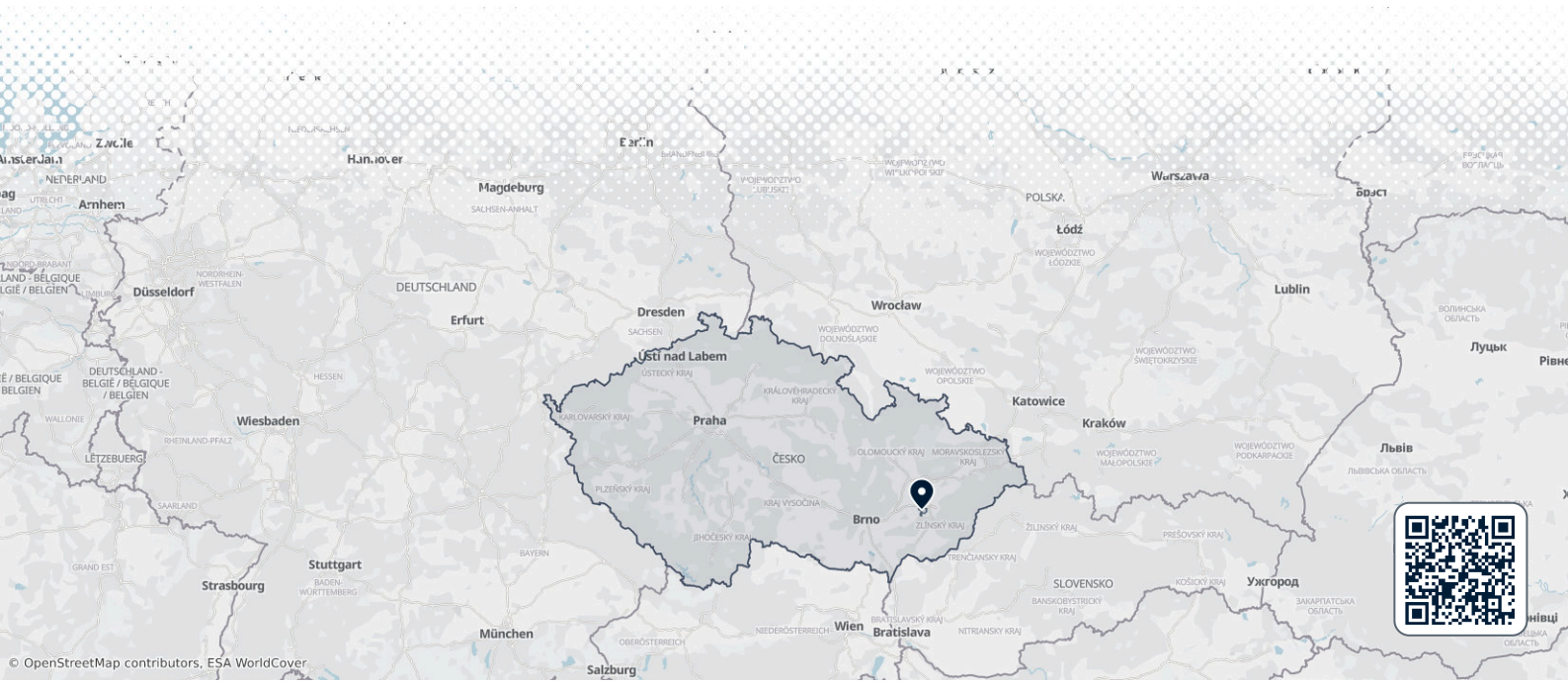


Kroměříž

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Overview

Kroměříž is a small Baroque town on the flat Haná plain of central Moravia. It grew up around the summer residence of the archbishops of Olomouc. Its combined chateau and gardens survive so completely that UNESCO listed the whole ensemble as a World Heritage Site. The town itself has stayed calm and largely untouristed around that famous core.

This is a place for a relaxed one- or two-night stop rather than a rushed day trip. Travelers who enjoy garden design, church architecture and quiet provincial squares get more out of Kroměříž than those looking for nightlife or shopping. Its nickname, the "Athens of Haná", nods to centuries as a regional center of learning and the arts under its archbishop-rulers.

When to visit

Spring and autumn are mild and the best times to see the gardens without summer crowds. Summers are warm, sometimes hot, and the greenery is at its fullest. Winters are cold and grey, and the Flower Garden closes to visitors for the coldest months.

Time a summer visit around Hudba v zahradách a zámku Kroměříž. This international music festival fills the chateau's Assembly Hall and the Flower Garden's colonnade with concerts on summer weekends.

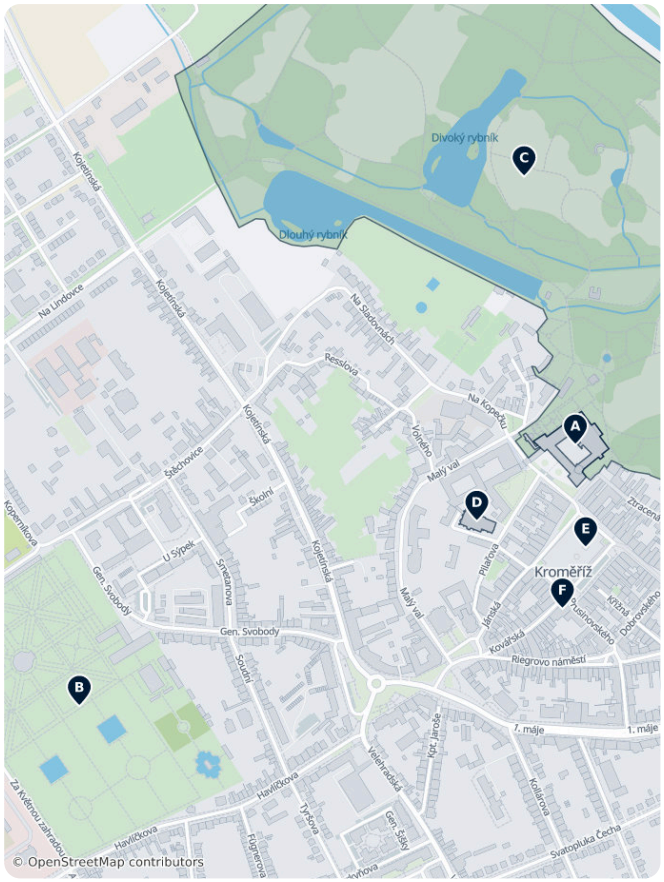
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January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	1° / 7° Feels like -5°	-5° / -14°	Dry air
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	3° / 11° Feels like -2°	-4° / -14°	Dry air
March	Fair Fair for cycling	8° / 17° Feels like 4°	-1° / -7°	Dry air
April	Good Good for cycling	15° / 22° Feels like 11°	4° / -2°	Dry air
May	Good Good for sightseeing	19° / 26°	9° / 3°	14 rainy days · Dry air
June	Great Great for sightseeing	24° / 31°	13° / 8°	14 rainy days
July	Good Good for sightseeing	26° / 33°	15° / 10°	16 rainy days
August	Great Great for sightseeing	26° / 33°	15° / 10°	12 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Great Great for sightseeing	21° / 28°	10° / 5°	Dry air
October	Good Good for cycling	15° / 22° Feels like 11°	6° / -1°	Dry air
November	Poor Poor for sightseeing	8° / 15° Feels like 3°	2° / -4°	Dry air
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	2° / 7° Feels like -4°	-3° / -12°	Dry air

Best months: June, August, September

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

The gardens look their best from May to September, when the flowerbeds and tree canopy are in full leaf.

Top sights



A Kroměříž Castle is the reason Kroměříž exists on the map. This vast Baroque residence was built for the archbishops of Olomouc, and its picture gallery holds Titian's *Flaying of Marsyas*. In 1848, fleeing Austrian lawmakers used its Assembly Hall to draft a constitution after revolution forced them out of Vienna. Climb the tower for a view over the town and both gardens.

B Flower Garden is a geometric 17th-century garden of clipped hedges and a long arcaded colonnade. It also has a rotunda with a Foucault pendulum. It is the more compact and manicured of the town's two UNESCO-listed gardens.

C Castle Garden is the larger, wilder counterpart. This English-style landscape park has canals, cast-iron bridges and a collection of exotic trees, plus a small animal enclosure that keeps children entertained.

On the main square, D Church of Saint Maurice is a 13th-century Gothic church with twin towers. It was founded under Bishop *Bruno of Schauenburg* and rebuilt several times since. Nearby, the Baroque E Plague Column was raised as a plague memorial, a common sight on Moravian squares.

F Town Hall anchors the arcaded main square, Velké náměstí. Its pastel facades are worth a slow walk between the chateau and the church.

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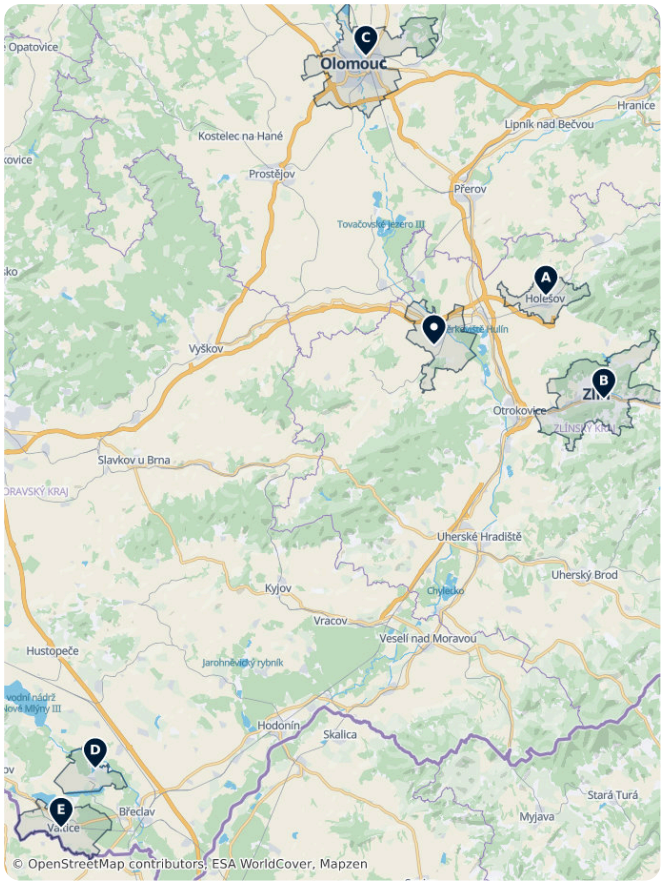
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What to experience

- Catch a concert in the Flower Garden's colonnade or the chateau's Assembly Hall during the summer music festival, when the UNESCO gardens double as a concert setting.
- Cycle the flat riverside path along the Morava River out into the surrounding Haná farmland villages.
- Join Hanácký den, the town's annual celebration of Haná folk costume, music and dance, if your visit lines up with it.
- Climb the chateau tower for a view over both gardens and the rooftops of the old town.

Day trips

Kroměříž sits centrally enough in Moravia that several very different day trips are within easy reach.



- A Holešov — about 20 minutes by bus or car. A Renaissance chateau and one of the country's best-preserved former Jewish quarters, including a 17th-century synagogue.
- B Zlín — about 30 minutes by train. The company town the Baťa shoe empire built from scratch in the 1920s and 30s, full of striking functionalist architecture and a large zoo at Lešná.
- C Olomouc — about 45 minutes by train. A historic university city built around a UNESCO-listed Holy Trinity Column and a cluster of Baroque fountains.
- Buchlovice — about 45–60 minutes by car. A Baroque chateau famous for its rose garden, with the medieval Buchlov Castle a short hike into the hills above the village.
- D Lednice and E Valtice — about 2 hours by car. The Lednice-Valtice cultural landscape, a UNESCO-listed stretch of chateaus, follies and vineyards at the heart of Moravian wine country. Worth the longer drive if you have a full day to spare.

Getting there

- **By air**: Kroměříž has no airport of its own. The nearest options with scheduled commercial service are Brno-Tuřany, about 1 hour 15 minutes by car, and Ostrava's Leoš Janáček Airport, about 1 hour 45 minutes away. Both run limited seasonal and charter routes. Most international travelers instead fly into Prague or Vienna and continue overland — Prague is roughly 3.5 hours by train, Vienna about 2.5 hours by car.
- **By train**: Kroměříž's own station sits on a short branch line. It meets the main Prague–Přerov–Ostrava/Zlín corridor a few minutes away at Hulín, so most journeys involve a quick change there. Direct or one-change regional trains link Kroměříž with Olomouc, Zlín and Brno.
- **By bus**: Regional and long-distance coaches connect Kroměříž directly with Zlín, Olomouc and Brno. Buses are often quicker than the train because they skip the Hulín change.

Getting around

- **On foot**: The historic center is compact and flat. The chateau, both gardens and the main square are all within a 15-minute walk of each other.
- **Public transit**: Local buses run infrequently and most visitors never need them. If you do ride one, pay the driver on board.
- **Cycling**: The Haná plain is flat and well suited to cycling. A riverside path along the Morava River connects Kroměříž to the wider regional cycling network.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

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CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

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Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: Not for the town itself — the center is small and walkable. A car earns its keep for reaching Buchlovice, the Wallachian countryside, or Lednice-Valtice at your own pace.
- **Parking**: The main visitor car park sits right below the chateau on Sněmovní náměstí. Further paid parking and street spaces surround the historic center.

Food & drink

Kroměříž sits in Haná, one of Moravia's main farming regions. Expect hearty, unfussy Czech cooking built around pork, dumplings and cabbage, plus the sweet poppy-seed and plum-jam kolache the region is known for.

For a meal, look around Velké náměstí and the streets connecting it to the chateau. This stretch has the town's main cluster of cafés and restaurants, many with outdoor seating in summer.

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

Kroměříž is a quiet, low-crime town, and violent crime against tourists is essentially unheard of. Keep half an eye on belongings around the main square and gardens during festival weekends, when crowds are larger. Otherwise the usual big-city scams simply don't apply here.

History

Kroměříž grew up around a bishop's residence granted to the see of Olomouc in the 12th century, and it stayed in church hands for the next 800 years. Church of Saint Maurice was founded in the 13th century under Bishop *Bruno of Schauenburg*. The town flourished as a regional center of art and learning under a succession of prince-bishops.

Swedish troops devastated the town during the Thirty Years' War. Bishop *Karel of Liechtenstein-Castelcorn* rebuilt it afterward in the Baroque style that still defines it today, commissioning Kroměříž Castle and laying out Flower Garden in the 1660s and 70s. The chateau's biggest brush with national history came in 1848–49, when the Austrian Imperial Constituent Assembly relocated here after revolution broke out in Vienna and drafted a liberal constitution in its Assembly Hall — dissolved by the emperor before it could take effect, but remembered as a landmark moment in Czech constitutional history. Director *Miloš Forman* later used the chateau and gardens as a stand-in for 18th-century Vienna and Prague while filming *Amadeus* in 1984.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for the Czech Republic at a glance:

CURRENCY
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EMERGENCY
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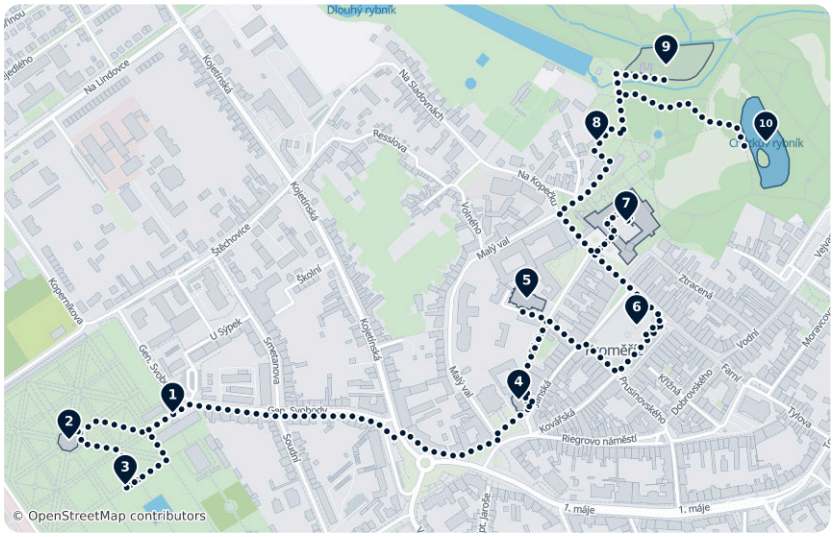
Kroměříž: The Archbishops' Garden City

1h 35min · 3.1 km · 10 stops



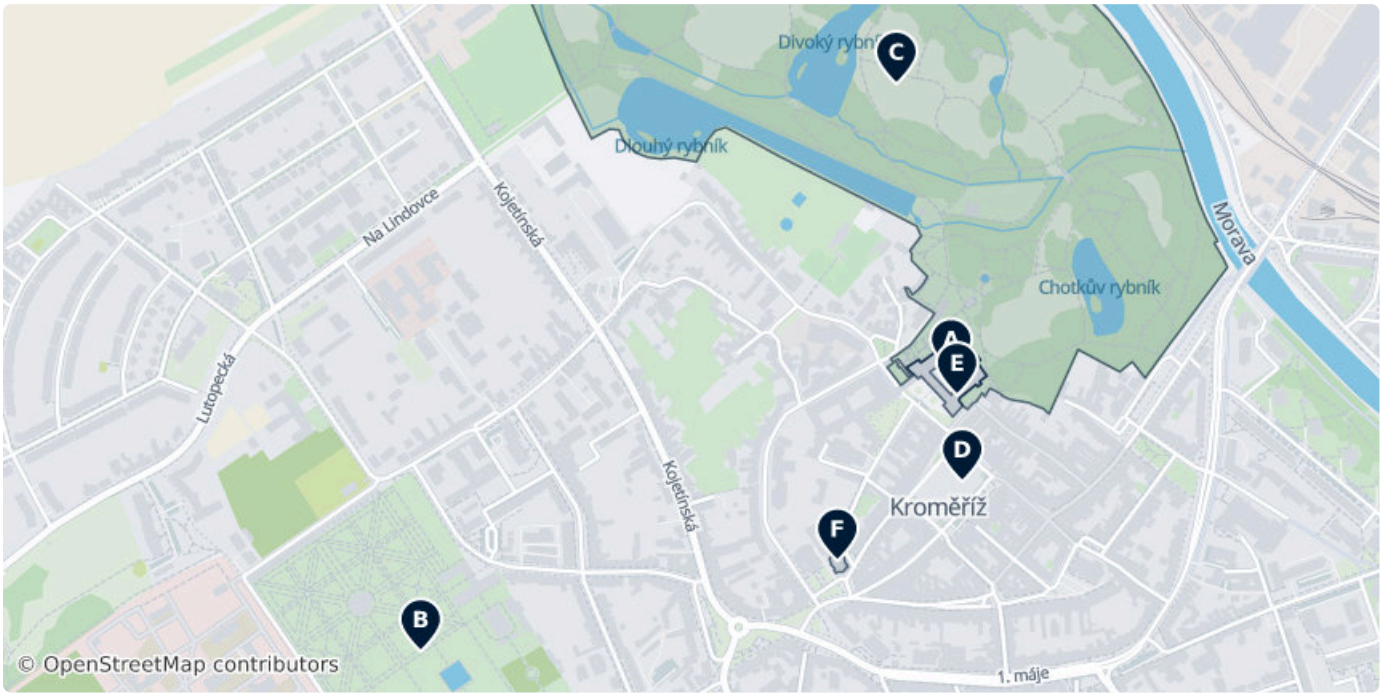
1. Flower Garden — Entrance & Colonnade
2. Flower Garden — The Rotunda
3. Flower Garden — Parterre & Maze
4. Church of St. John the Baptist
5. Church of St. Maurice
6. Velké náměstí (Great Square)
7. Archbishop's Château
8. Podzámecká zahrada — Entrance & Aviaries
9. Podzámecká zahrada — Peacock Courtyard
10. Podzámecká zahrada — Chotkův rybník

Kroměříž is a small Moravian town with an outsized inheritance: for centuries it was the summer seat of the Bishops and Archbishops of Olomouc, who turned it into a garden city of palaces, churches, and parks now protected as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This walk crosses town from the Baroque Flower Garden — its colonnade, Rotunda, and maze — through the arcaded main square and two churches, to the Archbishop's Château, finishing with a stroll into the landscape park behind it. Ten stops across about three kilometres, tracing how one dynasty of churchmen shaped an entire town.



Kroměříž Unmissables

Kroměříž is defined by its UNESCO-listed Baroque architecture and expansive horticultural design. The centerpiece is the Archbishop's Palace, a former residence of Olomouc bishops, featuring a gallery of European paintings and a high lookout tower. The town's heritage includes two distinct gardens: the formal French-style Flower Garden with its 244-meter colonnade and the vast English-style Palace Garden. Historic sites like the Baroque Church of St. John the Baptist and the central Plague Column complete the town's architectural ensemble.





A Kroměříž Castle

Baroque episcopal palace and gardens, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site as an exceptionally complete example of a European Baroque princely residence.

Sněmovní náměstí 1/2, 767 01 Kroměříž, Czech Republic (49.30030, 17.39326)

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B Flower Garden

This garden cut in French style dates back to 17th century and features many flower ornaments and a maze.

Generála Svobody 1192/39, 767 01 Kroměříž, Czech Republic (49.29645, 17.38208)

Mo–Su 08:00–18:30

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C Castle Garden

Sprawling 64-hectare English landscape park featuring exotic trees, water canals, and a mini-zoo. It connects the Archbishop's Palace to the Morava River.

76701, Czech Republic (49.30425, 17.39210)

Apr 16-May 31 Mo–Th	07:00–19:30
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Jul-Aug Mo–Su	07:00–19:30

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D Plague Column

Baroque memorial situated in the Great Square, erected in 1680 to commemorate the victims of a plague epidemic.

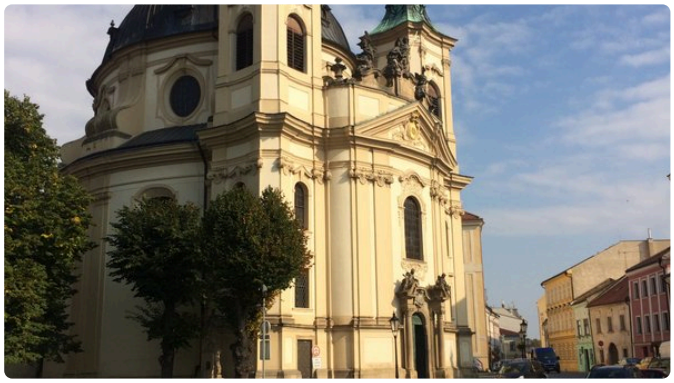
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E Chateau Tower

The 84-meter-high tower of the Archbishop's Palace, offering views over the historic center and gardens. It houses a collection of bells and historical clocks.

2 Sněmovní náměstí, Kroměříž 76701, Czech Republic (49.29997, 17.39338)

Mo–Su	09:00–17:30



F St. John Baptist Church

18th-century Baroque church designed by Ignaz Cyrus. The interior is decorated with frescoes by Etgens and Stern and houses a significant pipe organ.

1138/17 Masarykovo náměstí, Kroměříž 76701, Czech Republic (49.29770, 17.39086)

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