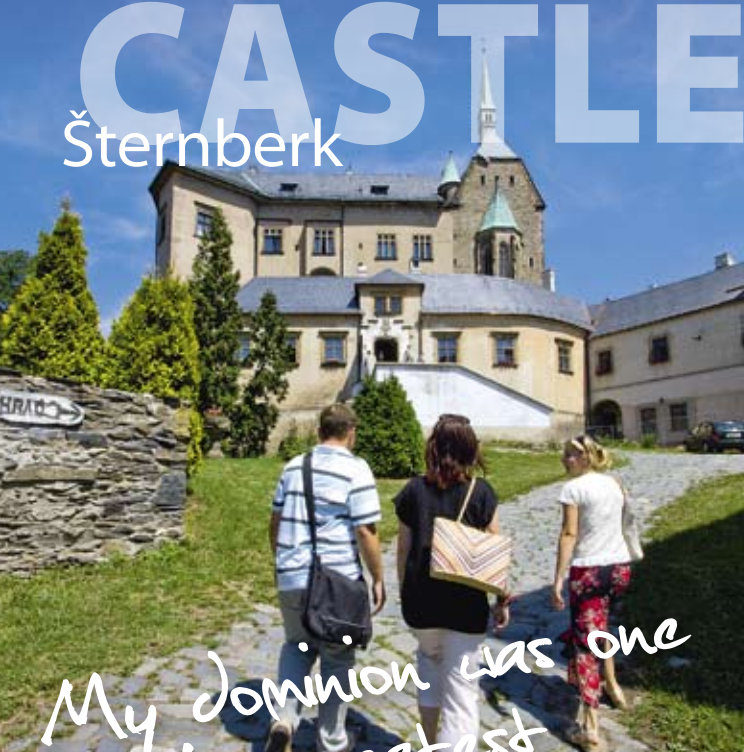


Šternberk



My dominion was one of the greatest

The history of the castle is closely linked to the settlement and later the town of the same name. The castle was established by the noble family of Šternberk between 1253 and 1269.

Apart from remnants of the fortifications and walls of the main palace only the massive cylindrical tower made of rough rubble masonry remains of the original building. A parish church, later even a monastery, the Town Hall and manor houses were built in the immediate environs of the castle.

After Albert II of Šternberk had fortification walls built in 1376, Šternberk became the economic, administrative and judicial centre of the vast dominion belonging to the noble family of Šternberks. The dominion flourished so much that it ranked among the greatest in Moravia. The castle was often rebuilt, expanded and modified so it is possible to find elements of all the architectural styles here – from the Gothic style to Classicism.



Things you cannot see anywhere else

- Pieces of art by Dutch, Italian, German and Czech artists are interesting for their artistic decoration which encompasses works created in a period covering over 500 years (14th to 19th century)
- A unique set of tile stoves
- A collection of Gothic and Renaissance wooden sculptures and a reproduction of the Gothic sculpture known as the Šternberk Madonna.
- Perhaps the oldest preserved Early Renaissance woodcutting in Moravia - The Passion of St. Kunhuta
- A rare set of stone details, panel paintings, glass paintings and a collection of hunting trophies
- "Representation Hall" with unique vaulting
- A passenger lift from the Art Nouveau period



Don't forget to visit!

The wooded park created by the Viennese architect Albert Esch between 1907 and 1909 is currently covered with tall trees and adds an ideal touch to the romantic atmosphere of the castle and its surroundings.

Šternberk Castle has remained the dominant feature of the town and attracts many visitors with its exceptional atmosphere. Its importance was enhanced in 2001 when the castle was declared a national cultural monument.

Tours:

1. "**“LIECHTENSTEIN COLLECTION TOUR”**" includes the chapel, hall and rooms of the first floor furnished with the interiors of the last owners. Length of tour: 40–50 min.

2. "**“DEFUNCT NOBLE RESIDENCES OF NORTH MORAVIA TOUR”**" shows interiors of the second floor where exhibits collected in 1950s from Moravian castles closed to the public are on display. Length of tour: 40–50 min.

3. "**“GRAND TOUR”**" – includes both the first and the second tours together. Length of tour: 80–100 min.

More information at www.hrad-sterberk.cz



Šternberk

Situated in the foothills

The central Moravian town of Šternberk is situated in the foothills of the Nízký Jeseník Mountains approximately 13 km north of Olomouc. Its position is unique to a certain extent because it is created by the edge of a lowland and highland area. The town looks over the fertile lands of the Upper Moravian Valley in the south and north, and the first forested hills of the Nízký Jeseník Mountains start to rise in the east.

Present-day Šternberk has a population of 15 000. It breathes a rich history and offers a combination of the beautiful surrounding countryside and the fast pace of modern life.

All visitors are overwhelmed by the town-dominating castle visible from a great distance, the complex of buildings belonging to a former monastery with the impressive Church of the Annunciation of the Lord and a vast set of finely renovated merchant-class houses. The renovated Classicist character of the town imparts a calming impression and visitors can feel a strong sense of its own originality.



The beauties of nature are yet another reason for visiting Šternberk and the near surroundings and for gaining new energy. Discover the mushroom-picking paradise, attractive hiking and cycling routes or just relax after a refreshing summer dip in a natural swimming hole or swimming pool.

The most significant signs of modern times in Šternberk come in the form of the odour of petrol and the sounds of roaring engines. The town of Šternberk is famous throughout Europe for its popular Ecce Homo hill climb car race. Šternberk is a town that is close to anywhere you want to go and which definitely deserves your visit.



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CULTURE



A rich culture and history

Culture and Art? Still Alive!!!

The modern tradition of the Šternberk Summer of Culture came into being over 10 years ago. A series of cultural events for people of all ages take place during the summer. Šternberk was the source of inspiration for a number of great artists and painters in the past. Currently the highly original painter Libor Vojkůvka, the academic Petr Zlámal and the sculptor Petr Kuba are living and creating their works in the town. The complex of the former Augustinian monastery offers a tour of the monastery cellars, as well as permanent exhibits and exhibitions.

Handke Gallery with wine cellars – explore the unique heritage of Šternberk painter Jan Krystof Handke in the monastery gallery
Šternberk Town Gallery – modern art enthusiasts will take interest in its exhibition
Town Cultural Facility – organisation of cultural events



Regular events:

May – **May Floral Market**

July – **Předzahrada**, vystoupení folkových kapel v bývalém augustiniánském kláštře ve Šternberku

July – August – **Šternberk Summer of Culture**

August – **Šternberk Moundc** – rock festival

September – **Ecological Fair and days of craft**, craft binding, display and sales of products, presentation and sales of health food products
December – **Christmas market**



The oldest written record

of the town of Šternberk dates to 1296. The times of true blossoming and prosperity came in the 2nd half of the 14th century during the time of Albert of Šternberk when the town acquired all the privileges of a feudal town. The founders of the castle and the town, the noble family of Šternberk, had an eight-pointed star painted, carved and inscribed into their crest. The star later became the crest of the town.

Dominant features of the town:

1253–1269 The castle is founded by the noble family of Šternberk

1371 The monastery of The Canons Regular of Saint Augustine and the Church of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary are built. The Baroque reconstructions which can be seen today dates back to the 18th century.

1719 A Plague Marian column is built in front of the Church of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary.

1868 The present Town Hall is built. A group of historically valuable houses with a rare number of Classicist portals is also an integral part of the city monument zone (1992).

ECCE HOMO



Ecce Homo? That's it!

The organisers of the first running of the Ecce Homo hill climb race in 1905 could not have dreamt that the track would be used after more than 100 years with cars, participants and supporters from all over Europe. The original name of the race Ecce Homo – "Behold the Man" was probably inspired by a statue made in 1784, which stood in the highest point of the present track.

The famous Ecce Homo hill climb race was added to the European Championship series in 1981 and is the only hill climb race in the Czech Republic. Each year the best European drivers come to Šternberk to race their vehicles over the 7 800 m long track with a minimal width of 7 m.

The Ecce Homo Historic is an event showcasing the beauty of classic cars, often unique historic vehicles and the excitement of motor sports, which gradually captures the imagination of even the visitors to this attractive autumn event.

During the car races, Šternberk becomes a thriving small town full of competitive excitement, sporting rivalry and other side events. Do not miss the car race that has become synonymous with the town of Šternberk.



A must see!

June – **Ecce Homo Šternberk** – European Hill Climb Championships

September – **Ecce Homo Historic** – the Czech Hill Climb Championships and the Historic Vehicles Continuous Driving Hill Climb Contest

www.eccehomo.cz



SPORT

Move or laze about!



Šternberk Swimming Pool



Hot summer days are made for relaxation in places of cool retreat. The reconstructed Šternberk Swimming Pool with 25-meter-long swimming lanes, a water chute and slides is an ideal place for such a relaxation. Invigorate your body by jumping into the refreshing water of the outside swimming pool and let your little ones tire themselves out in the paddling pool. In addition to a refreshment kiosk there is also a restaurant on the swimming pool grounds. Enjoying a pleasant and relaxing day in the swimming pool facility is easy to do.

Šternberk Tennis Club

Located near the Šternberk Swimming Pool are tennis courts that can be rented by public. Enhance the joy of exercising on red clay with relaxation at the swimming pool.



Tennis hall

If the weather is bad you can find a retreat in the newly open inflated tennis hall, which offers two red clay courts, a locker room, restrooms and refreshments.

Dolní Žleb Natural Swimming Hole, www.sternberk.eu

U-ramp for in-line sports, Olomoucká Street

TJ Sokol Šternberk (youth club), Zahradní 23

Šternberk Football Club, Blahoslavova 15, www.fksterberk.blog.cz

Šternberk Ice Hockey Club, Blahoslavova 15, www.hctjstbk.cz, (in-line hockey ground)


Elementary schools Dr. Hrubého and Svatoplukova playground

TRIPS



Těšíkovská naturally carbonated water

The spring of Těšíkov naturally carbonated mineral water is located near the village Těšíkov (part of Šternberk) in an area with ideal terrain for hiking, mushroom-picking, cycling and recreational winter sports. The spring is a source of highly mineralised carbonated mineral water with an elevated content of silicic acid, magnesium and iron. In addition to its medicinal attributes (it is recommended for children suffering from anaemia) the water is popular for its taste. The valley of the Těšíkov Mineral Water features a 9 km long educational trail (the Green Trail) with nine stops.

 Green trail – The green trail safely runs from Šternberk to the spring (8.5 km)

Dolní Žleb

This popular recreational resort offering the possibility of a swim in a natural swimming hole, also features ideal conditions for sporting activities, angling, walking, cycling and hiking trips. The Dolní Žleb area is part of the Sovinec Nature Park and in addition to swimming also features a car camping site and a newly reconstructed boarding house.

The walk to Dolní Žleb is 3.5 km long and is suitable even for parents with children. (starting at the main square – going along the Chateau Path above the castle – following the pavement from Světlov – along the road going from the bridge below Rýmařov Hill – along Smetanova Street)



Dalov

 Yellow trail

Swimming in small Dalov Lake, which is situated in an interesting mountainous natural environment created as the result of the flooding of the former quarry. The yellow hiking trail from Šternberk is 10 km long.



Landmarks

- 1. Šternberk Castle National Monument**
tel: 585 012 935, GSM: 602 543 562 , www.hrad-sternberk.cz, www.atraktivita-moravy.cz
Opening hours: April: weekends and holidays from 9 am–4 pm, May–September: Daily except Monday from 9 am– 5 pm
October: weekends and holidays from 9 am– 4 pm
Sightseeing tours
Tour 1 “Liechtenstein Collection Tour”
Tour 2 “Defunct Noble Residences of North Moravia Tour”
Tour 3 “Grand TOUR”
- 2. The former monastery of the Canons Regular of Saint Augustine and the Church of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary**
- 3. A large group of Classicist houses** (Radniční Street)
- 4. The hospital chapel**
- 5. The plague column**

Sporting facilities

- 1. Šternberk Swimming Pool,** Svatoplukova Street, tel: 585 004 411, www.sternberk.eu, opening hours: day swimming: 9 am–7 pm evening swimming: 8 pm–10 pm outdoor swimming pool – swimming lanes 25 m, paddling pool, a water chute, slides, access to a playground with artificial surface, barrier-free access to the swimming pool, a restaurant.
- 2. Dalov Lake,** www.sternberk.eu
- 3. Dolní Žleb Natural Swimming Hol,** www.sternberk.eu
- 4. Šternberk Tennis Club,** Svatoplukova 15, tel: 602 715 288, http://tenis.sternberk.cz
- 5. U-ramp for in-line sports,** Olomoucká Street
- 6. TJ Sokol Šternberk (youth club),** Zahradní 23
Tennis courts, field for ball sports, weight room, fitness centre
- 7. Šternberk Football Club,** Blahoslavova 15, www.fksternberk.blog.cz
Rentals of grass and cinder pitches
- 8. Šternberk Ice Hockey Club,** Blahoslavova 15, www.hctjstbk.cz
Rentals of ice stadium, ice-skating for public, in-line hockey ground
- 9. Šternberk Shooting Club**
Horní náměstí 8 (the Upper Square), www.strelklub-sternberk.wz
- 10. Elementary schools Dr. Hrubého and Svatoplukova playground**
Artificial surface playground open to public during summer holidays and after lessons the rest of the year.

Leisure time

- 11. Disco Lidovka, Olomoucká 68**
tel: 585 015 393, www.discolidovka.cz
- 12. Disco Music Club – Pálava, Tr. ČSA 13**
tel: 585 013 759, www.pensionvezka.com/palava/onas.html
- 13. Magic bowling,** Bojovníků za svobodu 7, tel: 585 002 214
- 14. Internet Café Trafika**
Oblouková 34, tel: 585 004 564, www.sternberk.net/i/
- 15. Šternberk Gallery,** Radniční 3, www.galeriesternberk.net
- 16. Handke Gallery, Handke Civic Group**
Farní 3, tel: 604 591 340, www.handke.cz ,
Opening hours: Mo–Sun 10 am–5 pm, www.sternberk.eu
Bike storage for tourists: Handke Civic Group: daily 10 am-5 pm, free of charge

Accommodation and restaurants

- 1. Hotel M ***,** Čechova 11, tel: 585 011 742, www.hotelm.cz
- 2. Hotel Šternberský dvůr,** Čs. armády 24
tel: 585 012 990, www.hotelsternberskydvur.cz
- 3. Penzion Na kiosku **, Na Kiosku 1**
tel: 585 013 966, (586) 736 688 070, www.penzionkiosk.cz
- 4. Penzion U hradu,** Ořechová 27
tel: 585 013 355, www.sweb.cz/pensionhrad
- 5. Penzion U zlatého muflona,** Dolní Žleb 941
tel: 585 002 665, 776 682 574, www.zlatymuflon.cz
- 6. Penzion Věžka,** Uničovská 99
tel: 585 012 262, 604 199 911, www.pensionvezka.com
- 7. Hostel hotel Sport,** Blahoslavova 15,
tel: 585 012 761, 605 335 477, www.hctjstbk.cz
- 8. Car camping site Šternberk** (category A*), Dolní Žleb 26
tel: 585 011 300, www.campsternberk.cz
- 9. Knor Restaurant,** Horní náměstí 4, tel: 777 846 993
- 10. Prim Restaurant,** Masarykova 20, tel: 585 015 454
www.restaurace.cz/olomouc/restaurace-prim
- 11. Magic Restaurant**
Bojovníků za svobodu 7, tel: 585 002 214
- 12. Slaviv House Restaurant**
nám. Svobody 1, tel: 585 002 802
- 13. Restaurant Sport,** Blahoslavova 15, tel: 608 766 141
- 14. Café Věžka,** Uničovská 99
tel: 585 012 262, www.pensionvezka.cz
- 15. Pizzeria/ Pizzeria Fortuna,** Svatoplukova 1
tel: 585 012 350, www.sternberk.eu
- 16. Café Bar,** Horní náměstí 14,
tel: 585 011 179 www.sternberk.eu
- 17. Café Bar – Expedition P.c.,** Potoční 13
tel: 724 421 987, www.expedice-pc.cz
- 18. Hungaria Bar,** Radniční 3, tel: 585 013 436

Explanatory notes

- Dogs possible
- Non-smoking section
- Barrier-free access

Wi-Fi coverage

1.–2. Sound information system for tourists

1.–9. Information system for tourists



Information trail of the Šternberk city monument zone

- 1. From this untraditional „manual crank” information system you will find information about the founding of the town of Šternberk,** interesting facts about the city walls and fortification gates and will learn something about the town architecture.
- 2. At this stop you will learn interesting facts about the busiest street in Šternberk – třída ČSA (ČSA Avenue),** which in the past began and ended with the town fortification gates. You will also find out that the Austrian Emperor Francis I and the Russian Czar Alexander I had breakfast together in Šternberk in 1805, and that German men of letters worked here in the 20th century.
- 3. At this stop you will learn interesting facts about people who shaped the present face of Šternberk** – about investors, mainly wealthy weavers, who in the times of their economic affluence invested into building new houses and into builders who realised their dreams.
- 4. At this stop you will learn everything about the Šternberk** gild of weavers and goods that carried the mark “Made in Šternberk.”
- 5. At this stop you will learn little-known facts about the Main Square** where fairs were held, a pillory stood, about fires that struck the town several times and about what forms of entertainment the people of Šternberk favoured in the past.
- 6. At this stop you will learn that the most ostentatious houses inhabited by privileged citizens were built in Radniční Street.** It was a street of houses with brewing privileges where mostly scribes, portreeves, princely councillors, the highest marshal and apothecaries lived.
- 7. At this stop you will learn the most interesting facts about the origin of Radniční Street.** You will also find out that when you are walking along the pavements of Radniční Street you are actually walking on the vaults of original medieval cellars, which represent the oldest – hidden medieval history of the town.
- 8. At this stop you will learn everything about the history of Šternberk Town Hall,** about the origin of the plague column and plague epidemics which struck the town, and you will also learn a story of two castle clerks.
- 9. At this stop you will learn information about the monumental Church of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary,** which rates among the most significant ecclesiastical buildings in Moravia, about the Šternberk “špalíček” and about a well that was excavated during the reconstruction of the Upper Square in 2006.



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- Bus station/Busbahnhof
- Railway station/Zugbahnhof

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CYCLING TRAILS



Join us to discover by bike!

A growing interest among the public in actively spent holidays together with a healthy lifestyle and a strong natural and cultural potential of the Šternberk surroundings predestine the whole micro-region for cycling development. The Šternberk Micro-Region offers four cycling routes that all begin in Šternberk and go back to the town through selected villages of the micro-region.

1. Nature trails (42 km)

Šternberk square – Lužice – Moravská Huzová – Březce – Chomutov (lake) – Hynkov – Lhota nad Moravou – Strěň – Štěpánov – Liboš (a mill-race) – Hnojice (a Baroque rectory) – Šternberk square. Flat terrain with gentle elevations, suitable for all age categories.



2. Trails along water (36 km)

Šternberk square – Dolní Žleb (Sovinecko Natural Park) – Horní Žleb – Dalov (lake) – Horní Loděnice – Těšíkov (mineral water springs) – Lipina – Šternberk square. Hilly terrain with higher elevations, suitable for all age categories.



3. Historical trail (30 km)

Šternberk square – Babice (natural swimming hole) – Mladějovice (memorial linden tree) – Komárov – Řídeč – Mutkov – Chabičov (trilobite excavation site) – Hlásnice – Šternberk square. First flat, then steep climbs and long steep descents – for experienced bikers.



4. Mountain trail (57 km)

Šternberk town square – Domašov u Šternberka – Jívová – Hraničnické Petrovice – Domašov nad Bystřicí – Jívová – Věska (golf course) – Dolany (a chateau with park) – Bělkovice – Laštany (swimming pool) – Bohuňovice – Štarnov – Moravská Huzová – Lužice – Šternberk town square. Mountain terrain with long climbs and steep descents, suitable for experienced bikers.

Šternberk – Štarnov Trail, is used for in-line sports. The unique Šternberk “manual crank” information system.

