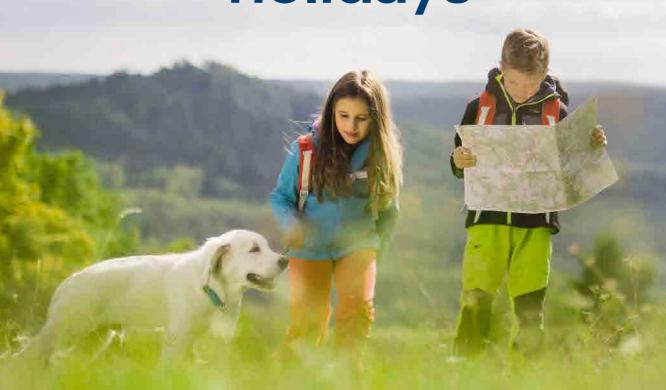




Family holidays



in the Czech Republic



100 Tips

For family holidays in the Czech Republic

'Mum, Dad, let's go on a trip!' This sentence might be your nightmare. It's not that you don't want to go on a trip with your kids, but where to?

There are really a lot of options, and so we chose the **TOP 5** sights in each region of the Czech Republic that you shouldn't miss when travelling with children. We will introduce them in greater detail and provide links to other regional destination websites.

The selected destinations have been tested by time and by satisfied visitors, and come recommended by parents and above all by children.

Each destination includes the recommended age categories to make trip planning easier for you. You can find tips for trips whether you are a sporty family or prefer learning about the history of our country by visiting castles and chateaus.

There are also tips for young chemists, physicists, and nature lovers.

Let's explore the Czech Republic together.

You can also find inspiration for other trips at www.visitczechrepublic.com



nature, animals,

swimming and water

interactive



history



science



typical cuisine





open-air museums



ut points



mazes



sports and activities

Prague



· www.prague.eu/en

1 | Prague Zoo

0-99 years



Prague zoo is one of the most beautiful in the world. 150 exhibitions in the rugged terrain of Trojská kotlina are home to 684 species of animal Many of them, such as the gharial, are very rare. Prague is the only European zoo to breed this species. Young visitors will enjoy the children's corner with various kinds of farm animals. What's more. stroking and feeding them (with a specified mixture) is allowed!

They will also have fun in Bororo Reserve, a special play area inspired by an Amazonian village. In the meantime, parents can take a rest in a nearby café. In the adjacent amphitheatre, you can admire presentations of selected animals, for example, whether Jonatán the pig can beat a dog in a number of exercises. From here, it is only a short walk to a cableway, which will take you to the upper part of the complex, where you can see elephants and giraffes. Away from the animals, you can head onto a "geotrail", where children can play as

scientists and attempt to

of fossils.

uncover hidden reproductions



A tour guide can take you to a mock-up of an ore and coal mine.

· www.ntm.cz/en



A unique funicular railway, which you can ride with an ordinary **Prague Integrated** Transport ticket, will take you from the Újezd tram stop to the top of Petřín Hill. Here you will find the small "Czech Eiffel Tower". That's right, this 66-metre tall lookout tower was inspired by the more famous Parisian steel landmark.

Can you count the number of steps, or perhaps you would prefer to take the lift to the top? One of **the most** beautiful views of the city unfolds from the viewing platform. As you make your way back down, make sure to visit the nearby miniature castle. But be careful where you go. The castle conceals a **mirror maze** consisting of 35 mirrors. You will find a funhouse with 15 distorting mirrors in the same building. Together, you can laugh at your elongated faces or big bellies.

How many stairs can you count on your way up?

· en.muzeumprahy.cz

4 | Kingdom of Railways

4-99 years



Lovers of the world of model trains and railways must not miss a visit to the largest model railway in Central and Eastern Europe. Dozens of trains circle the tracks, cars sound their horns and stop at red lights, and the railways react to

the change from day to night. You can also control some of the trains yourself.

become a miniature model of the Czech Republic, Even now, you can see Karlštejn, Střekov Castles, a working cableway at Ještěd, and Prague Castle. Small children will enjoy kids' corner, an exhibition of plastic toy figures, and the opportunity to control some **Lego** models.

kingdom.com



Baron Prášil (Baron Muchausen). Czech actor Miloš Kopecký **flew on** cannonballs. Here, you can try it too.

· www.muzeumkarla

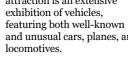


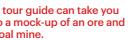














3 | Petřín Hill

0-99 years



And if the children's legs are tired, you can take a ride on a sightseeing train or hire a pram or cart at the

· www.zoopraha.cz/en

2 | National Technical Museum

0-99 years

entrance.

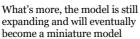


Have you ever wondered how the first washing machine worked? You can find out in one of fourteen permanent exhibitions at the National Technical Museum. The museum presents developments in a number of technical fields, natural and exact sciences, and industry in the Czech Republic. All exhibits are interactive and, together with the children, you can try the working principles of various technical devices and physical processes in

You will see what an early 20th-century **photographic studio** or an early 21st-century **television** studio looked like. You can take a break in the Merkur Playroom, which is dedicated to models from the **legendary Czech** construction set of the same name. Younger children will enjoy projections of popular bedtime stories or can build things from large paper blocks. Another reliable

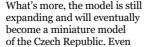
an entertaining way.

attraction is an extensive and unusual cars, planes, and











The largets exhibition of Thomas & Friends in Europe is situated here.

· www.railroad-

5 | Karel Zeman Museum

8-99 years



In the role of the Fabulous

In the museum, which is one large celebration of the works of a creator of legendary films, you will feel like a star. The scenes are fully interactive. Here, photography and filming are a requirement! You can try animation techniques on special machines, which were actually used by the director. To finish, you can take a boat trip along Čertovka **Channel** aboard the boat ElektroNemo, and experience the atmosphere of this mysterious place first-hand.

The museum is fully wheelchair accessible.

zemana.cz

Central Bohemia

· www.botanicus.cz/en/

craft-centre/opening-

7 | Mirakulum Park

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Mirakulum is a child's

No-one will be bored in

this children's fantasy

kingdom. Every kingdom

has a castle, and this is no

It boasts eight towers, which

ingenious system of tunnels

and underground corridors.

Kids can demonstrate their

skill and courage in a rope

skelters or in Forest Town,

interconnect through an

and footbridges, ladders

centre with two helter-

which has been built into

a full-grown forest. But be

careful not to get lost in the

labvrinth of its underground

corridors. For the youngest

visitors, the centre includes

interactive zoo where they

can pet domesticated goats.

In the summer months, you

will have trouble pulling the

kids away from the Water

World full of fountains and

paddling pools. Adrenaline

lovers will be interested in

the giant swings with an arc

· www.mirakulum.cz/en/

of about 20 metres.

homepage

a **giant sandpit** and an

dream come true.

3-18 years

exception.

hours-and-entrance-fees



· centralbohemia.eu

6 | Botanicus Ostrá

3-13 years



Have you ever seen a tinker at work? Here, you can try the job for vourself. The historical Botanicus Ostrá village will draw you into the atmosphere of the Middle Ages in a way you can't imagine.

So that you can enjoy it to the fullest, don't forget to exchange your Czech crowns for ancient groats on your way in, because modern currency won't be accepted inside. For a few groats, you and your children can have a go at panning for gold, weaving a basket, or making paper or herbal soap. You can fill your belly in style in a banquet hall which uses the **produce** of local **ecological gardens**. For that matter, you can make a detour to the gardens after you've had a good meal. You can get your **strength back**, while the children will have fun in a **maze**. The garden also includes an arboretum with rare woody plants. Its foundations were laid by Václav Havel.

You can visit the village from late April to late September every day of the week, except for Mondays. At the weekend, the offer of craft workshops is complemented by juggling and theatre performances.

8 | Open-Air Museum Vysoký Chlumec

6-15 years



How did farmers in the Central Povltaví area live in the **modern history** age? The Open-Air Museum Vysoký Chlumec will tell vou. Selected preserved agricultural homesteads and small sacral buildings from the entire Příbram region have been gradually relocated to the museum. Inside the individual buildings, vou will be introduced to various items used in the past and find out what they were used for.

In a "black kitchen", you will learn how food was cooked on an open fire and which cookware was the most suitable. An interesting technical feature is a sawmill with a water driven saw and a water wheel.

Throughout the year. you can visit a number of **folklore events** at the museum. The most frequently visited are the Slavic festival Carnival and Crafts Day.

· www.muzeum-pribram. cz/en/open-air-museumvysoky-chlumec/fromhistory

9 | Aquapalace Praha

0-99 years



The largest aquapark in Central Europe offers genuine fun for everyone.

The adventure palace is dedicated to adrenaline experiences. You will find, for example, the **longest** water slide in the Czech Republic, steep slides and a wild water river, while the bravest souls can try the Spacebowl.

The Palace of Treasures is dominated by the **wreck** of a pirate ship. Children will have fun in a number of paddling pools or

on gentler slides, while in artificial waves, you can think back to your summer holiday together by the sea. Lovers of aquariums will enjoy the coral dome, which introduces you to **life from** the depths of the ocean. Before you leave, you can take the children to the kids' corner while you relax in the Sauna World or the SPA & Wellness centre.

You can also take an aqua bus from the underground station and back. Transport is free for visitors to the aqua centre.

·www.aquapalace.cz/ ?lang=en

10 | Loučeň Castle

3-15 years





For a moment, children can become aristocrats in the one of the native seats of the Thurn and Taxis family. They will be guided around the castle by **Princess** Marie, Princess Karolína or by a castle valet. They will show visitors how people used to dine and what toys children once played with.

Will they find the **lost** tomcat? Will they find the door to a secret passage? And what is **hiding** in the castle's attic? The castle garden contains twelve labyrinths and mazes made of various materials.

It is one of the few castles to be open all year round, with various events being held throughout the vear. These include the Czech Fairy-Tale Summer, **Christmas and Easter with** the Thurn-Taxis Family, and much more.

For more tips on castles and chateaus, go to pages 10 and 11.

· www.zamekloucen.cz/en















South Bohemia





- · www.jiznicechy.cz/en ·www.budeice.cz/en
- · www.isumava.cz
- · www.npsumava.cz/en



11 | Monasteries Český Krumlov

3-15 years



Try your hand at writing with a goose feather guill pen. **mix a potion** in an alchemist's workshop, or just let the kids play with traditional toys in a playroom. In interactive exhibitions of human skills. you can try numerous activities, such as phytotherapy, or you can

learn old trades in craft

workshops.

All of these are on offer in a newly revitalised complex of three monasteries – the Minorite Monastery, the Poor Clare's and Beguine Convents. This cultural-educational centre aims to bring the public closer to history, the monastic life of monks and nuns, and the culture and art of the Middle Ages.

And what kind of workshops are on offer? A **glass workshop**, a tailor's shop, a bag making and saddler's workshop, a bakery, a blacksmith's shop, a pottery, a bookbinder's workshop and a kitchen.

·www.klasteryck.cz

12 | Zoo Hluboká

0-99 years







A trip to the zoo is always the **right choice**. In Hluboká, which also takes part in rescue operations. you can see more than two and a half thousand animals from Europe and across the world. Our enclosures attempt to imitate their natural environment as much as possible.

And while they have to hunt for dinner themselves in the wild, you can take part in the feeding of otters and wolverines with commentary. In an interactive corner, vou can pet some animals or carefully feed them yourselves. You can observe nocturnal animals in guided **night tours**. In addition to living animals, you can also take a look at the skeletons of species which are long extinct. A wooden footbridge will take you over Munice Pond, from which you can not only observe fish and ducks, but also see nearby **Hluboká** Castle.

If you are lucky, you may hear **courting storks** nesting in a local chimney.

· www.zoohluboka.cz



Malthouse

3-15 years

13 | Museum of Chocolate and Marzipan in Tábor and Třeboň in Marzipan

3-15 years





about an hour apart by

that closely connects

them - marzipan and

in Tábor has been open

since 2012, but because

longer big enough, a new

museum was opened after

extensive reconstruction

in Třeboň in 2017. Tábor

chocolate museum, while

But the mixing of chocolate

and marzipan is unavoidable.

workshops. Whilst in Tábor,

They can perhaps only

be separated in **creative**

you can **create sweets**

made from both marzipan

make them from marzipan.

The workshops are **open all**

year round and admission is

free, or more precisely you pay

for admission to the museum

and the materials that you use.

enough time for this sweet

discount package and buy tickets to both museums at

· www.cokomuzeum.cz/en · www.trebonvmarcipanu.cz

Make sure you set aside

excursion, because you

can take advantage of a

the same time.

and chocolate, in Třeboň,

you will only be able to

Třeboň primarily deals with

then chiefly became a

marzipan.

the premises were no

chocolate! The museum

car. Yet there is something



For a hundred years it served its original purpose - malt production. Then it took a short break and, after reconstruction, became an art gallery for children. Here you not only look at the exhibits. but you can also touch

them and even become

one vourself!

There are three permanent exhibitions for children. There is an interactive play room called "Pilařiště" for the youngest visitors, where they will find plenty of **climbing frames** and hiding places full of colour and, most importantly, with no boring texts. In the "**Illustrations** Nest" children can search for the origin of illustrations in books, leaf through books and become an illustrator. The giant wooden Anthill provides space for playing, but also for discovering the life of ants in a labyrinth of corridors.

In addition to these permanent features, a number of cultural events, exhibitions, lectures, concerts and creative workshops are organised here.

· www.sladovna.cz/en



15 | Adventure Park Zeměrái

0-99 years







Here, you will genuinely find a **paradise** for everyone! In this natural park full of experiences and discovery, you will find an archaeological park with a village from the early Middle Ages. where you can play as archaeologists. A wooden maze, children's games village and an interactive game room are also popular.

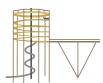
Brain teasers and tasks await vou at every turn and. with children, you can also try **hunting for treasure** or search for the Stones of Time. And why not try

a family competition to see who can shoot an arrow the farthest? Test your strength on an archery shooting range. Give your mind a rest with a walk along a kilometre-long barefoot trail, which will also give the soles of your feet a pleasant massage. When the weather is fine, you can also have fun with your children with water games.

The entire complex has its own currency called "Smíšek". Don't forget to buy them at the ticket office on your way in.

·www.zemeraj.cz

Sumava



- · www.isumava.cz
- · www.turisturai.cz/rodina
- ·www.npsumava.cz/en · www.jiznicechy.cz/en
- 16 | Visitor Centre in Srní

3-99 years



Have you ever heard of a lone wolf? And do you know that this term is incorrect? Wolves live in packs. A three-hectare enclosure for a pack of wolves, which you can **observe** from a raised footbridge, is proof of that.

The footbridge is right in the centre of the enclosure. at an altitude of 3-4 metres above the ground.

Observation shelters and information panels, from which you can read about wolf communication, are located along the bridge. The footbridge has barrier-free access by an alternative route from the road, or you can turn onto it around halfway along a 2-kilometre educational trail. There are information panels along the trail which inform you about the tracks of **Šumava predators**, as well as some local trees and plants. The centre's building houses an exhibition where you will **learn plenty** about the life of a wolf, while physically disabled visitors can observe the wolves from here with cameras that they can control

There is a children's playground and a carpark alongside the centre. The only charge is for parking. Admission to the centre, trail and footbridge is free.

for themselves.

· www.npsumava.cz/cz/ 5802/sekce/navstevnickecentrum-srni/

17 | Visitor Centre in Kvilda



Do you want to meet the king of the forest? Then Kyilda is the perfect place. Here, you will learn everything there is to know about deer. The centre includes an exhibition that will show you deer like you've never seen them before, info panels about **Šumava** animals, and screens with a live broadcast from the enclosure.

Physically disabled visitors can control the images from the enclosure using **special** cameras. The centre is also the starting point of a 2,5 kilometre **educational trail**. There are benches to take a rest along the way, and panels that teach you about the tracks of wild animals and some of the local trees and plants. From three towers. vou can observe as many as **12 deer.** These are located on a path directly inside the twelve-hectare enclosure. The trail continues to a smaller enclosure for 2 lynxes.

A children's playground and a carpark are located next to the centre. The only charge is for parking. Admission to the centre and trail is free.

· www.npsumava.cz/ en/3092/sekce/ic-kvilda 18 | Fairy-Tale Cottage

3-13 years



Where will you find fairytale creatures if not in fairy tales? The answer is easy - right here!

Šumava is brimming with elves, ghosts and other magical beings. They live together, so you can observe **Šumava the fairy**, a **devil's** Everyone will find **lair**, an ant town, Šumavous the goblin, fairy-tale musicians, and many more bizarre creatures. Don't forget to visit the miniature Troškov Castle with a royal vantage point.

And when you have had enough of simply observing these beings, you can invent, draw and subsequently model your own fairy-tale creature in the U Šišouna studio.

·www.pohadkovachalupa.cz

19 | Active park Lipno

3-13 years







Are you looking for an active holiday, but can't decide which sport to put first? At Active Park Lipno, you will find everything in one place. The complex offers a rope park, bike park, a toboggan track, and much more.

For example, you will find the Treetop Walkway, a barrier-free scenic trail which runs at a height of 4 metres above the ground and ends with a tall viewing tower, or the Forest Kingdom, where children can play in a playground with wooden attractions which bring them closer to life in the forest.

You don't even have to bring your own sports equipment with you. Everything can be hired or purchased on site.

· www.lipno.info/en

20 | Kašperk Castle

3-99 years



Explore the exteriors of the fairy-tale film "Anděl Páně" (An Angel of the Lord). There is no better place for the angel **Petronel** to fall than onto the most highly situated royal castle in the Czech Republic. something that they will

enjoy here.

Interactive tours are prepared for children, where you will discover, for instance, what it would be like to grow up as a **knight** or a ladv-in-waiting. Have a go at **period games and** dances, put on armour, or play with medieval toys. In the meantime, adults can take a look into the history of everyday affairs, and then you can all go for refreshments with local delicacies served directly on the castle courtvard.

Fun for children and adults.

For more tips on castles and chateaus, go to pages 10 and 11.

· www.kasperk.cz/en









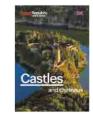






Visiting a castle or a chateau has always been a part of the **summer tradition** for Czech children. These fairylike buildings are typical and dominating features of the countryside, and many have been used in famous children's films and fairy tales. There are almost two thousand castles, chateaus, and ruins in the Czech Republic, and each creates a one-of-a-kind atmosphere upon entering. Many of them are open all year round. Let your children become princesses and knights and learn about their fascinating stories and secrets.

The guides will tell you about the interesting fates of the individual settlements and their inhabitants in the course of time and let you be carried away by fantasy into fairy tales. Czech castles and chateaus often host historical festivals and markets, night tours, costumed guides, shows of birds of prey, old crafts and traditional delicacies, theatre performances, fencing, concerts, exhibitions and workshops – and everything is announced in advanced on corresponding websites. If you want, you can stay at a chateau with your family - many chateaus offer accommodation in their most attractive rooms. It will make you feel as if you were living in a fairy tale.



Discover Bohemian and Moravian castles and chateaus. Find more tips here.













West Bohemia





- · www.turisturai.cz/rodina
- · www.pilsen.eu/tourist/
- · www.zivvkrai.cz/en
- ·www.karlovyvary.cz/en

Pilsen and **Upper Palatine Forest**

21 | Techmania Science Center

4-99 vears





Here you can touch everything and examine

how things work. You will be introduced to mathematical and physical principles or natural laws and phenomena in a fun way.

In the "Edutorium" you will discover what goes on inside a vacuum, and the bravest souls can try touching 200,000 volts. Even the youngest children will find something for them. In the "Small Science" exhibition, they will find out how the world around them works and can have a go at playing the harp or iust dive into foam cubes in a big playroom. Don't forget to bring a change of clothes, because vou won't leave from Water World dry. After all, it's important to know how floodgates work! How does a microwave work and how many calories does a labourer or an office worker burn? In the "Future on a Plate" exhibition, you can play with your food. Both big and small boys will be delighted when they successfully decipher a secret

conversation in the "Top Secret" exhibition.

And before you leave, visit the 3D planetarium. where you can observe the Plzeň sky and discover how fast it is to travel at the speed of light.

· www.techmania.cz/en

22 | Puppet Museum

2-99 years



Pilsen is the birthplace of puppet duo Hurvinek and Spejbl, so you should definitely not miss a visit to the Puppet Museum. Over 300 puppets have found a home there. During a show, you will certainly notice the differences between the individual kinds. From special puppet booths you can start a short show by yourself, while in the playroom you can try the ways the individual puppets are controlled.

When entering the museum. don't forget to ask for a ball which will provide you with plenty of **fun** in the kinetic courtvard. You can use them to set exhibited kinetic items in motion.

Become puppeteers with vour children.

· www.muzeumloutek.cz

23 | Offpark Sušice

6-80 years Condition: children must be able to reach up to 145 cm with their hand



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Offpark Sušice is a synonym for safe adrenalin fun in the Pilsen region. While you overcome obstacles in the adult rope park, the kids will be in the hands of a professional instructor in the children's rope park.

They will test their skills on the very same obstacles as vou, but on a smaller scale and with a lower difficulty level. You can then travel down the slope of Svatobor hill together on all-terrain **scooters** or hire **inline skates** and take a ride along the gold-bearing Otava River.

Water lovers can also go rafting on the river.

·www.offpark.cz

24 | In the Footsteps of Cinderella around Švihov Castle

3-99 years





What would a Czech Christmas be without the film "Tři oříšky pro Popelku" (Three Wishes for Cinderella)? The film version of Cinderella lives with her wicked sister Dora and stepmother in Švihov water castle, and that's where her fairy-tale path begins. During each special children's tour. every child will receive a colouring picture and **puzzle**. The castle also includes a kids' corner where you can rent period costumes.

More active children can try their hand at archery. From the courtyard, your path will lead you to other fairy-tale places. Along the stream and around Švihovská pekla vou will come to Mezihoří. the location of the orchard. which is home to Cinderella's pet owl Rozárka, the guard of Cinderella's secret. Nearby, there is also a field where the final scene was shot. The scene features the song "Kdepak ty ptáčku hnízdo máš" (Where Might Your Nest Lie, Little Bird?). An information panel will then guide you to the Panský rybník, the pond which the treacherous **Dora and stepmother** fall into.

The path from the castle to the pond measures 3.5 km. With minor difficulty, you can manage with a pram. while sports enthusiasts can hire a bike at the castle.

For more tips on castles and chateaus, go to pages 10 and 11.

· www.hradsvihov.cz

25 | Velhartice Castle

3-99 years







Bow, trebuchet, or crossbow - in Velhartice you can try shooting all of these weapons. Before they let you into the castle, play outdoor chess. Russian ninepins or solve Lukáš' riddle.

During the **Štítv** stříbrného lva (Silver Lion's Shield) event, held at the end of the year, the castle's surroundings are transformed into a medieval military camp. You can find out what medieval **food** tasted like and what the work of a barber-surgeon entailed. At the end of the season, on the last Saturday of October, you can let children aged three and up **compete** for the key to the castle and then lock the castle together.

Velhartice is a part of the Volné sdružení Šumavské troihradí (Free Association of the Šumava Triangle of Castles). The other two castles - Kašperk and Rabí – also offer fun activities for children.

For more tips on castles and chateaus, go to pages 10 and 11.

· www.hrad-velhartice.cz

West **Bohemian** Spa



· www.zivykraj.cz/en ·www.karlovyvary.cz/en

26 | Trail Park Klínovec

5-18 years



Do you find it impossible to imagine a holiday without a bike? You will find 24 kilometres of cycle trails designed for mountain biking in the municipal forests around Jáchymov.

Four trails are graded into three difficulty levels and can be combined. The "Azur" trail is designed for **little bikers** and beginners. A chairlift will take you to the beginning of the trail. If you are not bold enough to take on this path, you can test your skills on a **pump track**, where you will find **undulating** terrain, or in a skill centre, which is equipped with small obstacles and allows you to practice controlling your bike.

The youngest visitors will enjoy the playground by the U staré lanovky restaurant.

· www.trailpark.cz/en

27 | Svatý Linhart Rope Centre

3-18 years





Do you want to experience a little **adrenaline**? Then come to the Svatý Linhart Rope Centre. There are a number of high-rise attractions - a natural rope centre, a treetop trail, and a raised system of footbridges and gangways in an enormous enclosure.

You can choose from several routes, which are divided according to difficulty. Once you have had your fill, you need only take a few steps and you will find yourself in the **Linhart** forest preserve.

Here you can where you can observe sika deer. fallow deer and wild boar.

· www.zivykraj.cz/en/ aktivities/svatv-linhartchildren-s-rope-centre-inkarlovy-vary

28 | Miniature Park **Boheminium**

0-99 years





Is your leisure time so scarce that you can't possibly take in all of the many heritage sites? You can! Visit Miniature Park Boheminium, one of the five largest miniature parks in Europe, and you can see 75 models of Czech heritage sites in one

From a distance of one metre, you can admire the details of individual castles and Chateaux, as well as churches, water structures and lookout towers.

What's more, the park organises a wealth of accompanying events each year, such as witchburnings, a fairy-tale iourney, or unveilings of new models.

· www.boheminium.cz/en



29 | Bernard Farmstead

0-99 years





Are you bored with t-shirts bought in ordinary clothes shops? Then why not design and then manufacture your own?

Bernard Farmstead welcomes you to a traditional crafts centre, where making t-shirts is one of the activities which you and the whole family can experience. You can also choose to **make** scented candles and soaps, try your hand at cabinetmaking, or even take a **beekeeping course** in the summer months.

It includes a popular **mini** zoo where children can pet and feed the animals.

· www.statek-bernard.cz

30 | Bečov nad Teplou Castle and Chateau

3-12 years



A fairy-tale book and illustrated worksheets are provided with a children's ticket for a special tour circuit. They can even get their hands on the extremely precious Reliquary of St. Maurus! Or at least a full-sized replica.

They can stroll through the château gardens, a tunnel and the second château courtyard. At the end of the programme, they will be allowed into the off-limits "sala terrena". where they will revise what they have learnt about castles, Chateaux, and life within them. They will then be suited for noble status and receive a commemorative plaque for their efforts.

Nearby, there is a **botanical garden** that will captivate you and your children with a number of creative elements for fun and learning. You will be surprised at what you can win with just pieces of wood or different stones and soil.

For more tips on castles and chateaus, go to pages 10 and 11.

· www.zamek-becov.cz













A holiday with children full of sports and activities? You can enjoy a bit of everything in the Czech Republic, to suit your interests!

Can't imagine a holiday without **hiking** or **cycling**? The Czech Republic has ideal conditions for cycling thanks to the attractive rugged terrain, a sufficient density of tourist destinations with accompanying services, and a dense network of roads with a good connections between cycling trails and public transport. In total, the Czech Republic has a network of over 5,300 kilometres of longdistance cycling trails, connecting the most beautiful places in the country.

Or take your kids on the water. **Water sports** have more than a century of tradition in the country. Also, there are **over** 40.000 kilometres of marked hiking trails in the Czech Republic. The trails are taken care of by the Czech Tourist Club, with safety being one of the conditions for marking. Therefore, the Czech tourist marking is one of the most reliable and elaborate systems of tourist trails in the world. There are also several long-distance European trails running through the Czech Republic, such as those connecting the Atlantic Ocean with the Black Sea, or Lapland with the Alps. **Always respect nature** and protect the environment on your travels.

Respect the rules for not leaving any tracks behind:

#1 Don't do it for social

Don't use geotagging or check in at particular sites. Mark the region or the country instead. It prevents the destruction of unique locations by crowds of other photographers. #2 Don't disturb others Using drones in nature not only disturbs the animals, but also other visitors. #3 Do something extra Leave the place in a better condition than when you found it.

Thank you for being considerate to nature and for...

- camping and building fires only in designated
- · driving and parking only where it is permitted
- using marked trails in preserves
- being considerate to the surrounding nature and other visitors when cycling, skiing, moving on water, or climbing rocks
- protecting animals and plants in their natural environment
- not damaging inanimate parts of nature and other interesting sites
- · taking your waste with









North Bohemia





- ·www.branadocech.cz/en
- · www.usti-nad-labem.cz/en/tourists/
- ·www.liberecky-kraj.cz/cs/rodinne-vylety
- · www.visitliberec.eu/en
- ·www.cesky-raj.info/en/families-with-children-1/
- ·www.geoparkceskyraj.cz/en/

North-West Bohemia

31 | Eco Farm Klouček -Klíny

0-15 years



a horse.

Set off on a trip to the highest situated ecological farm in the Czech Republic. which focuses on the ecological education of children and teenagers. In the beautiful Ore Mountains countryside, you can not only discover what the **old trades of the Ore Mountains** entail, but you can also learn how to ride

You can see and try for yourself how complete wool processing works – for example, how felting (rubbing fibres against fibre) reduces its volume, learn how to use a **spinning wheel**, and how to weave on a **loom**. Together with the children vou can also make candles from real beeswax.

The keepers of the farm, Mr and Mrs Klouček, are truly adept at old crafts and will be happy to show them all to you and your children, and to teach you a craft in one of their workshops.

·www.cevyk.com

32 | Klíny Sports Complex

Scooters available for



An **outdoor playing** field, garden, sandpit. swings, toboggan track, slides and a trampoline out in the fresh air, a children's clubroom in the hotel, and dining stools, children's cutlery and a children's menu in the restaurant.

This area is **well-prepared** for children. And facilities for the very youngest children are just the beginning. You will not have to look far to find a baby-changing table, and a cot can be provided to your room upon request. Older children can look forward to a rope park, a climbing wall (as part of a climbing school with an instructor), all-terrain scooters and a bike park. There is a **new toboggan** track here for everyone. If you don't have the energy to keep up with them, an experienced supervisor can look after them. They will take the kids off your hands, tire them out, and return them to you at the end of

And an added bonus is the magnificent scenery of the Ore Mountains. In short. the ideal place for a family holiday.

the programme with lots of

· www.klinv.cz

stories to tell.

0-99 years children from 10 years.



of the Town trail from above. The St. Nicholas Adit is open on the weekends and during the week based on a telephone appointment. · www.horasvatekateriny.cz 34 | NBW - Traditional Tov **Making Company** 3-99 years

> **☆** You can admire traditional handcrafted wooden tovs in a permanent exhibition of old toys, where you will also learn about the history of toy making. The company continues its manufacturing activities, so new toys are still created

> > here.

33 | Hora Svaté Kateřiny

Silver and copper may not

be mined here anymore.

but you can still take a

look at the mine adits today. There are 64 of

them! And 14 of them

even have names. The

largest and most famous

Saint Nicholas Adit).

legendary Amber Room

Sadly, without success, but

even so, have a look under

your feet as you walk along

underground, you can head to the **Hláska** on Růžový

It has been renovated and

offers a beautiful view

Svaté Kateřiny. You might

along the Flájská hornatina

with 13 information panels

Mountains) or view the stops

see some of the stations

(a 23-km long footpath

with features of the Ore

educational trail

over the whole of Hora

its corridors. Once you

vrch lookout tower.

have spent enough time

here.

is Mikulášská štola (the

They even searched for the

3-99 years

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The most popular include "kuřáčci" (smokers) – figurines (e.g. a gardener or a miner), or old Czech ovens. Scented incense cones are inserted into the tov's hollow body and smoke comes out of the mouth. Other figurines are also manufactured here. for example, nutcrackers and krušberky (elfish guardians of mountain dwellers), as well as small decorative items.

You can even try working with wood for vourself and make something small for your own pleasure.

- · www.nbw.cz/content/ 4-o-nas
- · www.novavesvhorach.cz/ muzeum

35 | Selský dvůr (Farmyard)

1-15 years



Animal lovers will also have fun here. There are many breeds of horses and plenty of ponies. donkeys, goats, sheep, pigs, rabbits, and other domestic animals at the farm in Braňany near Most.

But you should leave your pets at home: the safety of the local animals comes first. Anyone who wants to can learn to ride a horse here. It is not only children who have the opportunity to become **farmers** for a few hours to see what it is like to care for animals. Activities include saddling horses and a tour of the stable. Children will definitely enjoy pony rides. With the permission of the staff, you will certainly be able to pet other animals too. And if your schoolchildren enjoy themselves, you can send them to camp here.

In addition, there are regular events such as Horse Days or Hubert's Ride.

· www.selskydvur.info











Česká Lípa and Jizera **Mountains**



· www.liberecky-kraj.cz/cs/ rodinne-vylety · www.visitliberec.eu/en

36 | Zoo Liberec 0-99 years



Tigers don't necessarily have to be orange and black. This zoo is famous for breeding white tigers, a special breed of Bengal tiger. These tigers do not live anywhere in the wild.

In Liberec, they respect their

tigers a lot; they are even the mascot of the local ice hockey club. In addition to the white tigers, there are over 170 species of animals in the zoo, such as the **rare** golden takin, a Himalayan goat-antelope; the country's most comprehensive collection of birds of prey; and the hamadryas baboons, which are only kept in one place in the Czech Republic – here! Children will also definitely enjoy the popular red pandas, or the South American sea lions. The Liberec Zoo is the oldest zoological garden in the Czech **Republic**. You can get there comfortably by **tram** from the city, and you will only need half a day for your visit.

There are **facilities** for families with children and the popular petting zoo, as well as electric carts and a train.

· www.zooliberec.cz/en



37 | iQLandia Science Center

8-99 vears



How many children have dreamed of being an astronaut? Here, you can experience astronaut training, take a look inside the Earth's core. command the wind or the rain, show children how much the first mobile phone weighed, or find out why we say "to develop a film".

Hundreds of interactive exhibits that you can touch and try out are arranged in thirteen exhibitions. The Science Show will entertain you with its **experiments**. some of which take place in specialised laboratories. And once you have had your fill of all of these experiments, you can head to the relaxation zone and play the role of detective at C.S.I. iQLandia. As you **track down** the murderer of respected scientist Dr Pospíšilová, you will be able to try your hand at techniques from forensic science. For younger children, you will find iQPark in the opposite building.

One of the biggest attractions is the opportunity to have a chat with **Thespian**, the first humanoid robot.

· www.iglandia.cz/en

38 | Vrchbělá Sports and **Recreation Complex**

4-15 years



Here, you can visit the Bezděz, Ralsko and **Zvířetice** castles all in one day, thanks to a children's playground which features miniature versions of the castles. full of climbing frames. ladders and footbridges, where all children can play. In the meantime, you can try out the rope park for an adrenalin rush.

Naturally, the playground also contains swings, a labyrinth, and a sandpit. The major attractions are two interconnected in-line skating tracks measuring 7 kilometres in length. An educational trail, which provides information about the development of the surrounding area in terms of biology, geography and history, will lead you to a lookout tower with views of Bezděz Castle and the distant surroundings. Near the playground you will find an interactive **mini zoo** with farm animals and exotic ostriches. And there's more good news.

Admission is completely free (excluding the rope park)!

· www.in-line-vrchbela.cz



10-99 years





4-99 years

On the banks of Máchovo iezero, you will find a water park which looks like a beach straight out of the Caribbean. Children will love it.

There are plenty of inflatable attractions on offer during the summer season. including super-fast slides, trampolines and water **seesaws**, all with a view of Bezděz Castle. While the children play, you can relax in a pool that drains straight into the lake, which includes a water bubble massage bench. You and your children can try out your agility on an inflatable iceberg.

When you have had enough, hire a paddle boat and take the children out onto the lake. Groups can also play beach volleyball.

·www.aquaparkstare splavy.cz

40 | Ajeto Glassworks



Try your hand at glassmaking in the village of Lindava.

You will see the glassblowing process with your own eyes, where red-hot liquid is transformed into fragile beauty in the hands and under the breath of master glass blowers.

You and your children will have the unique opportunity to try the work of glass blowers under expert supervision and to make an exclusive glass product.

· www.ajetoglass.com/en



Bohemian Paradise



· www.cesky-rai.info/en/ families-with-children-1/ · www.geoparkceskyraj.cz/ en/

41 | Greenway Jizera section Malá Skála-Turnov

0-99 years



※ 血 ♣ ☆ The section from Malá Skála to Turnov is among the most beautiful places along the planned 190-km long cycle route, which leads from the source of the Jizera near the Polish border all the way to its mouth into the Elbe near Prague. The landscape is only mildly

undulating, which means

that **voung children** on

bikes and scooters will

also be able to cope with it.

It is also not difficult to make the journey down river by boat. You can even manage the trip by foot with a **pram**. Malá Škála says goodbye with a view of Vranov rock castle. then you simply ride or sail through a **beautiful valley** and admire the views of the surrounding rocks as far as Dolánky, where you will find an example of typical local folk architecture -Dlaskův statek (farmstead) with a wide range of folklore programmes.

You can make the trip back upstream on a hired scooter or by train.

· www.greenway-jizera.cz

42 | Adventure Park Šťastná země

3-12 years





This natural adventure park offers plenty of climbing frames, sand pits, trampolines, ropeways, and a geopark hidden away in the woods. The main attraction is an acacia wood replica of the nearby **Trosky** Castle.

There is even a **mini zoo**. Children who are not tempted by the playground will also have fun here. They will enjoy Tom's Workshop, where they can make wooden swords, ponies. shields, mandalas and unicorns, while younger kids can make magnets or pendants.

From May to October every child will have a field day

· www.stastnazeme.cz

43 | Jičín - Town of Fairy Tales

2-15 years







This is the name given to a festival which is annually held every second week in September, when the town is ruled by children all week long and many creative workshops, which reflect the town's character, are held for both large and small visitors. In the town where Václav **Čtvrtek**, the author of many fairy tales, spent his childhood, there is always something to see.

For example, the château houses a toy museum, where children can play hide and seek, play architect and design their own Jičín town square, or think up dresses for ladies-in-waiting. On the same premises, vou will also find a gallery dedicated to the works of illustrator Radek Pilař, who gave a face to Jičín's most famous inhabitant -

Rumcajs the bandit and his family. The exhibition continues in Valdice Gate. from which you can also enjoy views of the town's surrounding area.

Don't forget to visit Rumcajs' shoemaking **shop**, where his family lived before he became a bandit.

·www.jicin.org/en/ · www.pohadka.cz

44 | Camp Sedmihorky

1-99 years





Besides being an ideal starting point for trips to the rocks of **Bohemian** Paradise or the neighbouring castles and Chateaux, the campsite offers visitors a range of activities and **entertainment** programmes every day during the tourist season. It is no wonder that it prides itself in multiple awards for "Best **Campsite for Families** with Children".

It also features a **pond** with a sandy beach, where you can go swimming or fishing, and you will also find a sports field and children's playground, mini-golf and, for rainy days, two clubhouses with a range of board games and a laboratory, where you can try working with sheep's wool. If you want to take a break from the kids, the campsite also has a nursery school. Towards the evening, you can take the children to look round a farm and, under supervision, feed the ponies, goats and sheep, or guinea pigs, tortoises and stick insects.

The campsite is open all vear round.

· www.campsedmihorky.cz/en

45 | Staré Hrady Castle and Château

3-99 years





Here, you will find out why dragons like princesses for dinner. You see, more than 30 kinds of dragons have found a home here, and we know everything about them.

In a fairy-tale dungeon, you will meet the Creator and the Destroyer **elves**, a family of water dwellers, and find out what hell looks like. In the attic, your children will be entertained by witches and other fairy-tale beings. Or you can take a walk along an educational trail into the World of Health featuring Zdrávokaz the **dragon** prince, Vitamína the fairy and germ, fruit and salad elves.

As you can see, the whole castle belongs to children and fairy-tale creatures.

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· www.starehrady.cz/en















The Czech Republic offers many options for families with children who love mountains and winter fun. There are ski resorts in almost all of the Czech mountain ranges. Skiing has a very long tradition in the Czech Republic, and the rugged terrain and the beautiful, often unspoiled, nature makes it a true experience.

A detailed overview of information about the individual mountain ranges and ski resorts can be found here:











East Bohemia



- · www.krkonose.eu/?lang=en
- · www.podkrkonosi.eu
- ·www.krnap.cz/en
- · www.hkregion.cz
- · www.ic-hk.cz/en/37/Detsky_Hradec/
- · www.east-bohemia.info/holiday-families-with-children
- · www.pardubice.eu

Giant Mountains and Foothills

- ·www.krkonose.eu/ ?lang=en
- · www.podkrkonosi.eu
- ·www.krnap.cz/en

46 | Fairy-Tale Giant Mountains

4-15 years



The Giant Mountains are more than just Mount Sněžka. After all, they cover 361 km²! It would be very easy to lose your way among them. But do not fear, there are several marked adventure trails here.

The most extensive of these are two fairy-tale stamp games. "In the Footsteps of Krakonoš" with forty stops and "Krakonoš's Foothills" with twenty stops. In addition, there are seven questing games, seven "geo fun" entertainment **routes**, and we must not forget the Giant Mountains caches, which are beautiful places from the very nature of geocaching.

At every place, you will earn a stamp for answering a question, which you can then later exchange for a bigger prize.

· pohadkove.krkonose.eu

47 | Krkonoše Tree Top Trail 0-99 years



photos.



At one-and-a-half kilometres long, this trail stands 24 metres above the ground and includes a 45-metre tall viewing tower. There are six **educational and** adrenaline stops, and two tripods for family

The Treetop Trail is located in the heart of the majestic forests of Krkonoše **Mountains National Park.** Together you can see the trees of the beautiful local forests literally from their roots to their crowns. You will become a part of forest life and recognise a number of animals and plants that you will not find anywhere else.

The trail is entirely barrier-free and, with the exception of Christmas Eve, is open all year round.

· www.stezkakrkonose.cz/en



48 | Summer and winter fun in mountain resorts

4-99 years





Giant Mountains offers 30 various **ski resorts** and over a hundred kilometres of downhill ski slopes. Not forgetting cableways and ski lifts. You can have great fun at mountain resorts even when it's summer.

Experienced ski school instructors are here to help beginners and children, while snow parks are available for experienced skiers.

- Harrachov toboggan **run**, rope centre, outdoor swimming pool, quad bike hire, glassworks, microbrewery, beer spa, Mumlavský vodopád (Mumlava Waterfall) and Ski
- Museum • Špindlerův Mlýn – Medvědín trampoline park, electric bike hire, allterrain scooter hire Janské Lázně – at the summit of Černá hora (Black Mountain) vou will be welcomed at Kabinka children's park by 6 fun activities (climbing wall, slackline, bungee trampoline, pedal go-carts, boats, and snow-grooming equipment). Pec pod Sněžkou – toboggan run, rope centre, children's playground, climbing wall,

You can take a trip to the Krkonoše at any time of year.

·www.krkonose.eu/ ?lang=en

restaurants.

49 | Dvůr Králové Safari Park

0-99 years



A visit to the zoo is an evergreen among family excursions, but the days of merely observing animals in cages are long gone. At Dvůr Králové zoo, where animals live in specialised pavilions, you will experience much more.

As well as visiting two and a half thousand animals in a single day, you will also find time to enjoy, for example, a rope park. Or go on **safari** in your own car. You can even **spend the night** in the garden! And make sure to prick up your ears at night fall. As you begin to drift off to sleep in a bungalow, you will hear the sounds of the African Savannah outside the windows. You don't have to leave the moment you wake up. You can become an animal keeper or cook for a day. But doesn't that only sound like fun for adults? Don't worry, there is fun of their own to be had for the kids. For example, **two rope** castles, a playground, rope park, **interactive** stations with puzzles and a **children's zoo**, where selected animals are waiting to be petted or to be fed goodies.

To avoid a long wait for nightfall, you can go on an evening guided tour.

· safaripark.cz



50 | Adventure Land Pecka

0-15 years



Playing among giant ants, viewing the world from a deer's antlers. or examining the inside of an adder? You can do all this and more in the proximity of the Portášky Mountain Lodges.

Park the car in Velká Úpa and take the cableway to a world of fun and games almost two dozen animal statues and their habitats. The landscape is divided into three themed parts - Water

World, Treetop World and Meadow World. Don't forget to take a PECKA ball from the Information Centre. You will need it to try out some attractions, such as the giant salamander. As well as all manner of crawling. children will also exercise motor and logic skills.

You can hire an all-terrain scooter for the journey back down.

· www.pec-ka.cz











Hradec Králové Region



· www.hkregion.cz ·www.ic-hk.cz/en/37/ Detsky_Hradec/

51 | Všestary Prehistoric Archaeological Park

3-99 years







Take a trip into prehistory! Located iust nine kilometres from Hradec Králové, a prehistoric, centre has been created, where you can find out **how** people once lived. The main building houses a permanent three-storey exhibition, where you will

learn such things as why

prehistoric people

didn't need a dentist.

There is also a projection room for screening educational programmes and a souvenir shop. Outside, there is a prehistoric garden where you can see a prehistoric house built using original methods, a burial ground and a demonstration of archaeological excavations.

As well as coming to visit "iust because", vou can also pay a visit on Live Archaeology Days or try making something in a creative workshop.

· archeoparkvsestary.cz

52 | Hradec Králové **Municipal Forests**

0-99 years





The forests of Hradec Králové conceal a wealth of attractions providing entertainment for both children and adults alike.

There are six themed and educational trails (for example, the planetary trail, fairy-tale trail, or the trail of silhouettes), the U Pytláka natural workout the biggest opportunity to park, a knight's fortress playground, enclosures with wild animals (wild boar, fallow deer, mouflon and Dybowski's sika deer), countless summerhouses, and more.

You can stay in the forest itself, not only somewhere out on the edges in a tent, but in fully furnished hostel. or in Mazurova chalupa (Mazura's Cottage).

· www.mestske-lesy.cz

53 | Babiččino Valley

0-99 years





You will find one of the most beautiful places in the Hradec Králové tourist region in the valley of the Úpa River, from Česká Skalice in the north to Ratibořice Château. Once home to Czech author Božena Němcová. in the summer months it is the setting of numerous cultural events and offers meet Němcová's literary characters Babička (Grandmother) and Barunka.

But it also holds its charm in the rest of the year. During advent, for example, the château is accompanied by its most famous resident, Kateřina Vilemína. vévodkvně Zaháňská (Princess Wilhelmine, Duchess of Sagan) herself. In addition, there are plenty of **interesting places** in the area which are wellknown from books and films - Ratibořice Château. the half-timbered Staré bělidlo cottage and Rudrův mlýn (Rudr's Mill). You will also find Viktorčin splav (Victoria's Weir) where, in Němcová's famous novella "The Grandmother", the mad woman Victoria throws her baby into the river. You can enjoy a panorama of the surrounding area from the

lookout tower in nearby

village Žernov.

There are marked footpaths around the valley which take you to magical secluded places created by the Úpa River.

·www.zamek-ratiborice.cz/ en/visitors-information/ tours/7022-babiccinovalley

54 | Kate's Fairy-Tale Trail

3-15 years





Take a trip with your children to the **enchanting** countryside of the Eagle Mountains and discover a fairy tale with **princess** Kate.

The trail is less than 11 kilometres long and features 18 themed stops. You can also look forward to such attractions as a goat shed, rope park, a **potter's** and bell founder's workshop, a museum and bellow Velká Deštná log cabin.

There is an information board and a stamp at every station, so don't forget to stamp it.

· kacencinastezka.cz



55 | Chateaux on the Orlice River

3-99 years







Visit the so-called **Czech Loire**, winner of the EDEN (European Destinations of Excellence) competition 2017. Just as in France, the castles and Chateaux here are also connected by a river - the Divoká Orlice.

 Château Častolovice – if looking is not enough, you can even feed the local animals (pellets can be bought at the entrance)

• New Château in Kostelec nad Orlicí – František Kinský himself sometimes appears here

· Château Doudleby nad Orlicí – one of the exteriors from the film Bathory

• Château Potštejn – pluck up some courage and take a trip to **Spookyland** (Bubákov)

 Castle Potštejn – the **treasure** of plundering knight Mikuláš is still waiting to be discovered

• Litice Castle - they say that a knight with a sword and a tricorne hat appears here!

6 unique structures, each different, but all with something in common. They offer an extraordinary look into times gone by. In some of them, you can even meet their noble

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owners!

· www.mojeorlickehory.cz/ zamky-na-orlici

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- · www.east-bohemia.info/ holiday-families-withchildren
- · www.pardubice.eu

56 | Gingerbread House -**Gingerbread Museum**

3-15 years





A mysterious Kingdom of Gingerbread awaits you in the forest beneath Kunětice Mountain in the building of a former hunting lodge. The **aroma** of gingerbread can be enjoyed from afar.

Your path will initially lead you to the Děd Vševěd Information Centre. There, you will learn what **interesting** things await you on your tour, and that you will find the best gingerbread in the Gingerbread Shop of the folklore character Baba Yaga. But don't forget to be on your best behaviour! Otherwise, instead of finding out how to work with a wooden gingerbread mould, you will sink into Hell Beneath the Gingerbread House.

Those who behave will be able to look around the whole Kingdom and even see the Infant Jesus' heaven or Honev Paradise.

·www.pernikovachaloupka.cz

57 | Dolní Morava Resort





Whatever you imagine under the expression "adrenaline experience", the chances are that you'll find it here.

Just to give you an idea,

there is the Single Trail (for cyclists over ten years-old), Adrenaline Park (with a ropeway, climbing wall, double swing and a freefall jump), Fat Bike Rental (ideal for cycling in the snow!) and a toboggan run (fastest in rain or frost). while in the Vista Hotel you can try out a cryochamber. But have you also thought about relaxing with younger children? You can get to the Skywalk **Trail** even with a **pram**. A floodlit downhill ski slope for evening sledging begins at the U Slona chairlift. You can hire a **pedal go-kart** or take the kids to the Little Mammoth's Water Park and discover the power of water and where it is harmful and where it is helpful. In the Forest Adventure Park, the little ones can play on numerous slides and climbing nets, while in Sand World, you will certainly be interested in a train which can be used to transport large amounts of sand to a chosen place. You can also pretend to be a **gold-digger**.

The resort is open all year round and has much more to offer.

· www.dolnimorava.cz/en

58 | Litomyšlení

4-15 years



An interactive programme which will take you and vour children to all corners of Litomyšl Château hill.

To make your way around successfully, you will need a worksheet with a map, which you can find in the information centre, in the museum or at the Château ticket office. Once you have been to all of the stops and completed all of the tasks, stop by at the ticket office of the Piarist Monastery to collect your **secret prize**! And just what stops can you look forward to? You will find, for example, a labyrinth in the **stables** and a **School** of Knights and Ladies-in-Waiting, and learn about life in the château or ascend to the angels.

All stations are accessible free of charge. An admission fee is only required to enter the museum and the birthplace of Bedřich Smetana.

· zamecke-navrsi.cz/detsky_ program

59 | Veselý Kopec -Open-Air Museum Vysočina

3-99 years





travelling back in time to the early 19th century.

Thirty buildings are scattered around, from residential cottages and farmsteads to technical structures such as a **grain crusher**, a plum jam boiling house and a wheelwright's workshop. There are also small buildings to see, such as pigsties. Next to a fourteen-sided barn, you will see the caravan of famous puppeteer Matěj Kopecký. And just a few steps further along is a large wooden dovecote which has appeared in a

number of fairy-tale films, such as "Lotrando and Zubeida". Fairs, markets. and demonstrations of traditional production (such as gingerbread) are regularly held here. At any time during opening hours, you and your children can play one of two searching games. You can buy a map with questions from the souvenir shop. You will find the answers during a tour of the museum and then exchange them for a small gift.

Together with the Svobodné Hamry open-air museum and Bethlehem Hlinsko, the open-air museum in Veselý kopec forms a part of a collection of folk structures in Vysočina.

· www.nmvp.cz/vysocina

60 | Museum of Crafts

3-99 years





Are your children afraid of the dentist? Show them a unique dentist's surgery from the early 20th century and they will immediately love their modern dentist! You can also see 50 original crafts.

From the well-known (confectioner or photographer) to the lesser known (matchmaker or wigmaker). You can also take a look inside a historical vehicle depot or school classroom.

The museum is located inside a three-storey Baroque granary and covers an area more than 1.650 m², making it **the** largest museum of its kind in the Czech Republic.

· www.muzeum remesel.cz/en















Natural sites in the Czech Republic are both attractive and diverse. To learn about its secrets and hidden nooks, visit one of the **visitor** centres in the national parks or the Houses of Nature in protected landscape areas. They will help you explore our landscape and nature and learn why it is important to protect it.

The diversity of nature in the Czech Republic is breathtaking. **Hike with** your children on marked trails through natural mountain forests, discover the unbridled beauty of meandering rivers, or find a rough alpine tundra without trees. There are places formed by human activity over many centuries, creating unique conditions for the survival of rare species. The lake region is home to aquatic birds and a place where the sea eagle has settled after many years of effort by conservationists. Meadows full of orchids are the result of regular mowing.

The workers at visitor centres and Houses of Nature will help you uncover the secrets of the most interesting places of

the Czech countryside – in **national parks and** protected landscape **areas**. These centres are the gates to protected areas that no nature lover can ever miss. They will be happy to help you with choosing a trail to see the most interesting places, or you can also arrange a tour with a guide, or take part in a special programme. Make sure you reserve enough time for your visit, as most visitor centres also have **permanent exhibitions**.

Nature is our heritage and our future.

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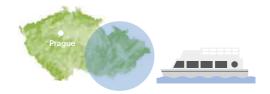


Find more tips here.





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- · www.visitostrava.eu

Vysočina Region



61 | Zoo Jihlava

0-99 years



It specialises in breeding exotic animals, such as big cats, primates and lizards, including poisonous snakes. The symbol of the zoo are marmosets and tamarins, which, to the delight of the youngest visitors, roam freely

around the zoo.

Once your little ones have finished looking at their animal friends, they can play to their heart's content in an extensive children's area with a rope park, climbing wall, ropeway and Before you head home, other attractions.

You will find Zoo Jihlava in the beautiful surroundings of a forest park full of bodies of water and rocks.

· www.zooiihlava.cz

62 | Alternator -**Eco-Technological Centre** Třebíč

7-99 years





Would you like to rouse vour schoolchildren's interest in technology or ecology and want to do it in a fun way? The interactive science and technology centre Alternator will not disappoint you!

You and your children will take in plenty of information on the history and contemporary use of sustainable energy sources. You can touch all the exhibits and find out, for example, how a steam engine works. The centre will also explain how electricity gets from a power station to your electrical sockets. Be sure not to miss a **special room** with a two-metre projection globe, used to project fun and educational presentations, for example, about the universe or earthquakes.

don't forget to admire the industrial building of the eco-technological centre itself, or stop at the exhibition on the history of the footwear factory complex, which houses the Alternator centre.

· www.alternator.cz



63 | Historical Town Square and Château in Telč

7-99 years



Once you have had a good look at the preserved Gothic and Renaissance burgher houses with arcades and decorated shields on the Telč town square, you can explore the Telč renaissance château, surrounded by an extensive park and 16th-century garden.

Since tours concentrating on renaissance halls or château galleries are of most interest to adults, the château offers children special nighttime and interactive adventure tours. These allow little visitors to find out what the life of a voung 16th-century aristocrat was like firsthand and, for a moment, to become a count, treasurer, tailor or gardener from his entourage.

As well as having fun completing tasks which test their aristocratic skills, children will also be able to see a knights' joust with their own eyes and learn period dance.

· www.zamek-telc.eu/en

64 | Museum of Records and Curiosities in Pelhřimov

7-99 years





Are you interested to know how long the longest **scarf** is or what **the** largest toothbrush looks like? In the Museum of Records and Curiosities in Pelhřimov's Dolní brána, vou will find five storeys packed with miniatures. oversized objects, riddles and other extraordinary exhibits.

The items and photographs on display are testimony to the incredible skilfulness, patience and original ideas of Czech and foreign handymen and stuntmen. Many of them appear in the Guinness Book of Records. The museum also includes

the Czech Golden Hands exhibition, where you will marvel at models made from matches, sticks or rice.

You can then run around with the kids in a garden with enormous exhibits, such as the largest stainless-steel cooking pot, teapot or "hedgehog in the cage" mechanical puzzle.

·www.dobryden.cz/en



65 | Château and New Generation Museum in Žďár nad Sázavou

7-99 years





In this museum, expect experiences for all of your senses. You will see historical artefacts complemented with multimedia effects while the voices of a monk and a little girl guide you around the museum in an audio guide.

These will draw you into the story of the Cistercian Monastery and château in Žďár nad Sázavou so powerfully that you will be **looking forward** to every exhibit that follows.

On the building's ground floor, you will find yourself in the era of the monastery's foundation, you will admire the beauty of Cistercian art and experience an

ordinary day in the life of

a monk.

A part of the museum which is dedicated to the Baroque will introduce you to the brilliant architect Jan Blažei Santini and the enigmatic symbolism of his Pilgrimage Church of St. John of Nepomuk on Zelená hora, which you

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should definitely not miss.

· www.zamekzdar.cz











South Moravia



· www.jizni-morava.cz · www.gotobrno.cz/en 66 | Permonium Theme Entertainment Park

0-99 years

How did coal come to be and how does a **volcano** work? This unique amusement park brings children and adults alike closer to natural processes, together with the technology and history of coal mining.

On two levels, Permonium

offers almost 30 attractions. such as an artificial volcano interconnected with a **rope** centre, a genuine tunnel or an extensive above-ground maze which imitates mine shafts. In fun exhibitions. children can find out for themselves what it was like to work in mining galleries and how difficult it was to move around in them. Visitors aged 7 and up will be able to play the interactive Magic Permon game, which guides them through the story of one of six mythical dwarf miners from Oslavany and tests their dexterity and physical fitness. Younger children can try "The Lost Miner" game and a relaxing part of the park called Rainbow World, focusing on themes related to **environmental**

Become a mine guard or a miner, regardless of your age.

protection.

· www.permonium.cz/en

67 | Aqualand Moravia 0-99 years

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This state-of-the-art Czech water park offers 20 attractions in 12 pools, some of which contain unique water from a thermal well with proven therapeutic effects on the musculoskeletal system and the immune system.

For the youngest visitors there are children's pools, climbing nets, jumping devices and a kids' corner. Older children and adults will enjoy an adrenalin rush on helterskelters, slides or unique rafting attractions.

The complex also includes **Roman baths**, which offer several kinds of steam baths, massages, wraps and bathing in sulphuric water.

Since we sponsor many events, you don't only have to come here in the summer. The geothermal pool, overlooking nearby Pálava, is one of its biggest attractions.

· www.aqualandmoravia.cz/en 68 | VIDA! Science Amusement Park

0-99 years



Touch, learn and have fun! The permanent exhibition at the VIDA! Amusement Park presents the world of science to children in a playful and fascinating way. Even the very youngest visitors will have the chance to make sense of the principles of fundamental natural phenomena and the way the world around us works.

The park is divided into four themed units focusing on exploring planet Earth, achievements of modern civilisation, the workings of the **human body**, and a fascinating microscopic world. 170 interactive exhibits bring children closer to such things as earthquakes and **floods**, the work of the human heart, or how X-rays work. A rich accompanying programme offers daily demonstrations of science experiments with commentary.

The complex also includes a Children's Science Centre with a **transport playground**, a ball bearing circuit, an archaeological sand pit, a water mill and other attractions aimed at the youngest visitors aged up to 6 years-old.

· www.vida.cz/en

69 | Dino Park Zoo Vyškov

0-99 years



What did Pterodactvls eat? Dino Park Zoo Vyškov provides fun for all ages out in the fresh air where you will discover the history of our planet. The park's main attractions are several dozen static and moving life-size models of prehistoric lizards with sound systems. A unique attraction comes in the form of the elevated DinoBike chair ride. which gives visitors a bird's-eye view of Dinopark from a height of 11 metres.

Brave souls travel along a track which skirts the **treetops** on special bikes under the power of their own strength. There are games, a paleontological playground and a **4D cinema** for children. The complex also features an educational trail and a **daytime observatory**, which allows you to observe the sun through special telescopes.

And since you're here, don't miss the chance to visit the local **Zoo Park**, where you will meet domestic and farm animals from around the world. The Dino Express train will take you there free of charge.

www.dinopark.cz/en/ vyskov 70 | Milotice Château

0-99 years



How was a **crinoline** worn and how painful was tving up a corset? Milotice château, where you will find the answers to these questions, is one of the most well-preserved complexes of Baroque buildings and landscape architecture in the Czech Republic. As well as the château interiors, visitors today have access to the adjacent park with a riding hall, stables and a pheasantry.

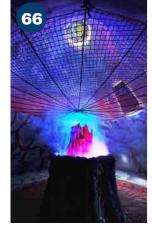
A traditional guided tour focuses on both the Baroque representative halls and living spaces, as well as the life of the château's last owner. A very interesting feature is a **unique tour** in historical costumes, where you will have the unique opportunity to take a stroll through the château courtyards, French formal garden, English landscape garden and orangeries in historical costumes.

There are modern costumes for everyone over the age of one.

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· www.zamekmilotice.cz





East Moravia



· www.vvchodni-morava.cz · www.ic-zlin.com

71 | Zlín Zoo

0-99 years





The decorations and inhabitants of the individual sections will give you the **impression** of really being in the particular **continent**. Not only several walk-through **enclosures**, but also a unique pavilion with rays which you can **pet** and **feed**, allow for close encounters with the animals. You can test your **agility** in a **rope centre** and let the children play in a playground, where a number of special features allow them to try to **move** like animals.

Château Lešná, where you can take part in **night**time and fairy-tale tours several times each vear, is also located on the premises.

· www.zoozlin.eu/?lang=en

72 | Wallachian Open-Air Museum

5-99 years





This **lively museum** consists of a collection of wooden folk buildings from the Moravian Wallachia region. From close up. vou will discover traditional crafts and the history of farming and life in the region.

You will learn **how barrels** were made, how corn was threshed, or even how the inhabitants of Moravian Wallachia passed the time in the winter. In the oldest part of the entire complex, a wooden townlet, vou will discover what smalltown life looked like in the 19th century. In the museum's most extensive part, the Wallachian Village, you can take a stroll through a typical village of the region. You will see **shepherd's huts**, a windmill, a granary, a blacksmith's shop and other village buildings. In the final section, called Water Mill Valley, the museum staff will acquaint you with traditional crafts and agricultural work in functional farm buildings. You can try decorating a typical Wallachian painted Easter egg, or find out what a traditional fair was like.

Events relating to folk traditions and customs are held at the museum throughout the year.

·www.vmp.cz/en

73 | Film Node Zlín

3-15 years



Do you long to look over the shoulder of professional creators of animated children's films or to make a short film yourself, which you and other visitors will then see on a film screen?

Follow in the footsteps of Karel Zeman, Hermina Týrlová and other prominent Morava. film-makers into the Film Node in Zlín film studios. One whole floor is set aside for children, full of **creative** 75 | Metal Zoo Staré Město fun with stories about Lojzík the Pig. **Learning** how to draw the figure of a little pig, use a storyboard, and have a **workout** with Lojzík are just some of the activities which little visitors can try.

At the beginning of the summer, an annual international film festival for children and youth is held here, featuring a rich film schedule and accompanying programme for all ages.

· www.filmovyuzel.cz

74 | Open-Air Museum in Modrá

3-99 years







How did ancient Slavs live and what did a 9th-century Slavic settlement look like?

Find out at the Open-Air Museum in Modrá. You will discover the daily life of an inhabitant of the **Great** Moravian Empire, find out about long gone crafts and learn about farming methods of the time. The youngest visitors will be interested by free-roaming farm animals, while older children can look around the museum with educational workbooks. When you have found out all there is to

know about the Slavs, you can head for the terrarium to see exotic snakes. lizards and spiders or a natural outdoor swimming and paddling pool.

The Živá voda exhibition is the largest underwater tunnel in Central Europe, built under the surface of a pond and operated under natural climatic conditions. It will show you life in the cold and warm waters in the basin of the river

· www.skanzenmodra.cz

3-15 years



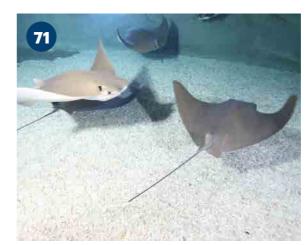
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Just what can be made from old scrap metal is demonstrated by an original zoo which contains over 250 life-size animals made from scrap

The aim is to show that even waste materials can be used to create **useful things**. In the "birthing centre", you will witness how individual animals come into existence. and you can also contribute to the exhibition with your own pieces of work.

A range of other attractions can be found on the premises, such as a Czechoslovak made L-610 aircraft, the STEELINKA sightseeing train, the 27-metre tall lighthouse **Srotík**, or a **pirate ship** where you can even spend the night.

· www.kovozoo.cz













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· www.strednimoravatourism.cz/en

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76 | Zoo Olomouc

0-99 years



Do you want to jump around with kangaroos or let bats fly right above your head? The zoo includes some walkthrough enclosures, so the animals will be literally within your reach. And would you like to go on safari onboard a sightseeing train among bison, elk, giraffes and antelope?

Marine aquariums will take you into an aquatic world with colourful coral reefs and a wealth of fish, including rays and enormous sharks. If your children like heights, you can take them to a 32-metre high lookout tower. As well as a **view of the** animals, you will also be rewarded for conquering all the steps with views of nearby Svatý Kopeček and the whole town of Olomouc.

In good weather, you will even be able to see the highest Moravian mountain, Mount Praděd.

· www.zoo-olomouc.cz

77 | Hrubá Voda Sports

3-15 years





Do you want to ride in a toboggan even when it's summer? You won't find snow here all year round, but you will be able to take a ride on a

dry toboggan track at any

You control the speed of the ride in a two-person toboggan yourself, so the attraction is also suitable for younger children, if accompanied by a parent. Children can also cool off in a water playground, try out acrobatic creations on a bungee trampoline. or enjoy a horse or pony ride. Lovers of heights, whether big or small, will be delighted by the Kamzík treetop adventure playground with wooden walkways up to 13 metres above the ground.

If heights make your head spin, you will be better off visiting an underground maze created from two galleries, where you will be welcomed by Hrubík the elf.

· www.hrubavoda.cz

78 | Sluňákov Center for **Ecological Activities**

0-15 years





You and your children can explore nature with all of your senses in a freely accessible centre full of picturesque nooks and crannies, relaxing seating areas and unconventional play activities.

In the style of an English landscape garden, the complex is decorated with four architectural works of art with poetic names - "Rajská zahrada" (the Garden of Eden), "Sluneční hora snů" (Sunny Mountain of Dreams), "Lesní chrám" (Forest Temple) and "Ohniště zlaté spirály" (Fireplace of Golden **Spirals**). While adults will mostly use them for rest and contemplation, their unusual shapes and compositions make them a unique **natural** playground which children can perceive with all of their senses. If you feel the need for a roof over your head, you can explore the low-energy building which houses the ecological centre, or the Litovelské Pomoraví House of Nature with an exhibition about the surrounding countryside.

Over the course of the year, the centre organises popular family events including playful tours,



·slunakov.cz/en

79 | Velké Losiny Château and Handmade Paper Mill

3-99 years

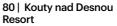


Do you know how to make paper? In the handmade paper mill, you and your children can **learn** to do it. The paper mill has been in operation since the 16th century. and today it also contains a **Museum of Paper.**

Together with the children, vou can learn about the history of the old paper craft and the transformations it has undergone over the millennia. In the summer season. children can take an **original souvenir** away from the museum in the form of paper made with their own hands. When you leave the paper mill, you can head for the local **renaissance** chateau and view rare tapestries and a collection of paintings and weapons.

During a tour, school children will be kept busy with worksheets, so don't forget to ask for them at the ticket office.

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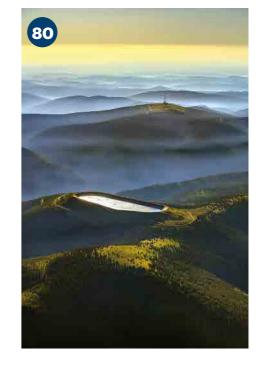


Would you like to ride the only six-seater chairlift in the Czech Republic? Further **extraordinary** experiences also await you after getting off at its upper station. **Beautiful** views of the entire Jeseníky Mountains will unfold before your eves from the U medvěda lookout tower or from the nearby viewing platform on Rysí skála.

On the Rysí skála educational trail. your children will be sure to **enjoy** the wooden sculptures, interactive playing features and the Kouty open-air museum. If you are looking for technical points of interest, don't miss an excursion to the nearby Dlouhé Stráně pumpedstorage power plant. From its upper basin, you can enjoy the longest downhill scooter trail in the country - 17 kilometres long!

If you would prefer another slice of physical activity, you will enjoy the Bike Park, in-line skating track and the large number of trails suitable for hiking.

· www.koutv.cz



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- · severnimorava.travel/en/ co-delat/s-rodinou
- · www.visitostrava.eu

81 | Svět techniky Ostrava (Science and Technology Centre Ostrava)

2-15 years





Here children will find the **answers** to their curious questions **about the way things work**.

The Small U6 Science and Technology Centre presents them with the history of technological progress from the steam engine to state-of-the-art robotic inventions in a fun and interactive manner. Children can generate electricity on a bicycle, try their hand at metal machining, pilot a plane in a flight simulator or experience a stay inside a rocket or a submarine.

The second part of the exhibition is the Large Science and Technology **Centre.** focusing on the current state and future development of scientific **knowledge**. While older children explore interactive exhibits from the world of nature, human civilisation and scientific discoveries, you can have fun with the youngest visitors aged from 2 to 6 in the playful **Children's** World exhibition. In a task game in a fairy-tale forest, they will be able to hunt for **treasure**. In other parts, reminiscent of a town, they can also use the exhibits to **train** their gross and **fine** motor skills.

Active and inquisitive entertainment for all children.

· www.stcostrava.cz

82 | Ostrava Zoo

0-99 years



You will find the extensive Ostrava Zoo not far from the town centre in the beautiful surroundings of Velký ostravský les (the Greater Ostrava Forest) with a number of ponds. A major attraction is the African and Asian safari, which you can see on a sightseeing train in immediate proximity to giraffes, antelope and other hoofed animals.

The youngest children will certainly enjoy the "At the Farm" exhibition with domestic animals that can be **petted** and fed pellets. The zoo also contains a **botanical park**. whose educational trails will take you along wooden footpaths to summerhouses. vantage points, wetlands and ponds. After a stroll through the forest, you can go and **explore** tropical and subtropical plants in greenhouses and enjoy the sight of an outdoor bonsai or rhododendron exhibition.

The most precious animals reared at the zoo are species of Madagascan lemurs, which cannot be seen in any other Czech zoo.

· www.zoo-ostrava.cz/en

83 | Landek Park

6-99 years



Do you want to discover what the work of a **miner** was like **first-hand**? The unique underground Landek Park Ostrava exhibition is located in the galleries of an **authentic historical mine**, which you will reach by going down a mine pit in an original mining cage.

You will then see tools and coal mining procedures used from the 18th century to the present day in the very place where they were used. An **original mine** train will take you and the children around the park's historical square, while in the "History of Mining Transport" exposition, you will be able to examine other means of transport, such as a mine plough or minecarts for transporting coal. The park's sports and relaxation area offers rich sporting experiences on a multi-purpose playing field, tennis courts and a cyclo-cross track.

A **children's bowling lane**, rope track and **mini zoo** are specially provided for the youngest visitors.

·www.landekpark.cz

84 | Narrow-Gauge Railway Třemešná-Osoblaha

4-99 years



Do you have any little **train enthusiasts** at home? Give them a **unique experience** in the summer season with a ride on a **historical** steam or diesel **locomotive** on a narrow-gauge railway, which runs from Třemešná ve Slezsku, through Slezské Rudoltice, to Osoblaha.

During the journey, you can **admire** the landscape of the Jeseník foothills, untouched by industry, and a dense intertwined network of cycle

paths and hiking trails. In August, for example, you can take a ride on a **Ghost Train** to the haunted castle in Slezské Rudoltice, or in December ride the **St. Nicholas Train** with St. Nicholas, the devil and an angel.

Over the course of the year, a number of special trains run along the Narrow-Gauge Railway Třemešná-Osoblaha.

· www.osoblazsko.com/en

85 | Bílá Summer Children's and Rope Park

3-12 years



This sports complex in Bilá offers countless attractions, which are guaranteed to keep your family entertained all day long.

A mini zoo, a giant sandpit full of trucks, a bouncy castle and water attractions will certainly attract the attention of the youngest visitors, while older children may like to try a treetop rope park, water balls, a **trampoline centre** or a climbing wall. You will certainly enjoy a ride on the **four-seater** Zbojník **chairlift**. If you are true adrenaline lovers, vou can try a ride down from its upper station on hired bikes or scooters.

Close to the park, you will find an enclosure with red deer, wild boar, fallow deer and mouflon, and a number of footpaths, such as Bílanská promenade, which you will even easily manage with a pram.

· www.nabile.cz











