



MIKULOVSKO

In Search of the Beauty of the South

A GUIDE TO THE REGION





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Did you know that

the mammoth constituted a welcome, but exceptional part of the diet of Stone Age man? The idea that these animals were hunted by driving them towards a dug pit is purely a product of literary fantasy and would have been practically impossible. So how did the people hunt mammoths? How did they live and what were their concerns? You can visit the archaeological exhibits in Pavlov and Dolní Věstonice to find the answers to these and many more questions.





The Mikulov area is a region of many faces and excellent experiences. You can visit historical monuments, the ruins of sentry castles and the magnificent Mikulov Chateau. You can see the many areas of natural beauty in the Pálava Hills or on the surface of the Sedlec fishponds. You can travel through the region by bicycle, in a boat or on horseback. And you can swim in the “Moravian Sea”, directly under Pálava. You can become acquainted with the thousands of fragrances and flavours of the excellent local wine, which is a symbol of the entire region. The Mikulov area is an ideal destination for your trips and holidays, where you can discover something new in every corner. Come and experience the Mikulov area!

The local château has become the dominant feature of Mikulov. The history of the structure stretches back to the Middle Ages, when a stone castle stood on what is now Château Hill. It was reconstructed over the centuries into a representative aristocratic seat that was especially influenced by the Renaissance and Baroque styles. Visitors can learn about the château's history and hear the story of its owners at the Regional Museum, which is housed in the château. The unique exhibits in its collections include, for example, a giant barrel from 1643 located in the château cellars. After visiting the château, be sure to take a stroll through the renewed Baroque gardens offering breath-taking views of the town.



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A place full of experiences

Mikulov is the natural centre of the region. History merges with the present there, ancient monuments mingle with modern architecture and local wine is served with traditional cuisine. All this, further enhanced by the many unforgettable cultural experiences, creates the town's specific atmosphere, and you are sure to fall in love with it.



The Dietrichstein Tomb with its remarkable sculptures stands directly in the historical centre of Mikulov. However, the square is literally bristling with heritage buildings. For example, the canons' houses dating from the 17th century are located near the tomb, while the Knight's House with its rich sgraffito decoration is also sure to attract your attention. The entire historical centre consists of a monument conservation area. This is all further supplemented by Holy Hill (Svatý kopeček), which is another significant dominant



feature of Mikulov. A Way of the Cross leads to the top and it is definitely worth the walk up, especially during the Marian pilgrimage in September, for example. Not only can visitors view the chapels on the Way of the Cross culminating at the Chapel of St. Sebastian, a belfry and the Chapel of the Holy Sepulchre, but they will also be treated to one of the most beautiful views of the town and the wider environs.

The town's rich ecclesiastical past is also recalled by a trio of churches: the Church of St. Wenceslas, the Church of St. John the Baptist and the Church of St. Nicholas, which is used by the Orthodox Church. If you enjoy views of the countryside, you should also be sure to visit Goat Castle (Kozí hrádek). Mikulov will stretch before you from the top of this old artillery tower, as if it were in the palm of your hand.

Mikulov was once a cultural crossroads. The town was not only settled by Jews, but also by Anabaptists, a Protestant Christian movement. Nowadays,

they are recalled in the town by an educational trail and by archaeological finds on display in the Regional Museum.

The Na Turoldu Cave, which forms an almost 3 km long labyrinth of underground corridors together with the Liščí díra Cave, is another attraction in Mikulov. The guided tour includes the Fairytale Hall, for example. On the surface, there is also an interesting geology park that will acquaint you with points of geological interest in the Czech Republic.

However, Mikulov is not only a place of historical monuments, but also a venue for a rich cultural life. There is always something happening in the town from spring to winter. Exhibitions by artists from all over the world are interspersed with concerts of various genres, culinary festivals and folklore celebrations. The Mikulov Art Symposium "dílna" has a tradition stretching back more than twenty years. The high point of these cultural events is the annual Pálava wine harvest, a traditional wine celebration that takes place each year on the second weekend in September.

Would you like to stop for a while and contemplate life over a glass of excellent Mikulov wine? There is a wide range of cafes, wine bars and wine cellars waiting for you, while the local restaurants will prepare the very best of Moravian cuisine for you.

The Town of Mikulov, www.mikulov.cz

Regional Museum in Mikulov, www.rmm.cz



The Centre of Moravian Jewry

For centuries, Mikulov was the biggest and most significant Jewish town in Moravia. You can still see the monuments to its former glory today. An educational trail leads through the one-time Jewish Town and will take you, for example, to the Upper Synagogue dating to the 16th century with its captivating Baroque decorations. There is a rare ritual mikveh bath nearby. You can also see the largest Moravian Jewish cemetery, a magical place with a captivating atmosphere in every season.

Points of military interest

The Prussian military cemetery outside the town recalls the events of 1866, when Mikulov hosted the signing of an important armistice during the Prussian-Austrian Wars. A series of fortresses were established in the Mikulov area in 1936-1938 as part of an extensive border defence system. The infantry bunker designated as MJ-S 29 "Svah" is managed by a group of military enthusiasts and is usually open for tours of the military equipment.





Monuments and culture

Archaeological finds indicate that the Mikulov area was already settled thirty thousand years ago. Internationally renowned locations that have provided a great deal of testimony on life in the Stone Age are located in the environs of Dolní Věstonice, Milovice and Pavlov. Thousands of years later, the area was discovered by the Romans, whose soldiers built a military camp near Pasohlávky. An educational trail above the Pasohlávky camp tells of its existence.



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Traces tens of thousands of years old

The Mikulov region has witnessed many thrilling historical events. The mammoth hunters in the region were replaced by the soldiers of the Roman legions, massive castles guarded the border in the Middle Ages and the dramatic events of the 20th century also left their mark.

The Mikulov area continued to play a strategic role in the Middle Ages, and a system of castles was established to protect the regional border. Mikulov Castle was converted into a chateau, while the other castles are now only recalled by romantic ruins. Děvičky above Pavlov was destroyed by Swedish forces, but it continued to serve a limited role up to the 19th century. The Orphan Castle (Siroťčí hrádek) above Klentnice was abandoned much earlier, probably as early as in the 16th century. The New Castle (Nový Hrad) above Horní Vestonice was destroyed at the end of the 15th century and only a small part of the masonry has been preserved.

Other centuries also left an indelible mark on the face of the Mikulov area in the form of interesting architectural monuments. The Drnholet Chateau was at one time the centre of a domain of the same name and the residence of the Tiefenbach noble family. The imposing Church of the Holy Trinity, one of the most impressive churches in the region, stands in its vicinity. Incidentally, the Mikulov area has a lot to offer lovers of church architecture. Churches have been an integral part of every municipality for centuries and each one has its own history and stories. Did you know, for example, that the Church of St. John the Baptist



in Březí houses Europe's largest crystal chandelier, which dates to the second half of the 19th century, and that St. George's Church in Klentnice is a significant European Natura 2000 location due to its large summer colony of bats in the church attic?

The system of border fortresses and redoubts built in the 1930s in the Mikulov area is a remnant of the tumultuous events of the 20th century. The MJ-S 29 "Svah" infantry bunker near Mikulov and the so-called "vzor 37" light fortification near Novosedly are opened to the public several times a year for tours and displays of the military hardware.

Pavlov Archaeology Park, www.archeoparkpavlov.cz

Dolní Věstonice exhibit, www.rmm.cz

The Romans below Pálava
www.archeologiemusov.cz

The Museum of the Czechoslovak Fortifications U Starého lomu – Novosedly
www.muzeum-opevneni-novosedly.estranky.cz

Mikulov Fort MJ-S 29 "Svah", www.kvh.g6.cz



The Pavlov Archaeology Park

The newly opened Pavlov Archaeology Park enables you to travel far back into time and to view the lives of the mammoth hunters. The building immediately catches the eye thanks to its exceptional architectural design, for which it received an award in the 2016 Building of the Year competition. From the outside, the building evokes the limestone cliffs of Pálava, while inside it is reminiscent of a prehistoric cave dwelling. The modern exhibit will acquaint you with Stone Age life in the area below Pálava. You can discover how people made a living there, what jewellery they made and what rituals they practised. You can see, for example, a triple grave shrouded in mystery and an exceptional assemblage of mammoth bones lying at the original archaeological site.





The limestone cliffs of the Pavlov Hills, also known as Pálava, are the dominant natural feature of the Mikulov area. A number of protected species of flora and fauna also live on the slopes of Pálava, where grapes also thrive. The many protected species include the pygmy iris, which colours the Pálava slopes blue and yellow and attracts many visitors on their first trip of spring. The exceptional significance of the territory is borne out by its status as a Protected Landscape Area, which has applied to Pálava for more than forty years, and also by its status as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, which was awarded more than thirty years ago.



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Captivating views, green vineyards and water reservoirs

Although it is not exceptionally large, the Mikulov area is home to an amazing abundance of natural wealth. White limestone cliffs give way to grassy steppes, while bodies of water are lined by neat rows of vineyards. Nature lovers will literally feel that they are in paradise.



The middle cascade from the Nové Mlýny Reservoirs is a bird reserve of European significance where many protected migratory bird species nest and winter. Ornithologists can observe gulls, sea eagles and geese and ducks at the site. The Church of St. Linhart, a remnant of the flooded municipality of Mušov, stands in the middle of the reservoir as a silent reminder. A short way off, the view opens onto a meadow landscape at the northern edge of the Věstonice Reservoir with the localities of Betlém and Dolní Mušovský luh, which are similar to those that lined Pálava long before the Nové Mlýny Reservoirs were created. These places are still home to flora and fauna that were an integral part of the atmosphere of the vanished Lower Pálava wilderness in the last century.



The Dunajovice Hills, a natural landmark dominated by the hill known as Velká slunečná, which is reminiscent of an ancient pyramid thanks to its terraces, stretch out directly opposite Pálava. Plants that enjoy warm conditions thrive there alongside the grapes, and the area has been declared a National Nature Reserve to protect them.

Another in the long line of unique natural features in the Mikulov area is the so-called salt marshes, localities with occurrences of halophyte flora. There are three very well preserved areas of this

type in the region near the municipalities of Novosedly, Dobré Pole and Sedlec. They are home to critically endangered species of flora and fauna.

The largest Moravian fishpond is Nesyt, which is located near Sedlec. Its banks are a permanent nesting area for many species of water birds, which can be observed from a number of concealed stands on the banks of the fishpond.

And, if you set off to the environs of Drnholec, do not forget to visit the Drnholec Meadow. At its edge, the Jevišovka River flows into the Thaya, and this confluence is an ideal place to take a break when on a bike tour of the Mikulov area thanks to the interestingly shaped rest area. The

Drnholec Cross (U křížku) Lookout Tower is just a stone's throw away and it offers views of the entire local countryside all the way up to the Pálava Hills.

Natural beauty of the Mikulov region
www.mikulovskoregion.cz

Pálava National Nature Reserve
www.palava.ochranaprirody.cz



The red hiking trail will take you from Mikulov around Turolď, the Cat Cliffs (Kočí skála) and up to Table Mountain (Stolová hora). It continues to the Orphan Castle (Siroťčí hrádek) and via Klentnice to Pálava, Děvičky and Dolní Věstonice. As such, it will lead you through the most attractive places in the region and you will pass along the entire massif of the Pavlov Hills. However, Pálava is also intersected by blue, green and yellow hiking trails allowing you to discover new places with enchanting views of the countryside. The hiking trails will take you through the environs of the Věstonice Reservoirs, and the trail from Mikulov to the Lednice-Valtice Area is also marked. A marked bike trail crosses the Dunajovice Hills, leading you over the local steppes. The only accompaniment on your trip will be the tranquility of nature and herds of grazing goats and sheep.





The history of wine in the Mikulov area stretches back to the Middle Ages, and the region was an important centre of Moravian viniculture for centuries. Grapes are grown here today in 182 vineyards in 30 towns in the Mikulov wine sub-region, where the Welschriesling, Grüner Veltliner and Riesling varieties in particular thrive on the sun-drenched Pálava hillsides. Once you visit you will soon understand that in addition to fun, the hectares of vineyards also mean a great deal of hard work year-round.



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A region of a thousand fragrances and flavours

Mikulov is synonymous with wine-making and wine tourism, and wine will accompany you every step of the way. So try them all! The region offers excellent white, red and rosé wines of different aromas and flavours.

The cycle of the wine-making year commences in winter, when the important work of pruning the vines begins. However, the first months of the year are also an opportunity to taste and evaluate the previous year's harvest. More or less every municipality in the Mikulov area holds wine tasting events at which you will have the unique opportunity to try the wines made by small wineries that you would otherwise not normally come across. The vineyards start to turn green with the first warm months, and the winemakers set off into the vineyards with their hoes. In the Mikulov area, this is the period of open cellars, which is a phenomenon that has taken off in recent years. Visitors are able to go to the wine cellars and the vintners present their wines in this authentic setting. The work in the vineyards slowly comes to an end in the summer months. They carry out green work and prune and clean up the vines.



juice, is an inherent part of this. However, the grape harvest is far from the end of the process. Everybody impatiently awaits the arrival of St. Martin's Day and the associated opening of the fresh, young wines. It is only then that the wine-making year ends. Although not for very long. The work in the cellars continues throughout the year and the cycle of the wine-making year soon starts afresh.

If you wish to not only taste wine, but to also find out something about it, you can visit the wine-making exhibit at the Regional Museum. You can see the

famous giant barrel, an exhibit of wine throughout the centuries and the unique wooden wine presses. You can also discover many interesting facts about local wine-making on the Stará hora wine-making educational trail. The logos of the Moravian Wine Trail and the Mikulov Wine Trail will be your guide during bike tours through the region's traditional wine-making municipalities.

By the end of August, everything is finished and the time of harvest is approaching. In many municipalities, the hill is ceremonially closed as a sign of the fact that the vineyards are closed, the grapes are ripening and nobody is allowed to enter. And now it is September, the time of the grape harvest. The vintners process the harvest and celebrate its successful conclusion. Harvest festivities are a way of celebrating the conclusion of the harvest and the joy from a good crop. Young wine, a popular beverage made from grape

Wine-making in the Mikulov region

www.mikulovskoregion.cz

Open cellars in Pavlov

www.otevrene-sklepy-pavlov.cz

Dunajovské kopce Vintner Association

www.dunajovskekopce.cz

Adventure program

www.smotykdovinohradu.cz

Národy Podyjí Festival, www.narodypodyji.cz

Mikulov Gourmet Festival, www.mgfest.cz



Wine tastes better with good food

Many gastronomical experiences await you during your travels around the region. Try, for example, some of the wide and varied range of products made by the region's cheese factories. The local cuisine is presented at gastronomical festivals such as "Národy Podyjí" (the Nations of the Podyjí Area) and the Mikulov Gourmet Festival. Another example involves the goulash festivals held in various municipalities in the region. In short, every corner of the Mikulov area offers places where you can try excellent meals in tandem with delicious wine. And those who would prefer to partake in the foaming amber liquid are sure to enjoy the wide range of beverages offered by two Mikulov microbreweries.

Open cellars in the Mikulov area

The most sought after experiences in the Mikulov area involve visits to the open wine cellars. In addition to the best-known Summer of Open Cellars in Pavlov event, you can also visit cellars at set times and taste the wines of the vintners from other municipalities in the Mikulov area almost all year round. The vintners in Drnholec open their cellars in winter, while those in Perná, Dolní Dunajovice and Břežín attract visitors in spring. Cellars in Novosedly, Dolní and Horní Věstonice or in Mikulov will welcome you in summer and in autumn. The season traditionally ends at the end of November in Pavlov.



The region is interlaced with a dense network of marked cycle trails running along roads, field tracks and newly built bike trails. There is an international cycle trail that links Brno and Vienna, as well as several local trails that lead to all the beauty spots in the Mikulov area. They run over undemanding terrain and are also suitable for senior citizens and families with children.



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On the move through the region below the Pálava Hills

The Mikulov area is tailor-made for people who like to spend their holidays actively. Regardless of whether you travel by bicycle, on foot or even by boat, you will be rewarded with a beautiful landscape of vineyards, picturesque villages and the beautiful backdrop of Pálava.



Everybody can find something to their liking from among the wide range of cycle trails. EuroVelo 9 and 13, Greenways Prague–Vienna and Krakow–Vienna, the Amber Trail and the Brno–Vienna Bike Trail are all long-distance international cycle trails that pass through the Mikulov area. The cycle trails known as the Moravian Wine Trail, the Mikulov Wine Trail, the Stará hora Wine Circuit and Around the Cellars and Vineyards will take you through the beauty spots of the South Moravian wine-making industry. The Bike to the Neighbours cycle trail runs through the Czech-Austrian border area, while the circuit around ATC Merkur will delight you with its views of Pálava across the surface of the Nové Mlýny Reservoirs. The Freedom Trail provides the unusual combination of sport and the acquisition of knowledge. It leads through the places where the so-called “Iron Curtain”, the border between the East and the West, once stretched.

If, however, you prefer hiking, you can set off along the red marked trail to Pálava! The popular “Pálava Arterial Trail” will take you from Dolní Věstonice to Mikulov via Pálava and Table Mountain (Stolová hora).

The Mikulov area also has lots to offer to lovers of water sports. The Thaya River flows along the region's border and offers undemanding sections navigable practically all year round. If you set off from the dam on the Lower Nové Mlýny Reservoir, the river will take you through the Lednice-Valtice



Area and up to the confluence of the Thaya and the Morava River at the Bohemia-Slovakia-Moravia border. And once you have tried biking or boating and you have hiked far and wide, you can also try observing the region around Mikulov from horseback. You can ride a horse through the Czech-Austrian border area in Nový Přerov, and riding clubs also offer horse rides in Dolní Dunajovice and Mikulov.

Inline skating is another pleasant way to enjoy your stay in the Mikulov area. The inline track outside of Jevišovka or the bike trail near Mikulov offer perfect conditions for this activity.

Bike trails and circuits in the Mikulov region
www.mikulovskoregion.cz

Moravian wine trails
www.vinarske.stezky.cz

Bike trails in South Moravia
www.cyklo-jizni-morava.cz

Greenways and EuroVelo, www.greenways.cz

Brno-Vienna bike trail, www.brnoviden.cz

Certification Cyclists Welcome
www.cyklistevitani.cz

Water sports at the Nové Mlýny Reservoirs
www.kemp-merkur.cz

To the vineyards on horseback
www.januvdvr.cz

Horseback rides, www.konemikulov.cz
www.jk-dolni-dunajovice.websnadno.cz



The Nové Mlýny Reservoirs

with excellent facilities at the ATC Merkur camp are the centre of water sports in the Mikulov area. You can go swimming or glide along the surface on a windsurfer or a kite-board. A special water skiing tow has also been built there. You can hire a kayak, a paddle boat or a dinghy with an electric motor. And if you just want to look around at the water's surface, take a trip on the steam boat to Pasohlávky! In addition to sports opportunities, you will also find top-quality accommodation and facilities in the camp. Aqualand Moravia, a modern water park with many slides, attractions and a sauna world, is located in close proximity to the ATC Merkur camp. Pavlov, which is situated nearby, has a landing from where those who love yachting can sail the waters of the largest of the Nové Mlýny Reservoirs.





South Moravia is one of the warmest parts of the Czech Republic and this is doubly true in the Mikulov area. As such, it is a paradise for everybody who loves swimming and relaxing at the water's edge. During the autumn, winter and spring, the region also offers high quality spa and wellness services, including massages, thermal baths, saunas, hot tubs and salt cave treatment. The cultural program is also very rich and offers a number of festivals and visits to unique galleries.



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The Mikulov area full of fun

You will enjoy a lot of fun and enjoyment in the Mikulov area. Regardless of whether you love relaxing at the water's edge, like playing or prefer peaceful relaxation, unforgettable experiences await you in every corner of the region in every season.



You can find popular natural outdoor swimming areas at the ATC Merkur camp and in several places near the Lower Nové Mlýny Reservoir. Those who are not tempted by swimming in nature will enjoy the outdoor swimming pools in Mikulov and Břeží, which offer modern comfortable facilities. The water park near Pasohlávky is a centre of aquatic fun.



Those who enjoy fishing can indulge in their hobby on the banks of the Nové Mlýny Reservoirs, the Thaya River near Jevišovka, Novosedly and Drnholec or on the fishpond in the Pod mlýnem area near Sedlec. It is possible to catch carp, tench, perch, grass carp and a number of other species of freshwater fish.



However, the Mikulov area can also offer many more opportunities for relaxation. You can play so-called adventure golf in Horní Věstonice, directly under Pálava, and in Nový Přerov. There is a course for the new discipline known as disc golf in the environs of the Mikulov amphitheatre. Tennis lovers will enjoy the excellent clay courts in Dolní Dunajovice, which provide outstanding facilities for tennis tournaments. Some municipalities also have multipurpose ball sport courts available. The football phenomenon in the Mikulov area is the "Los Glgos DEUTZ-FAHR Cup", one of the biggest



five-a-side football tournaments in this country, which takes place in Horní Věstonice on the last weekend of June. The outdoor gyms in Dolní Dunajovice, Mikulov, Novosedly and Pasohlávky are enjoying increasing popularity, and mothers will especially appreciate the modern children's playgrounds in many places.

Sightseeing flights by hot air balloon, which often start from Horní Věstonice and Klentnice, are an exceptional experience. During the flight, you will slowly float above the countryside and enjoy fairy-tale views of Pálava, Mikulov and the surface of the Nové Mlýny Reservoirs from above.

Merkur Auto Camp, www.kemp-merkur.cz

Water park in Pasohlávky
www.aqualand-moravia.cz

Mikulov swimming pool
www.tedosmikulov.cz/koupaliste

Břeží swimming pool, www.brezi.cz

Sightseeing flights over Pálava
www.balonypalava.cz

Culture in Mikulov, www.mikulov.cz/kultura

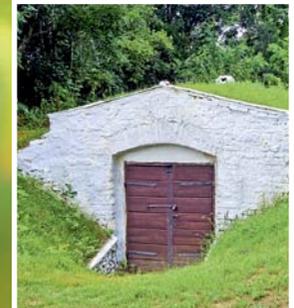


For entertainment and pampering

Why not go to the cinema or to a gallery? The Mikulov cinema screens the latest films, including in the popular 3D format. A visit to the outdoor cinema in Pasohlávky will make for an attractive change on warm evenings. The theatrical event of the year is the Mikulov Festival of Baroque Theatre, which takes place every year in the area in front of the Dietrichstein Tomb. Music lovers enjoy Mikulov's annual Guitar Festival, the alternative Eurotrialog and the choral Campanile. The town is also a magnet for art lovers. Several galleries are active in the region – for example, you can visit the Závodný Gallery housed in a building that has received a number of architectural awards. A Delicate Mikulov (Křehký Mikulov) design festival and the Mikulov Art Symposium "dílna" are also unique events.



The Mikulov region is filled with interesting places to visit



The Mikulov region harmoniously combines stunning natural scenery with picturesque villages and towns in the area surrounding the Pálava Hills. There are a total of eighteen municipalities connected by a centuries-old wine-making tradition, where visitors can enjoy a wide range of relaxation possibilities, active recreation and sports activities. At the same time, each of these locations has its own unique atmosphere. Get to know them all – the Mikulov region will enchant you!

Bavyrov

The village lies below the slopes of Table Mountain (known as Stolová hora or Tabulová hora), which is characterised by its flat summit. It is part of the Pálava Protected Landscape Area and can be an ideal starting point for your excursions to see the beauty of Pálava. Bavyrov boasts a rich history of wine – at one time, for example, a renowned sparkling wine was produced here. Today, the tradition continues with several winemakers whose products can be found directly in their cellars or at a traditional Bavyrov wine tasting.

www.bavyrov.cz

Brod nad Dyjí

Brod nad Dyjí is located on the right bank of the Thaya River, near the Pálava Hills. It is a popular location thanks to the picturesque landscape, established wine-growing traditions, rich history and sunny weather. Not only is it captivating with its ideal conditions for cycling, hiking and fishing, but it also offers many other opportunities for active recreation. It is an interesting site for birdwatchers, with many interesting bird species nesting locally, including the white-tailed eagle.

www.brodnaddyji.cz

Břeží

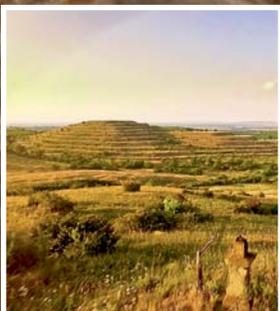
A popular spot for summer trips in the Mikulov region. Břeží is connected by rail to the surrounding towns and villages, with a bike trail along the border with Austria connecting it to the most attractive parts of the region. Břeží is especially welcoming on hot days, with an open-air swimming pool making it a very refreshing stop. The village was once a renowned centre for cucumbers famed throughout Moravia. Today the glory of Břeží has spread in particular thanks to the local winemakers, whose cellars you can visit in May during the Festival of Open Cellars.

www.brezi.cz

Dobré Pole

Dobré Pole is a destination for nature lovers. There are two important and state-protected nature sites in the area. The first is the Slanisko Dobré Pole Nature Reserve, where a number of salt-tolerant plants and animals can be found in the vicinity of its fishpond. The second site is the southern part of the Dunajovice Hills, a natural landmark. The village is also a convenient way to access the Dunajovice Hills, where you can see many endangered plant species. Dobré Pole is one of three villages in the Mikulov region inhabited in the past by a community of Moravian Croats.

www.dobrepole.cz



Dolní Dunajovice

Dolní Dunajovice, once the largest wine-growing village in the country, is very proud of its heritage. One of the oldest vineyards in the village is Under the Sunny Hill (Pod Slunným vrchem) with the dominant Velká Slunečná hill. Grapes are not cultivated on this hill, but thanks to its unusual terraced shape, it is a common destination for visitors. From its peak you can see the Pavlov Hills all the way to Mikulov. The rich wine-growing history of Dolní Dunajovice is recalled in two cellar lanes beyond the village, and you can also visit the small museum dedicated to wine-making in Dunajovice.

www.dolni-dunajovice.cz



Dolní Věstonice

If you say Dolní Věstonice, many people will think of the famous statue, the Venus of Dolní Věstonice. The Life Below Pálava exhibit on the square tells the story of its discovery. You can also learn about the fauna and flora of the region below Pálava and take a look at the history of the lost village of Mušov. However, in Dolní Věstonice, history will literally accompany your every step. The oldest history at the unique Calendar of Ages (Kalendář věků), later times at the ancient medieval Slavic settlement of High Garden (Vysoká zahrada). You can also visit Husí plácek, a square surrounded by old Anabaptist cellars.

www.obecdolnivestonice.cz



Drnholec

The town was the centre of the Drnholec domain and one of the administrative centres of the region for centuries. The many historical monuments that you can see in the centre of Drnholec are an indication of its importance. Next to the chateau and the Holy Trinity Church is the rectory building from the late 16th century, the town hall, listed houses on the square and especially the dominant feature of the whole city centre, its plague column with a statue of the Virgin Mary dating back to 1758. Drnholec was also an important wine centre, as evidenced by the cellars on the outskirts of the town. You can also discover the important natural site of Drnholecký luh, a floodplain forest extending southwards.

www.drnholec.eu



Horní Věstonice

The location of this village makes it an ideal gateway to Pálava. From here you can reach the marked green hiking trail leading to the base of massive Martinka Rock. From there, walk along the marked trails to criss-cross the whole of Pálava. Try the Děvín nature trail, for instance. Both the surrounding vineyards and the long row of local winemakers' cellars serve as a reminder of the rich wine tradition of Horní Věstonice, where you will be welcome in almost any weather.

www.horni-vestonice.cz

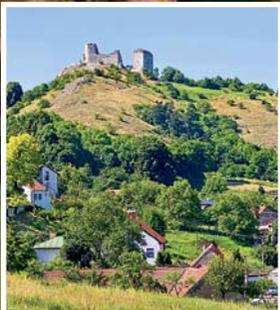


Jevišovka

Jevišovka is primarily known as a centre for Moravian Croats. Before World War II, most of the population worked in the village, and members of this ethnic minority are still firmly connected to the village today. In the village you can see a monument to the Croatian settlements and many old Croatian houses. If you want to experience the culture, songs and costumes of the Moravian Croats for yourself, come to Jevišovka in September for Kiritof. This is the Croatian equivalent of the Moravian Feasts and every year it becomes a showcase of the rich traditions of the disappearing world of Moravian Croats.

www.jevisovka.cz

The Mikulov region is filled with interesting places to visit



Klentnice

It is very easy to get to Table Mountain or the ruins of Orphan Castle (Siroťčí hrádek) from the village using the marked hiking trails (green and red). Along the way, you can catch a glimpse of the colourful gliders from the PG Pálava paragliding club, who start their flights over the Pálava area from the plateau. Their use of the protected site on the southern edge of Table Mountain is an exception – other locations are prohibited for take-off. Klentnice is popular with all lovers of fine food and is also home to a small coffee museum and art gallery.

www.klentnice.cz

Mikulov

Mikulov is an ideal location for your activities. In addition to seeing remarkable sights that create a unique atmosphere in the town, it also has plenty to offer nature lovers. A number of nature trails introduce you to the city's history and nature. Mikulov is also a paradise for cyclists. The local bike trails with connections to Austria are ideal for family outings and more skilled athletes. If you want to organise your company event, conference or congress, Mikulov is also a great choice. The largest congress hall is on the premises of the former Baroque riding hall at Mikulov Château. The Mušlov settlement is part of the town of Mikulov and is definitely worth a visit.

The attractive views across almost the entire region are especially wonderful. From here you can see Pálava and the Sedlec fishponds, and even Valtice and Lednice. Beautiful views can be enjoyed along the blue tourist trail leading from Mikulov over Holy Hill (Svatý kopeček), the Mikulov vineyards, the Mušlov fishponds, and to Mušlov itself. From there you can continue to the gates of the Lednice-Valtice Area in Hlohovec.

www.mikulov.cz

Milovice

This picturesque village is ideally located at the foot of Pálava and on the banks of the Nové Mlýny Reservoirs. Near the village is the Crooked Lake National Nature Reserve (Křivé jezero), a remnant of an old alluvial plain under Pálava. A bike trail encircles the village, bordering the entire Pálava area, so if you love a demanding bike ride, you will certainly enjoy a trip along the road to Mikulov, which is one of the most challenging climbs you can find in the Mikulov region. Not only can the Milovice wine tradition be seen in its wine cellars, there are also the terraced hills where the Welschriesling grape in particular thrives.

www.obec-milovice.cz

Novosedly

Novosedly is the largest wine village in the region. Vineyards take up more than a quarter of the town. The most successful varieties are Welschriesling and Reising, and the Zweigelt red wine variety. The local wine can be tasted in a large number of cellars. And if you want to take a little walk after the wine tasting, go up the hill rising over the local brickworks. From this out-of-the-way location, you can see gorgeous views over the Dunajovice Hills all the way to Pálava.

www.novosedlynamorave.cz



Nový Přerov

Nový Přerov is right on the border with Austria and is an ideal starting point for hikers and cyclists to enjoy a walk or ride along the border. There is a tourist border crossing point, beyond which cyclists can easily reach the Austrian Hallo Nachbar bike trail, which runs along the state border. If you are on foot, you can visit Galgenberg Hill close to neighbouring Wildendürnbach, which has over 180 wine cellars. Nový Přerov is a crossroads of bike trails, and you can easily head for Znojmo or Mikulov from there. The village is also one of three Mikulov settlements occupied by Moravian Croats before World War II.

www.novyprerov.cz



Pasohlávky

Pasohlávky is a renowned holiday resort with a large campsite with many attractions and natural swimming in lagoons. The modern trail along the Horní Nové Mlýny Reservoir between the ATC Merkur campsite and the village is a popular route for both hikers and cyclists. The area offers a marina, an outdoor gym and businesses with comfortable seating. Pasohlávky offers all its visitors the possibility of active relaxation as well as quiet places bearing traces of ancient history, including from the time of Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius.

www.pasohlavky.cz



Pavlov

If you visit Pavlov, do not miss the unique cellar lane with its well-preserved Baroque peasant cellars. It represents a unique example of folk architecture in the Mikulov region. From a historical point of view, Česká Street in particular is quite exceptional, and the Pavlov cellars today are one of three South Moravian village monument conservation areas. Pavlov lies on the shores of the Dolní Nové Mlýny Reservoir, which is increasingly popular with lovers of yachting. A marina has been built here, offering first-rate facilities for yachting, kitesurfing and windsurfing.

www.obec-pavlov.cz



Perná

Perná boasts a rich wine history that continues to this day. In the last century the popular Pálava variety was cultivated on the hillsides around the village, with local cultivation stations also scoring further successes. Today you can find plenty of wineries and the unique Železná Vineyard, which best epitomises the terroir of the Pavlov Hills. Welschriesling from this area is one of the best the Mikulov region has to offer. You will also see some interesting sights in Perná. The renovated fountain on the square is shiny and new, and if you climb a little beyond the village, you will come to the remains of the Baroque Chapel of St. Anthony.

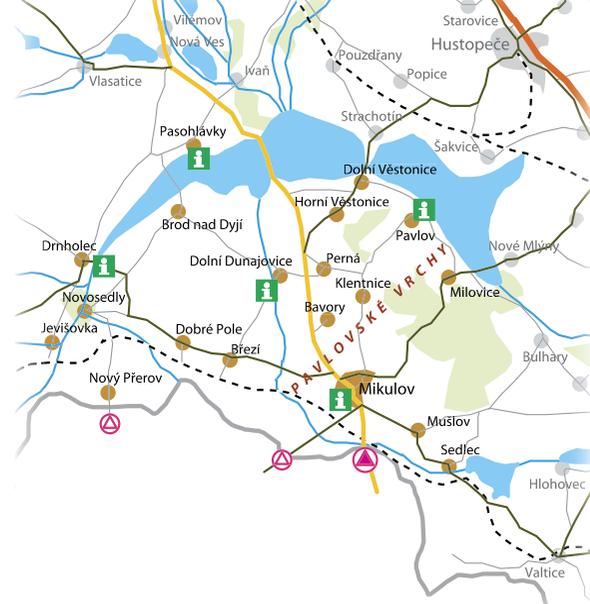
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Sedlec

Sedlec forms an imaginary gate from the Mikulov region to the Lednice-Valtice Area. Marked trails lead you to the Border Chateau (Hraniční zámek) and from there you have the whole area at your fingertips. Sedlec is also known for its system of fishponds, with Nesyt itself the largest fishpond in Moravia. Thanks to the newly built observation posts it is a great place for watching wildlife. The new fishpond was once part of a vast artificial landscape and the remains of an island with an ancient bridge will take you by surprise.

www.sedlecumikulova.cz



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