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DON'T EVEN TRY to pronounce Olomouc [aw-law-mohts]. If you want to sound like a local, say "Olmik". In the Haná dialect the city's name is pronounced "Holomóc" (the third "o" really loooong), but true blue locals don't even pronounce it this way.

Please DON'T COMPARE our city to Prague. Tourists often tend to think that comparing Olomouc to the capital is a compliment. But to be really complimentary, better focus on our local beauties there are many interesting places, totally different from Prague! We're smaller in scale and not so touristy.

Try our LOCAL BREWS which we're very proud of. In the centre there are two breweries: Svatováclavský and Moritz. Or you can find three beers from nearby communities in several fine pubs: Chomout, Melichárek and Svatokopecký. They're all worth tasting, then join the debate about which one's the best. Also realize that the size of our usual been glasses is 0.5 l. not 0.3 l.

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## LIVELY IN THE BASEMENT

This place you're gonna either totally love, or you'll never set foot here again. The underground blues bar **Garch** offers a unique blend of red bricks, gloomy images, table-football, billiards, stove, mangle and God knows what else. The highlight is "the autopsy room", with its autopsy table and hooks for hanging pigs. No surprises the building used to serve as a slaughterhouse. Despite all that, it's a place full of joy, nice people, good concerts and endless jam sessions. Mon-Thu people, good concerts and endless jam sessions. Mo 17–23.45, Fri–Sat 17–02, Sun 17–23.45, (Mozartova I)



### BEER SPECIALS

A cosy old-fashioned pub filled with furniture from the Austrian-Hungarian era. Lovers of Czech beers will have a field day here at **U Kuděje**: you can choose between five brands from small, family breweries. Treat yourself with Czech traditional savouries (pickled Hermelín brie cheese, bread with crackling or Tvarůžky smelly cheese). Mon-Fri 15–23, Sat–Sun 18–23, (Krapkova 20)

### BACK TO SCHOOL

spirit. You'll sit on authentic chairs which we used at a school not so long ago. While you're there have a coffee from Kikafe Olomouc (Sokolská 44) or while visiting **Kafe jak lusk** try homemade cakes (also vegan and gluten-free). Mon-Fri 7–19, (Tř. Svobody 4)

### 5 FRESH MEXICO

Are you overwhelmed by the Czech cuisine? Then go to La Boca Grande and try Tex-Mex dishes prepared by a local lady and her American husband. From the moment you enjoy their food, made from the

If you really want to see the city, TRAVEL BY FOOT. In 25 minutes from the train station you're easily in the centre. But if your feet are hurting, use public transport. Jump on any tram with an even number at the railway station and you'll be in the centre in 10 minutes.

We prefer DRAUGHT BEER, but we're also okay with some bottled brews when enjoying the weather from a bench. But be careful, drinking alcohol outdoors in the centre and parks is not permitted. If caught, you can be fined. New Year's Eve is the only exception.

DURING THE YEAR the city bursts at seams but when summer hits, students leave in crowds, draining the city by one fifth its population! Consider this, but don't worry. Olomouc offers plenty of cultural events during the summer, usually taking the form of concerts at the town hall courtyard.

THERE IS NO NEED TO RUSH! Olomouc is not Prague. Settle down on a red bench at the Upper Square and listen to our funny Haná dialect with its really long vowels and get a feel for what some people say about us from Olomouc: "They're from Haná, they're slow, before they realize it's cold, it gets warm again."

TRY NOT TO GET CONFUSED when we talk about the Upper and the Lower Square. The Upper one seems lower and the Lower one seems higher. Just keep in mind that the Upper Square has the Town Hall and the Lower Square has the best



freshies ingredients, you will take away a piece of Mexico on your clothes, but it's worth it. We recommend the chicken burrito and the outdoor seating area whilst watching the hustle and bustle of the main street. Mon-Fri 10.30-18, (Tř. Svobody 27)

## 6 CHILL OUT SUBWAY

Boards and many many stairs on your way down to Metro club will take you to the London or Prague subway. This very stylish club is one of a kind in Olomouc. This place is just a big friendly aquarium. The DIs and the calming mosphere make it a perfect to hide from the outside world nd you can even sit in your own small "cave" if you don want to speak to anybody. Keep in mind that beer is a bit sive here – about 35 CZK.Wed 20–03, Fri 21–05, Sat 21–03, (8. Května 11)

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For a good draft Pilsner, come to the restaurant called Drápal. When hungry, order a beef tartar for 300 CZK or it's full, so better make a reservation at +420 585 225 818. Mon–Sat II–24, Sun II–23, (Havlíčkova I)

### **QUEER HEAVEN**

Do you want to join in with the gay and lesbian community? Then **Diva Bar** is the best choice for you. Enter and find an informal and open club full of colourful designs where everybody dances the night away! Wed-Thu 20-03, Fri-Sat 22-05 (Paveládiour 17) Fri–Sat 22–05, (Pavelčákova 17)

### THERE IS ALWAYS A PLAN B! Walk through the Theresian gate and you emerge in front of a 19th-centrury-style 'gastropub' called **Plan B**.What

we love the most is its kitchen and selection of beers. Lunch

## menu for 100–150 CZK. For evenings make a reservation. During summer, come a bit earlier and enjoy sitting outside with a view of the gate. Mon–Fri 11–24, Sat 16–24, (Palachovo nám. I)

BREWERY MORITZ A typical 1920's style Czu A typical 1920's style Czech pub and brewery, named after the famous local architect Moritz Fischer offers Czech and Galician cuisine (try the "boršč"). A lunch meal costs about 120 CZK. You can sit around and have a glass of been produced just a few meters away and appreciate traditional ceramic beermats. Try to make a deal with the brewer and make your own beermat! Sun–Thu 11–23, Fri–Sat 11–01, (Nešverova 2)

### A TASTE OF CUBA

A TASTE OF COBA Are you a rum connoisseur? In that case don't miss La Giraldilla, designed in Cuban style. They have over 300 kinds of rum and 30 cocktails, best enjoyed in the outdoor garden on warm, sunny days. But what is the name Giraldilla all about? And why does it have unusual opening hours? The answer can only be found at the bar. Mon–Thu 15.9–1.59, Fri 15.59–2.59, Sat 17.59–2.59, Sut 17.59–0.59, (Mlýnská 2)

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Wanna forget the outer world and just dance the night away? Come to **Belmondo**, especially during student's ster. Their most famous drink is called "Minilackpot" ack, energy drink and fire. A hit on "student Wed Erasmus parties, and definitely a boost for 35 CZK. So get up and party! Wed, Fri, Sat 22-06, (Mlýnská 4)

### (13) AMERICAN DREAMS

For a taste of 1950's America, visit **Koktejly a sny** with its retro music, quality drinks and a chilled atmosphere. It will take a while to check out all the wild paintings on the walls. Can you spot the Rebel without a cause? If you're a real lover of single-malt whisky, you can try their collector's item for 299.000 CZK. Don't miss the most original toilets in town! Mon-Thu II-02, Fri II-03, Sat I6-03, Sun I6-24, (Uhelná 8)

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And what about a small snack or picnic in the park? La Formagerria Gran Moravia is the place to buy high quality products. This local cheese factory combines original Italian recipes with Moravian traditions. Be sure to taste a cheese called Gran Moravia and Verena. And don't miss their fresh butter, going well together with Czech pastry "rohlík". Your sweet tooth will applaud you for a chocolate cannola with ricotta. Buon gusto! Mon-Fri 9-18, Sat 9-12.30, (Horní náměstí 8)

### GRANDMA'S BAKERY

For really fresh and local pastry visit **Dalaman** during working days. The small bakery is designed with grandma's colourful kitchen shelves and an old Czech Elektrosvit fridge. Get one of their freshly baked loaves of bread or a sweet pie filled with poppy seeds. They even have gluten-free options for most items and dairy or almond milk are available from time to time. Mon-Fri 8-17, (Sokolská 44



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Don't be afraid by the name, it's definitely not only about jazz and Tibet, it's universal: blues, indie/rock, folk, alternative hip-hop, ambient, electronic. A live gig about once a week. Sadly, in summer there are hardly any concerts. The wooden interior enhances the high-vallted ceiling. Chomout beer for 28 CZK, delicious food recommended. Mon–Sun II–24, (Sokolská 48)

### CZECH FAST FOOD

Discover this unique Czech speciality-chlebíček (open sandwich). It consists of French bread, usually with mayo, salad, ham and egg (19–25 CZK/piece). At **Chlebíč**ky you can try the traditional ones, but also less classic varieties with roast beef, lobster or blue cheese and apples. Every day 30 different kinds of fresh chlebíček are prepared. It' best to stop by in the morning when there is the biggest selection, but your chlebiček will be tasty any time, as breakfast, lunch or dinner. Mon–Fri 7.30–17, (Opletalova 4)

### USE-IT POINT

Our beloved spot at Dům u Černého psa. UPoint information center is not only for students and graduates of Olomouc's university but also for tourists who are passing by You can charge your mobile in the rear chill out area, connect to the internet or just take Czech USE-IT maps for your next trips. And if you don't mind the universi-ty's logo then they have really tasteful souvenirs from Olomouc. Mon–Fri 9–18, (Horní náměstí 12)

## **BUFFET FOR VEGETARIANS**

Even Olomouc remembers its veggie visitors. Greenbar offers a wide selection of vegetarian and vegan meals every day. The dishes are made from fresh, seasonal ingredients so food varies throughout the year. Just take a plate and pick whatever you fancy. The price is determined by weight (22 CZK/100 g), apart from fish which is priced seperately. We recommend their homemade desserts. During summer you can also use the outdoor garden, if you don't mind the playing kids. Mon–Fri 10–17, (Ztracená 3)



PUB WITH HISTORY This inn has been in Olomouc for as long as anybody can remember. In the 18th century W.A. Mozart even spent a night here. Nowadays, this is where you can find an amazing restaurant called **Hanácká hospoda.** The interior is decorated with classical regional paintings and inscriptions in Hannica (the local dialect). You can taste both traditional Czech meals (like "svíčková" or goulash for 145 CZK) and modern gastronomy as well as great beer straight from the barrel. In the summer, hunt for a spot in the garden, which is situated right on the square. Mon-Sat II-24, Sun II-23, (Dolní náměstí 38)

## METAL WITH YOU! Into hard rock? Then dor

Into hard rock? Then don't miss the **Rock Gallery**. The owner Zdeněk Holeček (known by everyone as "Heavy"), was an iconic member of the local underground scene of the 70s and from 2000 a moderator of a local radio station. Nowadays he's retired. Stop by the gallery to have a look at vinyl LP's, tape recorders, posters or photo collages. Mon-Fri 10-18, Sat 9-12, (Dolní nám. 16)

### HEAVENLY CUP OF TEA

One old English proverb says: "The journey to n starts at the tea kettle." If you find yourself at Dobrá čajovna, there'is your stairway to

heaven. You can enjoy tasty tea by the cup, in a hookah or sample vegan snacks inside the tea house or on the summer terrace on the roof. your loved one or your friends and come relax in the evening while watching the stars with cup of tea. Mon–Fri 11–23, Sat–Sun 13–23, (Havelkova 7)



 A GALLERY IN THE STREETS
Vitrína Deniska is a non-stop public gallery of
contemporary art on the busy Denisova street. The window offers  $108 \times 164 \times 34$  cm of space and their opening parties spill out into the everyday lives of passers-by. Slow down, and look at the art of this unique gallery. (Denisova 5)



Are you looking for a original gift made by Czech designers? Then stop by at **Mimokolektiv**, the creative studio and design shop. Don't be afraid to come in and talk about the origins of their individual design items for sale. You will find, for example, traditional bendable furniture by TON, digital Dorcelain clocks by Qubus and many other items by well-known Czech designers (Novague, Zampach) along with those from novice students. Mon–Fri 10–12 13–17, (Ztracená 32)

## 20 CHEESE CANDY SHOP

Feel like tasting something new? Go to this original enterprise called **Bistro U tvarůžku**, where you can get get sweet looking, cheesy delicacies. They are made of well nown "nice-smelling" cheese from about 30 km north of the city. (Denisova 13). Missed the opening hours? Then at least buy the cheese in supermarkets: 4 pieces for 30 CZK. Pick the one with a hole inside!

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If you got bored of the clothes and accessories from shopping centres and you're seeking something special, **Flop Fashion** is a definite must-see. Their offer of pieces by Czech and Slovak creative young artists and small brands will hit your heart. Mon–Fri 10.30–18.30. Sat 9.30–12.30. (Ztracená 25)

### **31)** NOT ONLY BREAKFAST AT THE START OF THE DAY

Where do you go for proper breakfast in Olomouc? Only to **Sophie's Café**. They are open from 7 o'clock, and breakfasts are their speciality. At the cosy cafe with cooling stone walls and arched ceiling you will feel like a proper Czech especially when you try traditional Czech "Honza's cake" with plum filling like our grandmas used to make. We recommend lemonade, especially the melon one. 7–23, (Denisova 33) mend thei

### 32 STUDENT'S LEGEND

Vertigo is an alternative classic. Stick around for an afterparty in early morning hours, so you can feel the right atmosphere. Right, the city's oldest student club refers to the famous horror movie, and some of their "angry dog" shots could make you see the real Hitchcock for a moment Mon–Sun 18–02, (Univerzitní 6)

### PLEASE YOUR ARTISTIC TOOTH

Do you hear strange sounds and gasping? If so, stop. You and front of a **Museum of Art**. 8 meters above your head a thief is hand-over-handing. This is a sculpture by artist David Černý, in honor of the sculptor Karel Nepraš, whose work the thief has stolen and put in his backpack. Go inside for an exhibition or just sit on the cafe's beautiful sunny terrace. On Sundays and every first Wednesday of the month the museum is free to enter. On other days it costs 70 CZK or 35 CZK with an ISIC card.Tue–Sun 10–18, (Denisova 47)

## **TUNNEL GALLERY** While weaving through

While weaving through the city, don't be afraid and go through a small tunnel called **Lomená Galerie**. The entrance gate to the historic centre was once located here. Now it serves to display contemporary street art made by local young artists. You can certainly contribute to the gallery, but first contact the owner to find the right place for your concept. See: www.artnative.cz/lomena-galerie/form/ (Denisova 30)

# WINDOW TO THE WORLD OF SCIENCE Open the gates of the old fortifications and dive

Open the gates of the old fortifications and dive into the world of science and education. **Pevnost poznání** is an interactive museum which will take you through the history of Olomouc as well as Litovelské Pomoraví. Or have a spin in the gyroscope for training pilots. Lovers of astronomy will be entranced by the digital planetarium. Entrance 95 CZK. Tue–Fri 9–17, Sat–Sun 9–18, (17. listopadu 7)

## **SPAGHETTI LOVERS** Who would guess that the r

Who would guess that the most important ingredient in this place called **Spagetárna** is spaghetti? The meal that is made of this long smooth miracle will cost you only 55–80 CZK. But apart from the 10 types of pasta you can get soups, lasagna, tasty coffee and desserts. Mon–Thu 10–19, Fri 10–16, (1. máje 4) 36a During school year, also visit the second Spagetárna on the top floor of the Faculty of Science of Palacky rersity, the building is open to the public. When the ther's nice, go for the terrace outside. Vegan friendly! Mon-Fri 10-16, (17. listopadu 12, 6th floor) 36b

## **A "MUST-SEE" PUB**

This underground-style pub is called **U Muzea**, but everyone knows it as **Ponorka**. It has always been a refuge for many people. It used to be an important spot for the underground culture in the late 80's, just before the communist regime fell in 1989. In here, no one is a stranger, you can share your philosophy and troubles with an unknown. It still is a rebelious place as you can also smoke there but ask the waiter for conditions first! And don't hesitate to taste their soya goulash. And when passing the entrance, check their programme, you might find some alternative concert in here. Mon–Thu 10–24, Fri 10–01, Sat–Sun 16–24, (1. máje 8)

### LOCAL TIP

38 A BISTRO NOT ONLY FOR STUDENTS The Modern bistro in the heart of the univers prary is an ideal starting point for your investigation udent life in Olomouc. The cosy interior of Coff tudent life in Olomouc. The cosy interior of **Cone** .ibrary has a fast Wifi connection and mini IT zone wit ablets to borrow to make orientation and planning yo next adventure much easier. Every day for lunch tasty so on)traditional sandwiches, fresh salads and oth 'to go". With amazing coffee made at local roas cafe we recommend you try ac (carrot cake) 7–1<u>9, Fri 7–18</u>. Sat 9–16. (Biskupské Aňa, illustrator ~

(39) CHILL OUT MOVIE After a busy day in Olor evening in front of an open air movie in the breathtaking area of **Letní kino Olomouc.** You will be surrounded by old trees and castle walls right in the center of Olomouc, and take part in a tradition, as these projections started back in 1959. If you feel like something tasty then grab some grilled goodies from the nearby pub **Klid v ruchu**. A movie cicket is only 80 CZK. pub: Mon-Sat 16-23.45, cinema: Tue-Thu only May to September, (Pekární 26)

400 m / 5 min

700 m / 10 min

KOLLÁROVO NÁMĚSTÍ

> Do you prefer fresh and healthy to a vegetarian? Or you just wanna be inspired by some original recipes? **Bistrá kráva** home-made food and cakes at good prices. The menu changes weekly and is available online. Main dish from 70 CZK, soup 25-42 CZK. Mon-Fri 8-19, Sat 9-19, (Wurmova 5)

IRISH BUB AND WHISKEY If you prefer whiskey, you're at the right place. The high quality **Black Stuff Irish Pub** with more than 400 kinds and the unique collection all tasted and chased by the owner. Mon–Thu 17–02, Fri 17–03, Sat 17–03, Sun 17–0.15, (1.Máje 19)

### 42 SPIRITUAL ART Taste a bit of local art and history collection in the

Pope John Paul II was finished with the brillian reconstruction of the area that ended in 2006. There's an interesting contrast between the modern architecture and the traditional art. Be careful not to get lost in the basement corridors, but don't be afraid, after defeating the maze, you'll be leaving with a unique experience. The entrance is free every Sunday and each first Wednesday of the month. Otherwise it costs 70 CZK. Tue–Sun 10–18, (Václavské nám. 3)

(13) ERASMUS DANCE HALL No plans for the evening? The legendary, slightly industrial **S-klub** will pull the thorn from your heel. This club is preferred mostly by students from the nearby university. Their program is based on regular students music. You don't like dancing? It doesn't matter since the club is divided into two parts. The second part is for

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# After a busy day in Olomouc's center chill out in the

(NOT ONLY) VEGGIES, HANDS UP!

Arcidiecézní museum. Its formation initiated by the

sitting at the bar and drinking or playing table football. Stop by for a while. Irregular opening, current overview of events at www.s-klub.cz. (Tř. 17 listopadu 43)

### LOCAL TIP

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AHOY! Discover Discover Olomouc and it's history from the surface of Morava river. Get on board of Ololod' called Kordulka (2015) or Marie Terezie (2017) and listen to stories of Captain Pelikan who is the first and still the only one showing people around the river side of our town. Both boats were made according to his designs and during 45 minute cruise (120 CZK/90 CZK for students) you will find out at which part of the

river was caught the biggest cat-fish. If you want the English speaking captain +420 776 857 870. ue-Fri 9-18; Sat, Sun 9-20, (Šmeralova 12, shipyard) Petra, the catlady

# 45 FINE DINING

This restaurant is situated on the edge of Olomouc, and attracts customers with an interest in food and interior design from as far as Prague. We will not lie, it is not cheap, but prices here are 2/3 lower than for the same gastronomic experience in Prague. In addition, the posh impression of **Entrée** is belied by its staff, who wear common Czech Prestige sneakers. So do not be afraid of any faux pas. The menu for two, including wine and water, will cost you around 2500 crowns (100 euros), which doesn't seem so much for an unforgettable 2–3 hour experience. Thirty year old chef Přemek Forejt is looking forward to meeting you, but we recommend booking in advance. Mon–Sun 11–14, 17–24, (Ostravská I, Resort Hodolany)



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1055 The first written record of Olomouc comes from 1055, abut the city is much older. The legend speaks of the city founder Julius Caesar. Even its name could be based on Latin Juliomontium (or Juliimons), meaning "the hill of Julius"

1306 is a year which every local pupil is taught. The last king of the Premyslid dynasty was killed by his brother on the stairs of the Dome (see Tourist Classic).

**1573** 225 years after the Charles University of Prague, the second oldest university of the Czech lands – Palacky University in Olomouc – Prague, in 1971. was founded in 1573.

# 1642-1650 During the years

1642-1650 when Olomouc was defeated by the Swedes, only 1675 out of 30 000 citizens survived, and 1198 out of 1356 houses were destroyed. The city lost its status as the capital town of Moravia, while the state offices and the court moved to the new capital: Brno.

# 767 The 6th symphony F-Dur was compo-

sed in Olomouc by an eleven year old W.A. Mozart when he was recovering from smallpox here at the archbishopric between October and December 1767 (Arcidiecézní museum: see spot A in Tourist classic walk.

797 Lafayette, a key figure in the French Revolution and soldier for the United States in the American Revolutionary War, was released from our city prison in 1797.

**1905** The first human organ transplant in the world was carried out in Olomouc's hospital in 1905.Austrian surgeon Eduard Zirm transplanted an eye cornea into a patient.

**971** Olomouc became an official protected historical site, the 2nd oldest and largest after



# **PRACTICAL INFO**

### **BUDGET LUNCH MENU**

If you're like us, you like to go out for a lunch between 11.00 and 14.00. A budget lunch menu (soup+main dish) is offered in almost every restaurant or pub and prices are very reasonable, usually ranging from 90 to 130 CZK.

### **PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

You can buy a ticket for all public transport from the yellow machines spread all around the city. You will pay 14 CZK for an adult ticket. Or, if you're an ISIC card holder, we recommend you buy the 24h ticket, which costs only 23 CZK. If you buy it from a tram or bus driver, but there is usually a 6 CZK surcharge.

### LUGGAGE STORAGE

You can store your luggage 24/7 at the train station or if in the city centre, you can go to the infocentre in the town hall. Storage here available from lune to September 9-18, at 30 CZK/4 hours).

### **BIKE LOVERS**

Locals love cycling around the city and the proof is that Olomouc is the 2nd best cycling city in the Czech Republic.If you want to borrow a bike, use bikesharing of pink bikes called Rekola (www.rekola.cz/en/ how-it-works). You can borrow the bike as one-off when the first 15 minutes are for free, next 45 minutes are for 12 CZK and each next 15 minutes for 4 CZK.

We usually leave around 10 % of the bill as a tip in cafés, pubs and restaurants, depending on how satisfied we were with services and food. Tips aren't automatically included in the price

### **OPENING TIMES**

Most of the large supermarkets are open from 7.00 to 20.00.At weekends they usually open one hour later and close around 20. Smaller shops (called potraviny) usually close at 18.00 during working days and at 13.00 on Saturdays. A small shop (called Večerka) in Havlíčkova street is open non-stop.

### WHAT'S UP TONIGHT?

What's going on tonight? Get some inspiration from the cultural programme: www.olomouc.cz/akce-kalendar/ Unfortunately, it's only in Czech, but give it a try! Ask for details in the infocentre daily from 9.00 to 19.00. ACCOMMODATION If you are looking for an unforgettable experience, stay at new modern design Long Story Short Hostel & Café

(Koželužská 31, www.longstoryshort.cz). In case they are fully booked you can stay at the hostel which is situated at the university campus area

(Šmeralova 12. call +420 777 000 202 or 585 638 175).



### A ST. WENCESLAS SQUARE

You can't forget to have a look at the magnificent neogothic cathedral on the square. Nicknamed "Dóm" by the locals, at 100 m it's the second highest church tower in the up there! The surroundings are actually the oldest part of the city. Look for a retro postcard in the infocentre showing it in Renaissance times.

### B VIENNESE ART NOUVEAU

Don't just pass through the high white walls in the narrow streets, but step inside to see the colourful Art Nouveau entrance to the Gallery of Villa Primavesi adorned with the paintings of Gustav Klimt (open Tue-Fri 8.30-12.30, 13.00-17.00, Sat 8.30-12.30). If you're not fond of art, visit the garden for free and have a look from the walls down into the "Bezručovy sady" park.

### ST. MICHAEL'S SQUARE

After climbing the highest hill in the area, you'll find the Baroque Church of St. Michael, with its three characteristic cupolas. Don't miss the tower which is open to the public all year round from dawn to dusk. From there look down on a photogenic street that sweeps down to the square. When you enter the church, look into the small cave chapel with its water feature. Free entrance.

## **STREET WHICH COMES ALIVE**

While at the Lower Square, you can enter a passage which used to have up to 40 butcher's stalls. Its basin was deep enough to supply two fountains on the Lower Square. You can get a glimpse of it under the glass lid on the floor. Remember to come again in the evening: Uhelná Street is the place to go for a night in the town. Enter any one of its small pubs and thenjump from one to the next.

## THE UNESCO COLUMN

When you finally reach the main square, you'll find the column of the Holy Trinity. It has always been a source of pride for us. During the war years there were attempts to conserve and hide it in a museum. It's one of our favourite meeting places, where we sit around on the stairs, warmed by the sun. Try to count 52 different sculptures on this 35 m high column.

### THE TOWN HALL

Next, you'll come to the Town Hall which is still a place of municipal government. If you're cheeky, you can pop inside during office hours (8-15.30) to check out the beautiful gothic arches and an exhibition about the previous old Astronomical clock on the second floor. From 15th June until the end of September, it's worth a climb up the tower. Ask in the infocentre for a guided tour for 30 CZK per person.

### G THE COMMUNIST LINKAGE

Don't think the Astronomical clock on the facade of the Town Hall is broken when it doesn't play every hour. It comes alive only once a day at noon with three regional songs. It was made in the 1950's and has been at the centre of a discussion since the velvet revolution against the communist regime in 1989, concerning whether it should be changed back to the previous version. If you miss the noon, at least try to spy its lowest ring with names and birthdays of Stalin, for example.

### (H) THE GOTHIC TOWER

Compared to Dóm, the Church of Saint Moritz is the real late Gothic art piece hiding behind the square. From the west side you can climb the tower and even get a little headache after going up the swirling staircase. Remember to donate a coin at the entrance (not less than 20 CZK) and leave the tower in time, otherwise you might be locked in! Opening hours change throughout the year and according to the weather, in summer it's usually 9–18.



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Take a chill-out walk in the Olomouc green belt. You'll pass a historical fortification with a medieval city gate. It's located below the cathedral and only a few people usually pass that way, so you may find it quite peaceful.

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Keep following the water and slip into the hidde green courtyards of the university quarters. These are the ardens at the terraces of the former town walls, and are intained by Palacký University. Sometimes devious students throw books out of the library windows to the gardens to avoid checking them out. Open daily from April till Octobe

### **(K)** PARK WITHIN THE CITY WALLS

Now you're in Bezručovy sady, an English-style park with daffodils, blooming during spring. You might see students climbing the walls or playing African drums. In the middle park, make a stop at the Neoclassical soldier mausoleum from World War I. If you follow the wall, you'll find four entrances up the walls, connecting the park with the University or the city centre.

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If you need to rest for a while or want to treat your senses, visit the botanical garden. It was designed for visually impaired people so you can learn to identify trees by touchin their trunks. A garden of senses and a recently renova osarium.You must not miss this! (Apr–Oct, Tue–Sun 9.30–18).

### **BASTION FORTIFICATION**

Just behind the wall lies Korunní pevnůstka, one of a few surviving fortifications which used to be a part of the original bastion. Along with the surrounding bastions, it created a line of defense for the city fortress. Now, there's a museum Pevnost poznání, no. 35 in our map.



grain silo. Instead of bulk storage, it transformed into a functional, liveable building! The space under the villa itself is empty (approximately 20 m) except for an elevator. Unfortunately, it's a private house, so you can't enter.

### **PARK FLORA**

Slip into Smetanovy sady, another large park named after our great composer. It was founded in the place of the former city fortification 195 years ago. The main promenade with flowers is a popular place among locals who make it lively all day. Also great for having a picnic under the tree shadows. Don't get confused when meeting a peacock family, they live here too!

# NEIGHBOURHOOD OF OLD VILLAS

Turn to the side entrance through a gate of the Theresia fortification. Wander around Vídeňská street to feel the unique atmosphere of majestic Art-nouveau villas and peak into their picturesque garden

### PREVIOUS WEST ENTRANCE

The Theresian Gate is named after the empress Maria Theresa who once visited this city. In the middle of the gate, there is a wide arched passageway with two lower s for pedestrians on both sides. A river used to flow behind, nowadays it goes through an underground pipeline.

### **R** FAMILY VILLAS

You might still have some extra energy to wander in the streets Na Vozovce, Polívkova, Resslova and lozartova (keep the north-west direction) where there are masterpieces of family villas, dating back to Artat Resslova 20 (1911), cubism at Na Vozovce 21 (1925) or functionalism at Polívkova 35 (1936).

## THE PRUSSIAN

**CANNONBALLS** The siege by Prussians in the 18th century left the city devastated and even now artillery balls can be found on some facades. The houses were repaired, artillery cannonballs removed and relocated, but their traces remain to remind us of the suffering of the war even after victory.

## THE ARION FOUNTAIN

It's different from those baroque ones, but originally was planned to be built at the same time as the others. Notice the famous Greek poet and singer Arion, who was saved by a dolphin attracted by his song. This event was given as an example of corrected injustice and rescue from perdition, which locals felt after the Thirty Years' War in the first half of the 17th century.





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### THE HOLY HILL

A beautiful sunset? Then visit The Holy Hill (Svatý Kopeček), a pilgrimage site located 8km from the city centre. On the monumental steps of this unique Minor Basilica, you can also enjoy "spa waffles" – an excellent candy from the nearby sweet-shop. If you have spare time, visit the local ZOO! (Bus 11 from the bus stop in front of the train station, stop "Svatý Kopeček-bazilika").

### THE FLOODPLAIN FORESTS

Hikers and cyclists should take a route through a natural reserve with riparian woodlands called Litovelské Pomoraví. On the way, pay a visit to the newly built Centre for Ecological Activities Sluňákov in Horka nad Moravou, which got several architectural awards (bus no. 18 from the bus stop close to the market, stop "Horka–škola"; or bus 20: "stop Horka").

### **OUTDOOR SWIM**

Tired on a hot summer day? Go to Poděbrady, a natural outdoor lake which is easily reachable by bike or bus (from the bus stop closeto the market, no.18+20: stop . 'Poděbrady'').

### THE PREMONSTRAT MONASTERY

From the train station you can walk to the former Premonstrat monastery ("Hradisko") that turned into a hospital. Sometimes we call it "Haná region Escorial" due to its ground plan. The extensive complex occupies more than one hectare. It's just a 15 minute walk along the river Morava. Guided tours of the monastery are every 1st Saturday of the month from April to September at 9, 10, 11 o'clock and every Thursday at 14, 15. If going by bus also from the train station, take number 21 and get off at "Klášterní hradisko".

Buy fruits, vegetables, flowers and seedlings displayed old concrete tables every day except Sunday at the city's open-air market (called Tržnice). During summer, buy this produce from local farmers at the square.

**Opening hours:** April-October, only Saturday 8-13h.



## **HISTORICAL JOKE**

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If you toss a coin from a tower of the Town Hall, it would probably hit a student these days. But in the 19th century it was different. An old joke says that the coin could hit a monk, a soldier or a student!

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### **PUZZLE IN THE PAVEMENT**

Have you noticed the golden stripes in the pavement in the square and wondered about their purpose? They highlight the direction the old streets before reconstruction. You might find a silhouette of a church or even an execution place if you look closely.

### PART OF THE HISTORIC **GENIUS LOCI**

Notice the black horse on a facade of one of the houses on the Lower Square. It's one of the house signs, which have been a part of local history since the Middle Ages. Their main function was to facilitate orientation in the city and tell something about the house itself. In fact, there's quite a charming legend about

the horse fallen in love with a young housemaid. Ask a local to tell you the whole story!

### **CLIMB FOR YOUR GRADUATION** Have you noticed the hollow in the column on the

Lower Square? Are you small enough to pass through or not? If you wanna try as others did before, be prepared for the police arriving to stop you before you finish the challenge. If you have enough money to pay the fine and patience to discuss it, you can be reassured that you'll finish your studies succesfully-that's why the locals keep the tradition and take this challenge again and again every year.

# HOW TO GET THERE?

After two hours and half in a train from Prague, now travel by foot through the city and keep the north-west direction. Follow the tram track (even numbers) in



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Masarykova street till you reach the first historical buildings. When you go back to the station follow the odd numbers of the tram track. The same distance, but different surroun-dings. Train from Praha hlavní nádraží to omouc hlavní nádraží around three times pe hour (SC 2.03 h, IC/EC 2.17 h, Ex 2.17 h, LE 2.11 h, IC Regiojet 2.15 h, R 2.32 h)



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