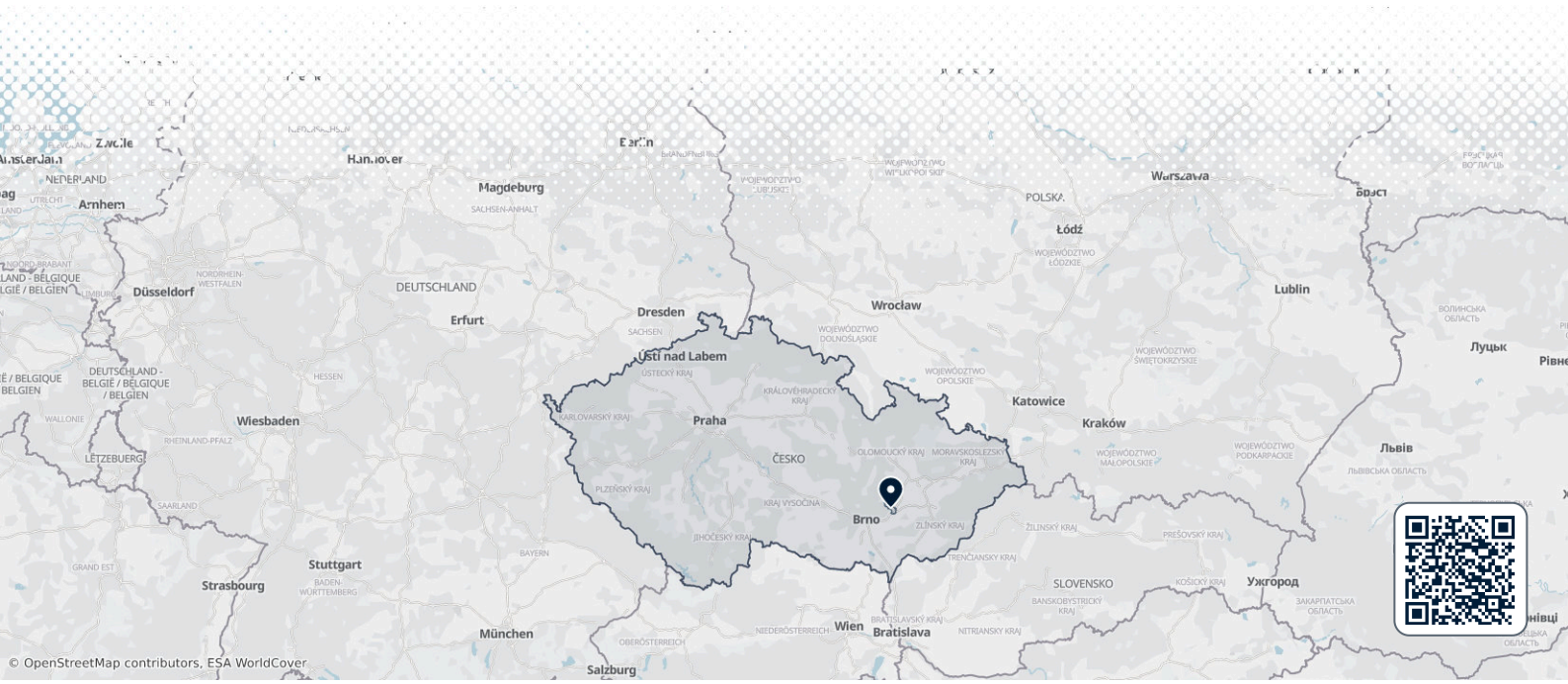


Vyskov

South Moravian Region · Czech Republic

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Vyškov is a small Moravian town about 30 km east of Brno, easy to combine with a wider South Moravia trip or worth a night on its own. Its compact, walkable old town centres on a colourful historic square, with roots going back to the medieval Olomouc bishopric.

The town also makes a good base for the wooded Drahanská vrchovina highlands just north of the centre, and it sits close enough to Slavkov u Brna, site of the 1805 Battle of Austerlitz, for an easy day trip. Families find plenty to do here too, with a zoo, a dinosaur park and a water park all near the centre.

When to visit

Spring and autumn are mild and pleasant for walking the old town, summers are warm, and winters are cold with some snow. The town's biggest annual event is the Festival Uprostřed města ("Festival in the Middle of the City"), held on Masarykovo náměstí in late May to mark the start of the tourist season, with live music, a craft market and family entertainment.

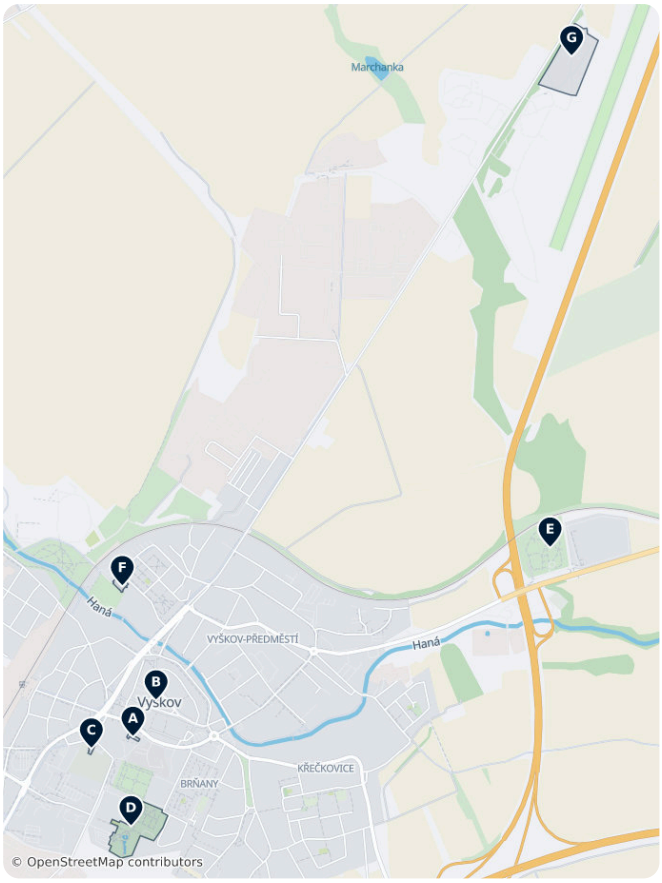
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January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	1° / 8° Feels like -5°	-5° / -14°	Dry air
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	3° / 11° Feels like -2°	-4° / -14°	Dry air
March	Poor Poor for hiking	8° / 17° Feels like 3°	-1° / -7°	Dry air
April	Good Good for hiking	14° / 22° Feels like 10°	4° / -2°	Dry air
May	Good Good for sightseeing	19° / 26°	9° / 3°	14 rainy days · Dry air
June	Great Great for sightseeing	24° / 31°	13° / 8°	13 rainy days · Dry air
July	Good Good for sightseeing	26° / 33°	15° / 10°	15 rainy days
August	Great Great for sightseeing	26° / 33°	14° / 10°	12 rainy days
September	Great Great for sightseeing	21° / 28°	10° / 5°	Dry air
October	Good Good for hiking	14° / 21° Feels like 11°	6° / -1°	Dry air
November	Poor Poor for sightseeing	7° / 15° Feels like 3°	1° / -5°	Dry air
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	2° / 7° Feels like -4°	-3° / -12°	Dry air

Best months: June, August, September

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

July and August bring the warmest, driest days, good for the zoo, water park and other outdoor sights; January and February are the quietest and coldest months.

Top sights



A Vyškov Castle anchors the town, a Gothic stronghold turned Renaissance and Baroque residence for the Olomouc bishops. Napoleon stopped here in November 1805 on his way to the Battle of Austerlitz, and the building now holds a regional museum with folk ceramics and local history exhibits.

The B Plague Column stands on Masarykovo náměstí, the town's triangular main square, raised in 1719 to mark the end of a plague epidemic.

Near the town cemetery, the C Cemetery Church of Our Lady began life in the early 1600s as a Capuchin monastery church and was rebuilt in the 18th century.

D Vyškov Zoo is one of the town's most popular draws, a compact zoo with camels, lemurs and llamas that makes an easy stop for families.

Next door, E Dinopark Vyškov fills four hectares with life-sized animatronic dinosaurs, a paleontological playground and a 4D cinema.

F Aquapark Vyškov has pools and waterslides for a few hours of downtime, especially useful on a hot summer afternoon.

Military history fans should visit the G Aviation and Ground Technology Museum, an open-air collection of aircraft, helicopters and ground vehicles built with the Czech Army.

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What to experience

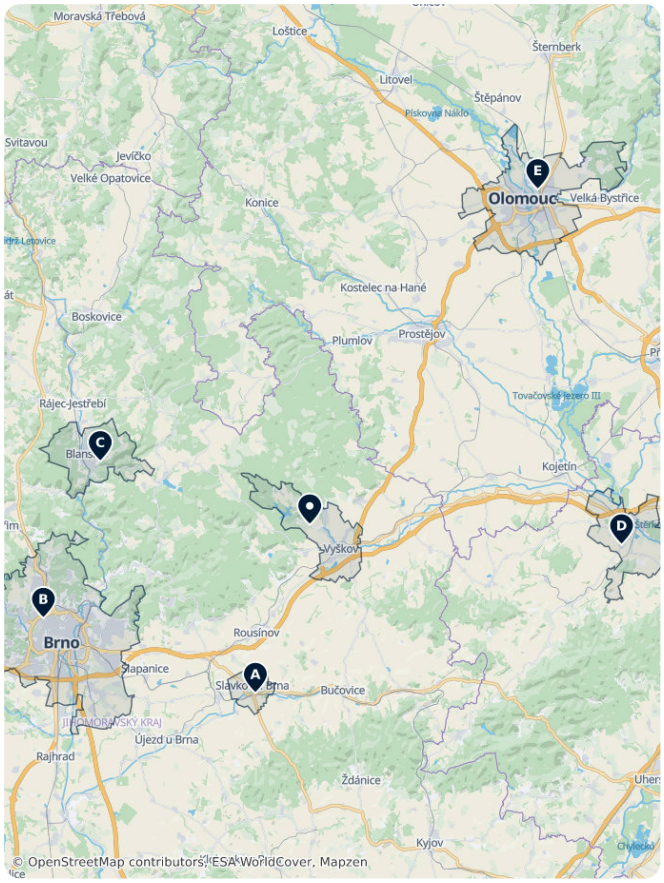
A couple of things are worth timing a visit around or setting aside time for:

- Join the Festival Uprostřed města each spring, when live music, a craft market and food stalls fill Masarykovo náměstí to mark the start of the tourist season.
- Set out on foot or by bike into the Drahanská vrchovina highlands, whose wooded trails and viewpoints begin right at the edge of town.

Day trips

Vyškov sits well placed for day trips across Moravia, from a Napoleonic battlefield nearby to a UNESCO-listed garden and a cave system a little further out:

- A Slavkov u Brna — ≈25 min by car. See the Baroque chateau and battlefield memorials of the 1805 Battle of Austerlitz, one of Napoleon's best-known victories.
- B Brno — ≈30–45 min by direct train or car. Moravia's capital has a lively old town, the Špilberk fortress and a strong café and brewery scene.
- Moravian Karst via C Blansko — ≈40 min by car. Tour the Punkva Caves and look down into the Macocha Abyss, a limestone sinkhole about 138 metres deep.
- D Kroměříž — ≈45 min by car. Walk the UNESCO-listed gardens of the Archbishop's Chateau, one of the finest Baroque garden complexes in Central Europe.
- E Olomouc — ≈50 min by car, or about 1.5 hours by train with a change. A historic university city with its own UNESCO-listed Holy Trinity Column and a large old town.



Where to explore

For more of South Moravia, Brno and Blansko both make easy add-ons to a Vyškov stay — the region's biggest city and a well-preserved smaller town on the edge of the Moravian Karst. History-minded travelers may also want to combine a visit here with Slavkov u Brna, the town behind the Battle of Austerlitz.

Getting there

- By air: the closest airport is Brno–Tuřany (BRQ), which has only limited seasonal and charter service; a taxi or bus from there to central Vyškov takes about 40 minutes. Most travelers fly into Vienna (VIE) or Prague (PRG) instead and continue by train via Brno, roughly 3 hours in total.
- By train: Vyškov sits on the direct line to Brno (≈30–45 min), with onward connections east toward Přerov and Olomouc (about 1.5 hours, with a change).
- By bus: regional coaches link Vyškov with Brno and nearby towns, useful for a few destinations the train does not reach directly.

Getting around

- On foot: the historic centre is compact, and everything from the main square to the castle is a short walk away.
- Public transit: local buses reach the outer districts and the zoo/aquapark area, with tickets bought on board; most visitors staying in the centre will not need them.
- Taxi: local taxi firms operate around town, though ride-hailing coverage is thinner than in Brno.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The old town is compact, and the main square, castle and museums are all within a 10-15 minute walk of each other.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

The centre has few dedicated bike lanes, but marked routes lead out from town into the Drahanská vrchovina highlands.

Driving

- Is a car worth it? Not for the town centre, which is compact and walkable, but a car makes exploring the Moravian Karst and the Drahanská vrchovina highlands much easier.
- Parking: metered spaces ring Masarykovo náměstí; free parking is usually easy to find a short walk from the centre.
- Restrictions: no low-emission or congestion zones apply.

Food & drink

Vyškov sits in the fertile Haná region, known across Moravia for hearty, farm-based cooking — expect dumplings, roast pork and local sausages on most menus alongside standard Czech classics.

For a meal, head to the cafés and restaurants around Masarykovo náměstí, where most of the town's dining options cluster within a short walk of each other.

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

Vyškov is a quiet, low-crime town, and typical tourist activities carry no particular risk. The only thing worth a little care is petty theft in crowds during busy events like the spring festival — keep bags and valuables close.

History

Vyškov is first recorded in 1141 and was raised to a town under the Olomouc bishops in the mid-13th century, who held it for centuries afterward. Vyškov Castle began as their Gothic stronghold before Bishop Karl II von Liechtenstein-Kastelkorn rebuilt it in the Baroque style in the 1660s and 1670s, adding gardens so admired they earned the town the nickname "Moravian Versailles" — and reportedly inspired the later, UNESCO-listed gardens at Kroměříž. A fire in 1753 damaged the chateau, and the town never fully regained that standing.

The chateau found itself at the centre of events again in November 1805, when Napoleon stopped there to meet his generals days before the Battle of Austerlitz. After the battle, the defeated Tsar Alexander I and Emperor Francis II reportedly spent a night at the chateau — a scene said to have influenced Tolstoy's *War and Peace*. World War II brought heavy fighting to the area, and Vyškov was not liberated until the end of April 1945.

Country facts

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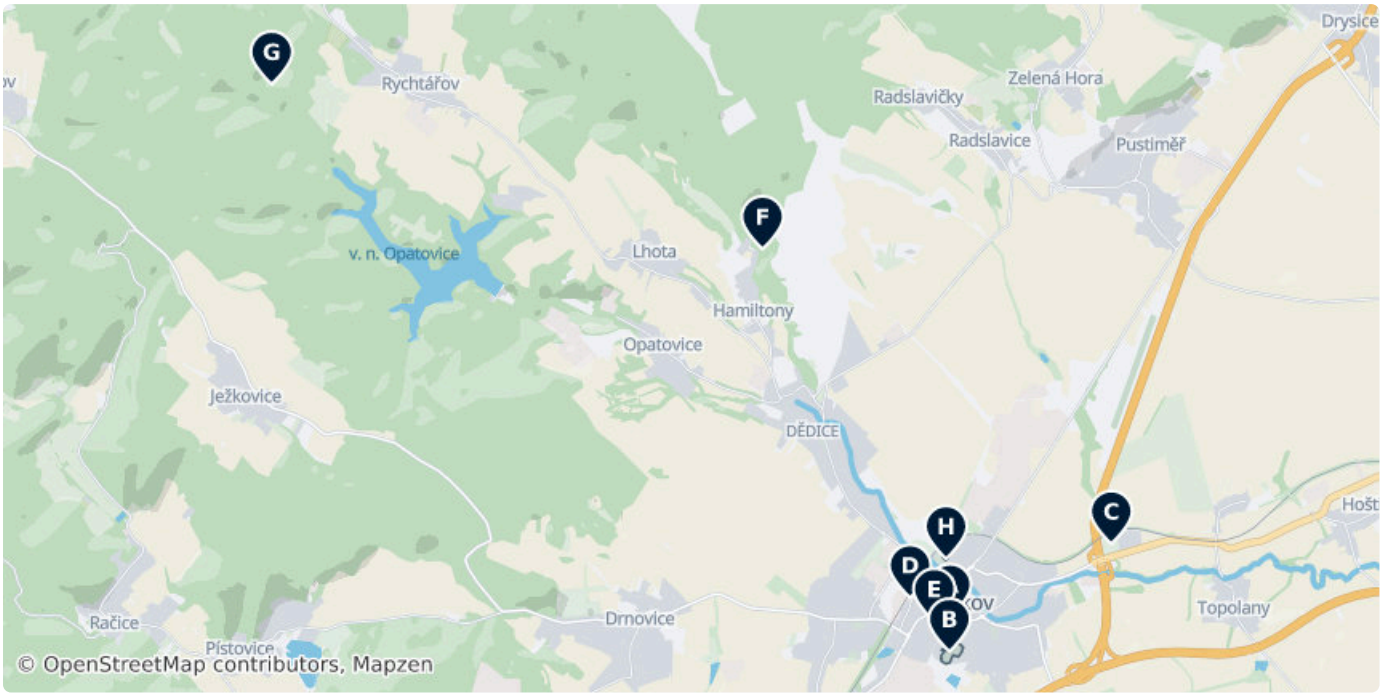
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LANGUAGES
Czech

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Vyskov's Absolute Essentials

Vyskov combines regional history and family-oriented attractions: a Renaissance castle rebuilt from a Gothic stronghold that belonged to the Olomouc bishops; several historic Catholic churches and a hillside medieval ruin; a compact municipal zoo and a 4-hectare dinosaur park with life-size models; plus an aquapark with multiple pools and a local railway station near the Haná River serving regional connections.





A Vyškov Castle

Originally a Gothic fortress, later rebuilt into a Renaissance castle serving the Olomouc bishops; features period architecture and historical interiors.

1/2a náměstí Československé armády, Vyškov 68201, Czech Republic (49.27653, 16.99792)

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B Vyškov Zoo

Vyškov Zoo is a zoo in Vyškov in the South Moravian Region of the Czech Republic.

(Unnamed Road), Vyškov 68201, Czech Republic (49.27316, 16.99780)

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C Dinopark Vyškov

4-hectare DinoPark with life-size dinosaur models, located in the former Marchanice resort area; family-focused exhibits and outdoor trails.

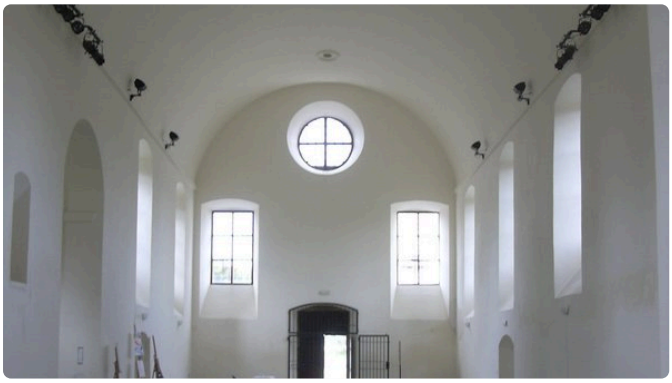
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D Vyškov na Moravě

Railway station in the western part of Vyškov, located near the Haná River and serving regional rail connections.

128/22 Nádražní, Vyškov 68201, Czech Republic (49.27841, 16.99191)



E Virgin Mary Cemetery Church

Church of the Virgin Mary of the Angels situated adjacent to the municipal cemetery, close to Vyškov's town centre.

1 Hřbitovní, Vyškov 68201, Czech Republic (49.27609, 16.99552)



F sv. Cyril a Metoděj

Roman Catholic chapel of Saints Cyril and Methodius in the Hamiltony quarter, part of the Vyškov-Dědice parish.

68201, Czech Republic (49.31240, 16.96985)



G zřícenina Hrádek (Stagnov)

Ruined Stagnov (Hrádek) castle remains on the southeastern slope of the Drahaner Hills in Vyškov district.

68201, Czech Republic (49.32848, 16.89640)

H Aquapark Vyškov

A fun water park with several pools and waterslides. Come here with your whole family to spend a great day by the water.

Sportovní 752/5, 682 01 Vyškov, Czech Republic (49.28222, 16.99731)

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