

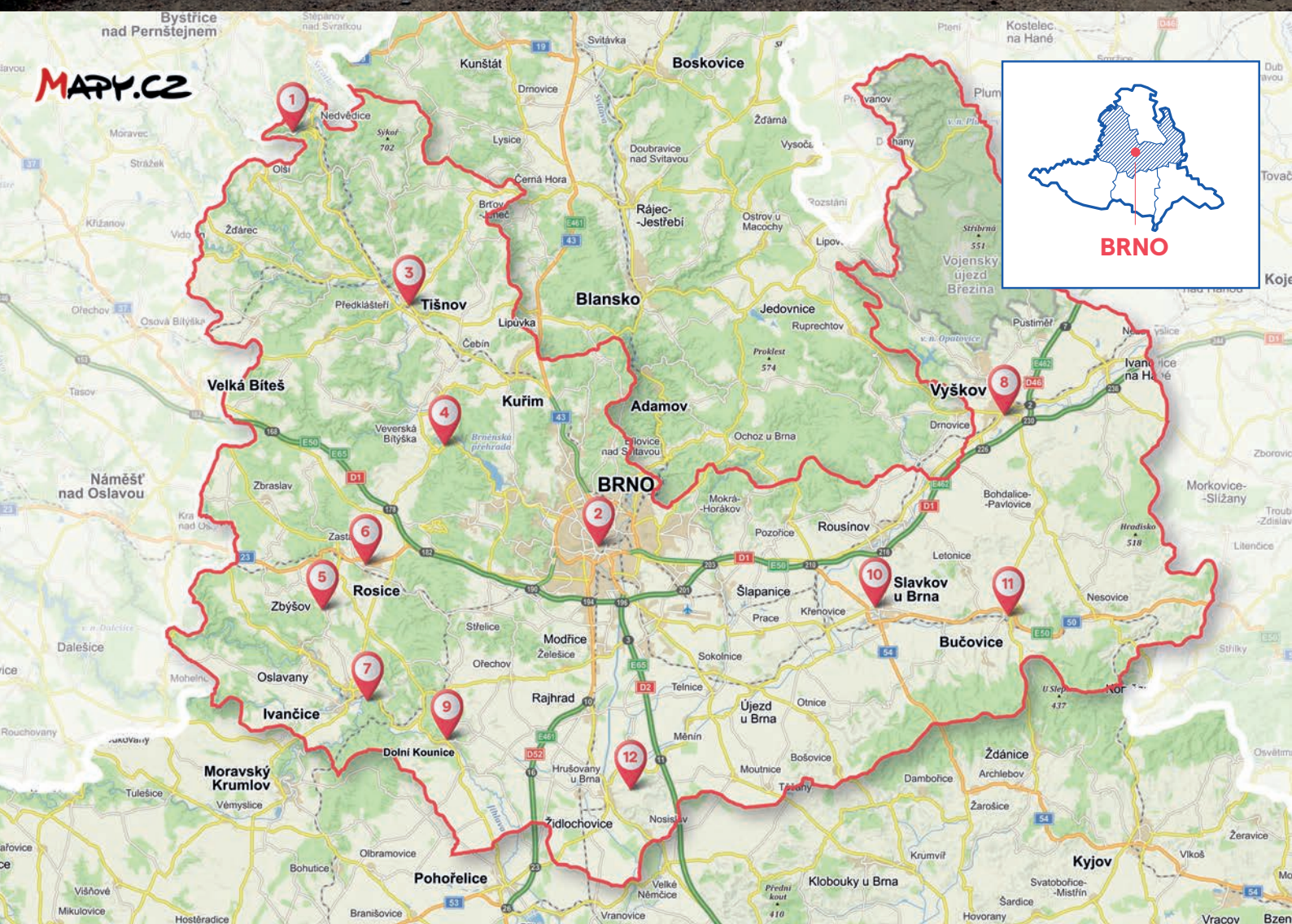
A Varied Region BRNO AND ENVIRONS

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MORAVIA'S MOST PHOTOGENIC CASTLE

Pernštejn Castle sits on a high rock. Over eight centuries, even the fiercest conquerors could not manage to conquer it. Take a tour of the castle garden – on your own or with a guide. Visitors with limited mobility have also been considered. You will see charming small buildings, such as a Chinese pavilion, a hermitage and a Turkish bath.

Extra tip: Go to Pernštejn with your kids! They will be excited about the tour called The White Lady Has Got Lost. A game called The Beads of Elisa the Chambermaid is also popular, this is a simple object-hunting game for the whole family. Follow the Pernštejn nature trail, go along one of the bike trails around Tišnov and make a stop at the Porta Coeli Convent.

www.hrad-pernstejn.cz/en

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AN EXTREMELY LAID-BACK CITY

Brno is a city of architecture. Villa Tugendhat is the most famous building, but there is also the Jurkovič Villa, Villa Stiassni, Villa Löw-Beer, or the Mitrovský Summer House. You can explore the city and save with the BRNOPAS. Try the tips from the Gourmet Brno gastronomic guide. The observatory with a planetarium and VIDA! science centre turns

science into fun. Visiting the TIC infocentres or GOtoBRNO.cz.

Extra tip: An intricate underground labyrinth is situated under the Zelný Trh. Guides will take you on a 50-minute excursion through mysterious corridors and cellars. Visit the largest ossuary in Europe at the Church of St. James.

www.gotobrna.cz/en

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TIŠNOV IS MORE THAN JUST BEER

The quiet banks of the Svratka River in the local forests were celebrated by Czech poet Nezval. You will be guided by **the Tišnovsko bike trail** – visit for example Lomnice! Jewish sights, a monumental church and a brewery. You will discover a unique lattice bridge in Borač. Then further on to Doubravník. The local Church of the Exaltation of the Holy

Cross and the tombs of the lords of Pernštejn and Mitrov are decorated with blue marble from Nedvědice.

Extra tip: Tišnov Beer Trail is a game for adult lovers of beer and cycling in the magical landscape of the Tišnov region. Whoever gets the stamps from all participating breweries will be crowned king of beer.

www.gofrombrno.cz

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VEVEŘÍ CASTLE, A DESTINATION

A large reservoir and a huge castle just outside Brno. Churchill came here once on his honeymoon. You can go on a self-guided tour of the castle. The most comfortable way of getting to the castle and back is by car or by steamer.

Extra tip: Make an all-day trip to **the Veverí Castle** around the Brno Reservoir – follow the red

tourist route from the dock, you will find the castle and well-deserved refreshments at your destination. Or come to the castle for an annual sausage and wine show at the end of winter and the beginning of spring. It is the largest Czech event of this type. You can smell the smoked meat from far away and the wine is flowing.

www.hrad-veveri.cz/en

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SOUTH MORAVIA'S COAL MINING

Black coal was mined here in ten mines starting from the 18th century! The galleries up to 1.5 km deep are unique in Central Europe. Follow the Permons' Trails from the village of Zastávka. Go along the rails of the Museum of Industrial Railways to Babice and Zbýšov. Do not miss the majestic **mining tower of the Simson Mine** in Zbýšov and the views from the

local mine dump.

Extra tip: Leave the Permons' Trail and follow the green tourist trail to the Rybičková Skála natural monument. It is a real atlas of the Paleozoic Era! Or discover the "Rosice Lighthouse", i.e. the Baroque Chapel of the Holy Trinity and the interesting nature trails around.

www.mikroregionkahan.cz

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WEST OF BRNO

Formerly a Gothic castle and today a Renaissance chateau.

The dominant feature of Rosice hides toys and an anti-nuclear shelter. You can visit decorated chambers and the chapel. The permanent exhibition of toys includes pieces from the 1950s to this day. Knightly contests, Easter events, evening tours in costumes or the Garlic Fest in

September take place there.

Extra tip: Are you fond of technical monuments? Go and see the perfectly renovated Kukla mining tower in Oslavany. And also the castle where you can find the Museum of Mining and Energy. If the weather is hot, you can have a swim in a lovely biotope lake right behind the castle.

www.zamek-rosice.cz

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THE WHIMSICAL IVANČICE REGION

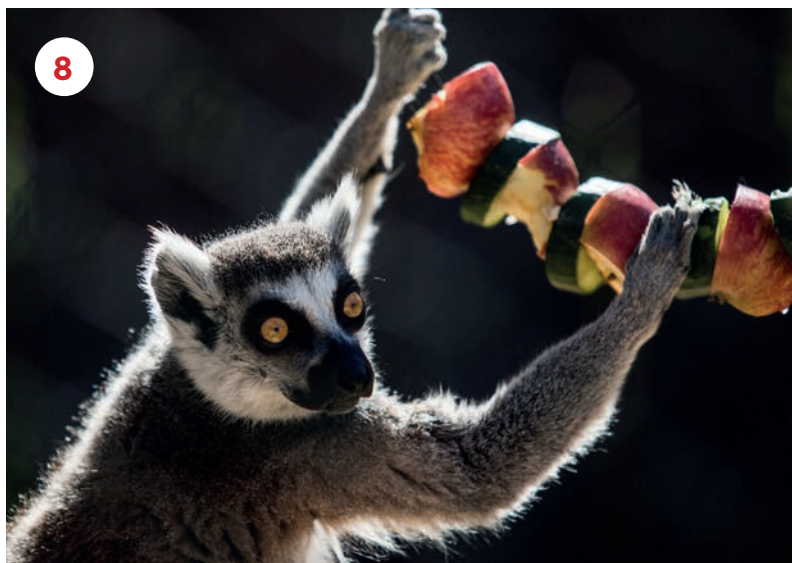
The picturesque Ivančice region, where actor Vladimír Menšík and painter Alfons Mucha were born. Follow the red tourist trail from **the Réna Park**. You will encounter sculptures by Josef Zahradník and a lookout tower above them, which has been standing there since 1930. Minimalist, made of concrete, this one of the smallest lookout towers in

the Czech Republic.

Extra tip: The asparagus from Ivančice used to be a more famous export item than Pilsen beer. The Festival of Asparagus and Wine is held here every May. Take a look around the beautiful landscape from the church tower in Ivančice. Visit the local information centre and draw new inspiration.

www.gofrombrno.cz

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SEE THE ANIMALS OF VYŠKOV

The **Zoo Park Vyškov** is the only Czech zoo which mainly breeds domestic and farm animals from all over the world. In addition to many breeds of rabbits and hens, there are also exotic lemurs and parrots. Visit a replica of a farm from the Haná region with an exhibition on traditional rural life, an underground aquarium and terrarium.

Extra tip: Head to the DinoPark with a single ticket! You can make the journey by a DinoExpress train. Try the aerial lift where you will fly above the park like a pterodactyl! The planetarium in the Marchance Grove is yet another part of the zoo. It offers you a chance to observe the sun during the day using special telescopes.

www.zoo-vyskov.cz/basic-information

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MAGICAL DOLNÍ KOUNICE

The Rosa Coeli Convent in Dolní Kounice is in ruins, but the preserved parts are of great architectural value and enormous charm. Go there on your own or with a guide. You can book a tour of the convent, synagogue and the town even outside the opening hours all year round.

Extra tip: Stay in Kounice a little

longer. Here you can find a castle and a chateau in one place. Come for weekend tours and festivities of local food and wine tastings. Also visit one of the oldest synagogues in Moravia. You can find the famous local Blaufränkisch grape, known here as Frankovka, at the U Plačků winery. The highlight of the trip is a swim near Stříbský Mlýn (Stříbský Mill).

www.dolnikounice.cz/en

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NAPOLEONIC SLAVKOV AND MORE

The beautiful Slavkov Chateau plus the park. A truce between France and Austria was signed there on 6 December 1805. Many visitors are drawn by the festival called Napoleonic Days in November. Exhibitions from jewellery to wine are held at the chateau, and you explore a bakery and a torture chamber in the underground labyrinth. Period costumes can

be borrowed for a tour on the children's route!

Extra tip: A Game with Ancient Gods – an object-hunting game in the chateau park. You should not miss the Slavkov Brewery and the Cairn of Peace which is at the centre of the Slavkov Battlefield monument preservation area. There is a great multimedia exhibition inside it.

www.zamek-slavkov.cz/en/home-eng

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CHATEAUS AND NATURAL BEAUTY

Bučovice Chateau equals genuine Italian refinement. It is the only gem like this north of the Alps. The original (not rebuilt!) Renaissance chateau is the implementation of an original design, including the garden and the moat. The ninety columns of the arcade courtyard are decorated by reliefs. And the fountains! Mermaids are sitting on dolphins and dragon

heads spew water.

Extra tip: When was the last time you looked up at a myriad of stars? The observatory in Ždánice boasts dazzling views of space. Unlike many other places, there is no light pollution here and you will enjoy a luxurious spectacle. Finish this trip in Bošovice with the only parrot zoo in Europe.

www.zamek-bucovice.cz/en

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THE ACACIA TOWER

The unique structure of **the Akátová Věž lookout tower** combines concrete, metal and wood. It is 17.7 meters high and visitors will get to the top by climbing steps. The viewing platform stands at an elevation of 369.5 meters. The lookout tower is accessible 24/7 and it is free of charge. It is part of the Výchon tourist circuit.

Extra tip: Válka Winery offers organic wine in the Výchon Nature Park. Also visit Rajhrad. There is the Museum of Literature in Moravia in the local monastery. The Benedictine Library with 65,000 books is like the Sistine Chapel and features vaults with ceiling frescoes, stucco decorations, a giant mechanical globe and other attractions.

www.zidlochovicko.cz/en