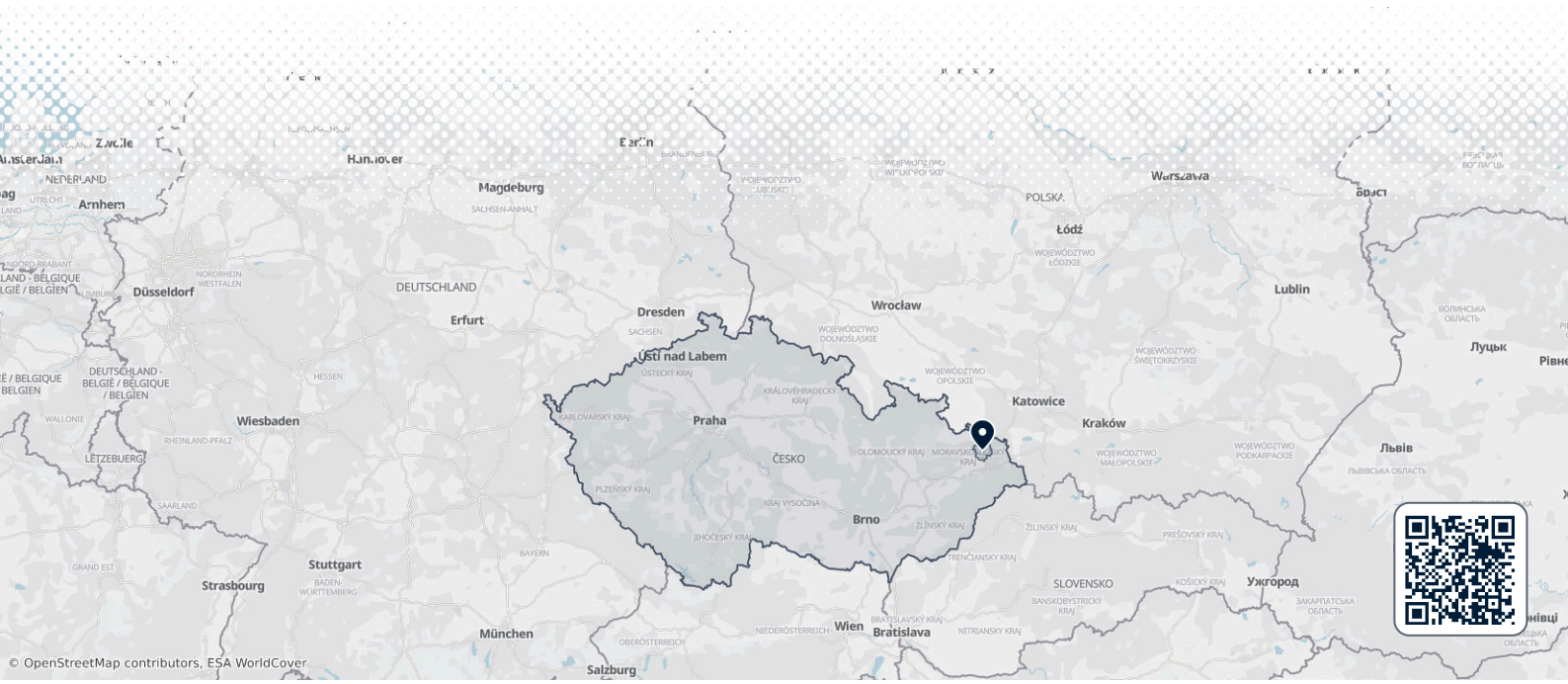


Ostrava

Czech Republic

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Overview

Ostrava is a major city in the Moravian-Silesian Region of the Czech Republic. It offers a unique travel experience focused on its industrial heritage. Many former mines and industrial sites have been transformed into museums and cultural centers. This makes Ostrava an interesting destination for those curious about technology, history, and a different side of Czechia.

Beyond its industrial past, Ostrava provides a vibrant cultural life. You can find lively entertainment options and numerous parks for relaxation. It suits travelers looking for an engaging urban trip with a distinct character.

When to visit

Ostrava experiences distinct seasons. Summers, from June to August, are the warmest, though they also bring the highest rainfall. Spring and autumn offer milder temperatures and pleasant weather, ideal for exploring the city's outdoor attractions. Winters are cold and often snowy, with temperatures frequently dropping below freezing, creating a festive atmosphere around the holidays.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor	1° / 8° Feels like -5°	-5° / -15°	Dry air
February	Poor	4° / 11° Feels like -2°	-4° / -14°	Dry air
March	Poor	8° / 17° Feels like 3°	-1° / -8°	Dry air
April	Fair	14° / 22° Feels like 11°	4° / -3°	Dry air
May	Good	19° / 26°	9° / 3°	14 rainy days · Dry air
June	Great	23° / 30°	13° / 8°	14 rainy days
July	Good	26° / 33°	15° / 10°	15 rainy days
August	Great	26° / 33°	14° / 10°	12 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Great	21° / 28°	10° / 5°	Dry air
October	Fair	15° / 22° Feels like 11°	5° / -1°	Dry air
November	Poor	8° / 16° Feels like 3°	1° / -5°	Dry air
December	Poor	2° / 8° Feels like -4°	-4° / -13°	Dry air

Best months: June, August, September

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

Top sights

A Landek Park is a unique museum complex dedicated to the history of mining in the region. Visitors can descend into a real mine shaft and experience the underground world of miners.

Explore B Svět techniky, a large technology center built within a former ironworks. It features interactive exhibits for all ages, perfect for learning about science and industry.

At C Důl Michal, you can tour a preserved former coal mine that now serves as a museum. Walk through original facilities and gain insight into the daily life of a miner.

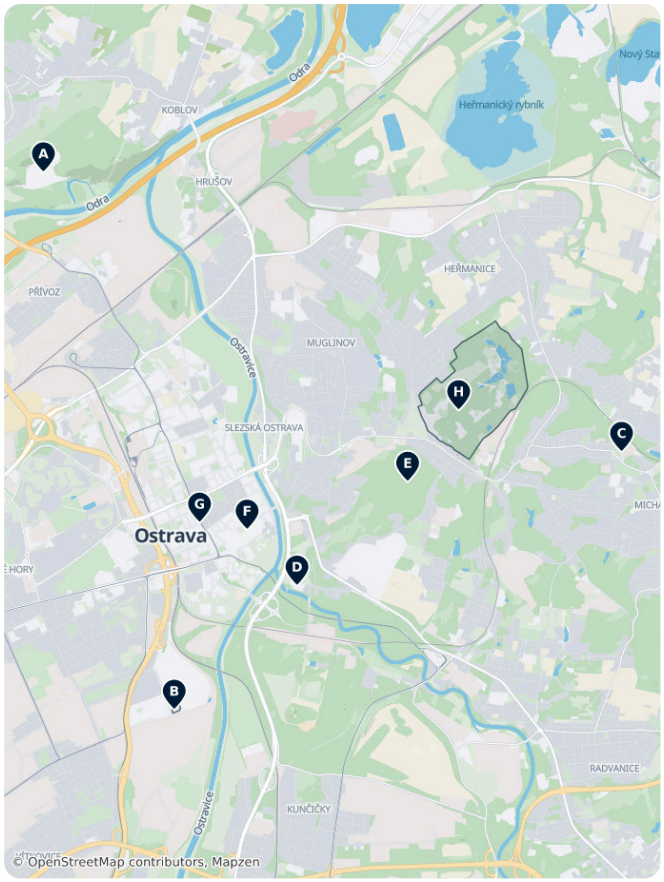
Visit D Slezskoostravský hrad, a historic castle situated at the confluence of two rivers. It offers scenic views and often hosts cultural events.

Hike up E halda Ema, a distinctive man-made hill formed from mining waste. From the top, enjoy panoramic views of Ostrava and observe the lingering smoke and steam from underground coal seams.

F Masarykovo náměstí is Ostrava's bustling central square. It features colorful facades, historical statues, and is a lively spot for city events.

For nightlife and entertainment, head to G Stodolní. This famous street in the city center is packed with bars, clubs, and restaurants.

Spend a day at H ZOO a botanický park Ostrava, home to a diverse collection of animals and a beautiful botanical garden. It is an ideal outing for families and nature enthusiasts.



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What to experience

Engage with Ostrava's unique spirit through these local experiences:

- Hike to the top of halda Ema. This man-made slag heap still has underground fires that emit steam and smoke, creating a unique landscape.
- See the orloj, Ostrava's fairy-tale wooden astronomical clock on the Puppet Theatre facade, where carved figures appear on the hour — a charming stop for families.
- Experience the lively nightlife on Stodolní. This famous street is known for its many bars, clubs, and restaurants, offering a glimpse into Ostrava's social scene.
- Cheer on the local football club at Stadion Bazaly. Attend a match of Baník Ostrava for an energetic and authentic sporting atmosphere.

Day trips

Explore beyond Ostrava with these easy and rewarding day trips.

- **Hukvaldy**: Discover the imposing ruins of Hukvaldy Castle, one of Moravia's largest, and visit the birthplace of renowned composer Leoš Janáček. The village is approximately **30 minutes by car** from Ostrava.
- **Starý Jičín Castle**: Wander through the atmospheric ruins of this medieval castle, which offers expansive views of the surrounding countryside. It is about **40 minutes by car or bus** away.
- **Rožnov pod Radhoštěm**: Immerse yourself in traditional Wallachian culture at the Wallachian Open Air Museum, Central Europe's largest skansen. Travel time is around **1 hour by car or bus**.
- **Olomouc**: This city boasts magnificent Baroque architecture, including the impressive Holy Trinity Column, a UNESCO World Heritage site. It is reachable in about **1 hour by direct train**.

Getting there

- **By air**: Ostrava is served by Leoš Janáček Airport Ostrava (OSR), which offers a limited selection of scheduled flights. For broader international connections, travelers often fly into Prague (PRG) or Vienna (VIE). Direct trains from Prague to Ostrava take approximately 3 hours. From Vienna, direct trains to Ostrava also take about 2.5 to 3 hours.
- **By train**: Ostrava is a major railway hub in the Moravian-Silesian Region. Direct train services connect Ostrava with cities like Prague and Brno, as well as destinations in Slovakia and Poland. The primary station is Ostrava hlavní nádraží.
- **By bus**: Long-distance bus services link Ostrava with numerous cities across the Czech Republic and neighboring countries. The main long-distance bus terminal is ÚAN Ostrava.

Getting around

- Ostrava has a public transport system of trams, buses, and trolleybuses. You can purchase tickets directly on board using a contactless bank card or phone. For routes and schedules, visit the official website: Dopravní podnik Ostrava.
- Ride-hailing services like Uber and Bolt are available in Ostrava.
- The city center of Ostrava is easy to explore on foot. Cycling is also a practical option, with paths along the Ostravice River.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

Ostrava has some pedestrian-friendly areas, particularly in its city center, but the overall urban sprawl and presence of heavy traffic in some parts can make extensive walking challenging.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

The city has been investing in cycling infrastructure, with a growing network of bike paths and lanes. However, coverage can be inconsistent, and some areas may present challenges due to traffic or terrain.

Food & drink

Ostrava's food scene is deeply rooted in traditional Czech and Moravian cuisine, emphasizing hearty and satisfying dishes. Expect robust meals often featuring meat, potatoes, and rich gravies. Look out for regional specialties like *Slezské zelí*, a local version of sauerkraut, and various dumplings. Sweet pastries such as *valašský frgál* are also popular in the wider region.

For a vibrant selection of dining and nightlife options, head to Stodolní in the city center. Masarykovo náměstí is another central area with various cafes and restaurants. If you are exploring the Svět techniky, you will find convenient food choices within the complex.

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

Ostrava is a generally safe city for travelers. Petty crime, such as pickpocketing, can occur in crowded areas like Masarykovo náměstí and on public transport. Be especially vigilant in busy nightlife spots like Stodolní. Always keep your valuables secure and be aware of your surroundings. Tap water in Ostrava is safe to drink.

For emergencies, use these numbers:

Emergency numbers

GENERAL EMERGENCY	POLICE	AMBULANCE	FIRE BRIGADE
112	158	155	150

History

Ostrava's origins trace back to the 13th century. Its strategic location near the Polish border led to the construction of Slezskoostravský hrad. This castle helped guard important trade routes. The city's central area, including Masarykovo náměstí, developed steadily over the centuries.

The discovery of extensive coal deposits in the 18th century reshaped Ostrava's destiny. It rapidly grew into a major industrial hub. Today, visitors can explore this rich industrial past at sites like Landek Park and Důl Michal, both dedicated to mining history. The unique artificial hill of halda Ema is another visible legacy of the mining era. The city's industrial heritage is also celebrated at Svět techniky, housed within

former ironworks. The Obětem hornické stávky u Dolu Trojice monument recalls the human stories behind this industrial growth.

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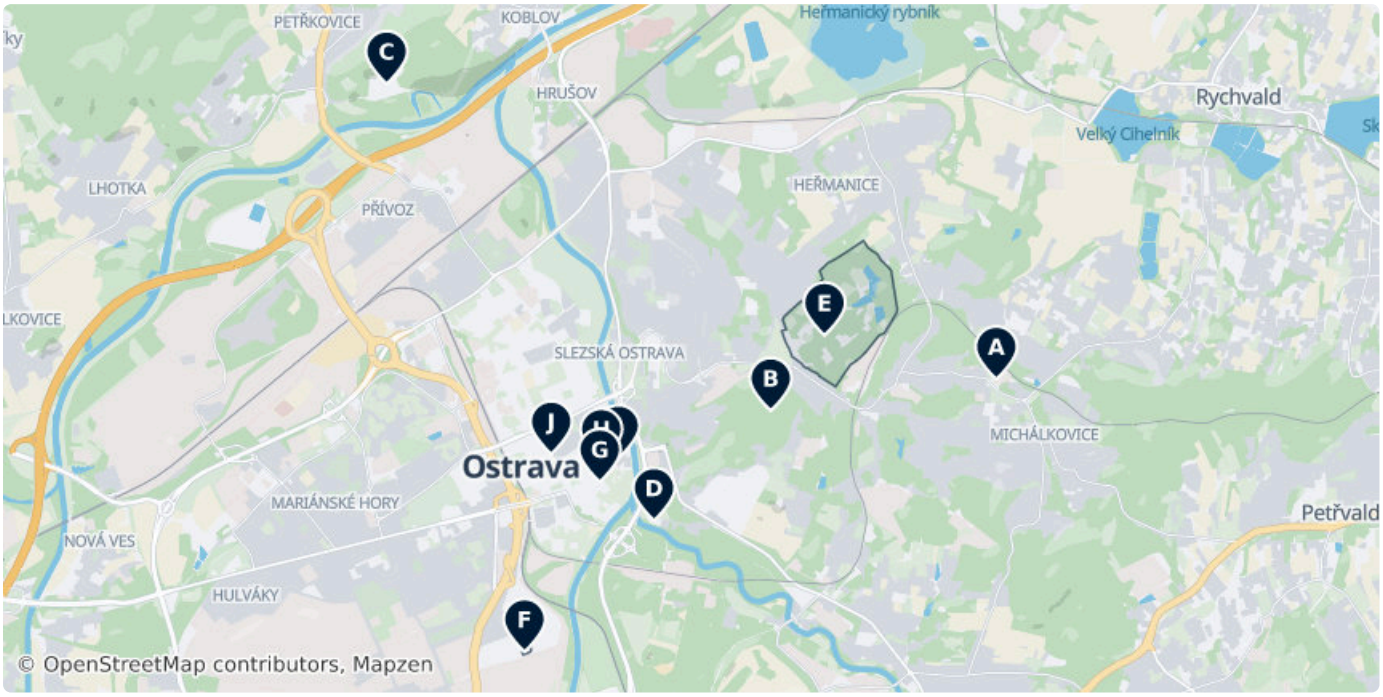
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LANGUAGES
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TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Ostrava's Industrial Heartbeat: Essential Experiences

Ostrava's landscape is shaped by its transition from an industrial powerhouse to a vibrant cultural hub. Explore the Michal Mine and Landek Park for an immersive look at the city's coal mining history, or hike the Ema Slag Heap, a thermally active mound offering panoramic views. The collection also includes the Science and Technology Center's interactive exhibits, the historic 13th-century Church of St. Wenceslaus, and the lively Stodolní Street, known for its dense concentration of bars and clubs.





A Michal Mine

The Michal Mine is a former coal mine and now a museum in Ostrava in the Czech Republic.

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B Ema Slag Heap

The man-made natural phenomenon was created by the piling up of the waste rock from mines. Fires and steams can still be seen here today.

Ostrava 71000, Czech Republic (49.83979, 18.31487)



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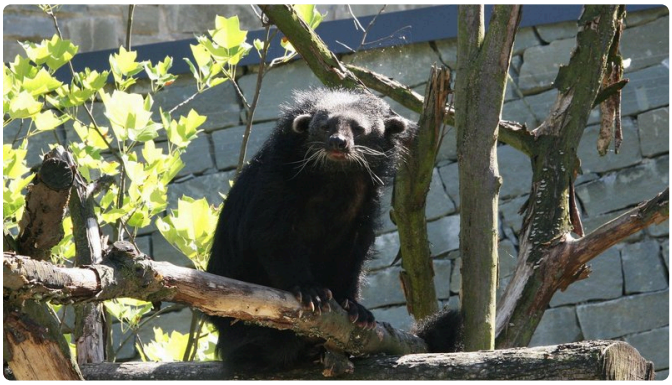


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E Ostrava Zoo

Ostrava Zoo, is a zoo, located in Ostrava in the Czech Republic.Ostrava Zoo was founded as Kunčičky Zoo in 1951, on an area called the...

Michálkovická 1137/197, 710 00 Ostrava, Czech Republic
(49.84620, 18.32196)

Nov-Jan Mo–Su	09:00–16:00
Feb Mo–Su	09:00–17:00
Mar Mo–Su	09:00–18:00
Apr-Aug Mo–Su	09:00–19:00

zoo-ostrava.cz/en/



F Science and Technology Center

Modern science centre located within an industrial complex featuring interactive exhibitions and a 3D cinema focused on science, technology, and history.

Vítkovice 3004, 703 00 Ostrava - Vítkovice
(49.81937, 18.28249)

dolnivitkovice.cz/en/, +420595955740



G Puppet Clock

Seeing this clock is not only a great family adventure but also an artistic experience. The wooden puppets are really astounding.

Pivovarská 3164/15, 728 32 Ostrava, Czech Republic (49.83377, 18.29238)

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H Masaryk Square

Ostrava's central square is lined with colourfuly adorned facades, paved in a zigzag style and dominated by religious statues and a...

50/31 Masarykovo náměstí, Ostrava 70200, Czech Republic (49.83550, 18.29260)



I svatý Václav

One of Ostrava's oldest buildings, this Romanesque-Gothic church dates back to the 13th century. It features a mix of architectural styles resulting from several reconstructions, including a Renaissance tower and Baroque interior elements.

3172/1 Kostelní náměstí, Ostrava 70200, Czech Republic (49.83579, 18.29487)



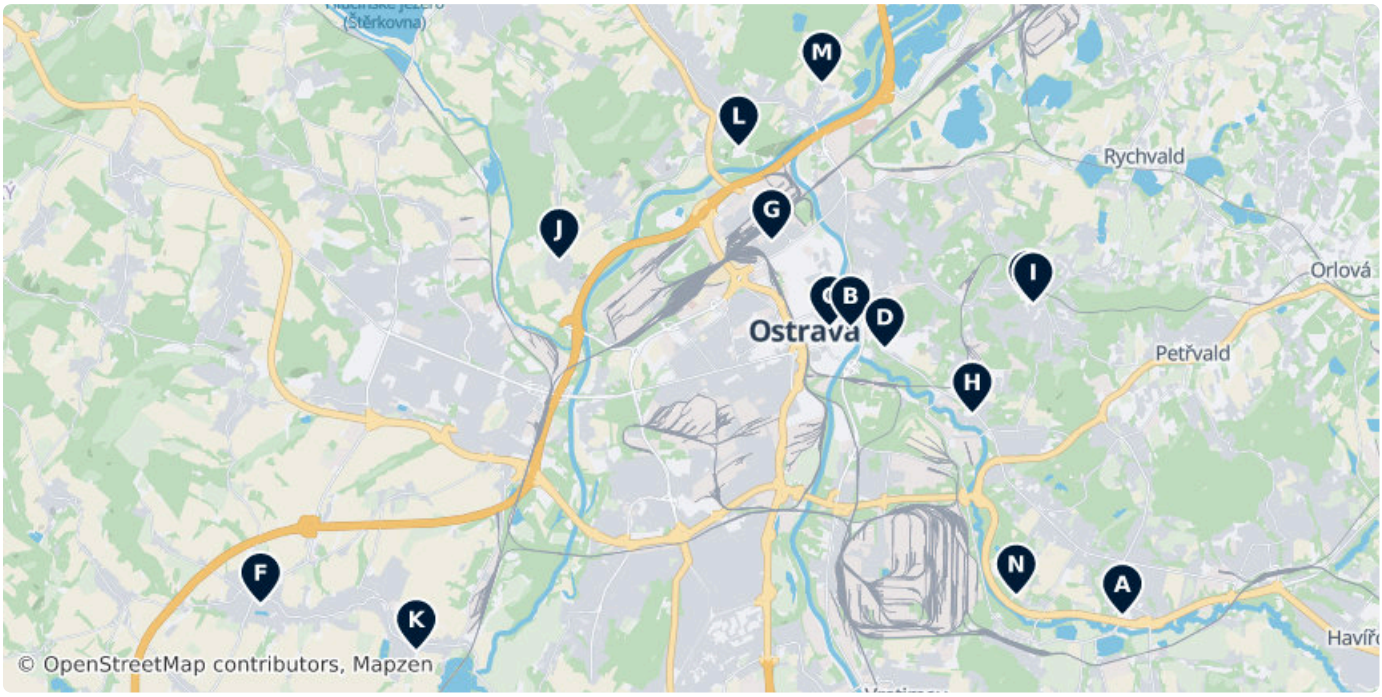
J Stodolní Street

OstravaStodolní street is a street in the city centre of Ostrava. It is a unique phenomenon of Ostravian social life.

Stodolní, 702 00 Moravská Ostrava a Přívoz, Czech Republic (49.83613, 18.28601)

Historic Religious Sites

This collection highlights Ostrava's diverse sacred architecture, from the medieval foundations of St. Wenceslaus Church to the grand Neo-Renaissance Cathedral of the Divine Saviour. The list features significant landmarks like the Neo-Gothic parish church in Přívoz and the wooden heritage of the region. Many sites, such as the St. Barbara chapels, reflect the city's deep-rooted mining traditions and the spiritual history of its various districts, including Michálkovice and Slezská Ostrava.



A Kostel Prozřetelnosti Boží

Roman Catholic church recognized as a regional heritage site.

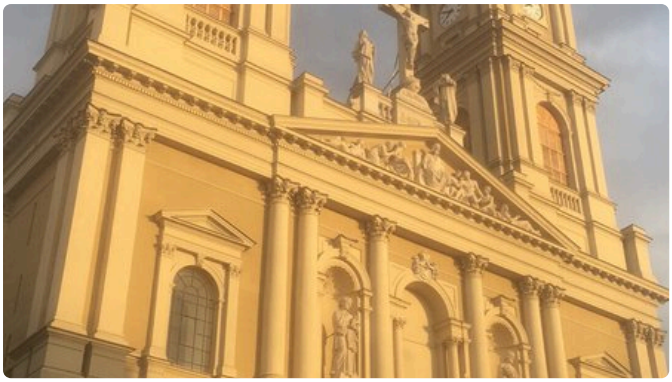
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B svatý Václav

One of the oldest and most significant cultural-historical monuments in Ostrava, representing the city's medieval roots.

3172/1 Kostelní náměstí, Ostrava 70200, Czech Republic (49.83579, 18.29487)



C Katedrála Božského spasitele

A grand Neo-Renaissance basilica and the second-largest cathedral in Moravia and Silesia, featuring a three-aisled layout and twin towers.

1683/6 náměstí Msgre Šrámka, Ostrava 70200, Czech Republic (49.83583, 18.28897)



D Svatého Josefa

Situated on a hill in Slezská Ostrava, this church is dedicated to St. Joseph and Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

40/91 Těšínská, Ostrava 71000, Czech Republic (49.83197, 18.30433)



E Církev československá husitská

A Protestant place of worship belonging to the Czechoslovak Hussite Church, located on the southern edge of Michálkovice.

(49.84038, 18.34419)

F Kostel Sv. Kateřiny Alexandrijské

A historic Roman Catholic church dedicated to St. Catherine of Alexandria.

74 Křížkovského, Klimkovice 74283, Czech Republic (49.78621, 18.13100)

G Kostel Neposkvrněného početí Panny Marie

A prominent Neo-Gothic parish church located in the Přívoz district of Ostrava.

507/5 náměstí Svatopluka Čecha, Ostrava 70200, Czech Republic (49.85127, 18.27295)

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H Kostel Neposkvrněného početí Panny Marie

Located in the Radvanice district, this is the second church in Ostrava dedicated to the Immaculate Conception.

236/244 Těšínská, Ostrava 71600, Czech Republic (49.82034, 18.32864)

I Nanebevzetí Panny Marie

A Roman Catholic church in Michálkovice dedicated to the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

86 Sládečkova, Ostrava 71500, Czech Republic (49.84000, 18.34555)

J Všech svatých

A traditional Roman Catholic place of worship.

1 Hlavní, Hošťálkovice 72528, Czech Republic (49.84786, 18.21392)

K Frankova kaple

A small Catholic chapel and place of worship.

328/1 Anny Letenské, Polanka nad Odrou 72525, Czech Republic (49.77783, 18.17425)



L Kaple svaté Barborky

A shrine on Landek hill dedicated to St. Barbara, the patron saint of miners, reflecting local industrial traditions.

68 Pod Landekem, Petřkovice 72529, Czech Republic (49.86800, 18.26379)

M Kaplička sv.Barbory

A small Christian shrine and place of worship.

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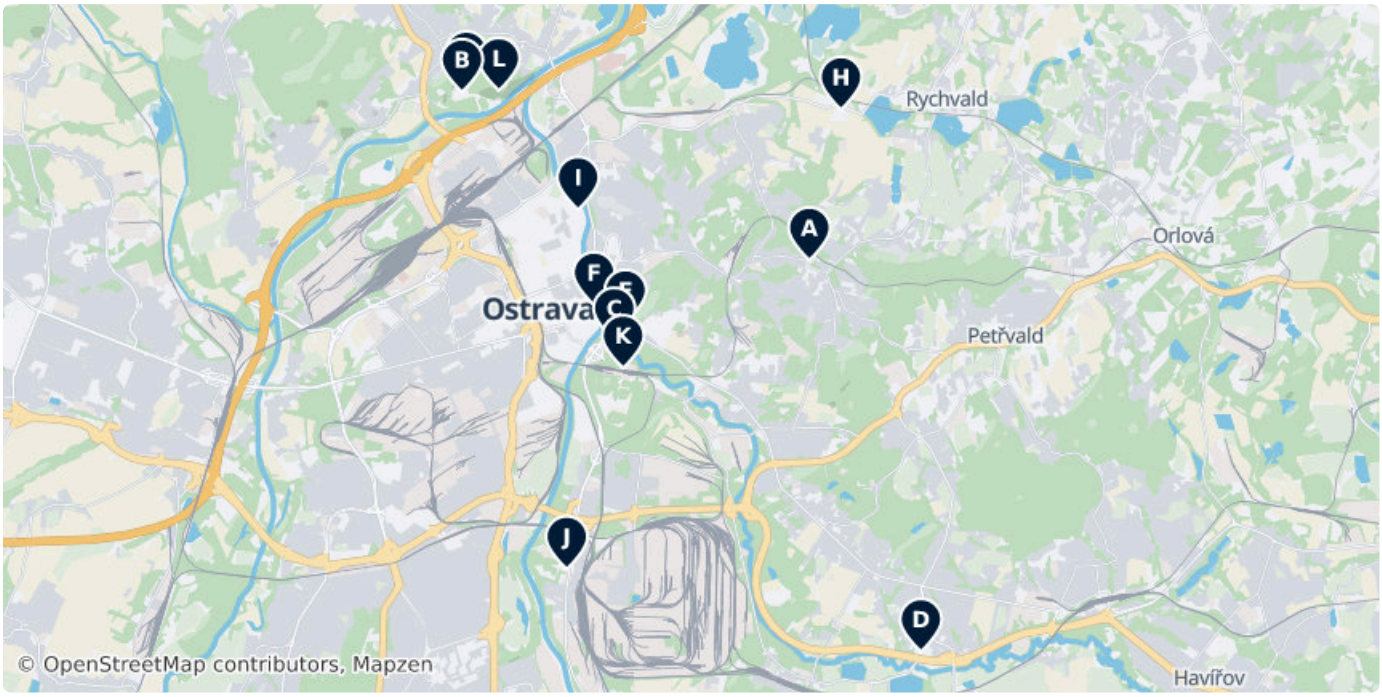
N Kaplička sv. Anny

A local chapel dedicated to Saint Anne.

5 Nad Lučinou, Bartovice 71700, Czech Republic (49.78773, 18.34083)

Ostrava's Industrial Heritage

Ostrava's history is defined by its deep-rooted mining traditions and architectural heritage. This list features key industrial sites like the Michal Mine and Landek Park, where former coal mines have been transformed into extensive museums. Beyond industry, the selection includes the 13th-century Silesian Ostrava Castle, the city's oldest church, St. Wenceslas, and various memorials commemorating the region's labor history and wartime liberation.





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D Kostel Prozřetelnosti Boží

A late Baroque church built between 1764 and 1766, often referred to as the "Pearl of Silesia" due to its ornate interior and architectural significance.

129 Kostelní, Šenov 73934, Czech Republic
(49.78418, 18.37033)

E Obětem hornické stávky u Dolu Trojice

A memorial commemorating the miners killed during the 1894 strike at the Trojice Mine, reflecting the city's history of labor struggles.

79 Těšínská, Ostrava 71000, Czech Republic
(49.83317, 18.30210)



F svatý Václav

One of Ostrava's oldest standing structures, this Gothic church dates back to the 13th century and serves as a major cultural and religious landmark.

3172/1 Kostelní náměstí, Ostrava 70200, Czech Republic
(49.83579, 18.29487)



G Hornické muzeum

The largest mining museum in the Czech Republic, featuring underground tours of the Anselm mine and an extensive collection of mining rescue technology.

Pod Landekem, Petřkovice 72529, Czech Republic (49.86867, 18.26535)

landekpark.cz, +420 596 131 804

H Zámek Rychvald

A Renaissance chateau from the late 16th century, also known as Starý Dvůr, situated just outside Ostrava in the town of Rychvald.

1 Orlovská, Rychvald 73532, Czech Republic (49.86487, 18.35186)

I Památník Rudé armády

Located in Komenského sady, this monument honors the Red Army soldiers who fell during the liberation of Ostrava at the end of World War II.

Komenského sady, Ostrava 70200, Czech Republic (49.84997, 18.29116)

J zámek Kunčice nad Ostravicí

A former manor house and administrative building that serves as a remnant of the historical estate in the Kunčice district.

(49.79648, 18.28853)



K Jáma Zárubek

A memorial site at the former Hermenegild Mine, which was once one of the most significant deep coal mines in the Ostrava-Karviná district.

62 Podzámčí, Ostrava 71000, Czech Republic (49.82643, 18.30155)

L Landek

A national natural monument and archaeological site where the prehistoric Venus of Landek was discovered. It also contains remains of a medieval fortification.

71100, Czech Republic (49.86769, 18.27287)

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