MIKULOV

CITY OF CONGRESSES, AND SOCIAL AND CORPORATE EVENTS
Dear friends,

The city of Mikulov situated in the southern part of South Moravia is an attractive tourist destination for an ever-growing number of visitors. You may know Mikulov and its surroundings too; you may have visited it during your holidays or when on a trip. Besides a rich offer for tourists, the Mikulov region also offers an ideal combination of an attractive offer and accompanying services in relation to organization of successful congresses, presentations, corporate and social events. Thanks to the attractiveness of the city as well as of its surroundings, thanks to a rich offer of accompanying programs as well as thanks to a high quality offer of congress services Mikulov has become one of the most popular congress venues in South Moravia.

We have prepared an offer of the best available to you in our region for your events in the pleasant atmosphere of a historical city, in the unique premises of a Baroque castle or in local hotels and in other facilities presenting a corresponding offer. You can dispose of modern technological devices, a professional studio and infrastructural background and, of course, a whole range of attractive accompanying programs.

Well, welcome to Mikulov, a city of congresses, and social and corporate events!

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1. Mikulov and its surroundings

The City of Mikulov is a town reserve with a Baroque castle, a Renaissance square and with an ancient Jewish District. The extraordinary natural, historical as well as architectonic monuments in combination with the favourable warm climate of a vintners’ region create a very pleasant southern atmosphere which you may know from seaside resorts of South Europe. Its historical monuments, natural localities, objects you can visit, viticulture and possibilities for active relaxation in Mikulov as well as in its surroundings offer you a wide choice of accompanying programs during your congresses and other events. You can leave the composition and organization of the accompanying programs up to professionals in the Tourist Information Centre in Mikulov, without even the slightest worry. They will prepare an offer exactly according to your ideas and requirements, providing also for correspondingly trained guides speaking foreign languages.

Mikulov Castle
The Baroque castle is a natural dominant feature of the city, it houses the Mikulov Regional Museum and you can find several permanent exhibitions there: Wine and Viticulture, with a unique giant butt and wooden log press and butts in the castle cellars, where you can have a guided degustation of local wines during your event. The Dietrichstein Gallery informs you about the history of an aristocratic house having an essential historical significance both for the castle and for the City of Mikulov. A highlight of this exhibition is the funeral dress of Countess Margaretha Dietrichstein preserved, which can be considered a real wonder, intact condition. The exhibition called “From Gothic to Empire” presents the evolution of the lifestyle from the Gothic period till the beginning of the 19th century. The exhibition called “The Romans and Germans in the region under Palava” shows you, with the help of archaeological findings, the way of life in Moravia within the first centuries of our era. The Castle Library belongs among the most significant preserved wholes in Mikulov Castle. In the gallery exhibition “The Harvest” you can see a unique collection of works of contemporary modern art, created during the Mikulov art and sculpture symposium called “The Workshop”. The Castle Park with botanical gardens invites you to have a nice walk and a good rest.

Historical Centre of the City
Since the year 1957, the medieval core of the city has been a town reserve. The dominant feature of the square is the Dietrichstein Tomb with a grandiose Baroque front. The Renaissance graffiti Knights’ House cannot be omitted either, along with the canons’ houses, the fountain with the statue of the Goddess Pomona, the Baroque column with the sculptural group of the Holy Trinity and St. Wenceslas’ Church with an accessible ossuary or the group of buildings of a Piarist grammar school with the adjacent St. John the Baptist’s Church. Modern architecture is represented by the new building of the Czech Savings Bank closing the south-western part of the square.

Jewish District
The one kilometre long instructional path through the Jewish District guides you through the former Jewish ghetto. Thirteen Jewish houses are marked and described there, and you can also visit the Synagogue built in the 16th century. In the Synagogue you can find an exhibition dedicated to the Moravian Jews. In the Jewish Cemetery, belonging among the largest and most significant in the Czech Republic, four thousand tombstones have been preserved.

Svatý kopeček (Holy Hill)
The natural dominant feature represented by Holy Hill is, besides a significant nature reserve, also a significant place of pilgrimage with a Way of the Cross with fourteen chapels, with St. Sebastian’s Church and with a belfry at the top. Holy Hill attracts people out for pleasant walks and offers a wonderful view of the whole city.

Kozí hrádek (Goat’s Castle)
In the 15th century, at the top of Goat’s Hill there was a two-storied artillery citadel built with a gallery and loopholes. After adaptations implemented not long ago, the grounds of the Goat’s Castle is a lovely place with free admission where you can cherish special restful moments.

Turold
Turold is a limestone hill situated on the northern border of the city which is famous, first of all, for a system of caves accessible to the general public as well. At the bottom of a former quarry inside the hill there are an instructional path telling you a lot of interesting pieces of information about the local nature reserve and a geological exhibition.

Tradition of Viniculture in Mikulov
Mikulov has been a significant centre of Moravian viniculture for several centuries. There is an instructional path called “Mikulov” to inform you about traditions as well as about modern procedures
and techniques applied in terms of cultivation of vines and in terms of production of wine. The route of the instructional path starts in Mikulov and takes visitors around the nature reserve called Palava. As for wine, you can encounter it in Mikulov at almost every step, visiting any of the local vinotheques, wine bars or wine cellars. The visit and the program in a wine cellar are provided for by the employees of the Mikulov Tourist Information Centre. The most significant vintners’ event is the September Vintage celebrated by the whole city. In the course of every year there are wine degustations, exhibitions and competitions held there.

Palava
Palava is a nature and a biosphere reserve that was added to the list of biosphere reserves of UNESCO in the year 1986. Palava may not dazzle you with the height of its hills, but it surely is one of the most interesting areas in terms of the number of groups of species of plants and animals. Besides dry rocky prairies you can also find wet grounds in its proximity, namely in the plain of the river Dyje. Due to regular floods, a vast territory of bottomland forests and meadows originated. Palava and its surroundings represent an ideal place for relaxing activities, trips and instructional programs.

Area of Lednice – Valtice
This scenic park has an area of more than 200 square metres and, in the year 1996, it was added to UNESCO’s list of world cultural heritage monuments. In the park there are romantic constructions of hunting lodges, summer houses and forest chapels. The jewels among them are the luxurious castles in Lednice and Valtice, which were residences of the aristocratic house of Liechstein up to the year 1945. The Neo-gothic castle in Lednice is composed of a castle park, a tropical greenhouse, a minaret, a romantic castle ruin called Janohrad and a system of lagoons of the Dyje river castle. The vast castle park can be visited via a boat trip or by a ride in a horse carriage. The Baroque Castle of Valtice with the adjacent park includes, among other things, a castle cellar where you can take advantage of the possibility of degustation of wines, the national Vintners’ Centre and the Salon of Wines of the Czech Republic, offering the possibility of degustation of the best wines from the Czech Republic. The entire area of Lednice – Valtice is interconnected by paths designed for walks, biking or horse riding.

Active Relaxation
Lovers of hiking and biking are offered a dense network of routes in Mikulov and in its surroundings. You can choose from a lot of variants there – a tour of vineyards, romantic rides in the area of Lednice – Valtice or more demanding trips around Palava. In the summer season in Pavlov, on the Novomlynske Lakes you can do yachting and surfing and in the area of Pasohlavky you can take boat trips with an instructional program about the nature under Palava. In Mikulov you can use the services of a local horse riding club and cherish wonderful horse rides or you can use off-road four-wheelers. In Perna you can take part in a flight by hot-air balloon. Sports grounds – tennis courts, a football pitch, a bowling centre or a roofed sports hall represent suitable alternatives for active sportsmen and teambuilding events. People interested in both motor flying and gliding can choose from the offer of the Breclav Aeroclub.
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The castle courtyard, the Gröll Hall

To facilitate your orientation in the offer as well to help give you a better idea as to the possibilities of supplementary programs during your congresses we have prepared model examples of programs of congresses in Mikulov. We do believe that they can be a good aid in relation to the possible preparation of a real future congress in Mikulov. The below-mentioned accompanying programs will be provided for by the Tourist Information Centre in Mikulov.

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Day 1

8.00–8.15 p.m. A show of a group of historical swordsmanship
9.00–9.10 p.m. A show of a group of historical swordsmanship
10.00–10.10 p.m. A show of a group of historical swordsmanship
11.30 p.m. –12.00 a.m. A tombola
12.00 a.m. Fireworks, the White Lady walks on the battlement
10.10–11.30 p.m. Dancing in the Salla Terrena

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Day 2

7.00–7.30 p.m. Presentation of the participants
6.30–7.00 p.m. A coffee break in the castle hall
5.00–6.30 p.m. Free program of the participants
4.00–5.30 p.m.

Day 3

Morning Accompanying Program
9.00–10.30 a.m. A walk through the city reserve with local guides, information about the rich history of the city of Mikulov. The route: the historical square, the Castle Park, the giant butt and historical presses, the Jewish District

A Two-Day Congress in Mikulov for 100–150 Participants
In relation to a smaller number of people it is possible to hold a congress not only on the castle premises, but also in the newly rebuilt cinema theatre, having the capacity of 176 people and a background for congress technology. It will also be possible to choose from the offer of the newly constructed Hotel Galant, which will offer, starting from the year 2009, congress premises for 200 people, including accommodation. Limited operation of Hotel Galant in small conference premises (up to 100 participants) will commence in September 2008.

Professional Part
11.00 a.m. –12.30 p.m. The morning block of the specialist program in the castle hall
12.30–2.00 p.m. Lunch in the restaurant situated over the castle hall
2.00–3.30 p.m. The first afternoon block of the specialist program in the castle hall
3.30–4.00 p.m. A coffee break in the castle hall
4.00–5.30 p.m. The second afternoon block of the specialist program in the castle hall
5.30 p.m. Termination of the congress

Transfer to a wine cellar, a traditional warm Moravian supper, a dulcimer musical group show, degustation of wines, cold dishes, refreshments

Professional Part
11.00 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Dopolední blok odborného programu v zámeckém sále
12.30–2.00 p.m. Lunch
2.00–3.30 p.m. The first afternoon block of the specialist program in the castle hall
3.30–4.00 p.m. A coffee break in the castle hall
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4. Model programs
conferences, corporate and social events

A Social Event in Mikulov Castle for 50–100 Participants
Mikulov Castle is an ideal luxury and presentable environment for a corporate social event of the year. The castle halls, terraces and gardens can be easily changed into social premises offering extraordinary and unforgettable experiences. Guests arriving in carriages, liveried staff, historical tableaux vivants, knights’ tournaments and, moreover, excellent Mikulov wine and Moravian specialities prepared by the best cooks. The participants in your event will surely remember everything with pleasure and for a long time.

3.00–4.00 p.m. Arrival and accommodation of participants
4.30–7.30 p.m. A visit to Mikulov Castle with tableaux vivants – a walk through the city and through the castle premises with a composed program: tableaux vivants, a lively dance, attractive fencing poses to a dancing rhythm, duel shows. The route: the historical square, the Castle Park, a walk through the castle with the tableaux vivants (upon the entry in the castle – the castle guard, two fencing shows), the termination of the visit and transfer into the Salla Terrena (upon the entry in the Salla Terrena the castle guard again), a festive supper with period music

7.30–8.00 p.m. Presentation of flowers (women) and bottles of wine (men) at the entry, a welcome
8.00–8.20 p.m. The opening, a welcome drink
8.20–8.30 p.m. A dancing performance – Latin American dance show
8.30–9.00 p.m. Start of the musical performance – dancing
9.00–9.30 p.m. Refreshments (a buffet in the castle restaurant)
9.30–10.00 p.m. A musical performance – dancing
10.00–10.30 p.m. A fashion show
10.30–11.00 p.m. A musical performance – dancing
11.00–11.30 p.m. A dancing performance – modern dances
11.30 p.m.–24.00 a.m. A musical performance – dancing
24.00–0.20 a.m. A surprise – fireworks
0.20–2.00 a.m. A musical performance – dancing

A Conference for 20–100 Participants
Place: conference premises in some of the Mikulov conference facilities or the Salla Terrena in the castle or the castle hall
8.00–9.00 a.m. Arrival and accommodation of participants
Professional part
9.00–9.15 a.m. The presentation of the participants
9.15–9.30 a.m. The opening of the conference, welcome of the participants, information about the program
9.30–10.30 a.m. The first morning block of the specialist program
10.30–10.50 a.m. A coffee break
10.50 a.m.–12.15 p.m. The second morning block of the program
12.15–1.30 p.m. Lunch
1.30–3.00 p.m. The afternoon block of the specialist program
3.00–6.00 p.m. Variant 1 – transfer by bus to Pasohlavky, a boat trip on Novomlynska Lake with a guide
Variant 2 – a visit to the Cave of Turold, a visit to the Geopark
Variant 3 – a visit to the National Salon of Wines of the Czech Republic in Valtice Castle, the Castle Cellar, degustation of wines
6.30–8.00 p.m. Free program of the participants
20.00 p.m.–12.00 a.m. Transfer to a wine cellar, a traditional warm Moravian supper, a dulcimer musical group show, degustation of wines, cold dishes, refreshments

Teambuilding for 20–50 Participants
9.00–9.15 a.m. The presentation of participants
9.15–10.15 a.m. An educational program (conference premises in the Mikulov Castle or similar facilities in Mikulov)
10.30 a.m.–12.15 p.m. The Horse Riding Club of Mikulov – horse riding, off-road four-wheelers
12.15–13.30 p.m. Lunch in the restaurant of the Mikulov Horse Riding Club

An Incentive Program for 20–100 Participants
9.00–9.15 a.m. The presentation of participants
9.15–10.45 a.m. A walk through the city reserve with local guides, information about the rich history of the City of Mikulov. The route: the historical square, the Castle Park, the castle exhibition with the giant butt and historical presses, the Jewish District
10.45 a.m.–12.15 p.m. A corporate educational program (conference premises in the castle or other facilities in Mikulov)
12.15–1.45 p.m. Lunch (some of the Mikulov restaurants)
2.00–4.00 p.m. A visit to the Cave of Turold, a visit to the Geopark and instructional paths of Turold
4.00–6.30 p.m. An optional sports/relaxation program: bowling, tennis, football, collective games in a roofed sports hall
6.30–8.00 p.m. Free program of the participants
20.00 p.m.–12.00 a.m. Transfer to a wine cellar, a traditional warm Moravian supper, a dulcimer musical group show, degustation of wines, cold dishes, refreshments

1.30–3.30 p.m. Variant 1 – a visit to the Cave of Turold, teambuilding games in the Turold area
Variant 2 – a biking trip around Palava along the route of the Instructional Vintners’ Path of Mikulov
Variant 3 – a biking trip to sights in the Lednice – Valtice area; the route: Lednice – Novy dvur – Tri Gracie – Hranici Castle – Belveder – Valtice – Rajtyna
8.00 p.m.–12.00 a.m. Transfer to a wine cellar, a traditional warm Moravian supper, a dulcimer musical group show, degustation of wines, cold dishes, refreshments
5. Congress premises of Mikulov Castle

Mikulov Castle is the main congress centre in relation to events of a large scale. Some of the smaller castle premises can, however, be optimally used also for events having a more intimate character. The castle premises are remarkable, first of all, for their historical character, giving local events a very unique style and a specific atmosphere. The conference equipment and the technical background of all usable premises of Mikulov Castle are to a very high standard.

Castle Hall
Characteristics: a large social, theatre and conference hall in the second part of the settlement around the castle. Part of the social premises is an entrance foyer with a stone floor and a balcony above the main hall. In the hall there is a parquet floor. The dais has a standard outfit designed for theatre as well as for other performances and it is connected with four rooms usable as a background in terms of big social events. From the hall you can enter the adjacent wine bar with a lounge and the eastern castle terrace. The hall has a direct entry to the wine bar and to the restaurant over the hall; in the entrance vestibule there is a bar with a background for catering, cloakroom, WCs.

Area: approximately 360 m² (25x14 m); the dais 80 m² (14x5 m)
Capacity: in case of a table arrangement – capacity of 230 people and in the case of arrangement of the hall in the form of an auditorium – the capacity of 300 people.
Use: big representative social events, balls, concerts, congresses, festive sessions, big conferences, shows, presentations.
Equipment: tables and chairs, projection technology, a screen, a curtain, acoustic apparatus, black-out of the hall, plasma television sets in the vestibule with direct transmission from the hall.

Sala terrena
Characteristics: a chamber conference hall with a small side room in the southern wing of the castle, its extraordinary character is underlined by preserved parts of the original historical paint on the walls and the ceiling coming from the beginning of the 18th century, a summer outside terrace with a view of the southern part of the city, a kitchenette with a background for catering, a cloakroom, WCs.

Area: 115 m² (the large hall), 67 m² (the small room)
Capacity: 60 people in case of a table arrangement, 70 people in case of a conference arrangement.
Use: smaller conferences, chamber concerts, social and corporate events, lectures.
Equipment: tables and chairs, mobile projection technology, a screen and acoustic apparatus.

Entrance Hall
Characteristics: a large representative room, interconnected by means of a central staircase with the Gajdos and Gröll Halls, a cloakroom, a bar and a background for catering in the vestibule, WCs.
Capacity: 150 people.
Use: corporate and social celebrations and events, balls, concerts, exhibitions, shows, presentations, coffee breaks, fashion shows or competitions.
Equipment: tables and chairs, mobile projection technology, a screen and acoustic apparatus.

Gajdos Hall
Characteristics: a large representative room characterized by a painted fresco on the ceiling from the beginning of the 1950s, interconnected with the Gröll Hall, the floor is made of polished stone, the entry from the Hall of Ancestors (the Entrance Hall), a background for catering, the room can be optimally interconnected with the Gröll Hall and with the Hall of Ancestors (the Entrance Hall).
Capacity: 150 people.
Use: corporate and social celebrations and events, balls, parties, concerts, exhibitions, shows, presentations, conferences, coffee breaks, fashion shows or competitions.
Equipment: tables and chairs, mobile projection technology, a screen and acoustic apparatus.

Gröll Hall
Characteristics: a smaller hall interconnected with the Gajdos Hall, with a permanent exhibition of works of Wenzel Gröll, the room can be optimally interconnected with the Gajdos Hall or, as the case may be, with the Hall of Ancestors (the Entrance Hall).
Capacity: 60 people.
Use: chamber social and corporate events, exhibitions, lectures, shows, presentations, coffee breaks.
Equipment: tables and chairs, mobile projection technology, a screen and acoustic apparatus.