



ACT LIKE A LOCAL

WE'RE NOT THE KIDS FROM THE MAIN SQUARE

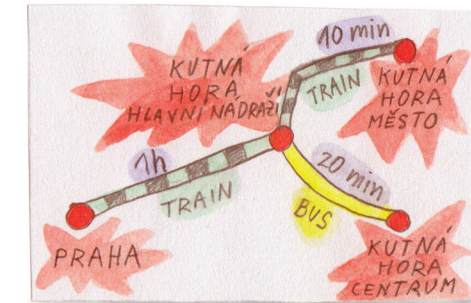
You'll never find us sitting in the cafés and restaurants on the main square. Even though various architectural styles are represented there, we sadly feel like it got stuck in time. Quite unlike the rest of the town, nothing progressive happens here. Take the first turn left or right and get out of there. The real magic is hidden in the narrow, crooked streets of the town.

WANNA SPEND THE NIGHT ?

Many locals feel like the town is cursed by Prague-based agencies that take confused foreigners on package tours. A bunch of people hop off the bus in the centre, run round the landmarks in an hour or two, hop back on and return to the capital. Why not spend the night and enjoy the local vibe instead? Don't worry about becoming sort of a local yourself.

LOCAL PRODUCTS

Even though we're a small town, we have our breweries and wineries and chocolate producers. Look around for Vinné sklepy Kutná Hora (**W2**) or Kutná Hora Beer - *Pod schodama* (**22**). You can also find other tips for local products by just asking for them in cafés and restaurants.



PRACTICAL INFO

FROM PRAGUE TO KUTNÁ HORA

The easiest and quickest way to get here from our capital is to take a train from The Main Station (Hlavní nádraží). It'll take you less than hour. The price is 110 CZK.

TO THE CITY CENTER BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Kutná Hora's main train station is situated quite far from the centre. There are two options to get there: by bus or by train. Tickets are sold in the buses by the drivers and you don't need to stamp them. The price is 12 CZK. And then there's the train. Be careful: you can either buy a train ticket straight to Kutná Hora město (downtown) directly at the station that you set off from. This will cost 3 CZK more than the regular ticket to the Main Station. You can also buy it separately at the cash desk after you arrive to Kutná Hora for 12 CZK. Whatever option you choose, transfer to a yellow train that is usually waiting on the first platform when you arrive at The Main station, it goes to the downtown stop. If you want to visit the *Osudní* first, we recommend the bus.

OPENING HOURS

Large stores, supermarkets for instance, are closed during some public holidays. But usually you'll find one that's open until 20:00 or 21:00 on any day. It is similar with small grocery stores in the center, but Zábka located on the main square guarantees opening hours till 23:00 every day. Don't worry that you won't be able to get a beer during the late night hours, some of the pubs are open till morning. However, restaurants and cafés are usually closed by 22:00. On week days you can get a lunch menu for reduced price, restaurants usually offer it between 11:00 and 14:00. Be careful about the opening hours of the landmarks: they vary according to the season. On the map we have focused on summer opening hours, but generally we recommend you to check it on www.kutnahora.cz

NO COFFEE WITH A CIGARETTE

Since 2017, smoking is prohibited in indoor public spaces

WE KNOW EACH OTHER

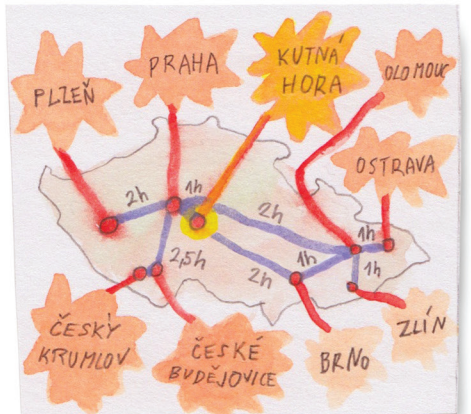
Don't get surprised if you're recognised when you visit some place for the second time. This is a small town. Go ahead and chat with the personnel if you're up for it – we know each other here and foreigners are a fresh breeze in our community.

BE CONSIDERATE

Locals typically complain that nothing happens in the town. And when something does, they complain again, usually about loudness. Try to be considerate and don't shout in the streets at night. Even though we totally get your lust for life, it may happen that some other locals don't share it. Join an indoor party in a pub or club or take your beer to one of the parks (**24** and **25**).

PICNICS!

We're quite used to chilling outside – and thanks to our ancestors we have plenty of places to do so. Large parks in the town centre, church stairs or the lawn in front of the cathedral are totally made for a rest from the buzz, rush and crowds. Everything important happened in this town hundreds of years ago; the monuments and their worshipful peace are all that's left. Please grab a beer and a sandwich and relax.



SEE

1 WHAT YOU CAME FOR

Barborská
Well, *St. Barbara's cathedral* is the queen of Kutná Hora's landmarks. She is the headline of our line-up. Locals take this extraordinary and beautiful building a little bit for granted. However, it took centuries to build it. First construction works started during the 14th and originally the architects aimed to build it twice as long as it is today. The ambitious plans were scratched two hundred years later, when the town ran out of silver. The cathedral was conserved and later when Jesuits owned it, they redesigned it from a gothic to a baroque style. It got its current face at the beginning of the 20th century, when it was finally finished. It always made a beautiful background for our everyday lives and weekend hangouts. But we bet more young people secretly tried to climb it at night, than actually went inside. So our tip (apart from visiting its breathtaking interior, of course) is to simply chill outside, look around and enjoy yourself. There's something special about it. **Daily 9-18**

2 SHORT STOP FOR THE MUSICANS

Do you play the piano? Sit down for a while and play your favorite tune for locals who are passing by. Like several other places all around the country, Kutná Hora is also engaged in the project called *Pianos on the Streets*.

3 STILL A KID ?

Komenského nám. 41
Wanna learn something about our history? And do you enjoy interactive exhibitions as much as your younger siblings do? Visit *Dačického dům*. It explains the history of our town in an interactive and understandable way – via short animated videos, puzzles, video mapping and colouring books, all waiting for you in a newly-renovated Baroque pearl. **Daily 10-18**

4 CLAUSTROPHOBIC TRIP UNDERGROUND

Barborská 28
This town got famous and rich thanks to the silver mining industry. *The Osed Mine* enables you to experience the age of silver fever in a very tangible way – you'll visit the work space of miners in the Middle Ages. Whenever you see people

walking around the town in funny white tunics, they're a part of an excursion marching from the Czech Museum of Silver to the mine.

Tue-Sun 10-18

5 THE OLD MEETS THE NEW

Barborská 51/51
The old meets the new. *The Gallery of Central Bohemia* is a modern art highlight of our town – it successfully waters down the omnipresent medieval spirit. The permanent exhibition will provide you with an accurate introduction to the important Czech visual artists of the 20th century, the temporary exhibitions reflect current topics in art. Furthermore, *GASK* is located in the beautifully reconstructed baroque building of the Jesuit College. **Tue-Sun 10-18**

6 THE SWEETEST EXHIBITION

Komenského náměstí 72/18
Only a few people know that Kutná Hora used to be an internationally recognized producer of chocolate in the first half of the 20th century. Like a lot of things in our country, this industry was also smothered by the nazi and communist regimes. In the *Chocolate museum* you learn more about this bitter story and taste sweet handmade products from all over the world. **Daily 10-17**

EAT

7 HONEST BEERHOUSE

Česká 243/18
Kotor is a coastal town in Montenegro. We don't see any way how pub *V Kotoru* might be connected to it, however, let's say it's been a harbour for mostly older locals craving cold beer for years. Don't expect a hip and fancy brewery, this place is an honest beerhouse. **Mon-Fri 11-23, Sat 16-24**

8 GIVE UP YOUR DIET

Na Sioně 329/4
Are you a donut fan? Kutná Hora is going international and has its own American bakery called, surprisingly, *The American*. Pretty cool for a small town. Its supernice owners established this pastry paradise just a couple of months ago after they came back from The United States. Their smiling faces always

convince you that peanut butter, cookies or ice cream sandwiches count for more in life than a beach body.

Mon-Fri 11-17, Sat 10:30-16

9 YOU NEED A LATE NIGHT SNACK

Kollárova
They say that every road leads to Rome. But in Kutná Hora they all go to *Bonema* first. Wherever you go and whatever you drink, the hunger for kebab during the wee hours is a universal human need that unites people of all ages, subcultures and hobbies at this door. Best kebab in town? We have no idea, but it's definitely the only one open after midnight, so that's why it has an irreplaceable spot in our hearts. **Mon-Thu 10-23, Fri-Sat 10-03, Sun 12-23**

10 LOVE GOES THROUGH THE STOMACH

Havličkovo nám. 512/16
Čtyři sestry (Four sisters) broke the tradition of historical restaurants and brought some fresh air to Kutná Hora's dining scene. The omnipresent family-ness (already apparent in the name) always makes us feel like we belong. The talkative owner asks if we like the food so often that it feels like he's our own papa. And we do! They offer fancy meals not only for meat lovers, but also for vegans – quite special for a small town cuisine. **Mon-Sun 11-22**

11 TASTE BEER AND MEDIEVAL ATMOSPHERE

Dačického nám. 15/10
Many grandparents had to give up their old coffee grinders, tea canisters and tablewares to decorate *V Ruthardce*. It's a credible mixture of medieval and a century-ago-rural style, so after you finish your meal you'll have an urgent feeling that you have to hurry back home to feed your cattle. Luckily you can stay for dessert or one more beer from the special beer menu and relax in the fairytale-like garden in the heart of the historical center. **Sun-Thu 12-23, Fri-Sat 12-01**

12 OUR FAVORITE LOW COST LUNCH

Jakubská 82/6
Not a wealthy traveller? What about 1 € per 1/4 of pizza?

14 HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A HIPPIE?

Jakubská 562
Have you ever gone through a hippie phase in your life? *Blues café* will definitely take you back there. An endless stock of rock'n'roll and bluesy LP's, your favourite 60s heroes on the walls and a long haired barkeeper who is a relentless critic of current politics and society. If you're lucky you'll meet local jazz musicians jamming there. If not, at least you can have a quiche, a baguette or a bowl of hot soup while listening to some John Mayall. **Mon 10-19, Tue-Thu 9-19, Fri-Sat 10-22, Sun 11:30-18**

DRINK

15 A MEDITATIVE REFUGE FOR FANTASY LOVERS

Havličkovo nám. 84
This shisha scented tea room is a meditative refuge for fantasy lovers. All regulars have read *The Lord of the Rings* at least three or four times and are usually playing boardgames. The hidden backyard in *Dobrá čajovna* makes it an ideal target for your escapism goals. **Daily 14-22**

16 SMOOTH DESIGN IN HISTORICAL SURROUNDINGS

Havličkovo nám. 572/9
The owners turned this very unfriendly narrow space into surprisingly cozy interior, which brings an architectural fresh air to our medieval city. In *Café Havlíček* you can have a coffee from a Prague roastery *Doubleshot* for a small-town price (not gonna happen in the capital, trust us) and enjoy indie music. **Daily 10-18**

17 THE ULTIMATE MEETING POINT OF LOCAL INTELLECTUALS

Dačického nám. 10/5
Kozi pláček launched a coffee revolution in the town by not offering an espresso. Instead you can choose between French press and the less-known vacuum pot. Thanks to a complicated system of glass tubes this method shifts the already complicated experience of coffee-making to real alchemy, we tell you. *Kozi pláček* also serves as the ultimate meeting point for local intellectuals. Maybe this is because it looks like a living room in a philosopher's house, although this one adds a view of St. Barbara's cathedral and the Jesuit College in our historical centre. **Mon-Thu 11-20, Fri 11-22, Sat-Sun 10-22**

18 COZINESS OVERLOAD

Komenského nám. 40/21
A heartwarming place with classy personnel who truly wear their aprons like tuxedos. This combination of "feels like home and damn elegant" makes *Café 21* pretty unique. The owners serve a great cappuccino along with personal stories that will leave you nothing but cheerful. Also expect some fresh Czech graphic design on the walls, such as Jindřich Janíček. **Mon-Sat 10-19, Sun 12-18**

CLUB

19 SOMETHING FOR YOUR SUIT-UP DAYS

Barborská 35/8
Barborská is here for your suit-up days. If you get tired of the omnipresent beer culture and you feel more like daiquiri, lounge music and lipstick, this is the place. The red walls might remind you of an old-school cabaret – you'll totally spend a Liza Minnelli / Michael York night in this bar. **Mon-Thu 15-01, Fri-Sat 15-03**

20 IRISH PUB WITH CZECH ATMOSPHERE

Šultysova 172
Don't get confused by the name *Guinness* – there sure is some Irish spirit, but it's still very Czech too, especially on the menu. This cellar pub is a local classic, a safe haven where good beer and pickled camembert have been served for years. The jukebox provides guaranteed fun during the late hours, so if you're up for a personally curated party, go for it. **Sun-Thu 18-03, Fri-Sat 18-05**

21 BAR OUT OF TIME AND SPACE

Komenského nám. 39/19
Having a hard time coming up with an idea of how to describe this place, we assume *No Name* is really an appropriate name for this bar. Anyway, it's a local favorite for its friendly personnel, cheap drinks and table football. **Sun-Thu 18-23, Fri-Sat 18-03**

22 LOCAL CLASSIC WITH STEAM PUNK VIBES

Havličkovo nám. 552
Whenever we go to the *Pod schodama* pub, we'll find some of our friends playing table football or singing along to the jukebox. Usually open till late night hours, this rusty dive bar is a stronghold for Kutná Hora's youth, a witness to all the important plot twists in our lives. **Mon-Sun 18-03**

RELAX

23 CHILL-OUT AND RELAX

Husova 18/61
A public sitting made out of pallets where you can have a rest, eat your snack or even grill something during the hot days. Grab a beer and visit *Palatárna*.

24 FLOWER POWER AND A LAWN BED

Barborská 24
This used to be just a very dodgy place behind the wall for us, with mess. Luckily the large *garden complex behind the Jesuit College* was recently turned into an oasis of peace and summer picnics. Don't spend money on an expensive lunch – just bring a blanket and a sandwich!

25 ROMANTIC CASCADES

Park pod Vlasčským dvorem (Park under The Italian Court) is the perfect place for idle romantic souls. Cascades coming from the Italian court leading to the Vrchlice stream offer some rest while all the important landmarks like St. Barbara's cathedral or St. James Church look after you from the town above.

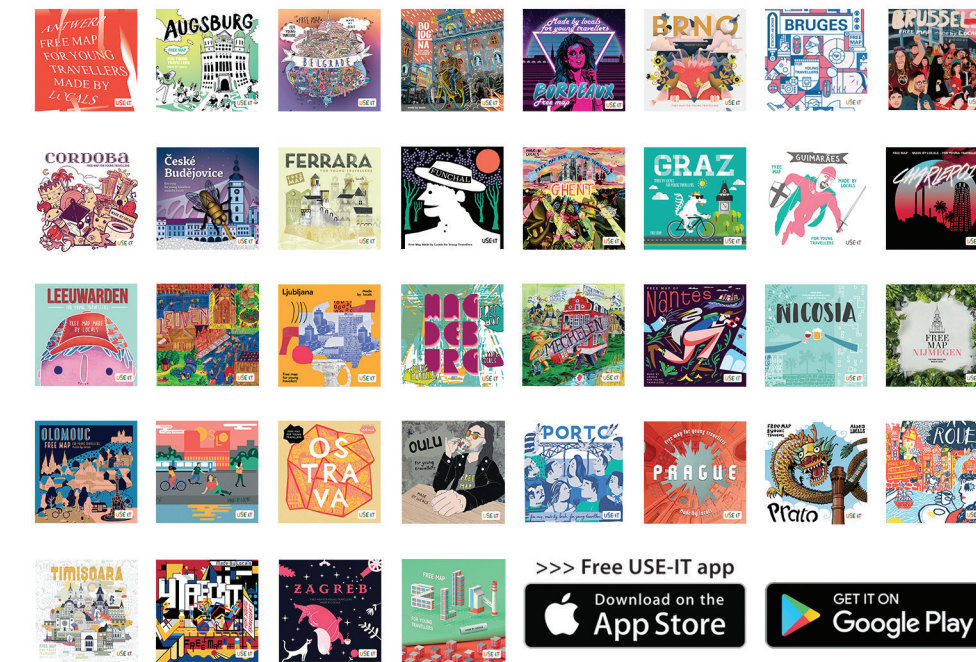
SHOP

26 SMALL-TOWN HAUTE COUTURE

Komenského náměstí 73
Secondhand *U Sester Švecových* used to cheer us up on our way home from school. There was always something we could spend our pocket money on. If you're into second-hand fashion and you enjoy giving unique pieces a new life, don't hesitate. **Mon-Fri 10-17, Sat 9-11**

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SEE 27 TOWN FROM BIRD'S-EYE VIEW

Sedlec 35
Wanna see the town in panorama? Take a hike to the **Lookout Tower**. It peeps out of the forest on the Kaňk hill. Apart from the view you'll be rewarded with Czech venison meals for your climb, as restaurant Havlíská bouda's services are available at the top of the tower. **Daily 10-18**

28 SCARY BEAUTY WE'VE VISITED SINCE KINDERGARTEN

Zámecká
Ossuary is said to be one of the scariest landmarks in the world. Oddly enough Kutná Hora's kids are totally resistant: artistic installations made of human bones from the age of the plague epidemic are nothing unusual to them. You might be little bit shocked, but it'll be worth it. Moreover the hybrid of gothic and baroque architecture is also very unique! **Mon-Sat 8-18, Sun 9-18**

29 BAROQUE AND GOTIQUE MASHUP

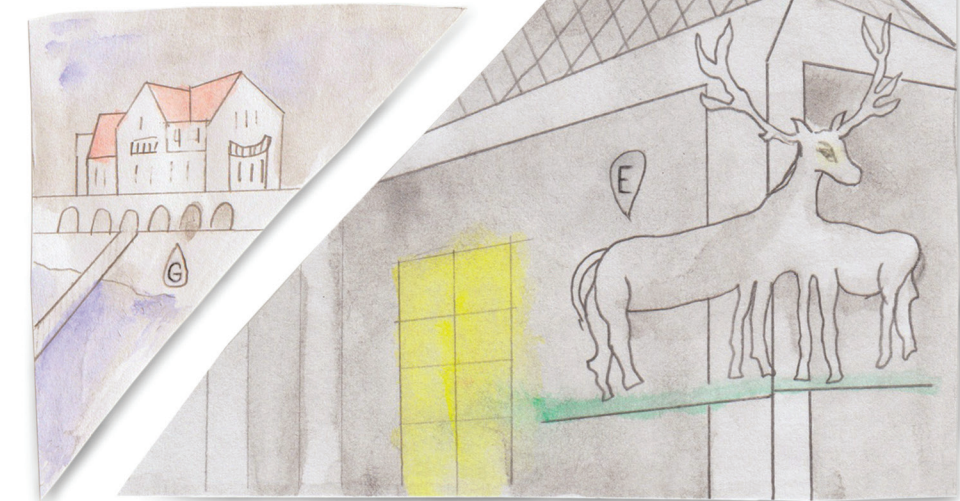
U Zastávky
J. Blásek Santini was a famous architect who created a style that is represented mainly in Czech architecture – Baroque Gothic. **The Cathedral of the Assumption of Our Lady and Saint John the Baptist** (maybe you have noticed we have two cathedrals in our town, pretty neat, isn't it?) are such typical examples of medieval coldness decorated with catholic pomp. **Mon-Sat 9-18, Sun 11-18**

30 MUSEUM MADE FOR SMOKERS

Vítězná 1
Sometimes it happens that when you get off the train in Kutná Hora, a tobacco smell hits you in the face. This comes from the nearby Philip Morris cigarette factory. If you're a fan you can visit the **Tobacco Museum** there. **Tue-Sun 10-16, only from April to October**

ARCHITECTURE

People usually know Kutná Hora for its medieval history and landmarks from those days. This "silver fever" trademark is a reason why modern architecture of the town is sometimes overlooked. Take a walk around 20th century buildings like Týl's theatre (**A**), the neighbouring Puristic school (**B**) or the Cubistic cinema called Modrý kříž/Blue Cross (**C**). Don't forget to take a look around the residences of The first Czechoslovak Republic (**D**) and look out for the stylish house with a big head of a deer (**E**). However, some of these treasures ended up empty and uncared for - and we think they deserve our attention. Like the abandoned garden in the city center with a rusty gazebo (**F**), or the crumbling mill with a lonely light bulb in the arcade (**G**). The cherry on top? Kutná Hora's very own Mount Rushmore with the face of Jaroslav Vrchlický (**H**) - a famous Czech writer who was inspired by Kutná Hora's landscape – in rock.



SPRING

When spring finally comes, we rush to barbecue outside and do picnics. Buy sausages and beers in the supermarket and take a walk to Kutná Hora's "stone-henge". You can also join many people on the 30th April and enjoy a bonfire night called "burning witches" here.

EVENTS SPRING EQUINOX (MARCH)

Celebrate the spring equinox in the **Cathedral of the Assumption of Our Lady and Saint John the Baptist (29)**. A single sun ray then creates a specific light and lots of people gather to watch the show.

FUNFAIR (MARCH / APRIL)

Cotton candy and seesaws for lovers of the bizarre who are not afraid of crowds. Try a swan carousel, eat a langosh (deep fried dough with garlic, cheese and ketchup) and leave with oily hands, full bellies and nausea like we do.

PASTRY FESTIVAL (MAY, DECEMBER)

Local bakers meet and sell their products in the town's streets. **www.facebook.com/cukrarskeslavnost**

OPERA WEEK (JUNE)

Famous operas in the Italian Court.

EAT 31 OLD TIMES LUNCH

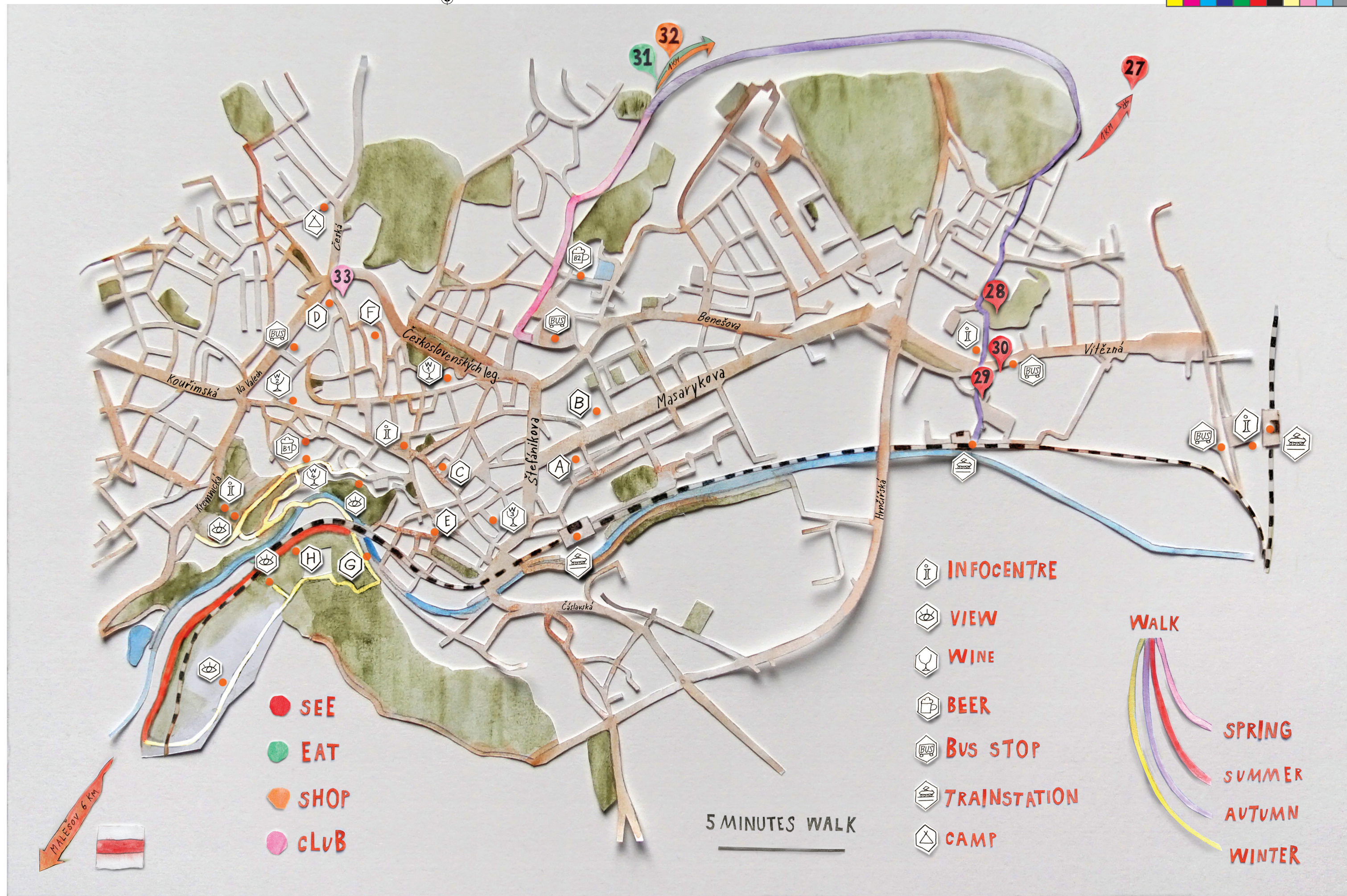
Kaňk 40
If you happen to visit this part of town and you happen to be hungry, **Restaurace Pašinka**, that has been there for centuries, is the best choice. We highly recommend it for lunch. They offer various meals from the typical Czech ones (like dumplings with sauce and meat or schnitzels) to international cuisine. **Mon-Thu 10-15, Fri 11-22, Sat 11-17, Sun 11-15**

SHOP 32 CHEAP BUT FANCY BAKERY

Kaňk 41
We've already mentioned that prague-quality products for small town prices have started appearing recently in Kutná Hora. This is also the case in **Pekárství Na Kaňku/Kaňk Bakers**, where you can buy fresh baked bread, rolls and sweet pastry that doesn't cost a fortune. For sweet buns you can pay about 20 CZK, for a piece of cake about 40 CZK. **Tue, Wed, Fri 13-1730**

CLUB 33 WHERE THE FIRST GIG OF EVERY LOCAL BAND TAKES PLACE

Česká 983
If you had a band in this town, your first gig would take place here. We all have memories from our high school years connected to this club. There is a big chance of hearing some local teen punk rock to sophisticated jazz during weekend nights, so if you're an adventurous music explorer, don't hesitate. If you're not lucky enough to catch emerging music stars **Česká 1** is still a nice place to have a beer and chat. **Fri-Sat 18-04**



AUTUMN

Enjoy autumn colours among the town's natural landmarks, visit the cliff on the Kaňk Hill and discover the periphery with its hidden treasures you won't find in guides like the lookout tower, **Kaňk Bakery (32)** and **Na Pašince Restaurant (31)**. You can also follow the yellow tourist signs.

ORTENOVA KUTNÁ HORA (SEPTEMBER)

Festival of young poets. Even though you probably won't understand a word, come and support these guys who, apart from poems, always bring some good indie music with them.

WINE HARVEST (SEPTEMBER)



WINTER

Kutná Hora is rich in viewpoints, so you can see the city center from many many angles. Take a walk around them – they range from historical official viewpoints in the city center to meadows outside of it. They are linked by the Royal Trail which is a favourite spot for young lovers and then... parents with pushchairs. If you're cold, grab some mulled wine from wine shop (**W4**) at Barborská street.

CHRISTMAS FAIRS, MASSES AND CONCERTS (DECEMBER)

If you can before Christmas, check out what's happening in the churches and cathedrals. Sometimes you will find touching choir versions of Christmas carols?

BEER

Wanna taste local drinks? If you're a fan of the Czech national one (beer), have a Kutná Hora Beer. Dačický Beer (for sale in Dačický restaurant) (**B1**) used to be made there before Dutch entrepreneurs bought the brand. After that the building of Kutná Hora Brewery (**B2**) was closed for some time, but since 2016 locals have been brewing their own beer called Kutná Hora there again. Moreover, minibreweries have been quite a phenomenon recently in the Czech Republic – one of them is in Malešov. You can taste these beers in many pubs around town (**23**).

WINE

Wine fans don't need to worry either! Wineries have been in the region since the 12th century. Nowadays you find one right in the center under the **Jesuit College (5)**. You can order a degustation menu in Kutná Hora's Wine Cellars (**W1**) or you can buy local wine at St. Barbara's wine shop (**W2**) or at Vinařství Začec (**W3**) where they also sell other regional products.

5 MINUTES OF HISTORY

At the end of the **13TH CENTURY**, an enormous amount of silver was found in Kutná Hora. The current town was only a small village at that point. People were mining silver here until the **18TH CENTURY**. By that time 2500 tons of pure silver was mined. That accounts for more than one third of all the silver, which was mined in the Middle Ages in Europe.

Thanks to the silver fever, the small and unknown Kutná Hora (roughly 300 inhabitants around the year **1300**) grew famous and attractive. In **1400**, with 60,000 inhabitants, Kutná Hora became the second largest city in Bohemia (after Prague) and it was just a step away from becoming the capital.

As a result of a large coin and currency reform in Bohemia, Prague Groschen were introduced in **1300** and they were exclusively made in Kutná Hora. Sometimes they are considered to be the ancestor of the Euro, since people could use them across the whole of Europe.

Construction on **St. Barbara's Cathedral (1)** started in **1388**. But it wasn't completed until 1906 because of wars, religious conflicts and silver shortage.

The worldwide famous **Bone-Church (28)** in Kutná Hora is decorated with bones, and bones only. The remains of 50, – 60,000 people are in there.

In **1471**, following Jiri of Poděbrady's death, the new Czech king, Władisław of Jagiello from Poland, was elected in the royal palace in Kutná Hora.

The Austrian emperor Franz Joseph I. visited Kutná Hora in **1906**. He was heartily welcomed, but being too busy, he stayed for just 103 minutes.

In **1995** Kutná Hora and its historical centre was added to the UNESCO World Heritage list.

In **2018** the first USE-IT map was published.

