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Litoměřice District · Czech Republic

TRAVEL GUIDE

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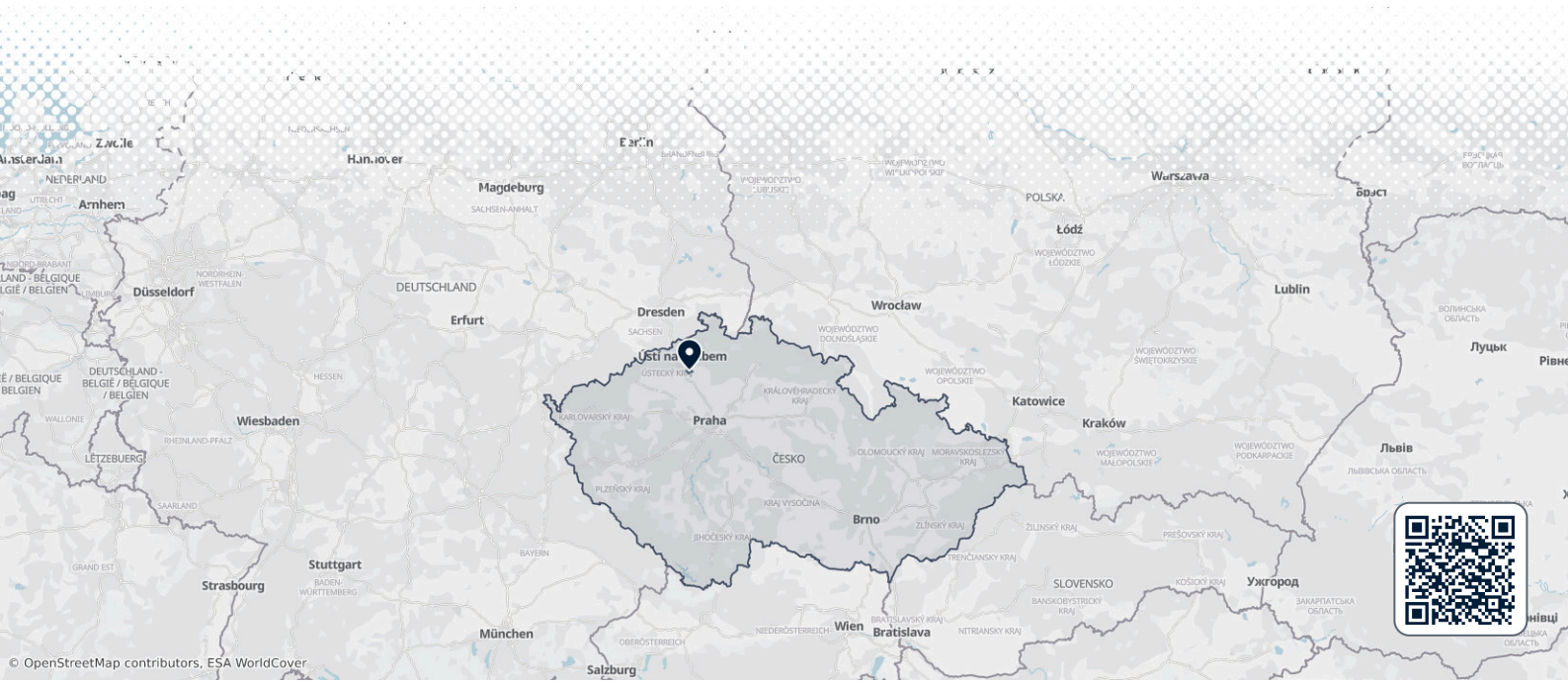


Overview

Litoměřice is a historic town on the Elbe River in northern Bohemia, where the Elbe meets the Ohře. It is one of the oldest towns in the country. Its centre has a very large main square, Renaissance houses, and several Baroque churches.

The town lies at the edge of the České středohoří hills, a volcanic landscape of cone-shaped hills, orchards and vineyards. Locals call the area the "Garden of Bohemia". Litoměřice suits a relaxed weekend with history, local wine and short hikes. It is also the closest town to the Terezín memorial.

When to visit

Late spring to early autumn is the best time. The valley is sheltered and warm in summer, and the orchards bloom in spring. Winters are cold and grey but rarely harsh.

The biggest event is Zahrada Čech (Garden of Bohemia), a large garden and horticulture fair held every September. The town's wine festival (Vinobraní) also takes place in September, with music, local wine and young wine on the main square.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	2° / 9° Feels like -3°	-4° / -14°	Dry air
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	5° / 12° Feels like -1°	-3° / -13°	Dry air
March	Fair Fair for cycling	10° / 17° Feels like 5°	0° / -6°	Dry air
April	Great Great for cycling	15° / 23° Feels like 11°	4° / -2°	Dry air
May	Great Great for sightseeing	20° / 28°	9° / 3°	12 rainy days · Dry air
June	Great Great for sightseeing	24° / 32°	13° / 8°	13 rainy days · Dry air
July	Good Good for sightseeing	26° / 34°	15° / 10°	14 rainy days
August	Great Great for sightseeing	26° / 34°	14° / 10°	12 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Great Great for sightseeing	21° / 29°	10° / 5°	Dry air
October	Good Good for cycling	15° / 22° Feels like 12°	5° / -1°	Dry air
November	Poor Poor for sightseeing	8° / 15° Feels like 4°	1° / -4°	Dry air
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	3° / 9° Feels like -2°	-3° / -11°	Dry air

Best months: May, June, August, September

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

Top sights

A Mírové náměstí is one of the largest town squares in the country, about 2 hectares in size. It is lined with Gothic and Renaissance houses. The House at the Chalice, now the town hall, has a lookout tower

shaped like a chalice on its roof.

B Regional Museum in Litoměřice is housed in the Old Town Hall, a Gothic building rebuilt in Renaissance style in the 16th century. Its exhibitions cover the history of the town and the region.

C Church of All Saints stands on the corner of the square. Its tall bell tower is one of the landmarks of the town skyline.

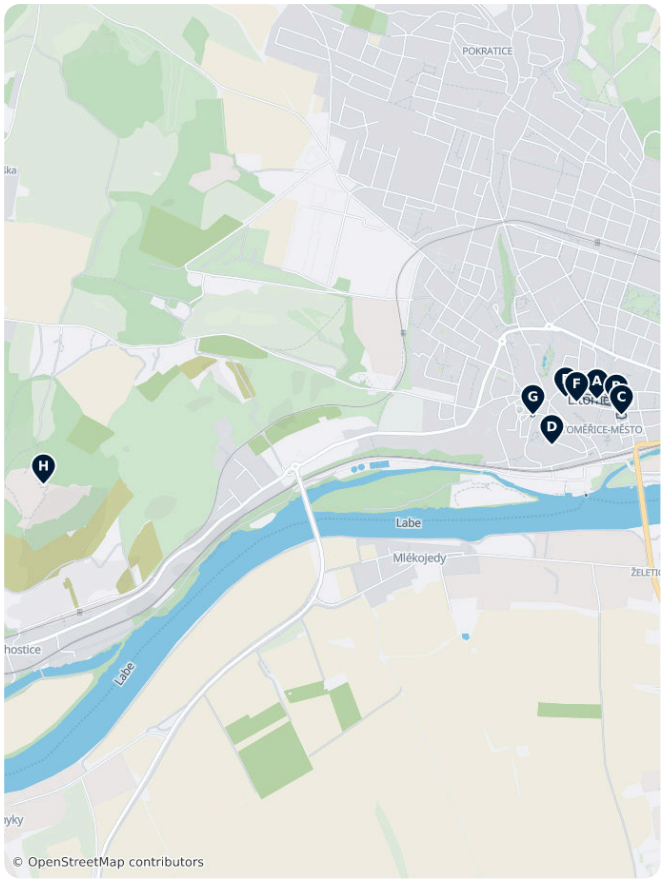
D St. Stephen's Cathedral is the seat of the Litoměřice bishops. The Baroque building stands on Cathedral Hill, a quiet area of church buildings above the river.

E North Bohemian Gallery of Fine Arts shows Czech art from the Gothic period to today. It is known for its collection of naive art and art brut.

F Diocesan Gallery and Museum displays religious art from the churches of the diocese.

G Church of St. Wenceslas is a small Baroque church by the architect *Octavio Broggio*, who designed many buildings in the town.

H Radobýl is a basalt hill about 3 km west of the centre. A large metal cross stands on the bare summit, and the view covers the Elbe valley, the town and the surrounding hills.



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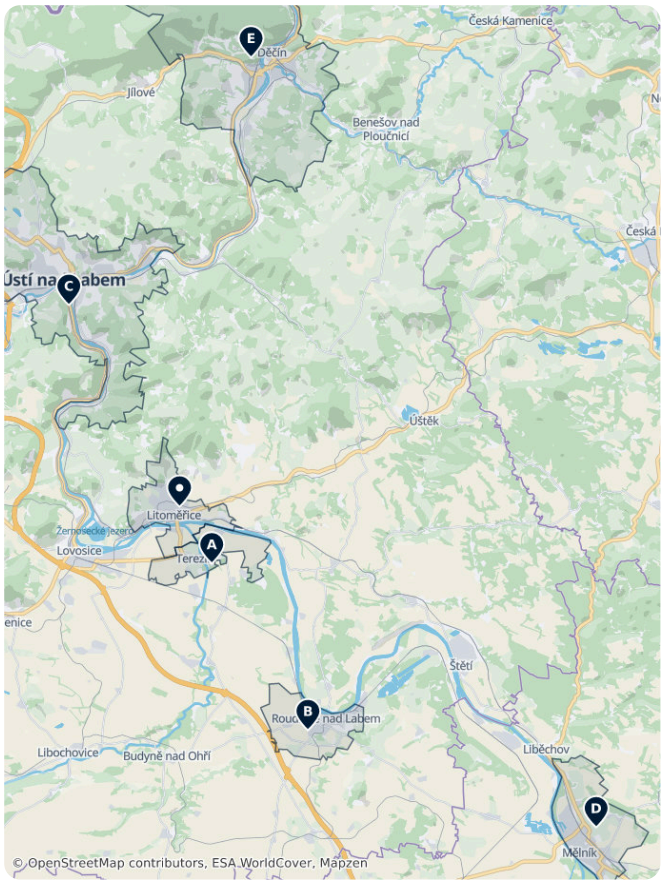
What to experience

A few things worth doing beyond sightseeing:

- **Climb the chalice tower**: Go up the lookout on the town hall roof for a view over the square and the surrounding hills.
- **Taste local wine**: The medieval castle by the river now houses an exhibition about Czech wine. Litoměřice is the centre of a small wine region.
- **Hike to a hilltop**: Walk from the centre to Radobýl for a sunset view over the Elbe valley.
- **Cycle along the Elbe**: Follow the river route past orchards and vineyards towards Roudnice nad Labem or Ústí nad Labem.

Day trips

Litoměřice is a good base for the Elbe valley and the České středohoří hills. Trips are listed from closest to farthest.



- **A** Terezín: ≈10 min by bus or car. The former fortress town is home to Terezín Memorial, which tells the story of the Nazi ghetto and the Small Fortress prison.
- Bílé stráně: ≈10 min by car or a longer walk north of the town. Protected limestone slopes with rare dry-grassland plants.
- **B** Roudnice nad Labem: ≈20 min by car or bus. A riverside town with a large chateau and a Gothic bridge tower.
- Říp Mountain: ≈30 min by car. A lone hill with a Romanesque rotunda on top. According to legend, the first Czechs settled the land from here.
- **C** Ústí nad Labem: ≈30 min by train. Visit Střekov Castle on a rock above the Elbe.
- **D** Mělník: ≈40 min by car. A wine town with a chateau above the meeting of the Vltava and the Elbe.
- **E** Děčín: ≈1 hour by train or car. A gateway to the sandstone rocks of Bohemian Switzerland National Park.

Where to explore

Two neighbouring towns in the same district are worth combining with Litoměřice.

- **Memorial town**: Terezín lies just south of Litoměřice, where the Ohře meets the Elbe.
- **Up the Elbe**: Roudnice nad Labem is a short trip upstream towards Prague.

Getting there

- **By air**: The nearest international airport is Prague Václav Havel Airport. Take a bus into Prague first and continue by train or bus to Litoměřice.
- **By train**: Trains from Prague run to Lovosice on the Prague–Děčín line. Change there for the short ride to Litoměřice. Direct regional trains also link the town with Ústí nad Labem and Mělník. Book Czech trains on České dráhy.
- **By bus**: Direct buses connect Litoměřice with Prague and with the nearby towns of the district.

Getting around

- **On foot**: The historic centre is compact. The main square, Cathedral Hill and the river are all within a short walk of each other.
- **Public transit**: A small network of town buses serves the centre and the outer districts. Bank cards are accepted for tickets.
- **Cycling**: The Elbe Cycle Route (Labská stezka) passes through town and is a flat, easy way to reach nearby villages and vineyards.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The historic centre is compact; the main square, Cathedral Hill and the river are all a short walk apart.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

The flat Elbe Cycle Route passes through town, but the old town has cobbled streets and the surrounding hills are steep.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: Not for the town itself. A car is useful for the hills, small villages and hilltop viewpoints of the České středohoří.
- **Parking**: Parking in the historic centre is limited and paid. Use the car parks at the edge of the old town and walk in.
- **Tolls**: Czech motorways, including the nearby D8 towards Prague and Dresden, need an electronic vignette.

Food & drink

Litoměřice sits in one of the few Czech wine regions outside Moravia. Look for local white wines, and in autumn for burčák, a sweet, partly fermented young wine.

The best area to eat is the main square and the streets just off it, where cafés and restaurants put tables outside in summer. The castle is a good place to taste wine from the region.

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

Litoměřice is a safe town for visitors, and serious crime against tourists is rare. Use normal care with bags and bikes, especially at the railway stations.

The hills around the town have steep, rocky paths. Wear good shoes on hikes, and bring water in summer, as the slopes are hot and have little shade. Tap water is safe to drink.

History

Litoměřice is one of the oldest towns in Bohemia. A church chapter was founded here in 1057, and the town became a royal town in 1219. Its position on the Elbe made it rich from river trade. The Gothic core of the Old Town Hall, now Regional Museum in Litoměřice, and the houses around Mírové náměstí show this wealth.

In 1655 the town became the seat of a new Catholic diocese. St. Stephen's Cathedral was rebuilt in Baroque style soon after. Italian builders, including the Broggio family, shaped the Baroque look of many churches and houses in the town. The Romantic poet *Karel Hynek Mácha* died here in 1836 and was first buried in the town.

For centuries the town was mainly German-speaking and called Leitmeritz. In 1944–1945 the Nazis ran a concentration camp west of the town. Prisoners were forced to dig underground factories inside Radobýl, and about 4,500 of them died. The former crematorium is now a memorial. After the war, most of the German population was expelled.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for the Czech Republic at a glance:

CURRENCY
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EMERGENCY
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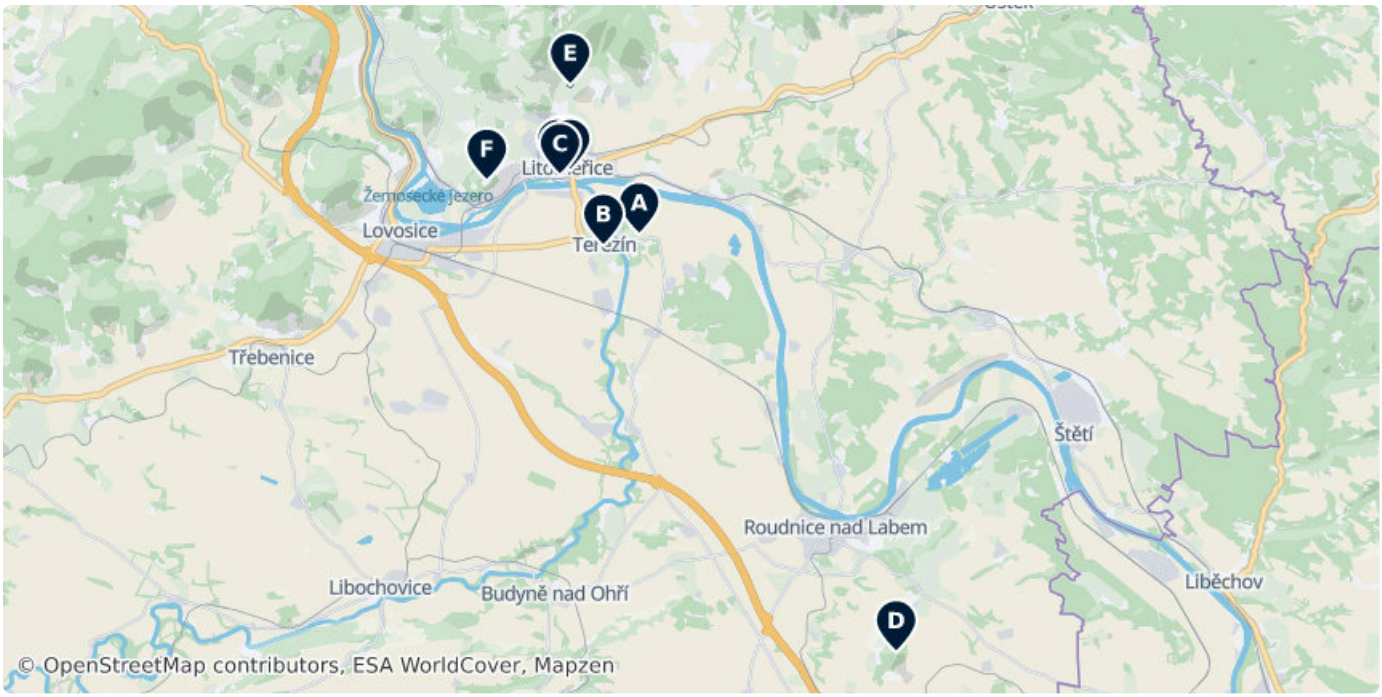
ELECTRICITY

Type C / Type E
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
Czech

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Top sights





A Terezín Memorial

Terezín, a former concetration camp, now serves as a memorial to all those who died under the hands of the Nazis, so that this part of...

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B Terezín

Terezín is a town in Litoměřice District in the Ústí nad Labem Region of the Czech Republic. It has about 2,900 inhabitants.

85 náměstí Československé armády, Terezín 41155, Czech Republic (50.51055, 14.14929)



C St. Stephen's Cathedral, Litoměřice

The St. Stephen's Cathedral or simply Cathedral of Litoměřice, is the name given to a religious building of the Catholic Church that works...

3/3 Dómské náměstí, Litoměřice 41201, Czech Republic (50.53209, 14.12847)

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D Říp Mountain

Říp Mountain is a 461 metres high solitary hill located 20 km south-east of Litoměřice, Czech Republic.

41301, Czech Republic (50.38654, 14.28962)



E Bílé stráně

National nature monument and Natura 2000 site featuring unique marl limestone geological formations and rare xerothermic plant communities. The area is home to sensitive flora and diverse species of insects and mollusks.

41201, Czech Republic (50.55958, 14.13329)

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F Radobýl

Radobýl is a basalt hill in České středohoří mountains, Czech Republic.

41101, Czech Republic (50.53036, 14.09336)



G North Bohemian Arts Gallery

Regional art gallery managing collections of medieval, baroque, and contemporary art across several historical buildings. It is the only institution in the Czech Republic systematically collecting and presenting art brut and naive art.

29/7 Michalská, Litoměřice 41201, Czech Republic (50.53418, 14.12944)

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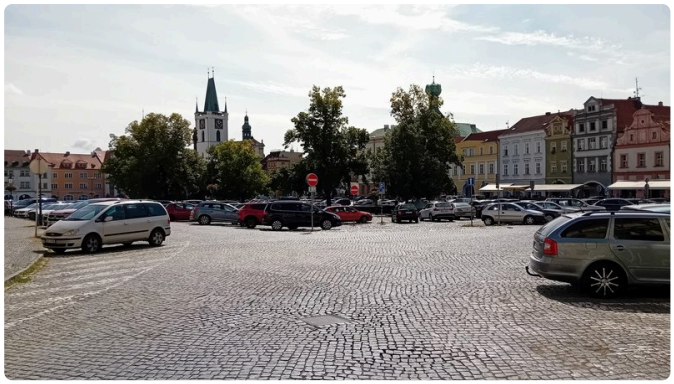

H Peace Square

Historic trapezoidal square featuring black basalt paving and a 1685 Marian column. It serves as a central hub dating back to the Middle Ages and is one of the largest squares in Bohemia.

Mírové náměstí, 412 01 Litoměřice, Czechia (50.53410, 14.13159)

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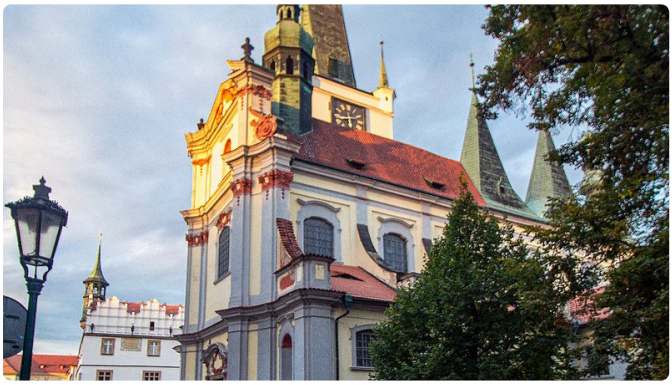

I All Saints Church

Historic Baroque parish church and cultural monument featuring a prominent 54-meter tower with a gallery and clock. Known for its distinct white facade, the building dates back to 1001 and serves as a center for religious services and concerts.

196 Dlouhá, Litoměřice 41201, Czech Republic (50.53340, 14.13328)

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J Litoměřice Regional Museum

Regional history museum established in 1874 focusing on local architecture and cultural heritage. It manages several historical sites including the Old Town Hall and the K. H. Mácha Memorial.

Mírové náměstí, 41201 Litoměřice (50.53387, 14.13293)

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K Litoměřice Diocese Art Museum

Diocese art gallery and museum.

23/15 Mírové náměstí, Litoměřice 41201, Czech Republic (50.53398, 14.13018)

galerie-ltm.cz

L Church of Saint Wenceslaus

Baroque Orthodox church designed in the early 18th century featuring a newly installed iconostasis. It is historically significant for its association with Czech compatriots returning from Volhynia.

10 Svatováclavská, Litoměřice 41201, Czech Republic (50.53341, 14.12716)

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