

Lednice

South Moravian Region · Czech Republic

TRAVEL GUIDE

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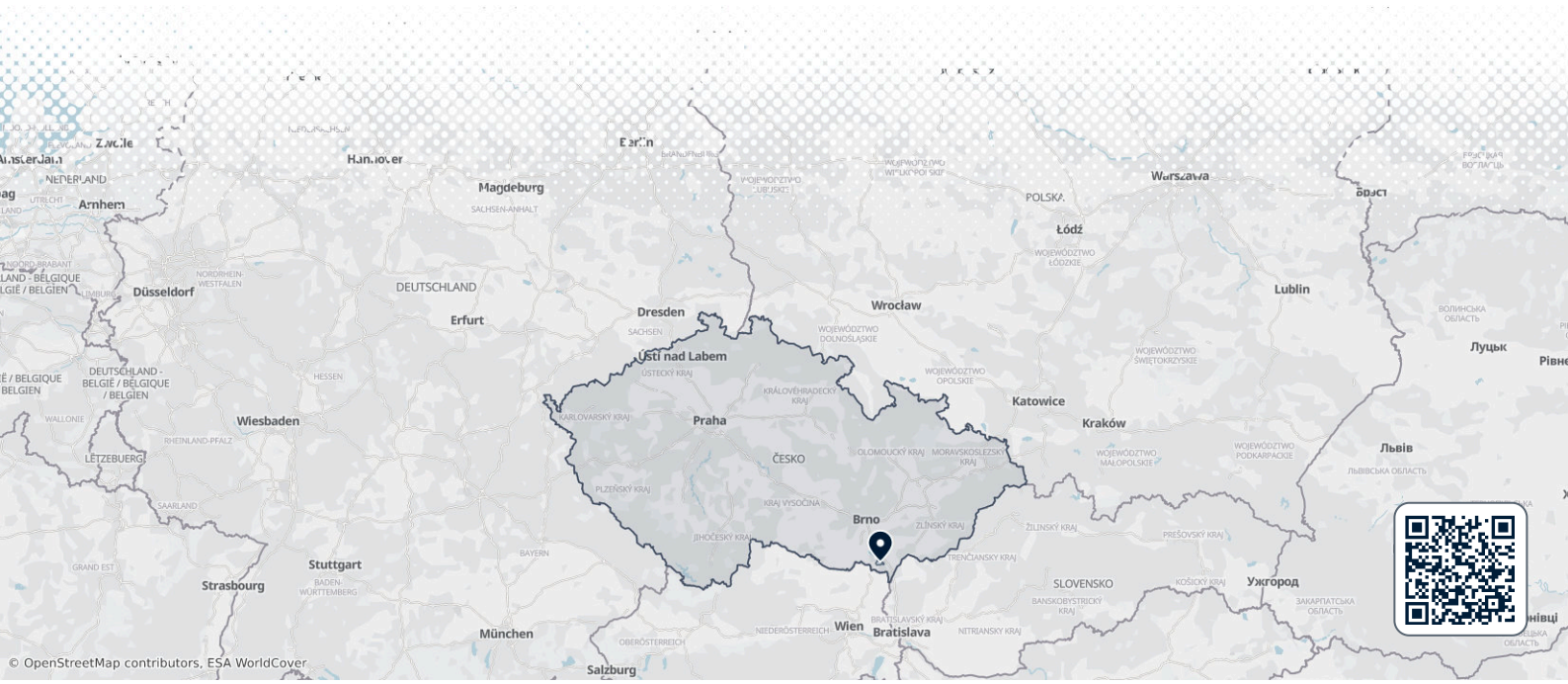


Overview

Lednice is a small South Moravian village built almost entirely around one attraction: a fairy-tale chateau set inside one of Europe's largest landscaped parks. Together with neighboring Valtice, it forms the Lednice-Valtice Cultural Landscape, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1996 that the House of Liechtenstein shaped over two centuries into a single designed landscape of palaces, garden follies, and artificial lakes.

The village itself is tiny, with fewer than 2,500 residents, but it draws crowds who come to tour the chateau, cycle or walk through the park to its follies, and taste wine from the surrounding vineyards. It suits travelers who want striking architecture set in open countryside rather than a dense historic town center, and it pairs naturally with a stop in Valtice or the wider Moravian wine region.

When to visit

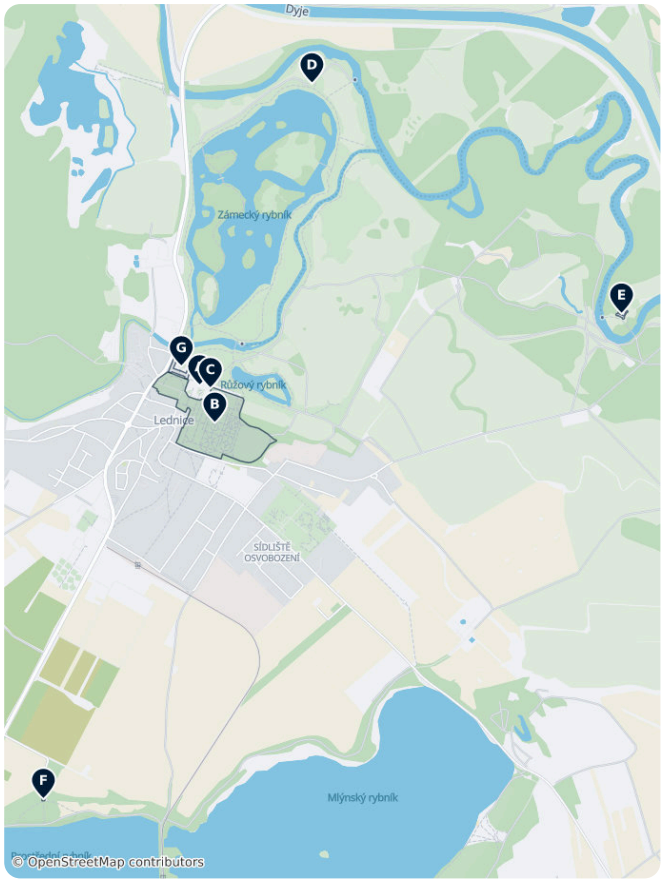
Summers here are hot and mostly dry, the best time for walking the park or taking a boat out to the minaret. Spring and early autumn are mild and quieter, and winter is cold with occasional snow and few visitors outside the Christmas season. The regional wine harvest, or *vinobraní*, runs through September and October, when cellars across the area open for tastings — a good time to combine a chateau visit with wine touring.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	2° / 9° Feels like -4°	-5° / -14°	Dry air
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	5° / 13° Feels like -1°	-4° / -13°	Dry air
March	Fair Fair for cycling	10° / 18° Feels like 5°	0° / -6°	Dry air
April	Great Great for cycling	16° / 23° Feels like 12°	4° / -2°	Dry air
May	Great Great for sightseeing	21° / 28°	9° / 4°	12 rainy days · Dry air
June	Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 32°	14° / 8°	13 rainy days
July	Good Good for sightseeing	28° / 35°	16° / 11°	13 rainy days
August	Great Great for sightseeing	28° / 35°	15° / 10°	
September	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 29°	11° / 5°	Dry air
October	Great Great for cycling	16° / 23° Feels like 12°	6° / -1°	Dry air
November	Fair Fair for cycling	9° / 16° Feels like 4°	2° / -4°	Dry air
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	3° / 9° Feels like -3°	-3° / -12°	Dry air

Best months: May, June, August, September

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

Top sights



A Lednice Château is the village's centerpiece, a Neo-Gothic palace rebuilt between 1846 and 1858 under architect *Georg Wingelmüller* for Prince Alois II of Liechtenstein, in the spirit of English Gothic architecture, with lavishly carved wooden interiors.

The palace opens directly onto B Zámecká zahrada, an English-style landscape park with roots in the 16th century, scattered with romantic follies, an artificial cave, and a castle pond with 15 islands.

Inside the park, C Greenhouse is a cast-iron and glass palm house built in the 1840s to house the Liechtensteins' plant collections — one of the finest surviving Victorian-era greenhouses in Central Europe.

A walk or short boat ride across the ponds leads to the D Minaret, a 60-meter tower built in the early 1800s and often cited as the tallest minaret-style structure outside the Islamic world; climb it for views over the whole landscape.

E Janův hrad is a deliberately built "ruined" Gothic Revival castle, constructed between 1801 and 1808 to look centuries older than it is and used as a hunting lodge and gamekeeper's house.

On the edge of the ponds, F Rybniční zámeček was a hunting lodge for the Liechtenstein princes, built between 1814 and 1816 and known for its reflection on the water's surface.

Near the chateau, G Zámecká jízdárna is a Baroque riding hall attributed to architect *Johann Bernhard Fischer von Erlach*, now used as a concert and festival venue.

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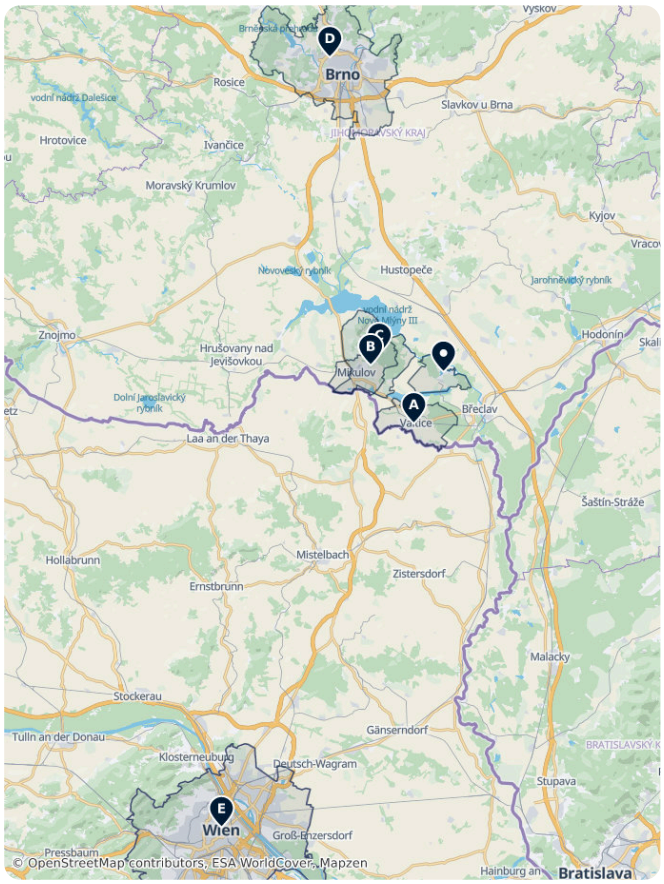
What to experience

- Cycle the marked wine routes between Lednice and Valtice, stopping at small family-run cellars for tastings along the way.
- Join a Moravian wine tasting in one of the cellars around the village or in nearby Valtice — this region produces some of the country's best white wines.
- Let kids loose at Sand World, with its sand sculptures recreating local landmarks and a sandy play area.
- In summer, take a boat ride across the chateau ponds toward the minaret, a slow, scenic alternative to walking the shoreline path.

Day trips

Lednice sits at the heart of Moravian wine country, with plenty to see nearby.

- A **Valtice** — around 10 minutes by bike or car, Lednice's UNESCO twin: a Baroque chateau, historic wine cellars, and the region's main wine school.
- B **Mikulov** — about 25 minutes by car, a hilltop wine town with its own castle, a well-preserved Jewish quarter, and views from the Holy Hill above town.
- C **Pálava** — around 25-30 minutes by car, a small limestone ridge with hiking trails, vineyards, and views over the Nové Mlýny reservoirs.
- D **Brno** — about an hour by car or train, Moravia's capital, with Špilberk Castle and the UNESCO-listed Villa Tugendhat.
- E **Vienna** — roughly 1 hour 15 minutes by car, across the border in Austria — a full flagship day out if you have the time.



Where to explore

Lednice shares its UNESCO status with neighboring Valtice, a short bike ride away and the other half of the Lednice-Valtice Cultural Landscape — together the two towns and the parkland between them form a single protected estate. For a base with more wine cellars and hillside views, Mikulov is the region's main wine-tourism hub, a half-hour drive to the west.

Getting there

- **By air**: **Vienna Airport (VIE)** in Austria is the closest major international gateway, about 70 km away — roughly an hour by car. **Brno-Tuřany Airport (BRQ)** is nearer, around 50 km, but has only a handful of scheduled routes.
- **By train**: Lednice has its own small station, about 1 km from the chateau, on the branch line to **Břeclav**, the region's main rail junction on the Vienna-Prague/Brno line — around 15 minutes away.
- **By bus**: regional buses connect Lednice to Břeclav, Valtice, and Mikulov; the bus stop is close to the chateau.

Getting around

- **Public transit**: South Moravia's integrated network, IDS JMK, covers regional buses to nearby towns; buy tickets from the driver or through the IDS JMK app.
- **On foot**: the village center, chateau, and main park are all within easy walking distance of each other.
- **Cycling**: marked routes link Lednice to Valtice and the wider wine region; several shops in the village rent bikes by the day.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The chateau, garden, and village center are all easy to explore on foot; the minaret and outlying pavilions are a longer walk or a short boat ride away.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

Marked cycling routes link Lednice directly to Valtice and the wider wine region, and bike rental is available in the village.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: not for Lednice itself — the chateau, park, and village center are all walkable — but a car (or bike) helps for reaching Valtice, Mikulov, and the wider wine region in a single day.
- **Parking**: pay parking lots sit near the chateau entrance and along the approach roads; the village center itself has limited street parking.
- **Restrictions**: none beyond normal Czech road rules — no congestion charge or low-emission zone here.

Food & drink

Lednice sits in the heart of Moravia's wine country, and the area's white wines — Ryzlink rýnský, Veltlínské zelené, and other regional varieties — are a big part of why people linger over a meal here. Small cellars around the village and in nearby Valtice pair tastings with simple regional food.

For meals, look to the restaurants and wine bars around the main square near the chateau entrance rather than seeking out one destination restaurant — this is a village built for grazing between sights, not fine dining.

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

Lednice is a safe, low-crime destination with no particular hazards for travelers. The main practical issue is crowding rather than crime: parking and the chateau's ticket queues can back up on summer weekends, so arrive early or book tickets in advance during peak season.

History

The House of Liechtenstein held the Lednice estate from the 13th century until it was nationalized after the Second World War in 1945 — an unusually long, unbroken stretch of ownership by one family. A modest earlier château stood here for generations before Prince Alois II of Liechtenstein commissioned the dramatic Neo-Gothic rebuild of Lednice Château between 1846 and 1858.

At the same time, the Liechtensteins turned the surrounding land into an English-style landscape park, filling it with follies meant to be discovered on a walk or a ride through the grounds rather than seen all at once — an artificial ruin, a Moorish-style minaret, garden pavilions. That whole designed landscape, shared with neighboring Valtice, was recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1996 for the scale and coherence of its 18th- and 19th-century landscape architecture.

After 1945 the chateau passed into state ownership and opened to the public; it remains one of the most visited monuments in the Czech Republic today.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for the Czech Republic at a glance:

CURRENCY
CZK Kč

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY

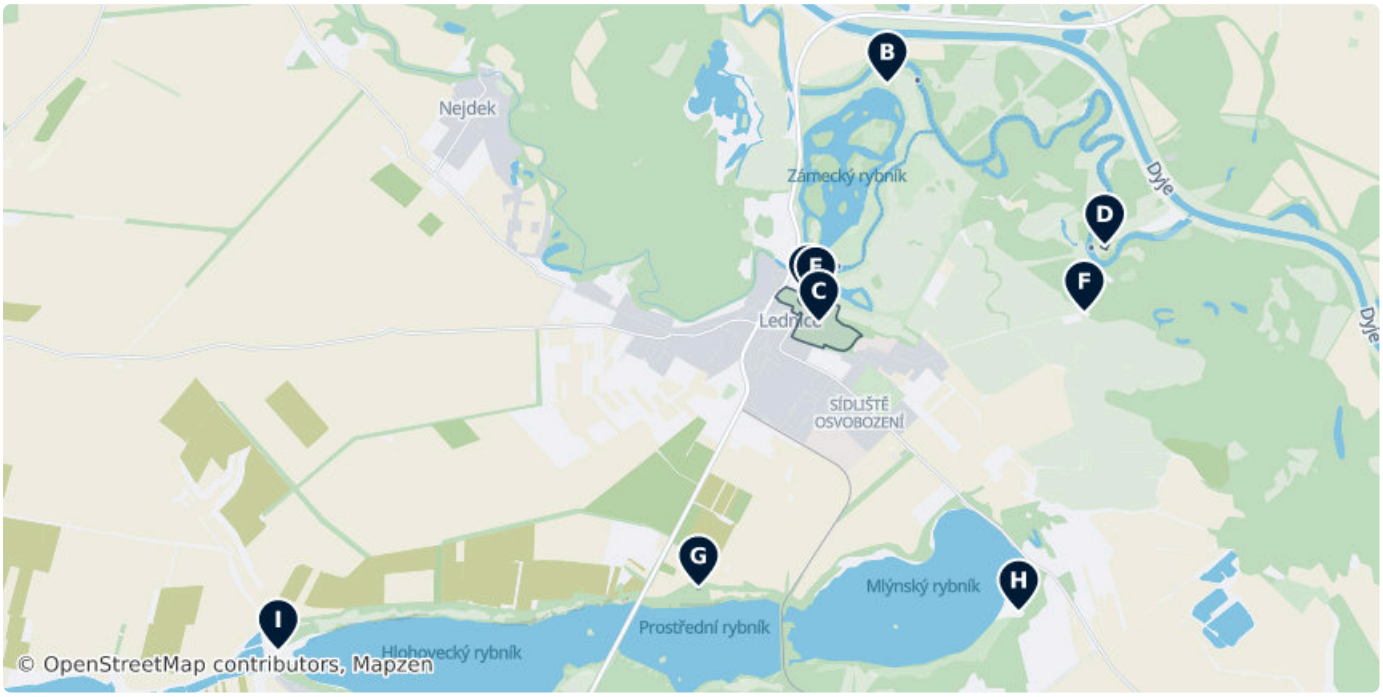
Type C / Type E
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
Czech

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Lednice Essentials

The Lednice-Valtice Cultural Landscape is a UNESCO World Heritage site centered around the neo-Gothic Lednice Château. This collection features a sprawling English-style park and formal French gardens, notable for a 19th-century cast-iron greenhouse and the 60-meter-tall Moorish Revival Minaret. The estate is dotted with romantic follies, including the artificial ruins of Janohrad Castle, the Empire-style Temple of Apollo overlooking local ponds, and several Classicist pavilions designed for the Liechtenstein family's leisure and hunting activities.





A Lednice Château

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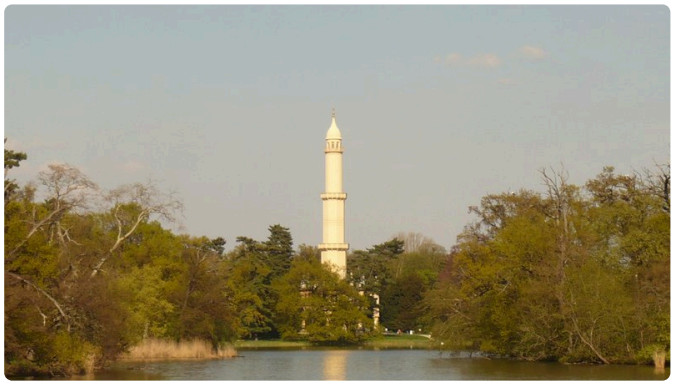

B Lednice Minaret

Built around the year 1800, the minaret now serves as an outlook tower and makes an excellent walk destination from Chateau Lednice.

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C Castle Garden

A vast landscape combining a formal French garden with an English-style park, featuring rare tree species, winding water channels, and scenic vistas connecting the estate's architectural monuments.

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(48.80005, 16.80655)

Mo–Su 00:00–24:00

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D Janohrad Castle

An early 19th-century romantic folly designed as an artificial Gothic ruin. Built by Joseph Hardtmuth, it served as a hunting lodge and gathering point for the nobility during hunts.

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E Greenhouse

This greenhouse was built in 1845, covered in tens of thousands tiny glass pieces carefully layered to build a magnificent structure.

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(48.80149, 16.80627)

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F Lovecký zámeček

A Classicist two-story pavilion built between 1805 and 1806. Designed by Joseph Hardtmuth, it originally served as a base for hunting parties and a residence for the princely foresters.

436 Slovácká, 69144, Czech Republic (48.80062, 16.83044)



G Pond Mansion

A Classicist chateau built between 1814 and 1816, situated on the banks of the Prostřední pond. It was designed by Joseph Kornhäusel for scientific research and social events.

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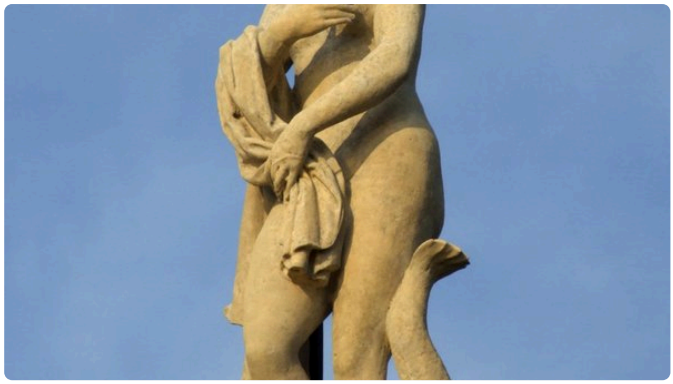

H Apollo Temple

An Empire-style temple built in 1817–1819 on the shores of the Mlýnský pond. The facade features a prominent relief depicting the myth of Apollo, god of the sun and arts.

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I Border Chateau

A Classicist building constructed in 1826–1827 directly on the historic border between Moravia and Lower Austria, once marked by a boundary stream flowing through the building's foundations.

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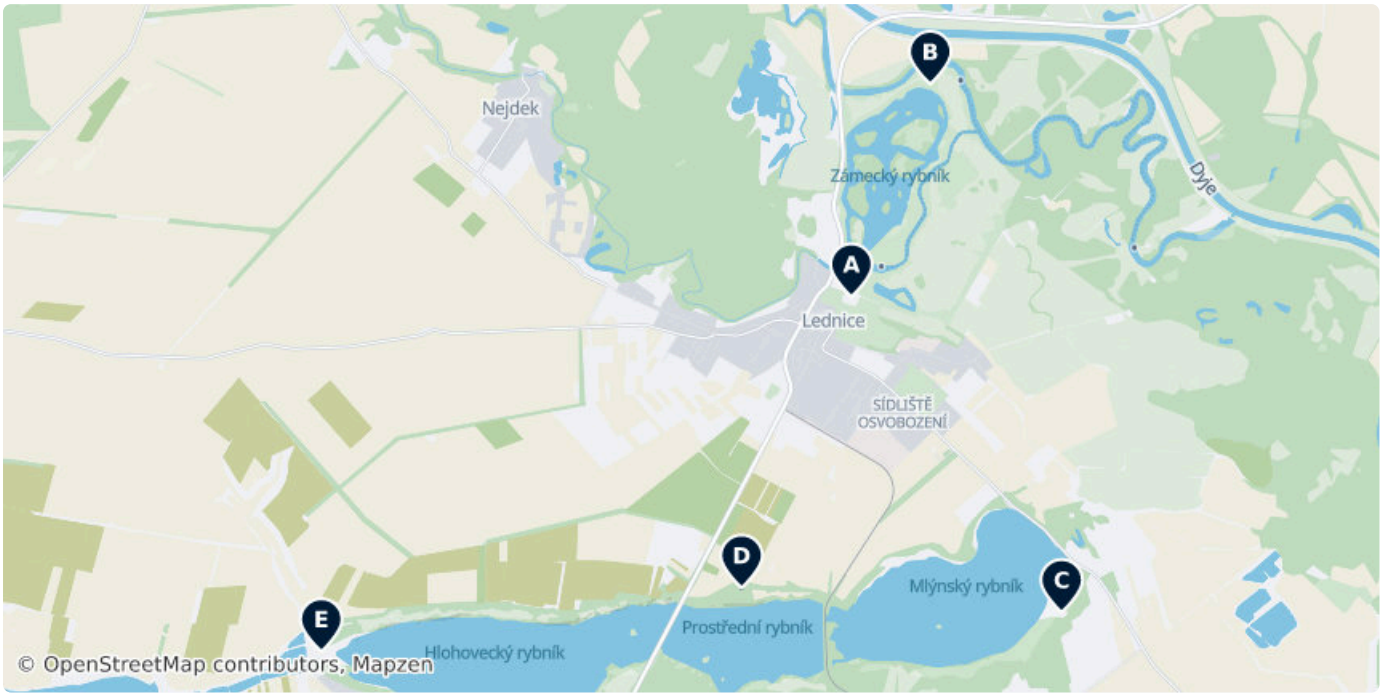
Lednice-Valtice UNESCO Landscape

The Lednice-Valtice Cultural Landscape, a UNESCO World Heritage site, represents one of Europe's largest artificial landscapes. Shaped by the Liechtenstein family between the 17th and 20th centuries, it integrates the Neo-Gothic Lednice Château and the Baroque Valtice Château with an expansive English park. The grounds are characterized by romantic follies, including the 60-meter-tall Moorish Minaret, the neoclassical Temple of Apollo, and several summer houses connected by scenic paths and a sophisticated system of ponds.





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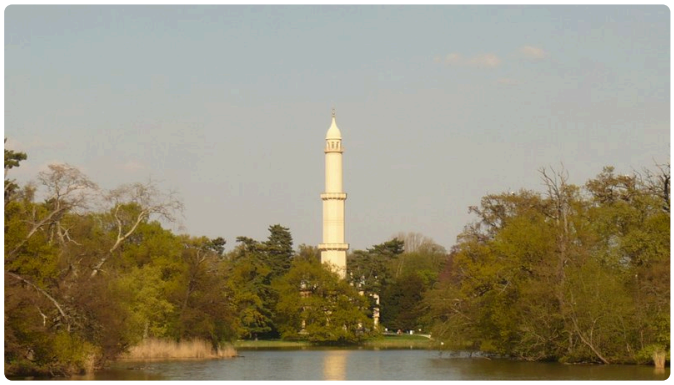

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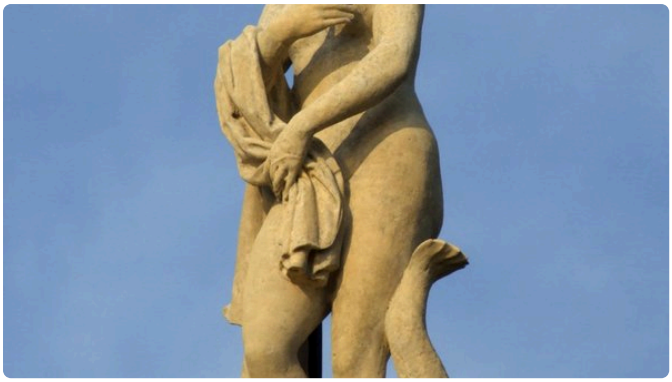

C Apollo Temple

Neoclassical temple built between 1817 and 1819, designed by Joseph Kornhäusel. Located on the shores of Mlýnský pond, it features a relief of the sun god Apollo and serves as a scenic viewpoint over the surrounding landscape.

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E Border Chateau

A Classicist summer house built between 1816 and 1827 on the historic border between Moravia and Lower Austria. The building's facade bears an inscription marking this former boundary between the two lands.

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D Pond Mansion

A Classicist building completed in 1816 by architect Joseph Kornhäusel. Situated on the northern shore of Prostřední pond, it historically served as a base for hunting and currently houses a biological research station.

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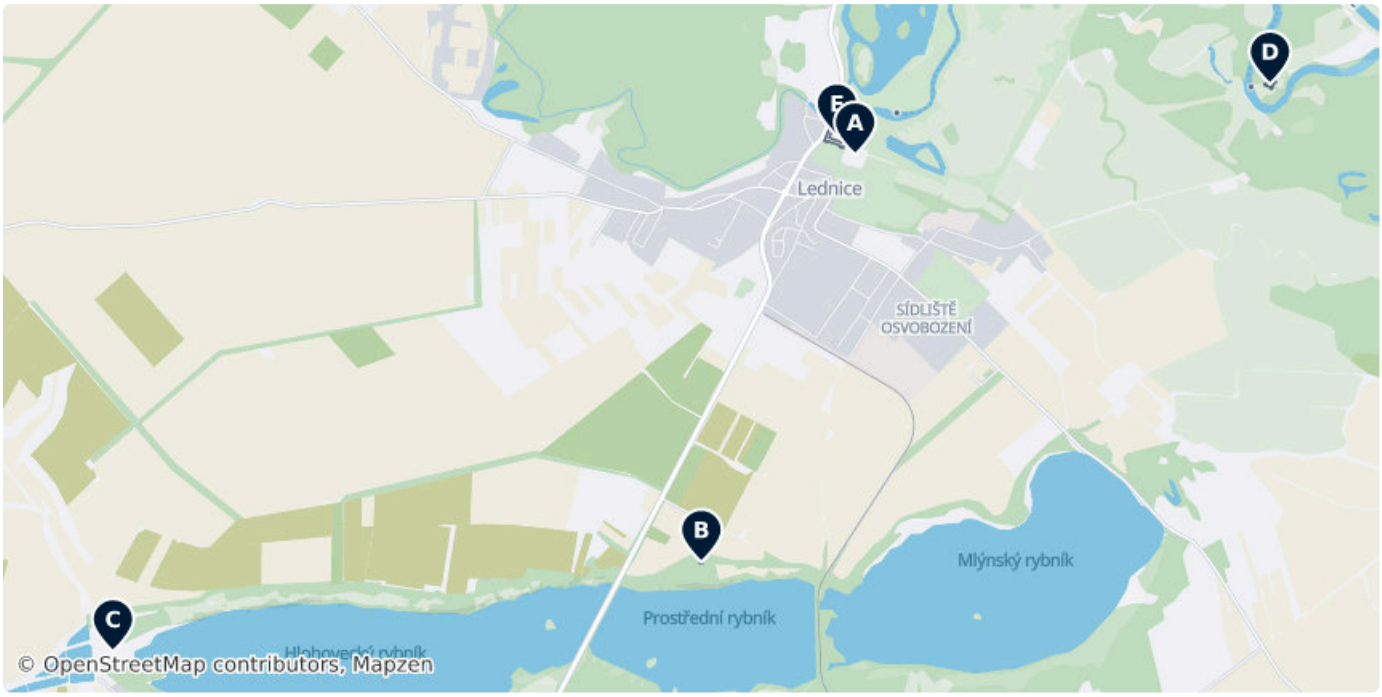
Castles and Palaces

The Lednice-Valtice Cultural Landscape features a collection of architectural landmarks commissioned by the House of Liechtenstein. This selection includes the Neo-Gothic Lednice Château and several romantic follies integrated into the parkland. Notable structures include the Classicist Rybniční zámeček, the Hraniční zámeček marking the historic Moravian-Austrian border, and Janohrad, an artificial ruin used as a hunting lodge. The complex also contains the monumental Baroque riding hall designed by architect Johann Bernhard Fischer von Erlach.





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A Classicist hunting lodge built between 1814 and 1816 by architect Joseph Kornhäusel. It stands on the shore of Prostřední pond within the UNESCO-listed cultural landscape.

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C Border Chateau

A Classicist summer house built in 1827 on the former border between Moravia and Lower Austria. It features a terrace overlooking the Hlohovecký pond.

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E Castle Riding Hall

A monumental Baroque riding hall and stables complex designed by Johann Bernhard Fischer von Erlach. It is the oldest preserved part of the Lednice chateau grounds.

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