

The Green Region THE ZNOJMO AND PODYJÍ REGIONS

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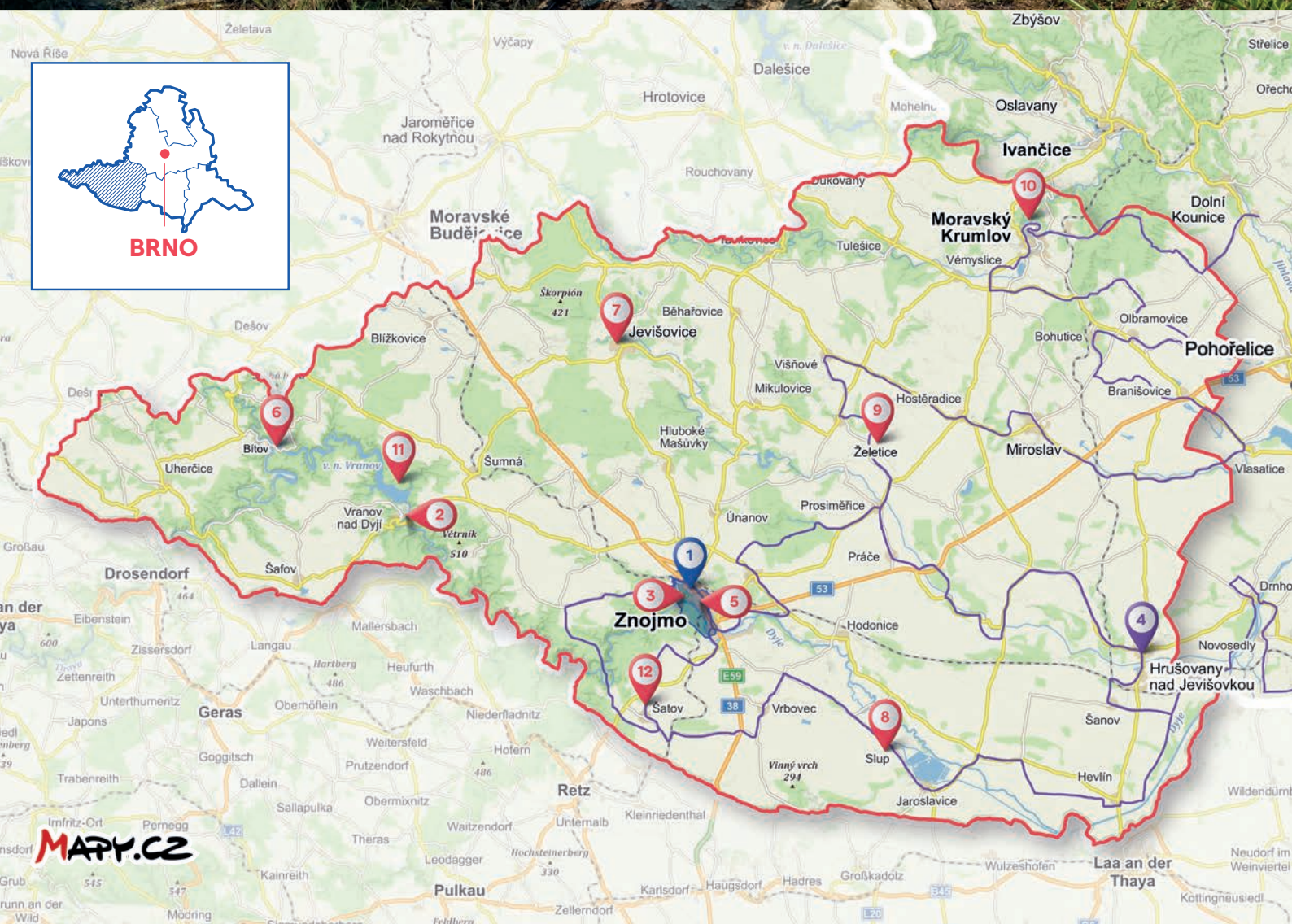
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THE HISTORY OF ZNOJMO HAS OOMPH

The royal town of Znojmo was founded by King Ottokar I of the Přemyslid dynasty. From the beautiful Gothic Town Hall Tower and Vlk Tower you can see picturesque streets and the Podyjí National Park with the peaceful Gránické Valley. Znojmo is the sunniest place in the Czech Republic and full of cosy cafés and noble churches.

Extra tip: Visit the ancient Znojmo underground! It is one of the most extensive underground labyrinths in Europe. A tourist train will take you as far as the Louka Monastery, where you can taste wines from Znovín winery in addition to tasting some history. Alternatively, you can take a wine bus (VINObus) and visit the wineries in the environs.

www.znojmskabeseda.cz/en

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NATURAL SCENERIES OF VRANOV

The Baroque Vranov nad Dyjí Chateau is situated on a steep rock in the wonderful landscape of the Podyjí National Park. The interiors are furnished with luxurious items, precious works of art and the impressive Hall of Ancestors. You can even find a decorative garden here.

Extra tip: A lovely view of the chateau and the picturesque

town of Vranov nad Dyjí? See it from the Lovers' Lookout! In summer, a sightseeing train goes from Vranov to the Vranov Reservoir and the beach. Try an object-hunting game, a game for hikers involving puzzles. There are three options available here: around the river, around the castle and the so-called Clary's Trail.

www.zamek-vranov.cz/en

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ZNOJMO AND PODYJÍ FOR PADDLERS

Everyone will enjoy the Dyje River! Equipment, courses and helpful instructors are available at the **Stará Vodárna (Old Waterworks) paddling centre**. Board the canoe here and you will reach the Křovice campsite after 15 kilometres, and then Hrádek, a famous wine-growing area, after another 11 kilometres. See the nature of the borderland from a boat!

Extra tip: By bike, on foot, by car, on a horseback... or in a canoe! Podyjí is the only national park in Moravia, so it offers a wide range of options. The river valley in a landscape with plenty of forests will enchant you. You can go hiking to the Sealsfield's Stone, for instance. Steep rocks versus relaxing meanders of the river.

www.centrumvodarna.cz

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SOUTH MORAVIA WITH WINE

Try the **Moravian wine trails!** The longest, the Znojemská Trail, is 189 kilometres long and connects 55 wine-growing villages. Explore the vast area of aromatic white wines. Those who like straight roads through vineyards should try the trail near Moravský Krumlov. Romantic souls will love the winding route near the meanders of the Dyje River. The

Podyjí National Park offers a more demanding terrain.

Extra tip: The phenomenon of South Moravia are cellar alleys. They are usually situated at the edge of villages and you will be enchanted by their atmosphere. Clinking of glasses, friendly chatting and singing can be heard from the slightly open doors of the cellars.

www.vinarske.stezky.cz

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AROUND ZNOJMO AND WINE TASTING

The Gothic Znojmo Castle from the 11th century is situated in the centre but its walls offer a spectacular view of the green valley of the Dyje River. Take a peek in the ladies' boudoir and in the gentlemen's saloon with oriental works of art. The South Moravian Museum in Znojmo invites you to other precious monuments!

Extra tip: The castle complex houses a Brewing Exhibition and the famous Rotunda of St. Catherine is also on its premises. As a royal town, Znojmo has the remnants of a castle fortification and a defensive tower. You can find some refreshments in HoZpoda and ReZtaurace in the brewery or in the Enotéka wine shop with a design café.

www.muzeumznojmo.cz/en

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ROMANCE IN THE BÍTOV REGION

Go and live romance at **the Cornštejn Castle Ruins**, which pulses with life all season. Jugglers, medieval music and performances by swordsmen – you will have history within easy reach. If you cross the bridge, you will get to the Bítov Castle with stuffed dogs and a torture chamber.

Extra tip: Have you come by

bike? Try the twelve-kilometre-long Pivovarská 12 (Brewery Lager) bike trail. Start at the Hvězdička lookout, go across the forest to the Slaměný Most, to the Jezírko Lásky and the Bítov Castle. If you have come by car, go to the Uherčice Chateau. The flourishing premises of the chateau will guide you through architectural styles and a wonderful park.

www.navstivtevransko.cz/en

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JEVIŠOVICKO'S CHATEAUX AND NATURE

A beautiful Renaissance chateau with rich history. Visit **Starý Zámek in Jevišovice** with two sightseeing routes, a chateau and a forecourt. Walk across the courtyard and visit St. Louis' Chapel with a unique painting of the Circumcision of the Lord. You can see a collection of folk furniture, historical musical instruments and even the chateau kitchen!

Extra tip: The Jevišovice Reservoir is dedicated to fishing and recreation and forms part of the Jevišovka Nature Park. Here the Veselka campsite is found, with a cosy beach. The chateau in Boskovštejn houses the largest European collection of bicycles! Not far from Hluboké Mašůvky, you can enjoy romantic views with the landmark of the Lapikus Castle Ruins.

www.jevisovice.info/en

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NEAR THE AUSTRIAN BORDER

Visit **the large snow-white mill in Slup**. This remarkable Renaissance building has four functional water wheels and a millstream. The Development of Milling exhibition will show you the whole milling process on the original equipment. The Technical Museum in Brno won first place in the Gloria Musaealis competition for this exhibition.

Extra tip: You can visit Chateau Jaroslavice four kilometres from Slup. This chateau with an amazing colonnade is located on a hill above the town. Although it is one of the most precious Renaissance treasures in the Czech Republic, it is now in a dilapidated state. Continue to a deer farm on the Ječmeniště vineyard track from there.

www.tmbno.cz/en/pamatky/water-mill-in-slup

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HAND-MADE PAPER OR A GIANT PUZZLE

The “Stará Škola” paper mill and museum in Želetice is only 16 kilometres from Znojmo. In the sky-blue manufacturing works, handmade paper is produced in the same way as two thousand years ago. Go for a tour and try it for yourself. You can decorate your sheet of paper with, for example, tea leaves or crushed minerals.

Extra tip: Lego in a chateau? Mucha’s Slav Epic artwork as a huge puzzle? This is nothing out of the ordinary in Miroslav Chateau. If you fancy a tour other than the classic one, follow the Scary Trail and discover the legends of Czech and Moravian castles. Then go along the nature trail of the Miroslavské Kopce (Miroslavské Hills) Natural Monument.

www.handmadepaper.cz/en

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MUCHA AND DISCGOLF

The chateau in Moravský Krumlov has become famous thanks to Mucha’s Slav Epic. There is also a large Jewish cemetery with tombstones centuries old near the castle park. A pleasant walk will take you to **the pilgrimage chapel of St. Florian**, a lovely structure with an unbelievably beautiful view.

Extra tip: There are rare conifers growing in the vast English park. It is a perfect place to have a picnic and play discgolf. In the centre of Krumlov, the Knight House Museum is worth visiting, and those who long for nature should try the Krumlov-Rokytná Conglomerate nature trail. The bike-friendly wine trail of Znojmo also passes through this place.

www.mkrumlov.cz

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VRANOV’S “ADRIATIC”

The Vranov Reservoir is one of the warmest and cleanest in the Czech Republic. You are in the Podyjí National Park with the Baroque chateau Vranov nad Dyjí rising above you. There are sightseeing steamboats sailing across the reservoir and around it you can enjoy cycling all the way to Austria.

Extra tip: A white elevated

walkway connects Vranov nad Dyjí with a sandy beach. Fans of yachting and windsurfing love it here and you can rent the necessary equipment. You can find other two beaches in the western part, one of which is hidden in the beautiful Bítov Cove. Also here is the Tatra Veteran Museum and Firemen’s! There is a Museum of Motorcycles in nearby Lesná.

www.vranovska-plaz.cz/en

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BORDERLAND GEMS AROUND ZNOJMO

Fans of military history treasure the pre-war Czechoslovak fortification. **The premises in Šatov** and the infantry cabins MJ-S Zahrada (Garden) and MJ-S 2 Úvoz (Ravine) are maintained by the Technical Museum Brno. The Zahrada infantry cabin is a great retro trip back to the 1980s. The preserved strip of fortresses along the border with Austria is worth making an excursion!

Extra tip: The visitor centre of the Podyjí National Park in Čížov is situated next to the Iron Curtain Memorial and the long-distance EV13 bike trail leads here. Nový Hrádek u Lukova castle ruins look like a setting for fairy tales. The formerly guarded border zone allowed nature to take back its part of the castle and it literally merged with the walls.

www.tnbrno.cz/en/pamatky/infantry-block