

JULY 2026

ŠUMPERK



Welcome to Šumperk, a town with a rich history connected to the tradition of the textile industry, but also known for the infamous witch trials.

Šumperk lies in the valley of the Desná River and is considered the cultural and sports centre of north-western Moravia. Thanks to its location and diverse cultural life, it is often called the “Living Gateway to the Jeseníky Mountains”.

Among the main landmarks of the town are the Town Hall, the Monastery Church of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary, the Church of St. John the Baptist and the Geschader House. Another important part of the town’s architecture is the elegant villas and palaces built at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries, when Šumperk began to be nicknamed the “Little Vienna”.



VIEWS FROM THE CITY HALL TOWER

From the gallery of the Town Hall tower, visitors can enjoy a unique bird’s-eye view of the town of Šumperk as well as the panorama of the Hrubý Jeseník Mountains, dominated by the highest mountain in Moravia – Praděd. Visitors are accompanied to the viewing gallery by a guide based in the basement of the Town Hall.

Reservations for the tour must be made through the reservation system.

WITCH TRIALS

The infamous inquisition trials of 1679–1694 belong to the darkest chapters in the history of Šumperk and its surroundings. The permanent exhibit, located in the cellars of the Geschader House (European Community House), presents this dramatic period through an audio guide narrated by the voice of the inquisitor Jindřich František Boblig of Edelstadt.

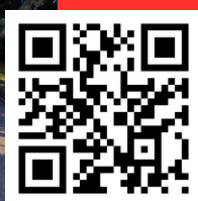
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MUSEUM OF HISTORY

Visit the Šumperk Regional Museum, located in the historic Pavlín dvůr complex, showcasing the nature and history of northwestern Moravia. In addition to the permanent exhibits, it offers temporary exhibitions, cultural programs, and Muzejíčko – an interactive space for the youngest visitors.

Monday: Closed
Tuesday–Sunday: 9.00–17.00



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LITTLE VIENNA

Discover the elegance of “Little Vienna” hidden beneath the peaks of the Jeseníky Mountains. As you walk past magnificent villas and palaces from the town’s most prosperous period, you will experience the atmosphere of the late 19th century, when the rapid development of the textile industry transformed Šumperk and gave it the appearance of Vienna. During your walk, you can use the SmartGuide audio guide, which offers interesting stories at individual locations. The audio tour is available in four languages (CZ, EN, DE, PL)



MONASTERY CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

Discover the unique atmosphere and acoustics of the church, explore its artistic decoration, and visit the crypt. Originally part of the Dominican monastery founded in 1293, the church is now deconsecrated and hosts cultural and social events.

Enhance your visit with the SmartGuide audio guide – stop at the marked spots inside the church and let it take you through the history and artistic treasures of one of Šumperk’s oldest landmarks.

July, August: Monday–Sunday 10.00–16.00

NATURE AND ACTIVITIES

Šumperk lies at the foothills of the Jeseníky Mountains and its surroundings offer beautiful nature and many scenic viewpoints.

The municipal forest, the starting point of many hiking trails, begins just a few minutes from the town centre.

You can set out, for example, to the Městské skály rocks, the Kokeš viewing platform or the quiet pools in the Enchanted Forest (Čarovný les), ideal for relaxing in nature. The Háj lookout tower offering impressive views of the town and the surrounding landscape is also a popular destination for visitors.

The observation tower Háj is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., weather permitting.

The area around the town also offers marked cycling routes for both recreational and experienced cyclists, as well as a cycle trail for downhill enthusiasts.

After an active day, you can relax at the Aquacentrum Šumperk or at the summer swimming pool.

