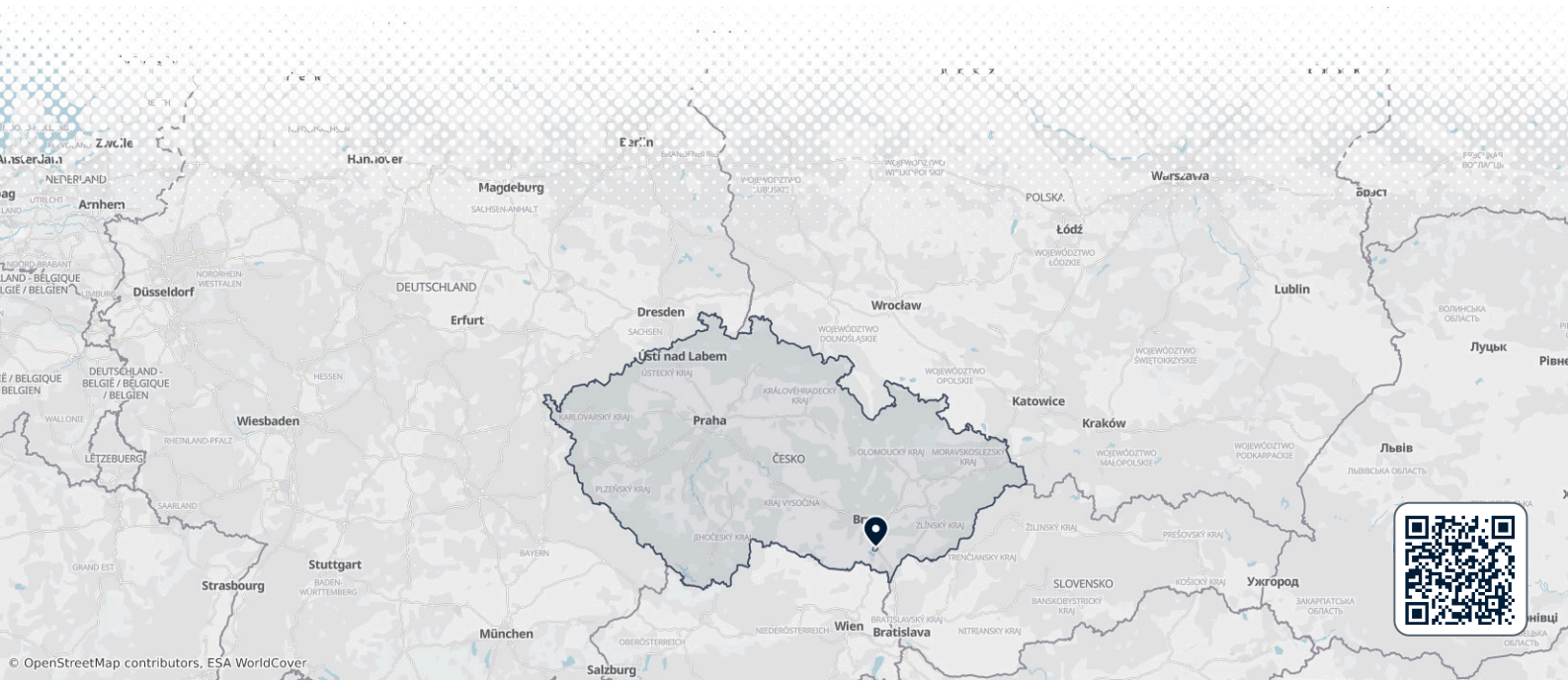


Hustopeče

South Moravian Region · Czech Republic

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Hustopeče is a small wine town in South Moravia, about 30 km south of Brno. It is best known for its almond orchards. Almond trees are rare this far north, and in early spring the hills above the town turn pink and white with blossom.

The town suits a relaxed day or a short wine-country stay. Expect a compact historic square, family wine cellars, gentle walks through orchards and vineyards, and easy access to the wider South Moravian wine region. *Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk*, the first president of Czechoslovakia, went to school here as a boy.

When to visit

Spring and early autumn are the best times to visit. Late March and April bring almond blossom and mild days. Summers are warm and dry, which suits walking and wine tasting in the evening. Winters are cold and quiet, and many cellars keep shorter hours.

The big event is the **Almond and Wine Festival** (Slavnosti mandloní a vína), held on a weekend in March when the orchards bloom. It combines walks to the orchards, local wine, almond food and live music. Book accommodation early for that weekend.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	1° / 9° Feels like -4°	-5° / -15°	Dry air
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	5° / 12° Feels like -1°	-4° / -14°	Dry air
March	Fair Fair for cycling	10° / 18° Feels like 5°	-1° / -6°	Dry air
April	Great Great for cycling	16° / 23° Feels like 12°	4° / -3°	Dry air
May	Great Great for sightseeing	21° / 28°	9° / 4°	12 rainy days · Dry air
June	Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 32°	13° / 8°	13 rainy days · Dry air
July	Good Good for sightseeing	27° / 35°	15° / 11°	13 rainy days
August	Great Great for sightseeing	27° / 35°	15° / 10°	
September	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 29°	10° / 5°	Dry air
October	Great Great for cycling	15° / 23° Feels like 12°	6° / -1°	Dry air
November	Fair Fair for cycling	8° / 16° Feels like 4°	1° / -5°	Dry air
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	2° / 8° Feels like -3°	-3° / -12°	Dry air

Best months: May, June, August, September

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

Top sights



- A Rozhledna Hustopeče is a wooden lookout tower in the almond orchard on the hill above town. It opened in 2012. From the top you can see the Pálava hills and, on clear days, the Alps.
- The almond orchards on the Starý vrch and Kamenec hills hold several hundred trees. A marked almond nature trail links them with the town. The full loop is almost 9 km, and a shorter 5 km option exists.
- B Kostel svatého Václava a svaté Anežky České is one of the first churches built in the Czech Republic after 1989 (1992–1994). Its unusual spiral plan replaced a Gothic church whose tower collapsed in 1961.
- The main square, Dukelské náměstí, is lined with old burgher houses, a plague column and the town hall. It is the natural starting point for a walk.
- The Town Museum and Gallery occupies the Renaissance house U Synků from 1579, with an arcaded courtyard. Exhibits cover town history, local wine making and the old markets.
- C TGM is a memorial to *Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk*, who studied in Hustopeče in 1861–1863. A 2 km educational trail with seven stops follows places linked to his school years.

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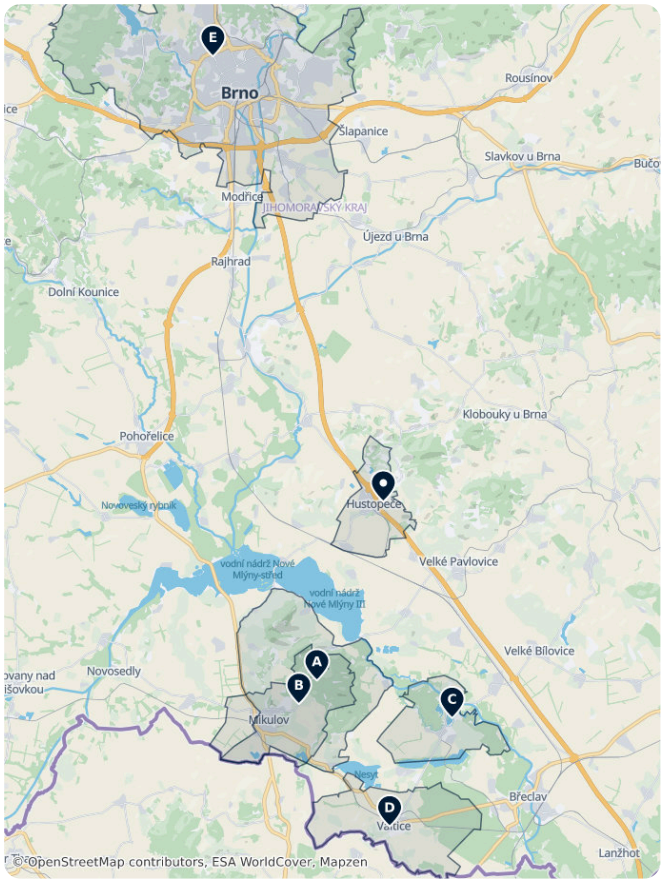
What to experience

Hustopeče is about almonds and wine, and the best experiences combine both.

- **Walk the almond trail in blossom**: in late March or April, follow the marked trail through the flowering orchards to Rozhledna Hustopeče.
- **Visit a family wine cellar**: many small winemakers open their cellars for tastings, especially on weekends. Look for signs saying *sklep* or *vinotéka*.
- **Join a harvest-time wine event**: in September and October the region celebrates the new wine, and young wine called *burčák* is sold everywhere.
- **Cycle between wine villages**: rent a bike and ride the vineyard routes to Velké Pavlovice or Kurdějov, stopping for a glass on the way.

Day trips

Hustopeče sits in the middle of South Moravia's wine country, so good day trips are close.



- **Kurdějov** (≈3 km, a short drive or walk): a small wine village with a fortified Gothic church on the hill.
- **Velké Pavlovice** (≈10 km, ≈15 min by car): a wine town known for apricots and the rolling vineyards of the Modré hory area.
- A Pálava (≈20 km, ≈25 min by car): limestone hills with castle ruins, hiking trails and views over the Nové Mlýny reservoirs.
- B Mikulov (≈25 km, ≈25 min by car): a historic town with a hilltop château, a Jewish quarter and Holy Hill.
- C Lednice and D Valtice (≈30 km, ≈35 min by car): the UNESCO-listed Lednice–Valtice Cultural Landscape with two grand château parks.
- E Brno (≈45 min by train): the Moravian capital, with Špilberk Castle and the UNESCO-listed Villa Tugendhat.

Where to explore

Hustopeče belongs to South Moravian Region, the country's main wine region. For château parks and wine cellars, head south to Lednice, Valtice and Mikulov. For hiking, the Pálava hills are close. For a city break, Brno is under an hour away.

Getting there

- **By air**: Vienna Airport (VIE) is the most practical international gateway, about 1.5 hours by car. Prague Airport (PRG) is about 3 h away. Brno–Tuřany Airport (BRQ) has only limited seasonal flights.
- **By train**: direct regional trains run from Brno main station to Hustopeče u Brna station in about 45 minutes. Other trains need a change at Šakvice on the Brno–Břeclav main line. Czech Railways (ČD)
- **By bus**: regional buses connect Hustopeče with Brno and nearby wine villages. The bus station is next to the train station.
- **By car**: the town lies right next to the D2 motorway between Brno and Bratislava, with its own exit.

Getting around

- **On foot**: the centre is compact. The square, church, museum and train station are all within a 10-minute walk. The lookout tower is a 20–30 minute walk uphill.
- **Regional transport**: trains and buses belong to the South Moravian integrated system (IDS JMK). On regional trains, buy a ticket before boarding at the station validator with a contactless bank card, or in the POSEIDON app. On buses, you can pay the driver, and most buses accept cards. IDS JMK
- **Cycling**: the town sits on the Moravian wine cycling routes. Quiet roads and vineyard tracks make cycling between wine villages popular, though some hills are steep.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The compact centre is easy to walk; the lookout tower and orchards are a short uphill walk.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

Popular vineyard cycling routes link nearby wine villages, but some hills are steep and roads narrow.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: not needed in town, but useful to explore the wine villages and château towns nearby, as rural buses run less often at weekends.
- **Parking**: parking in the centre is easy and mostly cheap. For the orchards and lookout tower, use the car park on Šafaříkova street.
- **Wine and driving**: the Czech Republic has a zero-tolerance limit for alcohol. Plan a designated driver or use the train for tasting days.

Food & drink

Local food is Moravian: roast meats, dumplings, soups and seasonal game, served with local white wines such as Welschriesling, Grüner Veltliner and Pálava. The Velké Pavlovice wine subregion around the town is also known for its red wines.

The local specialty is almonds. Mandlárna is a family shop and café selling almond sweets, almond beer and the almond liqueur *Mandlovka*. For meals, look around Dukelské náměstí and the streets off the square, where most restaurants and wine bars are.

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

Hustopeče is a very safe small town. Petty crime is rare. The main practical risks are drinking too much at tastings and cycling on narrow roads after dark. In summer, bring water and sun protection for walks through the open orchards and vineyards. Tap water is safe to drink.

History

Hustopeče was first recorded in 1247 and became a town in 1572. It grew rich from wine and from its markets on the Hungarian Road, an old cattle-trading route, as the Renaissance houses on the square still show. Until 1945 most residents spoke German, and the town was called Auspitz.

The young *Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk* studied at the local school in 1861–1863; TGM and a short trail recall his time here. In 1961 the tower of the old Gothic church collapsed, and the ruin was later demolished. Only after 1989 could the town build Kostel svatého Václava a svaté Anežky České, finished in 1994 on the old site.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for the Czech Republic at a glance:

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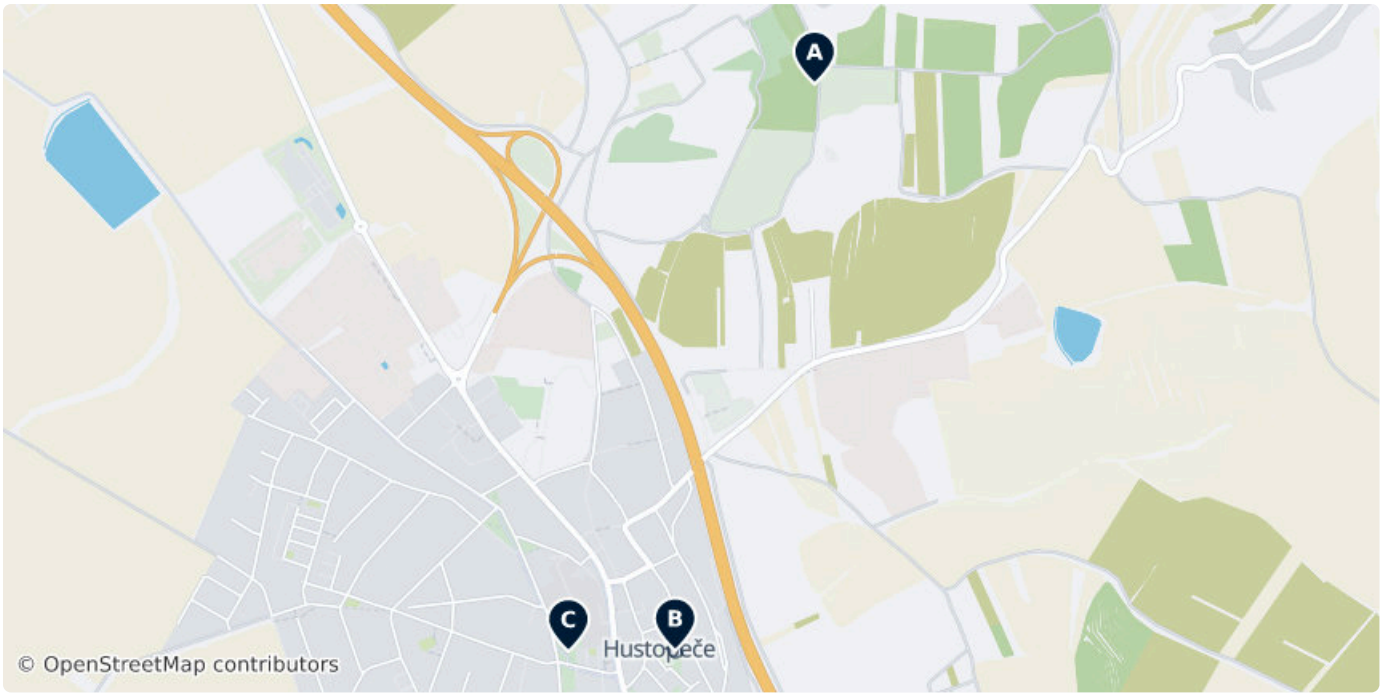
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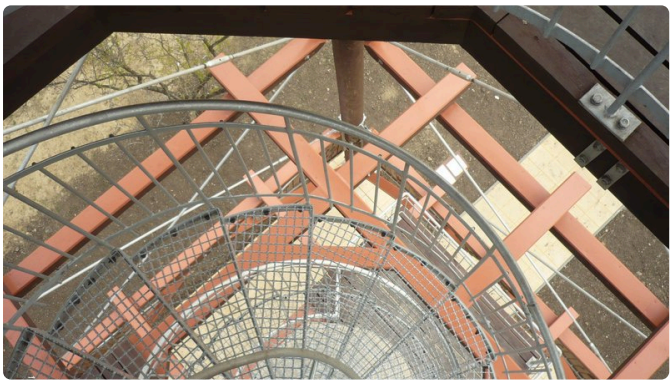
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TAP WATER

Safe to drink

Top sights





A Hustopeče Tower

Wooden observation tower built in 2012, standing 17 meters tall and offering panoramic views of surrounding landscapes including the Alps.

69301, Czech Republic (48.95347, 16.74262)



B Wenceslaus and Agnes Church

Modern postmodern church featuring a unique spiral architecture and historical Gothic artifacts. It serves as both a place of worship and a cultural center for community events.

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C T.G. Masaryk Memorial

Memorial to the first Czechoslovak president. It serves as the starting point for a tourist route that follows significant locations from his youth and life in the region.

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