

Mikulov

South Moravian Region · Czech Republic

TRAVEL GUIDE

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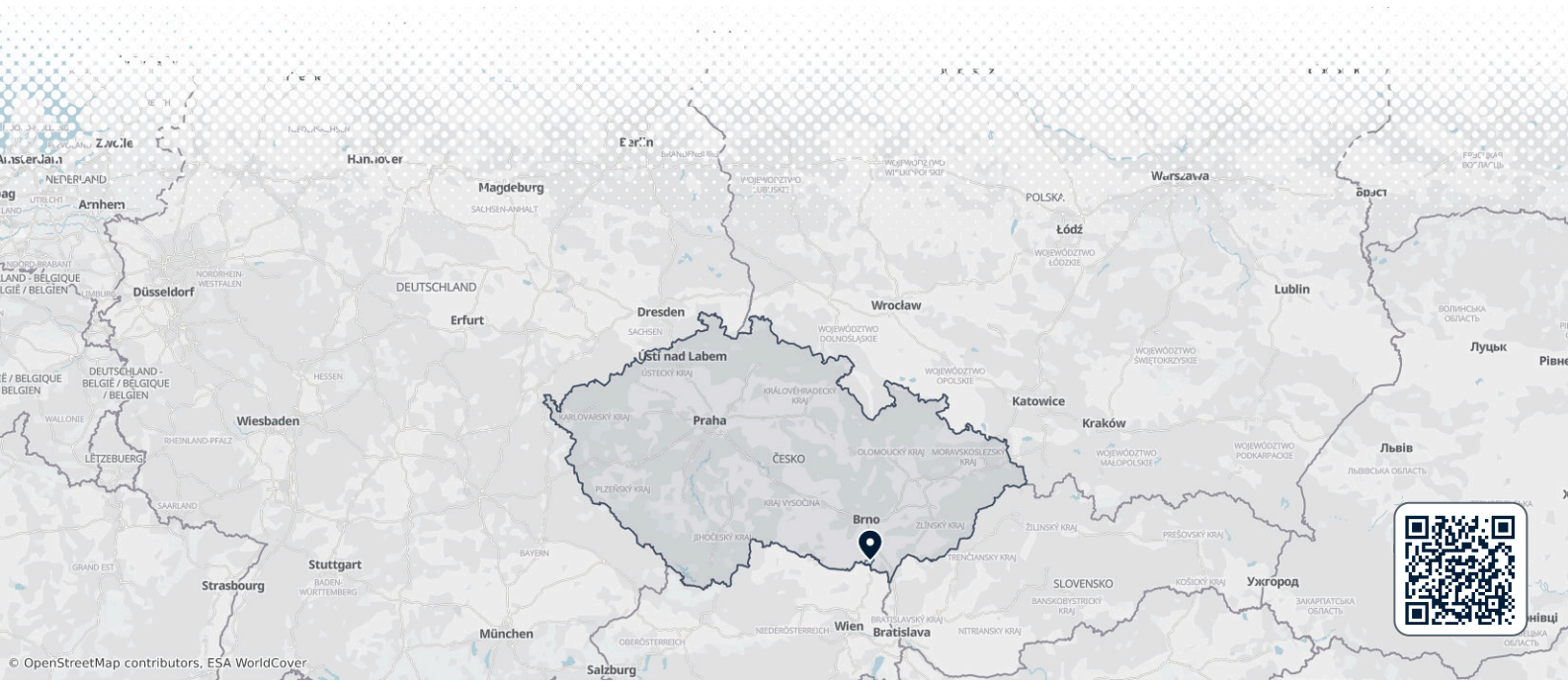


Overview

Mikulov sits at the southern tip of Moravia, close to the Austrian border. Pale limestone hills and rows of vineyards surround a small historic town built on a rocky outcrop. A Baroque palace crowns the highest point, and the winding lanes below still carry traces of one of Central Europe's most significant Jewish communities.

Mikulov is often called the center of Moravian wine country. Family-run wine cellars line the streets, and the surrounding villages produce some of the country's best whites. It suits a traveler who wants two or three easy days — walking the compact old town, tasting wine in a cellar, and using the town as a base for day trips into the vineyards and hills nearby.

When to visit

Spring and early autumn are the most pleasant times to visit, mild enough for walking the vineyards and the old town. Summer is warm and busy with wine-terrace crowds; winter is cold and quiet, better for cellar visits than sightseeing outdoors. Time a trip around the **Pálava Wine Harvest** (Pálavské vinobraní) in early September, when a costumed parade takes over the streets and local wineries compete for medals — book accommodation well ahead.

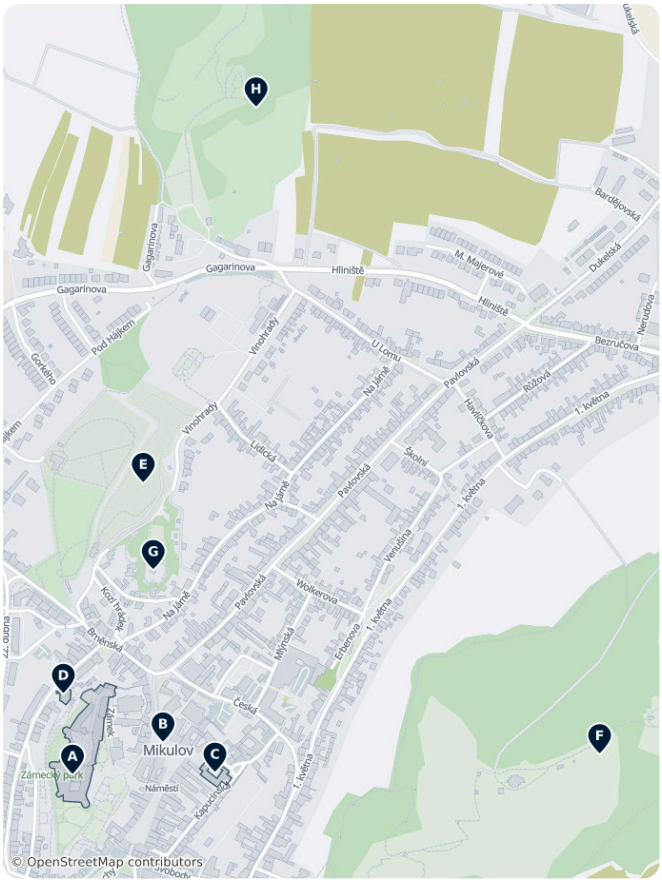
MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	1° / 9° Feels like -4°	-6° / -15°	Dry air
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	4° / 12° Feels like -1°	-4° / -14°	Dry air
March	Fair Fair for cycling	9° / 17° Feels like 4°	-1° / -6°	Dry air
April	Great Great for cycling	15° / 23° Feels like 11°	4° / -3°	Dry air
May	Great Great for sightseeing	20° / 27°	9° / 3°	12 rainy days · Dry air
June	Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 32°	13° / 8°	13 rainy days · Dry air
July	Great Great for sightseeing	27° / 34°	15° / 10°	13 rainy days
August	Great Great for sightseeing	27° / 34°	15° / 10°	
September	Great Great for sightseeing	21° / 29°	10° / 5°	Dry air
October	Great Great for cycling	15° / 22° Feels like 11°	5° / -2°	Dry air
November	Poor Poor for sightseeing	8° / 16° Feels like 3°	1° / -5°	Dry air
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	2° / 8° Feels like -3°	-4° / -12°	Dry air

Best months: May, June, July, August, September

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

October is prime season for tasting new wine straight from the press.

Top sights



A Mikulov Castle rises straight out of a limestone outcrop above the old town and is the first thing you see arriving in Mikulov. Rebuilt in Baroque style after an 18th-century fire, it now houses a regional museum with exhibits on local history and the area's wine-making tradition.

At the foot of the castle, B Mikulov Main Square is lined with pastel Renaissance and Baroque townhouses, cafe terraces and wine bars — a good place to start exploring on foot.

Just off the square, C Dietrichstein Tomb holds the crypt of the noble family who ruled Mikulov for almost 400 years. The chapel above it was modeled on the Holy House of Loreto, and the vault below holds dozens of family members' coffins.

D Upper Synagogue, built around 1550, is the only surviving synagogue of the Polish type in Moravia. It anchors the historic Jewish quarter and now houses a museum on the region's Jewish history.

On the wooded hillside above town, E Jewish Cemetery Mikulov is one of the largest and best-preserved Jewish cemeteries in Central Europe. It holds around 4,000 gravestones, some dating from the early 17th century, including a section reserved for the region's rabbis.

F Holy Hill, a limestone knoll topped by a pilgrimage church, is reached by a short climb along a Stations-of-the-Cross path. The view over the town's rooftops and the surrounding vineyards is worth the effort.

G Kozí hrádek, the ruins of a late-Gothic fortification on a rocky spur beside the castle, gives another good vantage point over the town.

H Turold Cave is the largest cave system cut into Jurassic limestone in the country, set inside a former quarry on the edge of town. Guided tours pass unusual coral-like rock formations and a winter roost for several bat species.

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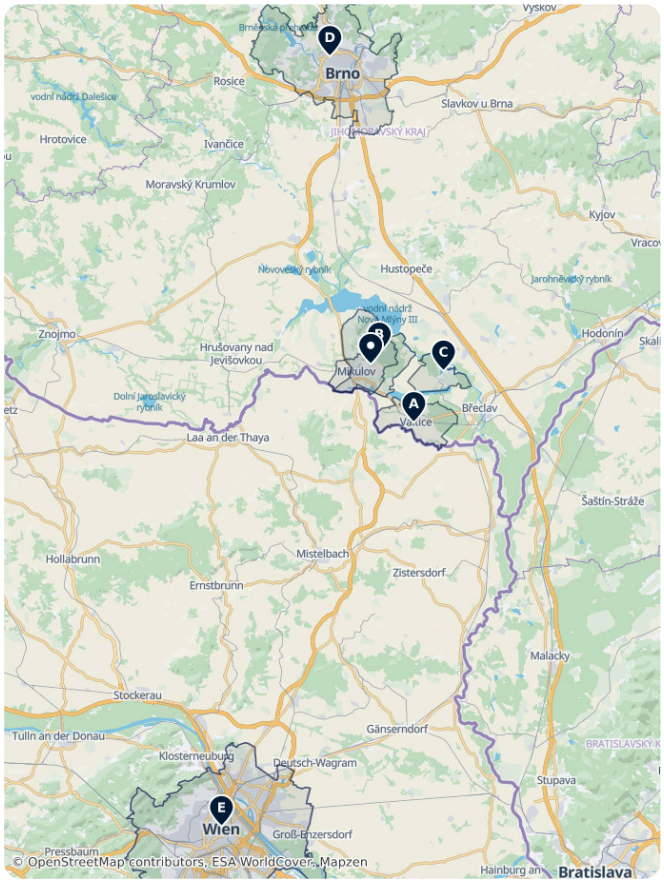
What to experience

- Descend into one of the town's centuries-old wine cellars cut into the limestone hillside for a tasting — many of the small, family-run cellars welcome walk-ins outside peak season.
- Cycle the vineyard trails toward Valtice, stopping at small cellars along the way for a glass of the local dry whites.
- During the autumn harvest, try burčák, young half-fermented wine sold only for a few weeks each year straight from the press.
- Climb Holy Hill for sunset, when the view stretches over the vineyards toward Austria.

Day trips

Mikulov makes a good base for exploring South Moravia's vineyards — flat cycling paths link several of the following in under half an hour.



- A Valtice — about 15 minutes by car or 30 minutes by bike. This is the wine capital of the region, with its own Baroque chateau and dozens of tasting cellars around the main square.
- B Pálava — about 15 minutes by car to the trailheads. Marked hiking routes climb limestone ridges above the Nové Mlýny reservoirs, with steppe wildflowers in spring and wide views over the vineyards.
- C Lednice — about 25 minutes by car. Its Neo-Gothic chateau and English landscape park form, together with Valtice, a UNESCO World Heritage cultural landscape; a marked path links the two towns through the parkland.
- D Brno — about 50 minutes by car or bus. Moravia's capital has a livelier restaurant and museum scene, plus its own historic centre and the modernist Villa Tugendhat.
- E Vienna — about 1 hour by car or bus across the Austrian border, for a day of major museums and imperial architecture.

Getting there

- **By air**: The closest major airport is Vienna International Airport (VIE) across the border in Austria, about 1 hour by car or roughly 1 hour 35 minutes by bus. Brno–Tuřany (BRQ) is nearer but has only limited seasonal charter flights. Most international travelers connect through Prague, about 3 hours away by car or train via Brno.
- **By train**: Mikulov na Moravě station has regional trains to Břeclav, where you change for the main line to Brno (around 1 hour 35 minutes total) and onward to Prague or Vienna.
- **By bus**: Direct regional buses run roughly hourly to Brno (about 1 hour 10 minutes), and a few times a week to Vienna.

Getting around

- **On foot**: The old town is small and entirely walkable, about 15 minutes end to end. Reaching the castle, Holy Hill or the Jewish cemetery involves a short uphill climb.
- **Public transit**: Not needed within Mikulov itself. Regional buses and trains to nearby towns run on the South Moravian integrated network; buy tickets via the IDS JMK app or at ticket machines.
- **Cycling**: A popular way to see the wine country — marked routes connect Mikulov to Valtice, Lednice and the surrounding vineyards, mostly flat and well signed. Bikes can be rented in town.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

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CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

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Driving

- **Car needed?**: Not for Mikulov itself — the old town is walkable — but useful for reaching Valtice, Lednice and the Pálava hills at your own pace, especially if you plan to visit several wine cellars in one day.
- **Parking**: A few paid car parks ring the old town, including one near the main square and one below the castle; pay by the hour at a machine or via app. Street parking further from the centre is often free.
- **Restrictions**: None beyond normal town-centre traffic calming — no congestion charge or low-emission zone.

Food & drink

Mikulov's food culture is built around wine, not fine dining. Local restaurants serve hearty regional staples — roast pork with dumplings and cabbage, goulash, grilled meats — designed to go alongside a glass of the region's dry whites rather than stand on their own.

The best evenings here happen in a wine cellar, not a restaurant: many of the small family cellars (vinné sklípky) around town and in the villages toward Valtice pair a simple platter of cold cuts and cheese with a flight of the estate's own wine. Ask at the tourist information office on the main square for a current list of cellars open to visitors.

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

Mikulov is a very safe town, with little more than the usual pickpocket risk in crowds during the wine festival weekend. Tap water is safe to drink everywhere.

Wine cellars are the main thing to pace yourself around: Czech law has a strict zero-tolerance limit for alcohol while driving, so plan a designated driver, a taxi, or an overnight stay within walking distance of the cellars you visit.

History

Mikulov's castle began as a 13th-century border fortress, held by the Liechtenstein family for three centuries. In 1403, while it was still a Liechtenstein stronghold, King Wenceslas IV took refuge here after escaping captivity in Vienna in disguise — an episode still reenacted every autumn during the town's wine festival, when a costumed procession rides out toward Vienna and returns with the "king."

In 1575, Emperor Rudolf II granted the estate to the Dietrichstein family, who rebuilt Mikulov Castle into the Renaissance and later Baroque palace seen today and ruled the town for the next 370 years. Their mausoleum survives as Dietrichstein Tomb on the main square.

For much of that time, Mikulov — then known by its German name, Nikolsburg — was the most important center of Jewish life in Moravia and seat of the region's chief rabbi. Upper Synagogue and Jewish Cemetery Mikulov on the hillside above town are what remains of a community destroyed in the Holocaust.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for the Czech Republic at a glance:

CURRENCY

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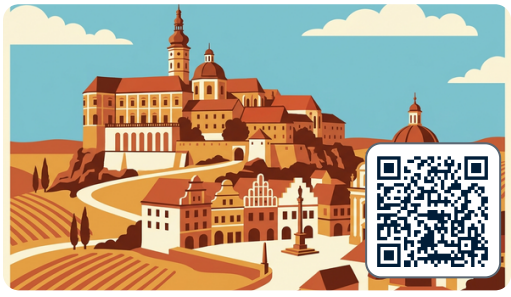
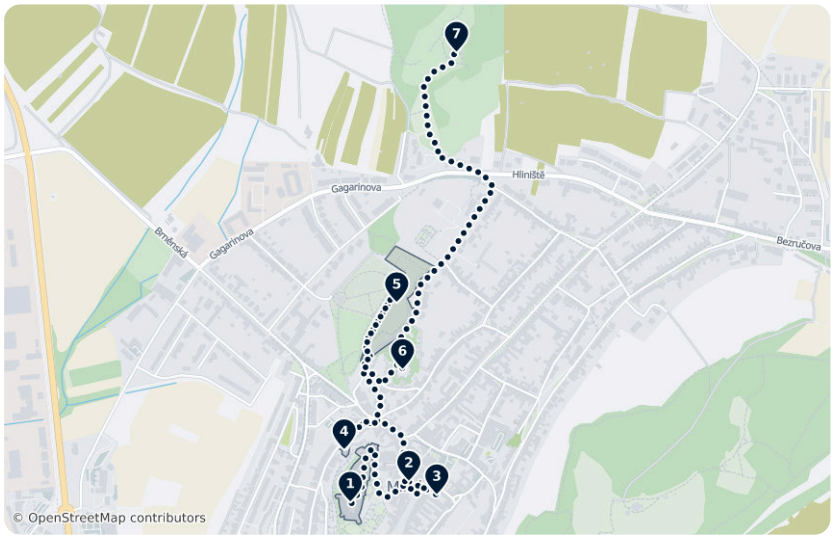
Mikulov: Castle, Cellars and the Moravian Jerusalem

1h 2min · 2.8 km · 7 stops



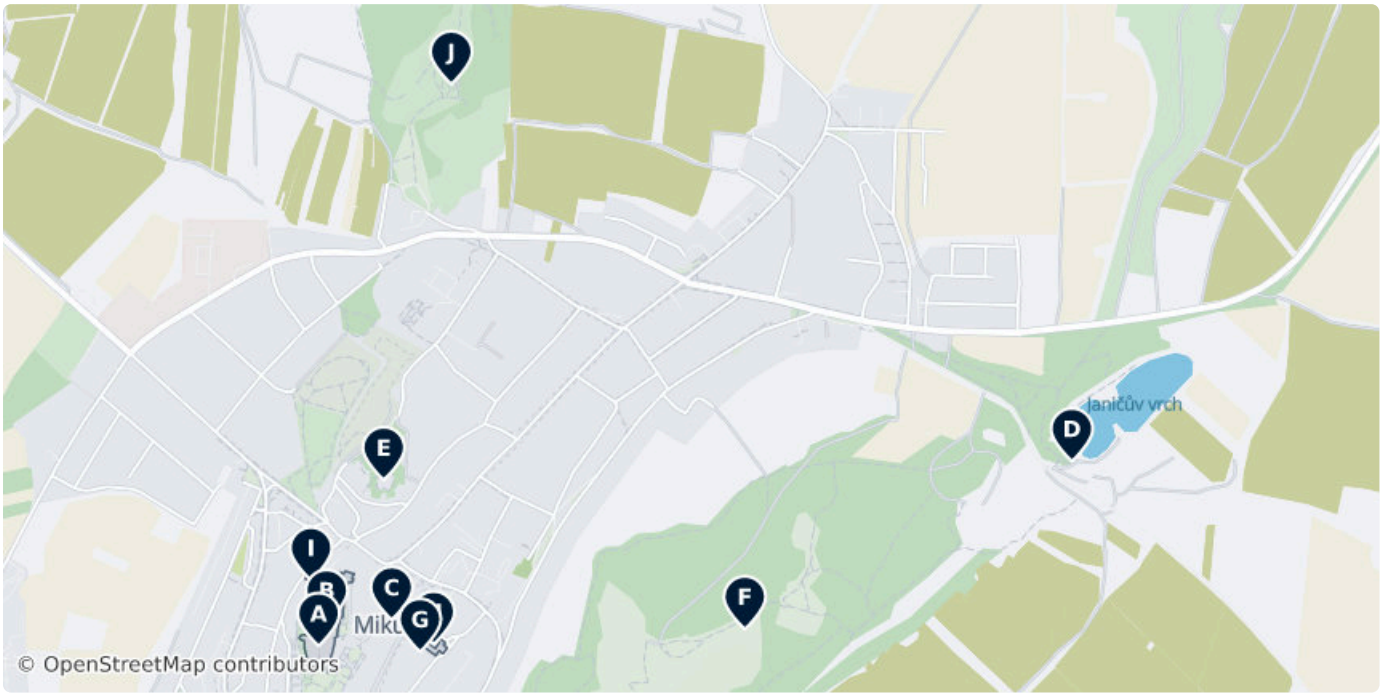
1. Mikulov Castle
2. Náměstí — the Main Square
3. Dietrichstein Burial Vault
4. The Upper Synagogue
5. The Jewish Cemetery
6. Goat Hill
7. Turold — Geopark and Cave

Mikulov sits on the last limestone hills before the Austrian border, and for four centuries it was two towns at once: the seat of the Dietrichstein princes, who ruled Moravia from the castle on the rock, and Nikolsburg, home to the chief rabbis of Moravia and one of the most important Jewish communities in Central Europe. This walk climbs to the castle and its legendary wine barrel, crosses the arcaded main square to the Dietrichstein burial vault, turns into the old Jewish town for the Upper Synagogue and the terraced cemetery above it, takes in the view from Goat Hill, and ends among the limestone crags of the Turold quarry-park. Seven stops, about an hour on foot.



Mikulov Unmissables

Mikulov Unmissables groups the town's specific historical and geological highlights: Chateau Mikulov (Baroque castle housing a regional museum and wine-related exhibits), the Dietrichstein family tomb, medieval Kozí hrádek fortress ruins, the limestone outcrop Svatý kopeček topped by St. Šebestián church, the Geopark and cave Turold with guided tours and rock displays, the central town square, a flooded limestone quarry information board, cellar museum Tajemné sklepení, and the Horní synagoga museum.





A Mikulov Castle

Historic Baroque castle housing a regional museum with exhibitions on local history, architecture, and wine culture. Recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Zámek Mikulov, Zámek, Mikulov 69201, Czech Republic (48.80650, 16.63624)

Mo–Su 09:00–17:00

rmm.cz, +420519309019



B Mikulov Castle

Mikulov Castle is a castle in the town of Mikulov in South Moravian Region of the Czech Republic.

4 Zámek, Mikulov 69201, Czech Republic (48.80692, 16.63647)

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C Main Square Mikulov

Mikulov is a town in Břeclav District in the South Moravian Region of the Czech Republic. It has about 7,700 inhabitants.

4a Náměstí, Mikulov 69201, Czech Republic
(48.80698, 16.63828)



D Zatopený vápencový lom

Information board describing the flooded limestone quarry and local geology.

1176/2 Mariánský mlýn, 69201, Czech Republic
(48.80988, 16.65723)



E Kozí hrádek

Remains of late gothic defence fortress built to improve the defence of city of Mikulov and it's castle.

1762/8 Kozí Hrádek, Mikulov 69201, Czech Republic
(48.80954, 16.63806)

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F Svaty Kopecek

Limestone rock nature preserve with st. Šebestián church on top of it creates an unforgetable scenery.

křížová cesta, Mikulov 69201, Czech Republic
(48.80680, 16.64812)



G Tajemné sklepení

Museum located in historic cellar spaces, presenting local history and exhibits.

194/6 Náměstí, Mikulov 69201, Czech Republic
(48.80639, 16.63907)

Jul-Aug Mo–Su	10:00–17:00
May-Jun Mo–Su	13:00–15:00

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H Dietrichstein tomb

The Dietrichstein tomb is a tomb of the Dietrichstein family in Mikulov in the South Moravian Region of the Czech Republic.

193/5 Náměstí, Mikulov 69201, Czech Republic
(48.80653, 16.63945)

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I Upper Synagogue

Historic upper synagogue functioning as a museum focused on Jewish culture and heritage.

1523/13 Husova, Mikulov 69201, Czech Republic
(48.80770, 16.63603)

Apr Mo–Su	09:00–12:00, 13:00–16:00
May Tu–Su	09:00–12:00, 13:00–17:00
Jul Mo–Su	09:00–12:00, 13:00–18:00

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J Geopark and cave Turold

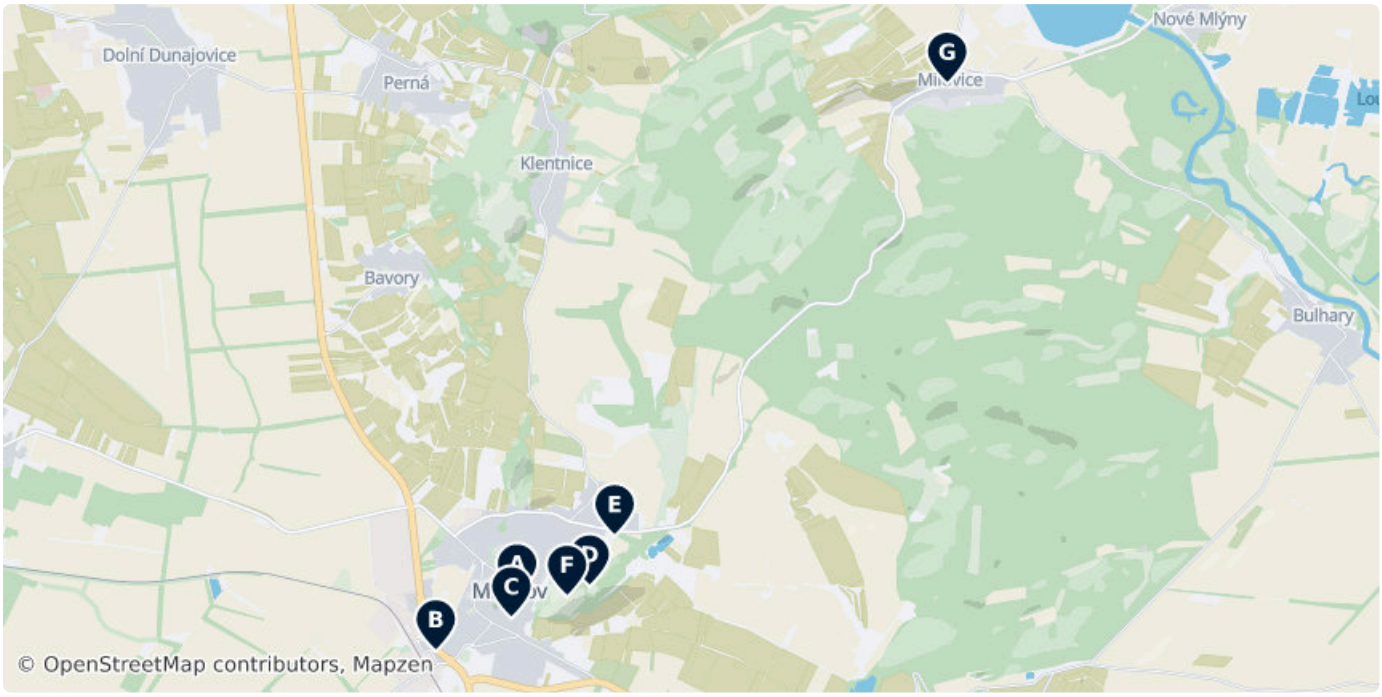
Limestone cave with guided tours accompanied by a park showcasing different rocks and minerals.

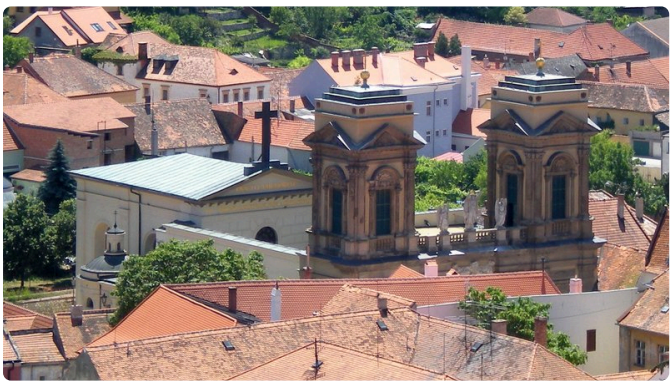
Geopark, U Lomu, Mikulov 69201, Czech Republic
(48.81680, 16.63994)

Mo–Su	Open 24/7

Religious Sites of Significance

This collection highlights religious sites in and around Mikulov: the Dietrichstein family tomb, several Roman Catholic chapels (Boží hrob, svatá Rozálie, svatý Šebestián), a Greek Catholic parish church (Sv. Mikuláše), and a Methodist congregation. It also includes Kostel svatého Osvalda in nearby Milovice, illustrating the area's varied Christian denominational presence and funerary heritage.





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B Sv. Mikuláše

Greek Catholic parish church located in Mikulov.

953/27 Nádražní, Mikulov 69201, Czech Republic
(48.80156, 16.62842)

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C Evangelická církev metodistická Mikulov

Methodist place of worship in Mikulov.

(48.80451, 16.63867)

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D Boží hrob

Roman Catholic chapel in Mikulov.

69201, Czech Republic (48.80735, 16.64928)

E svatá Rozálie

Roman Catholic chapel.

(Unnamed Road), Mikulov 69201, Czech Republic (48.81183, 16.65266)

F svatý Šebestián

Roman Catholic chapel.

69201, Czech Republic (48.80641, 16.64622)

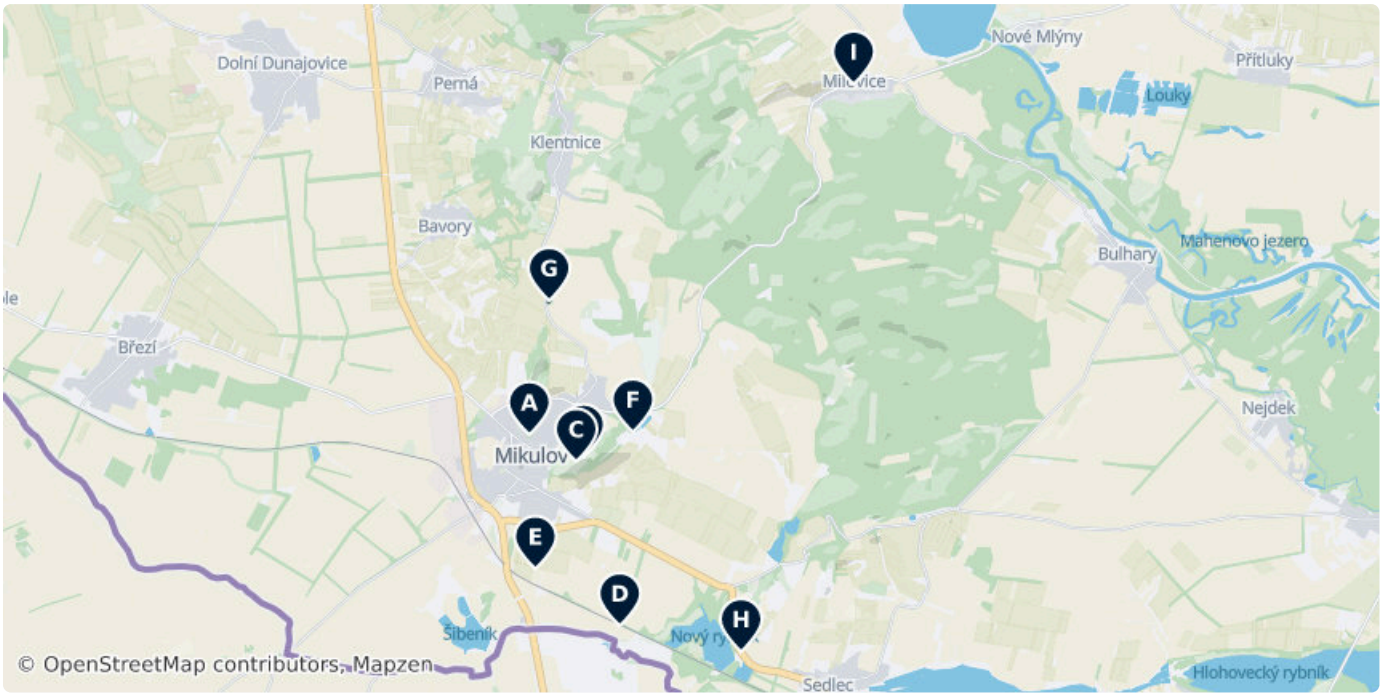
G Kostel svatého Osvalda

Roman Catholic church in Milovice (Břeclav district).

65 421, Milovice 69188, Czech Republic (48.85218, 16.69777)

Viewpoints and Monuments

A compact collection of viewpoints, monuments and memorials around Mikulov highlighting geological features and historic sites: limestone formations and cliffs, a flooded limestone quarry with interpretive signage, the late-Gothic Kozí hrádek fortress remains, the hilltop St. Šebestián church on Svatý kopeček, 19th-century Prussian cemetery (1866) and several local war and freedom monuments.





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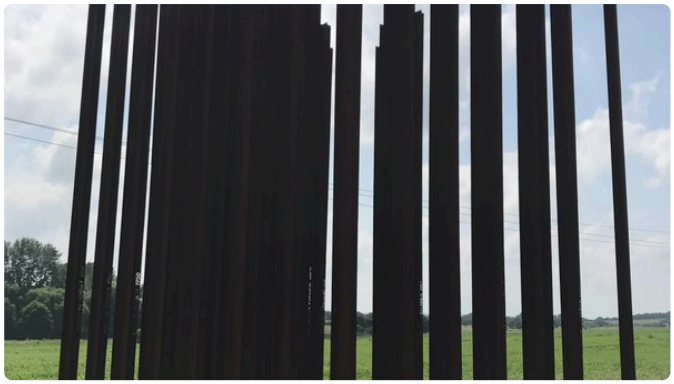
křížová cesta, Mikulov 69201, Czech Republic (48.80680, 16.64812)

C Svatý kopeček

Limestone hilltop offering panoramic views over Mikulov and the Pálava Hills; served by pilgrimage paths and lookout points.

křížová cesta, 692 01 Mikulov, Czechia (48.80626, 16.64673)



D Brána ke svobodě

Stone monument commemorating freedom; local inscription and sculptural elements mark its significance.

(Unnamed Road), 69201, Czech Republic (48.78625, 16.65480)

E Preussischer Friedhof 1866

Prussian military cemetery dating from 1866, with period gravestones and memorial layout.

(48.79318, 16.63919)



F Zatopený vápencový lom

Flooded limestone quarry featuring an on-site information board describing the site's geology and local vegetation.

1176/2 Mariánský mlýn, 69201, Czech Republic (48.80988, 16.65723)



G Kočičí skála

Limestone cliff formation south of Mikulov with steep rock faces.

(Unnamed Road), 69201, Czech Republic
(48.82589, 16.64173)

I War Memorial

Memorial honoring those who fell in war, set within a commemorative site.

64 421, Milovice 69188, Czech Republic
(48.85224, 16.69810)

H sv. Jan Nepomucký

Outdoor statue depicting Saint John of Nepomuk.

(48.78311, 16.67728)

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