

Rožnov pod Radhoštěm

Vsetín District · Czech Republic

TRAVEL GUIDE

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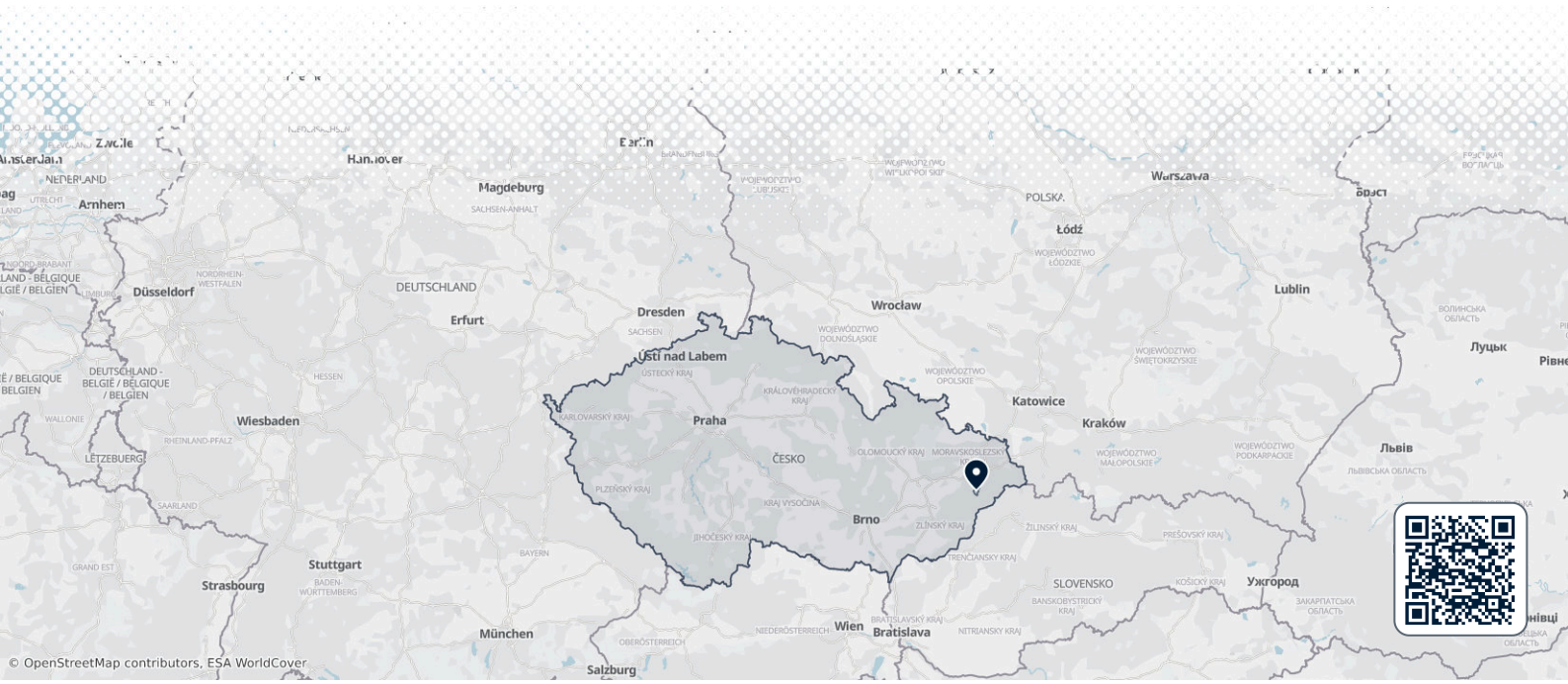

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Overview

Rožnov pod Radhoštěm is a small town in the Moravian Wallachia region, tucked below the wooded slopes of Radhošť in the Beskydy mountains. It is best known for Wallachian Open-Air Museum, the largest open-air museum of folk architecture in the Czech Republic, and for the hiking trails that climb straight out of town toward the ridge. The pace here is slower than in the big Moravian cities: this is a place for wandering wooden village lanes, breathing mountain air, and using the town as a base for a day or two in the hills.

The town's character owes a lot to a 19th-century whey-cure spa and to the architect *Dušan Jurkovič*, whose folk-inspired wooden buildings still shape its skyline. It suits travelers who want an easy mix of culture and nature: a morning in an open-air museum, an afternoon on a mountain trail.

When to visit

Rožnov pod Radhoštěm has warm summers and cold, often snowy winters, typical for the Beskydy foothills. July and August are the best months for hiking Radhošť and exploring the open-air museum outdoors; snow covers the surrounding peaks from around November to March, drawing skiers and sledders to nearby Pustevny.

The town's biggest annual draw is the open-air museum's Christmas market, when the wooden streets of Wallachian Open-Air Museum fill with craft stalls, carol singers, and mulled wine in early December — worth timing a winter visit around.

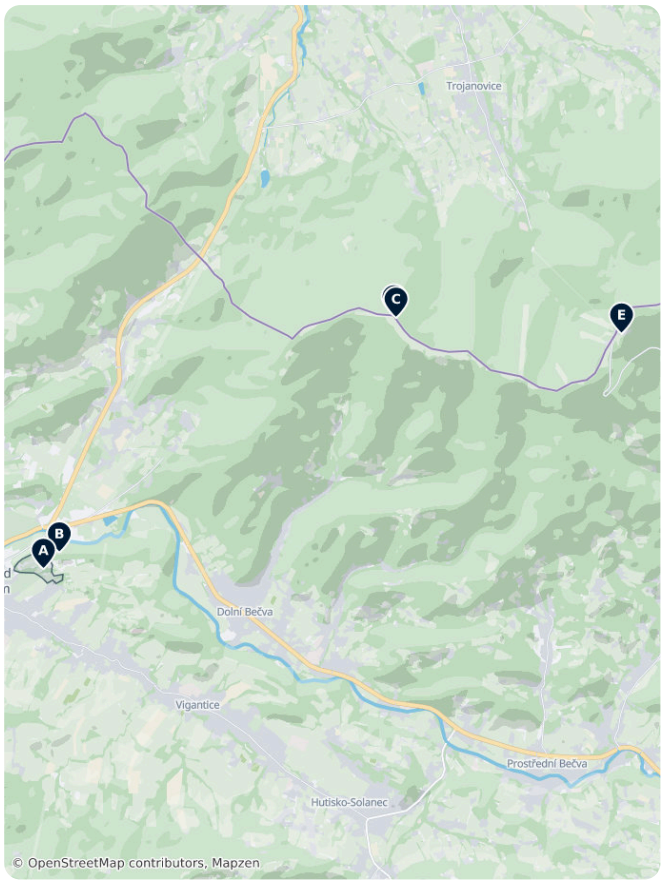
MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Great Great for skiing	0° / 6° Feels like -6°	-6° / -16°	12 rainy days · Dry air
February	Great Great for skiing	2° / 9° Feels like -3°	-5° / -16°	Dry air
March	Fair Fair for skiing	7° / 16° Feels like 2°	-2° / -9°	12 rainy days · Dry air
April	Good Good for hiking	13° / 21° Feels like 9°	3° / -3°	Dry air
May	Good Good for sightseeing	18° / 25°	8° / 2°	15 rainy days · Dry air
June	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 29°	12° / 7°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
July	Good Good for sightseeing	24° / 32°	14° / 9°	16 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 32°	14° / 9°	13 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Good Good for sightseeing	20° / 27°	9° / 4°	Dry air
October	Good Good for hiking	14° / 21° Feels like 10°	5° / -2°	Dry air
November	Fair Fair for skiing	7° / 15° Feels like 2°	1° / -6°	Dry air
December	Great Great for skiing	1° / 7° Feels like -5°	-4° / -13°	Dry air

Best months: June, August

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

Pack a light rain layer even for a summer trip: afternoon mountain showers are common.

Top sights



A Wallachian Open-Air Museum is the heart of a visit here: the largest open-air museum of folk architecture in the Czech Republic, founded in 1925, with reconstructed wooden farmsteads, a working mill, and craftspeople demonstrating traditional trades across three separate areas.

B Jurkovičova rozhledna is a 31-metre wooden lookout tower on the hill above the museum, built to a design *Dušan Jurkovič* drew up in 1896 but which was not completed until 2012. Climb it for views over the town and the Radhošť ridge.

C Radhošť is the region's best-known mountain, a 1,129-metre peak reached by a marked trail from town. Bronze statues of Saints Cyril and Methodius, unveiled in 1931, stand at the summit alongside a granite statue of the Slavic god Radegast, whom local legend says the two missionary saints displaced when they preached here in the 9th century.

D sv. Cyril a Metoděj (kaple) sits just below the statues; built in 1898, it is a quiet stop after the crowds around the summit viewpoint.

E Pustevny is a mountain saddle on the ridge beyond Radhošť, worth the extra walk for its cluster of ornate wooden chalets designed by Jurkovič, including Libušín and Maměnka — built on a site where hermits lived until 1874.

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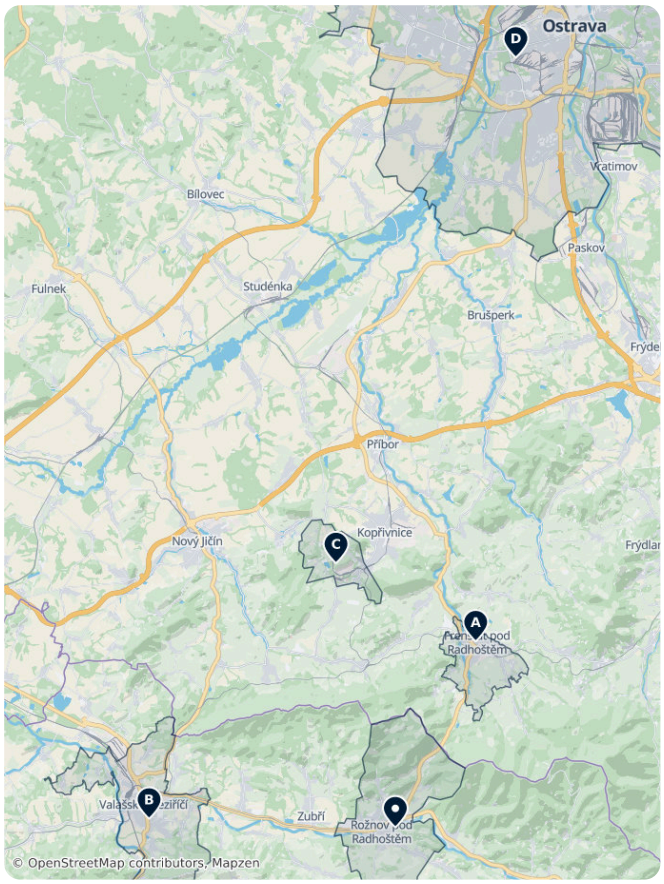
What to experience

- Walk the ridge from Radhošť to Pustevny and stop at one of the wooden mountain chalets for a plate of *halušky* before heading back down.
- Watch a blacksmith, potter, or wood-carver at work in the open-air museum's workshops — craftspeople demonstrate traditional Wallachian trades on many summer days.
- Join the crowds for the candlelit Christmas market in the museum's wooden streets each December, with carol singers and mulled wine stalls.
- In winter, take a beginner run or a toboggan down the slopes above Pustevny, reached by chairlift from the ridge.

Day trips

Rožnov sits close to several worthwhile day trips, from small Wallachian towns to a very different big city.

- A Frenštát pod Radhoštěm — about 15 minutes by car or bus; a neighboring Wallachian town with its own arcaded square, close to the valley station of the chairlift up to Pustevny.
- B Valašské Meziříčí — about 20 minutes by car or train; a historic crossroads town with the Kinský family's chateau and a well-preserved old square.
- C Štramberk — about 45 minutes by car; a hilltop town famous for its medieval Trúba tower and for *štramberské uši*, spiced gingerbread pastries shaped like ears.
- D Ostrava — about an hour by car or train; the Czech Republic's third-largest city, worth it for the converted 19th-century ironworks of the Lower Vítkovice industrial site.



Where to explore

The mountains around Rožnov reach beyond the town's own borders. Beskydy Protected Landscape Area covers the wider Beskydy range in more depth, including trails beyond Radhošť.

Vsetín is the Wallachian district's administrative center, a short train ride south. Zlín is the capital of Zlínský kraj, about an hour away and known for its modernist Baťa-era architecture.

Getting there

- **By air**: the nearest airport with scheduled passenger service is Leoš Janáček Ostrava Airport (OSR), about 55 km / 50 minutes by car. There is no direct public transit link, so most travelers rent a car or take a taxi. Prague's Václav Havel Airport, about 300 km away, has far more international connections; onward travel by train or bus takes roughly 4–4.5 hours.
- **By train**: Rožnov pod Radhoštěm has its own station on a branch line. Change at Valašské Meziříčí for the main line toward Ostrava, Olomouc, and Prague. Book tickets through České dráhy, the national railway.
- **By bus**: regional buses run to Frenštát pod Radhoštěm, Valašské Meziříčí, and Zlín; a direct long-distance coach also connects to Prague.

Getting around

- **Public transit**: local and regional buses link the center, the train station, the open-air museum, and nearby villages. Buy single tickets from the driver, or use IDZK, the Zlín Region's integrated transport system, for regional trips.
- **Taxi**: a handful of local taxi firms operate; ride-hailing app coverage is limited compared with larger Czech cities.
- **On foot**: the town center is compact and easy to walk — the main square, the museum, and the lookout tower are all within about 20 minutes on foot. Reaching Radhošť or Pustevny is a proper mountain hike, not a stroll.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The town center, the open-air museum, and the lookout tower are all within a 20-minute walk of the main square; reaching Radhošť or Pustevny takes a proper hike, a bus, or a car, not a stroll.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

Marked cycling routes follow the valley toward Zubří and Valašské Meziříčí, but the surrounding hills make casual town cycling more effort than in flat Czech cities.

Driving

- **Car needed?** Not for the town center, which is easily walkable, but a car helps for reaching Pustevny, the surrounding villages, and day trips, especially outside summer when buses run less often.
- **Parking**: pay-and-display lots sit near the main square and the museum's main entrance; pay at the machine shown on the signage. A larger free lot serves the museum on quieter days.

Food & drink

Wallachian cooking is hearty and simple. *Frgál*, a large sweet flatbread topped with plums, poppy seed, or curd cheese, is the region's signature bake, sold at market stalls and bakeries around town. Potato dumplings, smoked meats, and sheep's cheese also turn up on most menus, especially in the mountain chalets near Pustevny.

For a meal, head to the streets around the main square, where a handful of Wallachian-style taverns serve regional dishes, or eat at one of the traditional inns inside Wallachian Open-Air Museum itself, where the food matches the setting.

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

Rožnov pod Radhoštěm is a very safe town with little tourist-targeted crime. The main risk to plan for is the mountain, not the town: weather on the Radhošť ridge changes quickly, and the trail can turn icy or foggy well into spring and again from October. Wear proper hiking boots, check the forecast before setting out, and turn back if visibility drops. At the museum's busiest festival days, keep half an eye on bags and wallets, as at any crowded event.

History

The open-air museum that now anchors the town began in 1925, when the brothers *Bohumír* and *Alois Jaroněk* started collecting threatened timber buildings from villages across Wallachia to save them from demolition. What grew into Wallachian Open-Air Museum became one of the country's first, and eventually its largest, open-air museum of folk life.

The mountain above town carries an older story. Local legend holds that Radhošť was once a place of worship for the Slavic god Radegast, whose statue still stands near the summit; the tradition says Saints Cyril and Methodius climbed here in the 9th century to preach Christianity and displace the old cult. That legend is why bronze statues of the two missionary saints, unveiled in 1931, stand at the top today, close to sv. Cyril a Metoděj (kaple), built in 1898.

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

Rožnov pod Radhoštěm Unmissables

Rožnov pod Radhoštěm is home to the Wallachian Open-Air Museum, the largest of its kind in Central Europe. This list highlights the museum's three main areas: the Wooden Town, the Water Mill Valley with its functional technical structures, and the Wallachian Village depicting 19th-century rural life. Beyond the museum, the town is defined by the colorful Jurkovič Observation Tower and historic wooden churches that showcase unique regional folk architecture and heritage.





A Jurkovič Observation Tower

A colorful 32-meter timber observation tower designed by architect Dušan Jurkovič in 1896 and completed in 2012. It features traditional folk art elements and offers views of the Beskydy landscape.

(Unnamed Road), 75661, Czech Republic
(49.46239, 18.15872)

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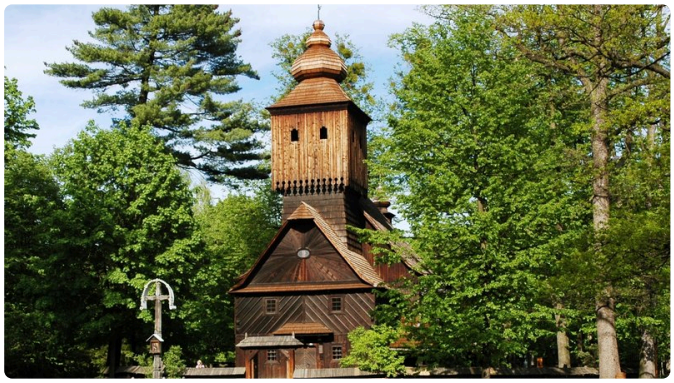

B Český svaz muzeí v přírodě

The headquarters of the Czech Association of Open-Air Museums, which coordinates the preservation and presentation of regional folk architecture across the country.

Palackého 147, 75661 Rožnov pod Radhoštěm
(49.46110, 18.14829)

C Wallachian Village

The museum's largest section, featuring authentic farmsteads, workshops, and livestock that replicate a traditional 19th-century mountain village in the Beskydy region.

Sluneční, 756 61 Rožnov pod Radhoštěm, Czechia (49.46035, 18.15568)

Mo–Su 09:00–17:00

nmvp.cz/roznov

D Valašské muzeum v přírodě - Mlýnská dolina

A collection of functional technical buildings, including a water-powered sawmill, flour mill, and oil press, demonstrating historical machinery and regional industrial traditions.

(49.46210, 18.15160)

E Vahadlová studna

A traditional sweep well, an example of historical water extraction technology commonly used in rural Wallachian settlements.

(49.46113, 18.15474)

F Chalupa z Prlova

A traditional timbered residential house relocated from the village of Prlov, representing authentic folk living quarters from the 19th century.

(49.45975, 18.15638)

G Zvonička z Vrbětic

A small wooden bell tower from the village of Vrbětice, typical of the rural religious architecture found in the Beskydy mountains.

(49.46026, 18.15780)

H Větrný mlýn z Kladník

A German-style post windmill originally built in the early 19th century in Kladníky and later relocated to the open-air museum.

(49.45989, 18.15591)

I Evangelický toleranční kostel

A wooden Protestant church from the late 18th century, showcasing the simple architectural style permitted following the Patent of Toleration.

(Unnamed Road), Rožnov pod Radhoštěm 75661, Czech Republic (49.45998, 18.15682)

J Polygonální stodola z Hodslavic

A rare 17th-century polygonal timber barn from Hodslavice, illustrating early agricultural construction techniques in the region.

(49.46057, 18.15127)

K Škola

A reconstruction of a 19th-century village schoolhouse, providing a look at historical education and the living conditions of rural teachers.

(Unnamed Road), Rožnov pod Radhoštěm 75661, Czech Republic (49.46136, 18.15547)

L Zvonice z Lužné

A historic wooden bell tower from Lužná, preserved as a representative example of regional folk heritage.

(Unnamed Road), Rožnov pod Radhoštěm 75661, Czech Republic (49.46155, 18.15483)

M Hospoda s kupeckým krámem ze Zděchova

A combined tavern and merchant's shop from Zděchov, reflecting the social and commercial center of 19th-century village life.

(49.46113, 18.15564)

N Amfiteátr v Dřevěném městečku

An outdoor performance venue used for folklore festivals, traditional music, and cultural programs within the Wooden Town section of the museum.

(49.46173, 18.14785)

O amfiteátr

An outdoor amphitheater used for regional folklore performances and cultural events.

(49.46102, 18.15107)

P Amfiteatr

A performance space dedicated to showcasing traditional Wallachian music, dance, and folk customs during seasonal festivals.

(49.46165, 18.14782)

Q Dřevěný kostel sv. Anny

A 19th-century copy of a wooden church from Větřkovice, surrounded by the 'Wallachian Slavín' honorary cemetery where notable regional figures are buried.

Rožnov pod Radhoštěm 75661, Czech Republic
(49.46250, 18.14925)

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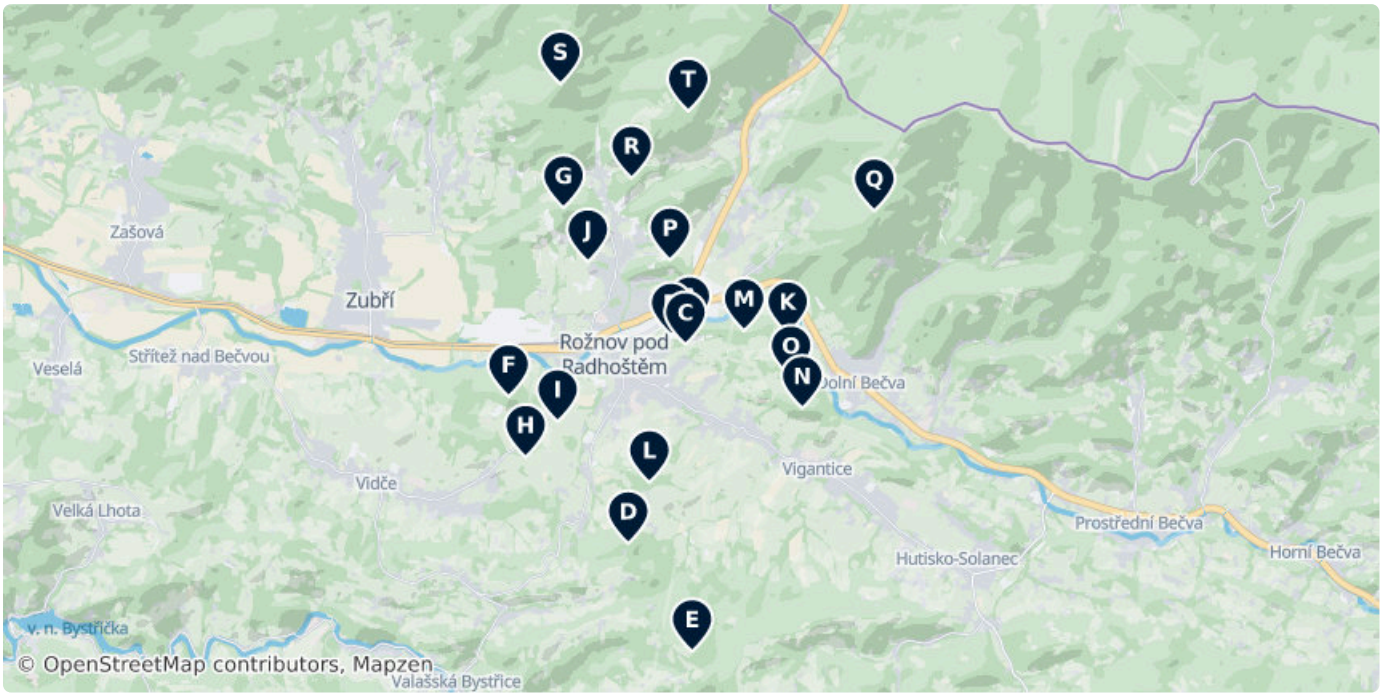
Peaks and Viewpoints

Rožnov pod Radhoštěm is surrounded by the Vsetínské vrchy and Moravian-Silesian Beskids, offering numerous hiking destinations. This selection features the Jurkovičova rozhledna, a colorful wooden tower designed by architect Dušan Jurkovič, alongside historical bell towers preserved in the local open-air museum. The list also includes the Hradisko peak, home to 13th-century castle ruins, and various surrounding summits like Černá hora and Ostrý that define the landscape of the Rožnovská Bečva valley.





A Jurkovič Observation Tower

A 31-meter wooden lookout tower built in 2012 based on 1896 designs by architect Dušan Jurkovič. It stands on Karlův kopec and features traditional Wallachian folk-art nouveau architecture.

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B Zvonice z Lužné

A 19th-century wooden bell tower relocated from the village of Lužná. It is part of the Wallachian Open Air Museum's collection of regional architecture.

(Unnamed Road), Rožnov pod Radhoštěm 75661, Czech Republic (49.46155, 18.15483)

C Zvonička z Vrbětic

A traditional wooden bell tower from Vrbětice, preserved as a historical exhibit within the Wallachian Open Air Museum.

(49.46026, 18.15780)

D Bučník

A peak in the Vsetínské vrchy mountain range located south of the town center.

75661, Czech Republic (49.43341, 18.14592)

E Zvonový

A summit situated in the southern part of the Rožnov pod Radhoštěm territory.

75661, Czech Republic (49.41882, 18.15921)

F Hradisko

A 522-meter peak containing the ruins of a 13th-century Gothic castle. The site was once a strategic fortification overlooking the Rožnovská Bečva valley.

75661, Czech Republic (49.45323, 18.12107)

G Láz

A peak in the Vsetínské vrchy range located north of the town.

75661, Czech Republic (49.47869, 18.13248)

H Šípov

A peak located southwest of Rožnov pod Radhoštěm near the Hradisko summit.

75661, Czech Republic (49.44507, 18.12461)

I Láň

A wooded peak in the Vsetínské vrchy range.

75661, Czech Republic (49.44986, 18.13126)

J Písečný

A peak offering hiking trails through the northern part of the municipality.

(Unnamed Road), 75661, Czech Republic (49.47145, 18.13755)

K Ostrý

A peak rising to 527 meters, located east of the town center.

75661, Czech Republic (49.46170, 18.17906)

L Rysová hora

A peak in the Vsetínské vrchy range located south of the Rožnovská Bečva river.

75661, Czech Republic (49.44164, 18.15033)

M Klúzov

A peak located on the eastern outskirts of the town near the road to Dolní Bečva.

75661, Czech Republic (49.46211, 18.17000)

N Vysoká

A peak situated in the eastern part of the Rožnov territory.

75661, Czech Republic (49.45169, 18.18206)

O Dlouhá

A peak located in the hills east of the town center.

75661, Czech Republic (49.45576, 18.17975)

P Kozinec

A peak located north of the town center in the Beskydy foothills.

Rožnov pod Radhoštěm 75661, Czech Republic (49.47169, 18.15462)

Q Černá hora

A peak in the Moravian-Silesian Beskids reaching an elevation of 891 meters, accessible via marked hiking paths.

75661, Czech Republic (49.47829, 18.19706)

R Chlácholůvek

A peak in the northern hills of Rožnov pod Radhoštěm.

75661, Czech Republic (49.48271, 18.14661)

S Úvěs

A peak located in the northernmost part of the district near the border with Veřovice.

75661, Czech Republic (49.49541, 18.13181)

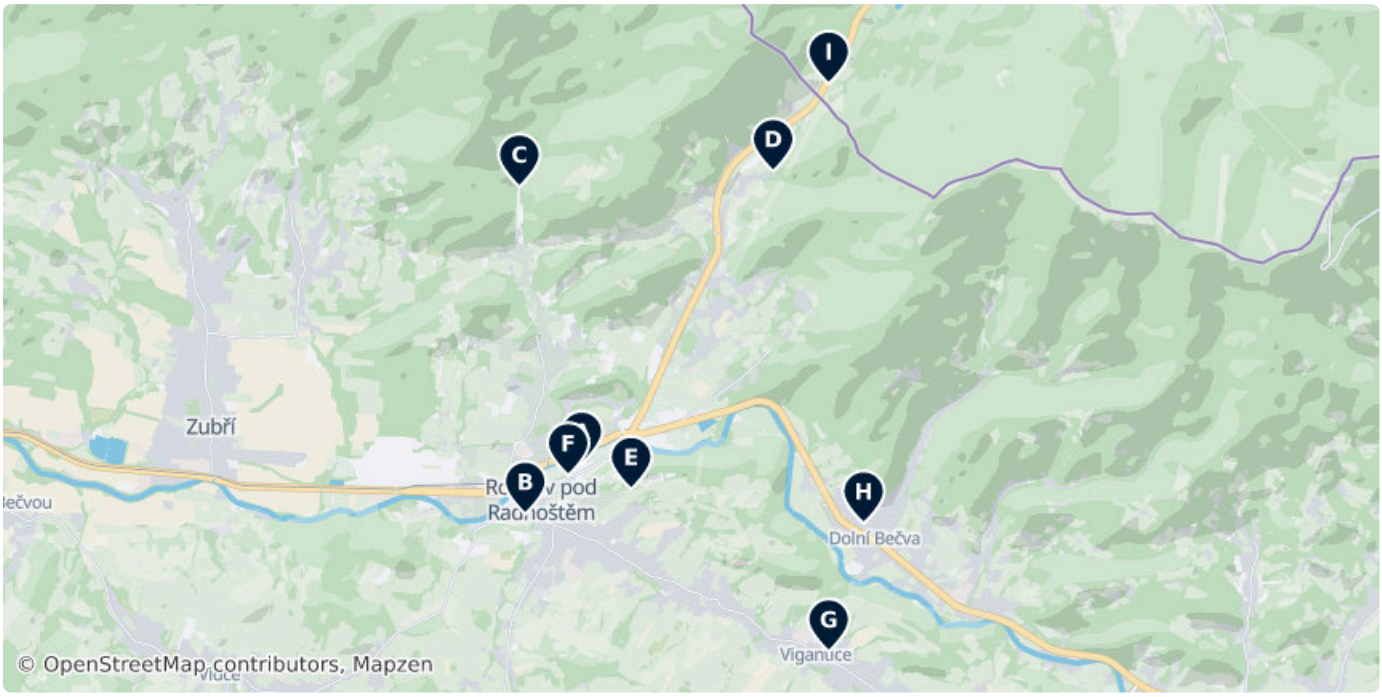
T Myší hora

A peak in the Beskydy foothills overlooking the northern part of the town.

75661, Czech Republic (49.49174, 18.15839)

Religious Heritage Sites

Rožnov pod Radhoštěm and its surroundings feature a diverse collection of religious architecture, ranging from the Baroque All Saints Church to unique wooden structures preserved within the Wallachian Open Air Museum. This list includes the 18th-century Evangelical Tolerance Church, a rare example of Protestant architecture, and several traditional roadside shrines and chapels like those at Pindula and Pod Kání. These sites represent the spiritual history and traditional craftsmanship of the Moravian Wallachia region.



A Dřevěný kostel sv. Anny

Located in the Wooden Town of the Wallachian Open Air Museum, this 1945 wooden church is a replica of a 16th-century structure from Větřkovice. It is surrounded by the Wallachian Slavín honorary cemetery.

Rožnov pod Radhoštěm 75661, Czech Republic (49.46250, 18.14925)

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B kostel Všech svatých

A Baroque parish church constructed between 1745 and 1752 on the site of an earlier wooden building. The interior features historical furnishings and decorations characteristic of the mid-18th century.

32 Nádražní, Rožnov pod Radhoštěm 75661, Czech Republic (49.45750, 18.14057)

C Kaplička

Small traditional roadside shrine.

(Unnamed Road), 75661, Czech Republic (49.49011, 18.13966)

D Kaplička pod Kání

A small religious shrine located on the slopes below the Káně hill.

354 Jarní, 75661, Czech Republic (49.49166, 18.17863)

E Evangelický toleranční kostel

A rare wooden Protestant church from the late 18th century, originally built in Velká Lhota following the Patent of Tolerance. It was later moved to the Wallachian Open Air Museum.

(Unnamed Road), Rožnov pod Radhoštěm 75661, Czech Republic (49.45998, 18.15682)

F Evangelický kostel

Modern Protestant church built between 1952 and 1953, serving the local congregation of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren.

483 Palackého, Rožnov pod Radhoštěm 75661, Czech Republic (49.46135, 18.14716)

G Proměnění Páně

Roman Catholic place of worship located in the Tylovice district.

240, 75661, Czech Republic (49.44377, 18.18715)

H sv. Antonína Paduánského

Roman Catholic place of worship dedicated to St. Anthony of Padua.

245, Dolní Bečva 75655, Czech Republic (49.45653, 18.19250)

I Kaplička na Pinduli

Small chapel situated at the Pindula mountain pass, a traditional transit point between Rožnov pod Radhoštěm and Frenštát pod Radhoštěm.

79 58, 74401, Czech Republic (49.50037, 18.18714)

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