



The Distinctive Region THE SLOVÁCKO REGION

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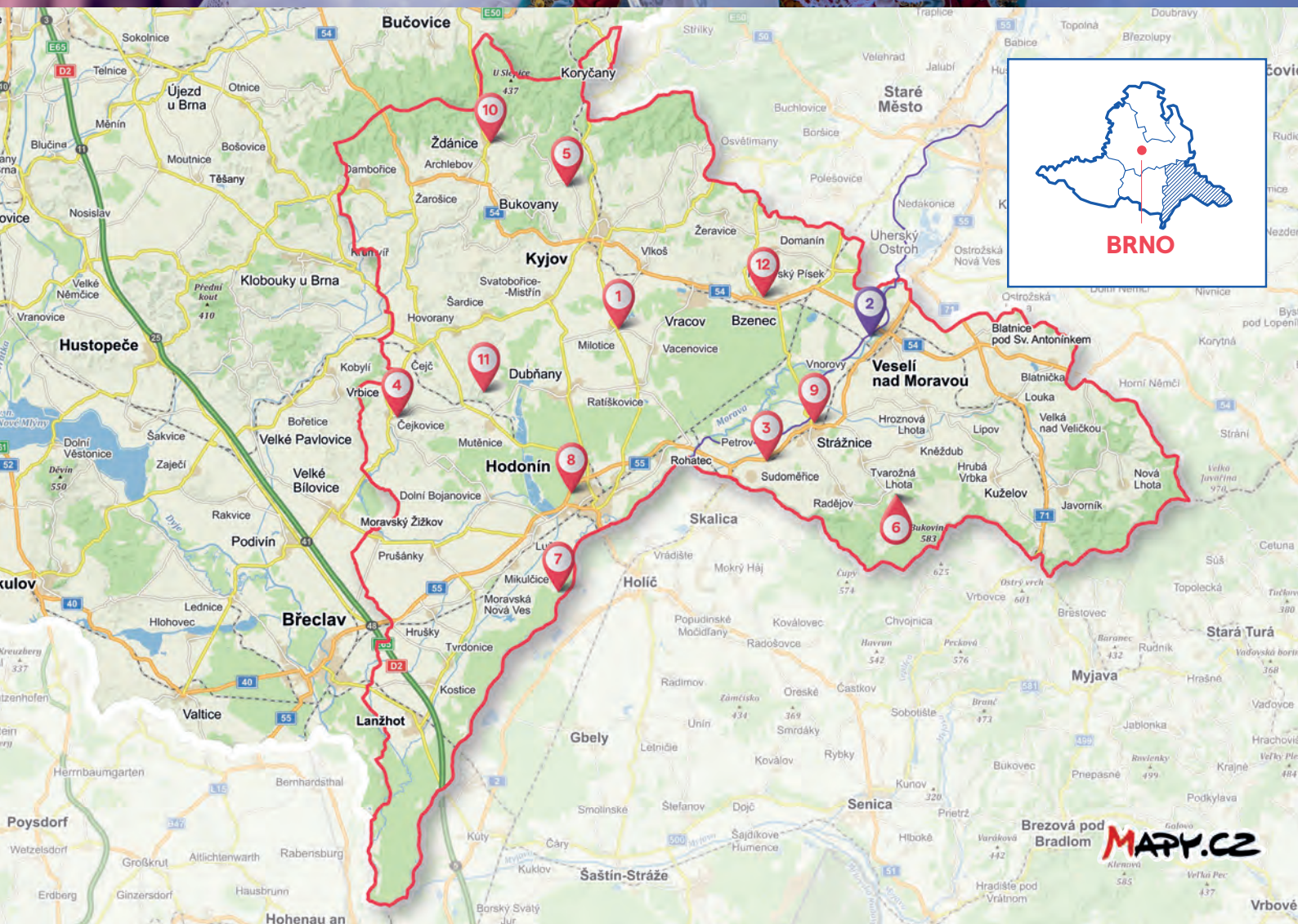


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LIKE THE LAST LADY ARISTOCRAT

The Milotice Castle, made famous by the Czech film *The Last Lady Aristocrat*, shows the life of its last owners. There is an opulent French Baroque garden, pheasantry, orangery, riding school and stable on the chateau grounds. You can borrow astonishing replicas of period clothes and go on a tour wearing them. You can visit the stable and the dragon cave

with a treasure and then try the chateau café.

Extra tip: Try a pedal draisine on the old Baťa railway. Rent it just for yourselves, you will make the 3 kilometers around Ratíškovice in an hour. The route connects the Podluží Wine Trail and the Moravian Wine Trail. Make a stop at the Pražirna (Roastery) in Kyjov.

www.zamek-milotice.cz/en

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CAPTAIN A BOAT FOR ONE DAY

The Bata Canal is a unique technical monument, dedicated to recreational navigation from Otrokovice to Skalice. To this day, you can see the coal tipper in Sudoměřice and tilting bridges. Navigation also takes place on the separate river sections Kroměříž – Otrokovice and Rohatec – Hodonín. Rent a motor boat or take a more luxurious ride on a cruise ship.

There is a great cycling route along the entire waterway.

Extra tip: Become the captain of a houseboat! Combine a cruise along the Baťa Canal with discovering monuments, wine cellars and protected natural sites. There are motorboat, canoe and bicycle rentals in, for example, Veselí nad Moravou and Strážnice.

www.batacanal.cz

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THE REGION OF WINE AND APPLEBERRIES

The Piže Wine Cellars are situated fourteen kilometres from Hodonín. You cannot see such blue decoration of cellars anywhere else. The area consists of eighty wine cellars which have been built since the 15th century. Wine tourism flourishes here and also in the cellar lanes of Sudoměřice and Kozojídky.

Extra tip: Strážnice, alive with folklore and music, is four kilometres away. You are in the region of appleberry trees. Get familiar with them on the Appleberry Nature Trail, marked with a red sloping stripe. Start in the village of Tvarožná Lhota and near the Travičná Lookout Tower you can decide if you will choose the short circuit or the longer one to Radějov.

www.obec-petrov.cz

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THE LAID-BACK SLOVÁCKO REGION

Events for the public, focused on organic farming and experiential field trips, are organized in **the Sonnentor Herbal Paradise** in Čejkovice. You can relax in the herb garden of St. Hildegard and in the Tea Salon. This place exudes a unique rural atmosphere.

Extra tip: Go to Starý Poddvorov as well! There is a windmill

standing not far from there. Thanks to its ingenious construction, the mill revolved so that the blades were always on the windy side despite the enormous weight. You will see how our ancestors processed the essential grains. And the romantic night tour! The newly installed lighting shows the mill from a different perspective.

www.sonnentor.com/en-gb

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A DUTCH MILL IN MORAVIA

The Bukovany Mill near Kyjov is a fifteen-metre-high lookout tower of the Dutch type. There is a sales gallery with an exhibition of ceramics and an exposition in the mill. The atmosphere will take you back to the times of the Czechs' great-grandmothers. There is a hotel with a restaurant on the premises. Play a game of mini-golf and send your child to the

enclosure with friendly goats.

Extra tip: Try Moravian wines and traditional Moravian Slovak in the Bukovany Mill. Go to Ždánice and take a walk along the Butterfly Paradise nature trail. You can see over 80 butterfly species at the beginning of summer. Ždánický Les (Ždánice Forest) is worth a trip!

www.bukovansky-mlyn.cz/en

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THE ENCHANTING WHITE CARPATHIANS

There are five MTB circuits with single trails in the pristine nature of the White Carpathians near Strážnice. The five routes of **the Trail of Life** start in the Lučina recreation area. The facilities and the training area are situated right next to the reservoir. Enjoy the panorama of the White Carpathians, vast meadows, zigzags among trees and natural drops.

Extra tip: You can visit an exhibition on traditional homes and life in the Horňácko Region in the late 19th and early 20th centuries in the area of the windmill in Kuželov. You are in a region where people can turn fruit into a liquid form. Try it yourself for example at the local family distillery. Cheers!

www.trailoflife.cz

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SLOVÁCKO: MEET THE SLAVS

You can learn about the history of the Slavs in Great Moravia at **the Slavic Fortified Settlement in Mikulčice**, one of the most significant places illustrating Czech history. You will encounter the original fortifications of a large acropolis, the remains of sacral buildings made of stone, and a palace. Walk through the urban forest and across the Footbridge of Great Moravia.

Extra tip: Go for a walk around Hodonín, a town in the heart of Moravian Slovakia with a pleasant atmosphere and a sense of First Republic history, dedicated to spa services and relaxation. Treat yourself to a wellness procedure in the open pavilion of the Bliss Day Spa. The town is the birthplace of the first Czech president Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk.

www.masaryk.info/english

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THE HODONÍN ZOO AND BEYOND

The zoo in Hodonín is situated amidst greenery and boasts several rarities. The family of white lions is a spectacular sight, while the Siberian tigers usually do not just lie around lazily but chase each other around or frolic in the water. A 3D maze and a rope centre in the treetops is an attraction for kids.

Extra tip: The Hodonín Zoo is a starting point for a trip to a thermophilic oakwood. It is ideal for hikers, inline skaters and cyclists. It is easy to find the bike trail along the Baader Alley, which will take you to the Hodonín ponds. Their shores abound with colourful birds and photogenic flora. You can even walk across the centre of the body of water!

www.zoo-hodonin.cz

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A TREASURE OF MORAVIAN SLOVAKIA

The Strážnice Open-Air Museum will take you through history, entertain children, and show you live folklore. The Museum of Villages in South-East Moravia presents the regions of Slovácko, technical water structures, the wine-growing area and the meadow management area. Even though the terrain was artificially modelled, it corresponds to the

original environment.

Extra tip: Come and relax in Veselí nad Moravou, namely in the castle park here. It is full of rare trees, interconnected by lakes with bridges, and it features a fountain. Head to the Radošov lookout tower or to Blatnice pod Svatým Antonínkem to the origins of viticulture.

www.nulk.cz/web_skanzen

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SOUTH MORAVIA: NOT JUST WINE

The Vrbas Museum in Ždánice is a mecca for all collectors! You can see over six thousand exhibits in one place in the basement of this Renaissance chateau. Objects commemorating General Laudon, moving models of water and wind mills, medieval villages and more. There are Napoleonic, numismatic and entomological collections.

Extra tip: Directly in Ždánice, visit the Observatory and Planetarium for daily observation of the sun and an evening viewing through telescopes. Also worth visiting is Kyjov, where the brewery has a restaurant, a hotel and a beer spa all in one. Gentlemen will appreciate a hops bath, while ladies will probably prefer, a herbal bubble bath.

www.vrbasovo-muzeum.webnode.cz

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THE WINE REGION AROUND MUTĚNICE

Go to Mutěnice on foot or by bike from Hodonín. Three asphalt roads lining picturesque vineyards lead to **the Vyšicko lookout tower**, known as the Triangle. The most comfortable route leads from the square in Mutěnice towards Dubňany. The lookout tower has a triangular floor plan, a steel structure with a wooden staircase, and it is nine meters high.

Extra tip: You will love the painted cellars called budy in Mutěnice! Follow the red tourist trail from the town hall. You find six hundred wine cellars at the end of the journey and there will always be somebody who will be happy to chat about local customs with you and who will offer you a glass of Moravian wine.

www.slovacko.cz/misto/rozhledna-vysicko-mutenice

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MORAVIAN WINES AND A DESERT

The underground of the Bzenec Chateau houses the amazing Chateau Winery. You can walk through the cellars and finally taste some award-winning quality wines. You may want to go for a walk through the English park, where the famous lime tree of Bzenec has been growing for over nine hundred years. Climb up the hill across the vineyard to **the Chapel of St. Florian and**

Sebastian to have a beautiful view.

Extra tip: Visit the Váté Písky (Air-Blown Sands) natural monument with an area of almost ninety-five hectares! This biotope is a unique example of sand-loving communities. The sands come from the sediments of the Morava River which were air-blown out of the riverbed.

www.bzenec.cz