* lived as a young man. Its exhibition tells the story of his life and work.
- **A** Kostel Nanebevzetí Panny Marie is the town's main church, founded in the 13th century. Its tower has a rare 24-hour clock face and a viewing gallery open in July and August.
- **B** Morový sloup is a Baroque column from 1725 in the middle of the square.
- **C** Galerie výtvarného umění is a gallery focused on Czech book illustration, drawing and prints made after 1918.
- **D** Štáflova bašta is a Gothic tower from the old town walls. Since 1957 it has held a memorial to the artist *Otakar Štáfl*, who was born in the town.
- **E** Kostel sv. Kateřiny is a small historic church just south of the square. Today it also hosts concerts and community events.
- **F** Pivovar Rebel has brewed beer here since 1834. Guided tours end with a tasting.
- **G** Petrkov, about 5 km south of the centre, is the manor house where the poet and graphic artist *Bohuslav Reynek* was born and lived.



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Getting there

- **By air**: The nearest major airport is Prague Václav Havel Airport, roughly 2 hours away by road. Take the airport bus to Prague main station, then continue by train.
- **By train**: Havlíčkův Brod is a rail junction. Direct trains from Prague take about 2 hours, from Brno about 1.5 hours and from Jihlava about 30 minutes. The station is a 15-minute walk from the main square. Timetables and tickets: České dráhy.
- **By car**: The D1 motorway between Prague and Brno passes south-west of the town. The drive from Prague takes about 1.5 hours.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for the Czech Republic at a glance:

CURRENCY
CZK Kč

EMERGENCY
112

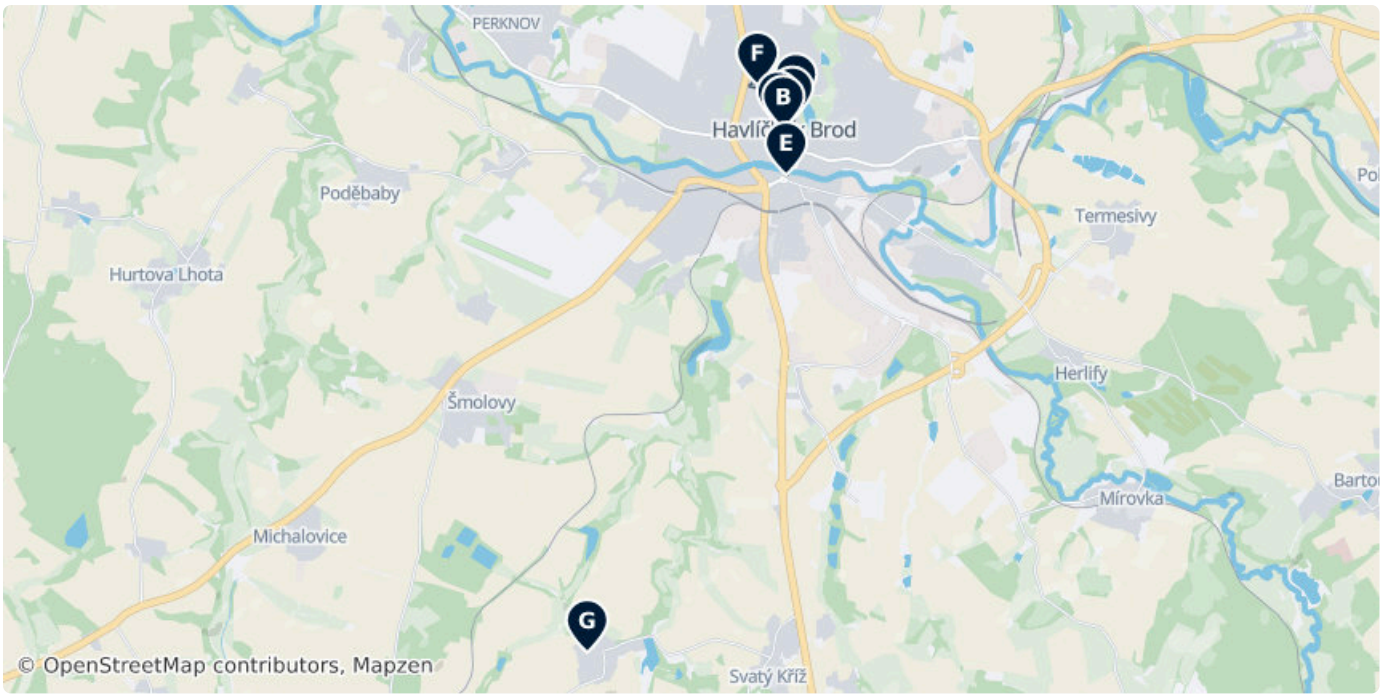
ELECTRICITY

Type C / Type E
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
Czech

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Top sights



A Assumption of Mary Church

Early Gothic church dating from the late 13th century featuring a massive tower with a viewing gallery and a historical 14th-century bell. The interior includes a baroque dome decorated with frescoes.

22 Rubešovo náměstí, Havlíčkův Brod 58001, Czech Republic (49.60777, 15.58048)

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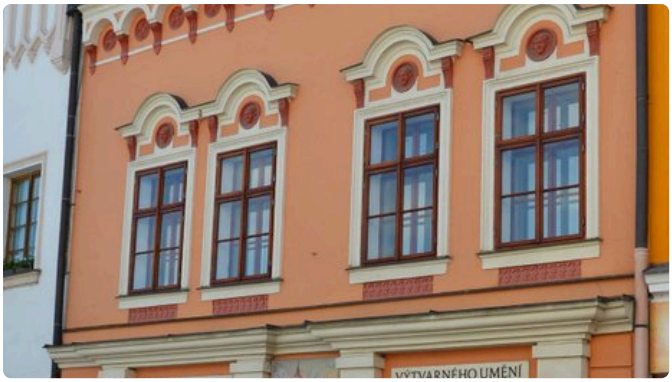
B Plague Column

Historic plague column featuring a statue, designated as a cultural monument of the Czech Republic.

166 Havlíčkovo náměstí, Havlíčkův Brod 58001, Czech Republic (49.60710, 15.57948)



C Fine Arts Gallery Havlíčkův Brod

Art museum and cultural center specializing in modern Czech book illustration, drawing, and graphic art produced after 1918. The institution houses a collection of approximately seven thousand works of art within a historic town house.

Havlíčkovo náměstí 18, 58001 Havlíčkův Brod (49.60745, 15.57883)

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D Staffel's Bastion

Historic Gothic fortification tower built after 1310 as part of a defensive system. It houses a memorial dedicated to artist Otakar Štáfl.

2005 U Trojice, Havlíčkův Brod 58001, Czech Republic (49.60875, 15.58090)

E Church of Saint Catherine

Historic Roman Catholic church and cultural venue designated as a Cultural Heritage Site. The building serves as a place of worship and a host for community gatherings and musical performances.

41 Nádražní, Havlíčkův Brod 58001, Czech Republic (49.60370, 15.57980)

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F Havlíčkův Brod Brewery

Historic brewery with roots dating back to the 14th century that produces a variety of traditional bottom-fermented lagers and ales. The facility also offers non-alcoholic options and features on-site dining.

Husova, 580 01 Havlíčkův Brod, Czechia (49.61034, 15.57652)

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Petrkov Chateau

Historic 18th-century manor house and former home of the poet and graphic artist Bohuslav Reynek. It is a cultural monument that preserves authentic architectural details.

Petrkov, 582 57 Lípa, Czechia (49.56841, 15.55710)

Th–Sa	10:00–16:00

muzeumliteratury.cz/en/petrkov-chateau

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