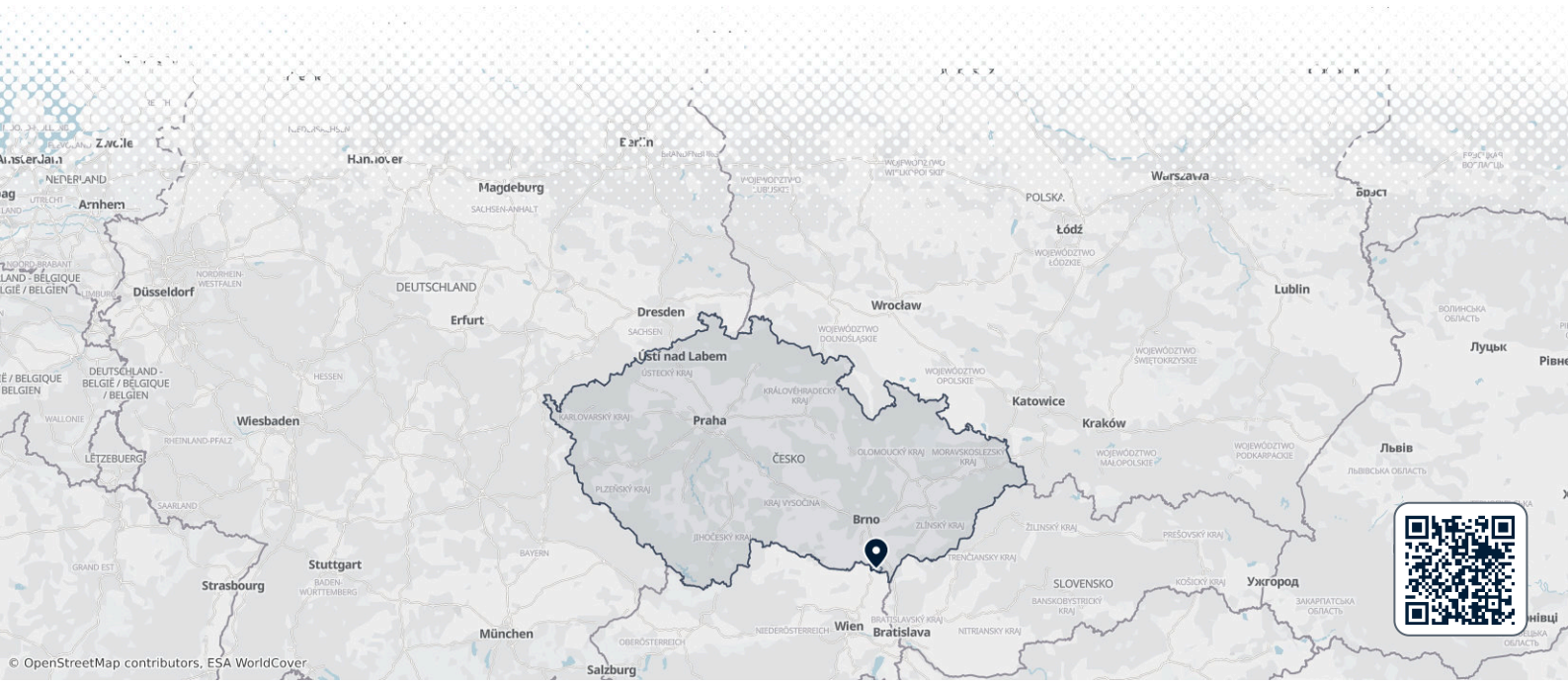


Valtice

South Moravian Region · Czech Republic

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Valtice is a small Baroque town in South Moravia, built around a historic **château** that once served as the seat of the House of Liechtenstein. Along with neighboring Lednice, it forms the Lednice-Valtice Cultural Landscape, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1996 shaped by the Liechtensteins into a single designed landscape of palaces, parkland, and garden follies.

The town itself has fewer than 4,000 residents, but it carries an outsized reputation as the Czech Republic's unofficial wine capital: its château cellars host the National Wine Salon, an annual showcase of the country's best wines. Valtice suits travelers who want to combine Baroque architecture and a walkable historic square with wine tasting in a compact, easygoing base, and it pairs naturally with a stop in Lednice or the wider Moravian wine region.

When to visit

Summers are warm and mostly dry, the best time to walk or cycle between the château and its garden pavilions. Spring and early autumn are mild and quieter, while winter is cold with occasional snow and few visitors. Plan around the **Valtice Wine Market**, a judged wine competition held every May in the château's riding hall, when producers from across the country bring their best bottles for tasting.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	2° / 10° Feels like -4°	-5° / -14°	Dry air
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	5° / 13° Feels like -1°	-3° / -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	26° / 33°	14° / 8°	12 rainy days · Dry air
July	Great Great for sightseeing	28° / 35°	16° / 11°	12 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	8° / 17° 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, July, August, September

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

Top sights



A Zámek Valtice is the town's centerpiece, a Baroque château that served as the historic seat of the House of Liechtenstein. Its vaulted cellars now hold the National Wine Salon, a standing exhibition of around a hundred of the country's award-winning wines.

On the main square, B Nanebevzetí Panny Marie is a large Baroque parish church built between 1631 and 1671, its altar paintings linked to the workshop of *Peter Paul Rubens*.

The parkland stretching toward Lednice is scattered with garden follies built for the Liechtensteins as scenic stops on a walk or ride. C Kolonáda na Reistně is a hilltop colonnade in the form of a Roman triumphal arch, built as a memorial to a prince's father and brothers, with sweeping views over the vineyards toward the Austrian border.

D letohrádek Rendezvous is another Roman-arch folly, built as a hunting lodge where parties gathered before heading into the surrounding forest.

E Belveder started life as a pheasantry and is now an Empire-style pavilion with an octagonal domed hall, serving as a café.

F Tři Grácie is a semicircular colonnade with twelve columns, sheltering a sculpture group of three goddesses carved from a single block of stone.

G Apollonův chrám is a small neoclassical pavilion on a hill above a fishpond, one of the earliest follies built in the shared park.

H Kaple sv. Huberta is a small Neo-Gothic chapel in the Boří les forest between Valtice and Břeclav, dedicated to the patron saint of hunters.

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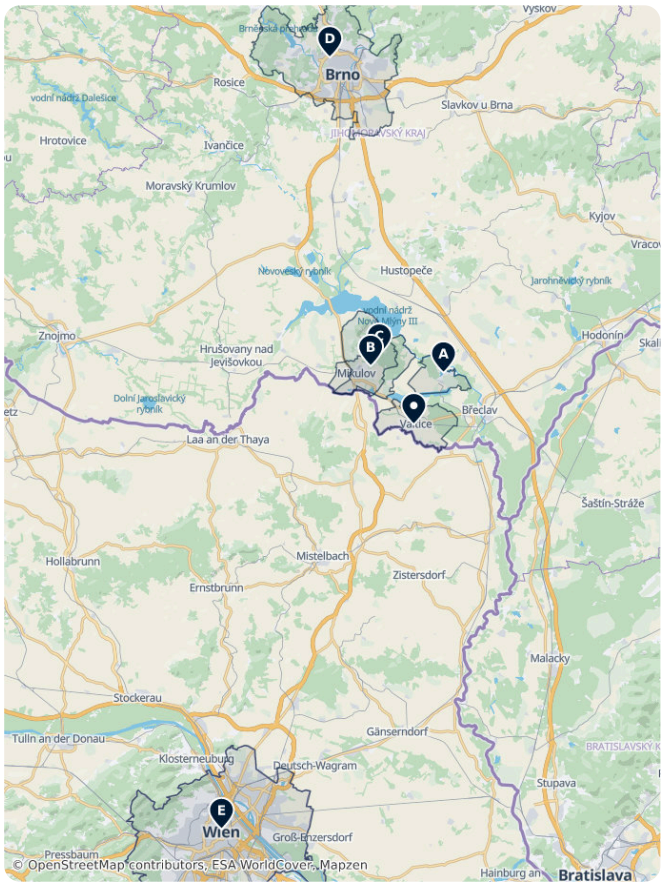
What to experience

- Taste the year's best Czech wines at the **National Wine Salon**, housed in the château's vaulted cellars, where around a hundred award-winning wines are on display and open for tasting.
- Cycle the marked wine routes out from town through the historic park, stopping at the garden follies and hunting lodges scattered along the way toward Lednice.
- Join the region's grape harvest, *vinobraní*, in September and October, when Valtice's family-run cellars open their doors for tastings.

Day trips

Valtice sits at the southern edge of Moravia's wine country, right on the Austrian border.

- A Lednice — around 10 minutes by bike or car, Valtice's UNESCO twin: a Neo-Gothic château, a huge landscaped park, and a minaret-shaped tower.
- **Břeclav** — about 15 minutes by car or train, the region's main rail junction with fast connections to Vienna, Brno, and Prague.
- B Mikulov — around 25 minutes by car, a hilltop wine town with its own castle and a well-preserved Jewish quarter.
- C Pálava — around 30 minutes by car, a 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 — about an hour by car, across the border in Austria, a full flagship day out if you have the time.



Where to explore

Valtice shares its UNESCO status with neighboring Lednice, a short bike ride north across the shared parkland — together the two towns and the lakes and follies between them form a single protected

landscape. For more wine cellars and hillside views, Mikulov is the region's main wine-tourism hub, a half-hour drive west.

Getting there

- **By air**: **Vienna Airport (VIE)** in Austria is the closest major international gateway, about 65 km away — roughly an hour by car. **Brno-Tuřany Airport (BRQ)** is a similar distance, around 55 km, but has only a handful of scheduled routes.
- **By train**: Valtice has its own small station on the branch line to **Břeclav**, the region's main rail junction on the Vienna-Prague/Brno line, about 15 minutes away.
- **By bus**: regional buses connect Valtice to Břeclav, Lednice, and Mikulov; the main stop is close to the main square.

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 château, main square, and town center are all within easy walking distance of each other.
- **Cycling**: marked wine routes link Valtice to Lednice and the wider region; bikes can be rented in town.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The château, main square, and town center are all easy to explore on foot; the garden follies scattered through the park are a longer walk or a short bike ride away.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

Marked wine routes link Valtice directly to Lednice and the wider wine region, and bikes can be rented in town.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: not for Valtice itself — the château, square, and town center are all walkable — but a car (or bike) helps for reaching Lednice, Mikulov, and the wider wine region, plus the short hop across the border to Austria.
- **Parking**: pay parking lots sit near the château and along the approach roads into the center; street parking on the main square is limited.
- **Restrictions**: none beyond normal Czech road rules — no congestion charge or low-emission zone here.

Food & drink

Valtice calls itself the Czech Republic's wine capital, and the title is not just marketing: Zámek Valtice's cellars permanently showcase the year's best Czech wines, and the town hosts the country's leading wine competition each spring. The area's dry whites — Ryzlink rýnský, Veltlínské zelené, and Pálava — are the wines to seek out.

For meals, look to the restaurants and wine bars around the main square and near the château entrance, or book a tasting at one of the small family cellars scattered through town — this is a place built for pairing food with wine rather than seeking out a single destination restaurant.

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

Valtice is a safe, low-crime destination with no particular hazards for travelers. The main practical consideration is seasonal crowding: parking and cellar tastings can book up during the September-October harvest season, so reserve ahead if visiting then.

History

The House of Liechtenstein acquired Valtice at the end of the 14th century and held it until the family's Czechoslovak property was confiscated in 1945; for much of that time, Valtice, not Lednice, served as the family's principal seat in Moravia. The medieval castle here was rebuilt into the Baroque Zámek Valtice mainly under Prince Karl Eusebius in the 17th century, with the surrounding parkland gradually filled with follies and garden pavilions over the following two hundred years.

On the main square, Nanebevzetí Panny Marie was built between 1631 and 1671 and stands beside the château as the town's other major landmark.

The Liechtensteins' landscaping stretched north to connect with their estate at Lednice, and in 1996 the whole designed landscape — château, parkland, and follies shared between the two towns — was recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After 1945 the château passed into state ownership; it now combines its role as a historic monument with hosting the National Wine Salon in its cellars.

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

Valtice Essentials

Valtice, known as the wine capital of Moravia, sits at the heart of the UNESCO-listed Lednice-Valtice Cultural Landscape. This selection highlights the Baroque Valtice Castle, the former seat of the Liechtenstein family, alongside architectural follies like the Neoclassical Rendezvous hunting lodge and the Neo-Gothic Chapel of St. Hubert. The list also features the Reistna Colonnade overlooking the vineyards, the Iron Curtain Museum documenting the region's Cold War history, and a cross-border barefoot path leading toward neighboring Austria.





A Valtice Castle

Historic Baroque castle renowned for its architectural beauty, extensive gardens, and significant wine cellar, recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It serves as a cultural landmark showcasing rich history and heritage.

Zámek, 691 42 Valtice, Czechia (48.73927, 16.75529)

zamek-valtice.cz, +420519352423



B Reisten Colonnade

A monumental Neoclassical colonnade built by Joseph Hardtmuth in the early 19th century. Located on the highest point of the Valtice area, it serves as a memorial to the Liechtenstein ancestors and offers panoramic views of South Moravia and Lower Austria.

(Unnamed Road), 69142, Czech Republic (48.73700, 16.73618)

Mar-Apr Sa–Su	10:00–17:00
May-Jun Sa–Su	10:00–18:00
Jul-Aug Mo–Su	10:00–18:00

Sep Sa–Su	10:00–18:00
Oct Sa–Su	10:00–16:00
Nov-Feb Mo–Su	Closed

lednicko-valticky-areal.cz/kolonada.php, +420606538317



C Diana's Temple

Also known as the Temple of Diana, this Neoclassical hunting lodge is designed in the shape of a Roman triumphal arch. Built in 1812, the structure is decorated with reliefs depicting ancient mythology and served as a gathering point for Liechtenstein hunting parties.

361 Rendez-vous, 69142, Czech Republic (48.75033, 16.79279)

lednicko-valticky-areal.cz/rendez-vous.php



D Belvedere Pleasure House

An Empire-style summer residence built between 1802 and 1806. Originally used for pheasant breeding and as a social venue for the nobility, the building features a central octagonal salon and offers views across the landscape toward Mikulov.

359 Petra Bezruče, Valtice 69142, Czech Republic (48.75194, 16.76150)

zamek-valtice.cz/en



E Saint Hubertus Chapel

A Neo-Gothic chapel constructed in 1855 from sandstone blocks. Dedicated to the patron saint of hunters, it is the youngest small architectural structure in the Lednice-Valtice area and features a triangular floor plan with three open arches.

69142, Czech Republic (48.76097, 16.80623)



F Barfußweg Warte

A 5-kilometer circular barefoot hiking trail starting near the Reistna Colonnade. The path features eleven stations with natural materials like bark, cones, and stones, crossing the Czech-Austrian border through the surrounding vineyards.

2172, Austria (48.73017, 16.73803)

Muzeum železné opony

Located in a former border guard building, this museum documents the history of the Iron Curtain and border fortifications. Exhibits include original equipment, uniforms, and stories of individuals who attempted to cross the boundary between East and West.

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