

Pardubice region



Pardubice region

- One of 14 regions in the Czech Republic
- Covers an area of 4519km²
- 505 000 inhabitants
- Highest point: Kralický Sněžník (1423 m)
- Lowest point: Labe (Elbe) near Pardubice (200m)

Pardubice region



Now let's see the most interesting places

Pardubice

- The region's capital
- Founded about 1340
- Sights:
 - Pardubice Chateau
 - Green Gate
 - Town Hall
- Nicknamed as “The City of Gingebread“



Interesting events:

- Grand Pardubice Steeplechase
- Golden Helmet (a speedway race)

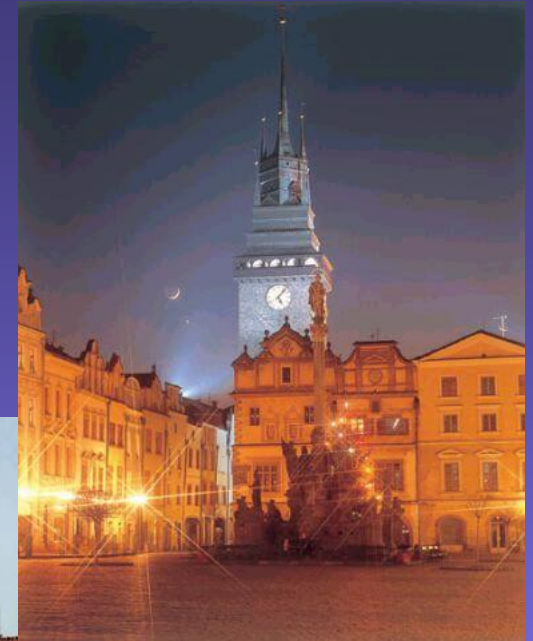
Pardubice in pictures



**Grand Pardubice
Steeplechase**



Pardubice Chateau



Green Gate

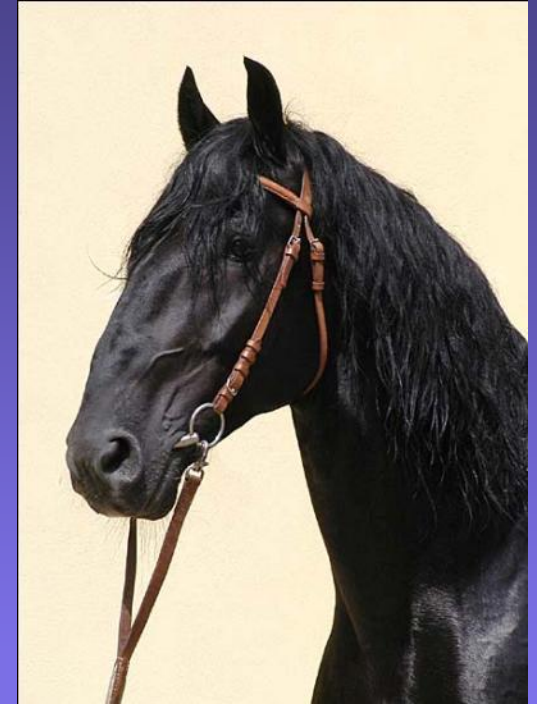


“Golden Helmet“ race

National Horse-Breeding Farm Kladruby n/Labem and Slatiňany

- One of the oldest horse-breeding farms in the world
- Founded in 1563
- The Old Kladruby horses have their origin here
- This horse race is a National cultural memory since 1995
- Nowadays the Old Kladruby Horses are bred in Kladruby and Slatiňany
- A horse museum was founded in Slatiňany in 1947

National Horse Breeding Farm in pictures



The Old Kladruby horses



Chrudim

- Founded in the 13th century
- Became the ‘dowry‘ town of Czech Queens
- Puppeteers‘ Cultures museum
- Puppeters‘ Festival



Mydlářovský Dům- The Puppeters‘ Museum



Hlinsko

- The first settlement since the 12th century
- Sights:
 - The Baroque Town Hall
 - Ježík's House



The Baroque Town Hall



CHKO Železné Hory

- A preserved landscape area declared in 1991
- Lies in the surroundings of Hlinsko and Chrudim



Veselý Kopec

- An open-air museum founded in 1972
- Shows the examples of folk architecture and culture in the 16th century
- Lies several kilometres far from Hlinsko



Veselý Kopec



The Ležáky Memorial

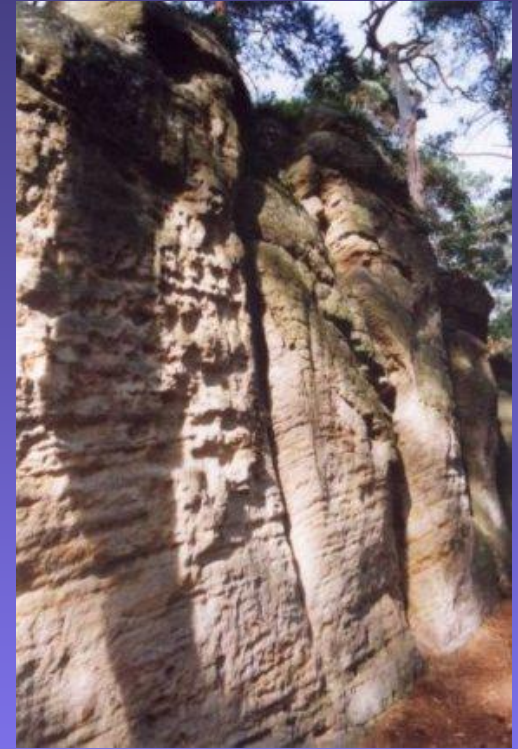
- Ležáky was a village in the former Czechoslovakia
- During the 2nd World War it was burnt by Nazis
- A memorial is standing on the place where the village used to be



Proseč



- First mentioned in the 14th century
- Tradition of glass manufacturing and pipe making
- Touloucovy Maštale - a sandstone rock complex in the surroundings



Nové Hrady

- One of the villages comprising the micro-region Toulouvcovy Maštale
- A Rococo Chateau, nicknamed as “Czech Schönbrunn“, was built here in the 18th century



Polička

- Founded in 1265
- An important centre during the Hussite Wars
- The fortification built around the town is one of the best preserved ones in Central Europe



- Birthplace of the Czech composer Bohuslav Martinů

Polička in pictures



The Old Town Hall



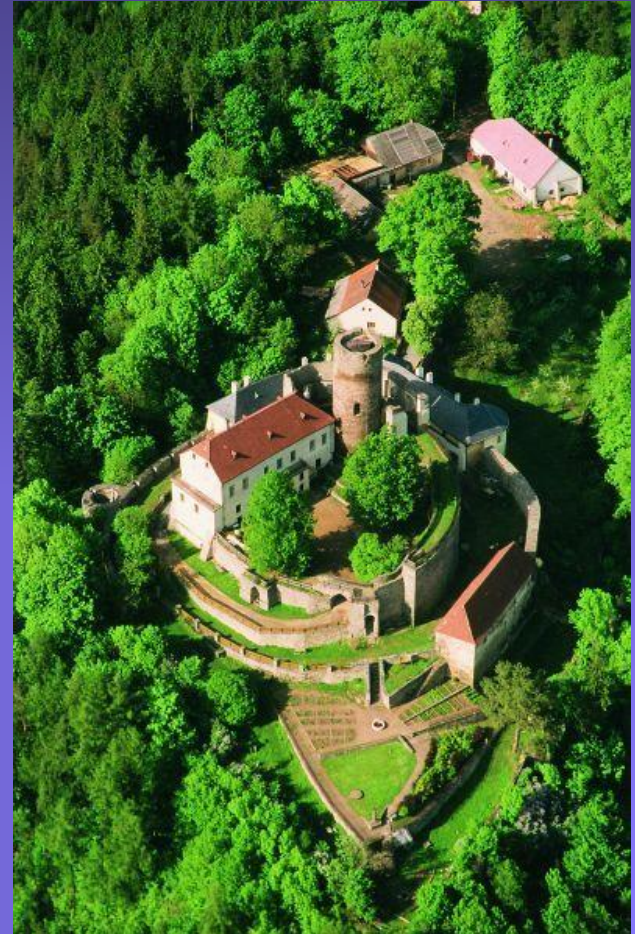
St James's Church



The Town Fortification

Svojanov

- A strategic stronghold built in 1265
- At present serves as a museum





Jevíčko

- First settlement in 1249
- Sights:
 - Church of the Ascension of the Virgin Mary.
 - The Town fortification
 - The Square



The Church



The Fortification



Moravská Třebová

- Originally a German town founded in 1260
 - In the past nicknamed as “Moravian Athens“
- Landmarks:
 - Town Hall in the square
 - the Church of the Ascension of the Virgin Mary
 - Renaissance chateau

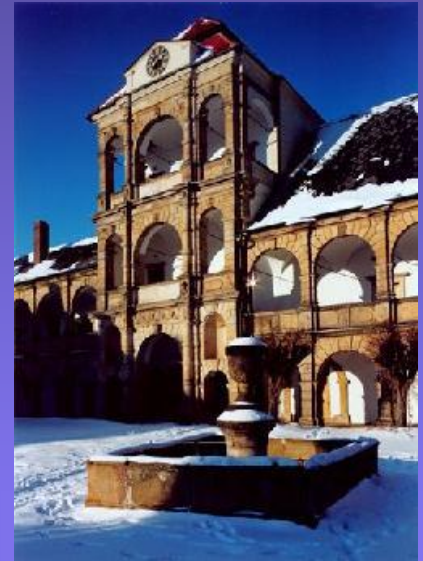
Moravská Třebová



The square



The Church



The Chateau



Lanškroun

- Founded in the second half of the 13th century
- Landmarks:
 - St Wenceslas' Church
 - Chateau (nowadays serves as a museum)



The Chateau



The Church



Žamberk

- Founded in the 13th century on the crossroads of trade routes
- Landmarks:
 - Renaissance Chateau
 - The Baroque Church of St Wenceslas



St Wenceslas' Church



Letohrad

- First mentioned in 1513
- Called Kyšperk until 1950
- A Baroque Chateau





Ústí nad Orlicí

- Settlement since the 13th century
- A tradition of painting Nativity Scenes
- Landmarks:
 - Church of The Ascension of The Virgin Mary
 - The square
 - Rožtka's Theatre





Česká Třebová

- First settlement in 12th century
- In 1845 railway was built, nowadays the town is one of the biggest rail junctions in the country
- Landmarks:
 - St Katherine's rotunda
 - The Townhall in the square





Litomyšl

- Gained town privileges in 1259
- The Renaissance Chateau was entered the UNESCO List of World Cultural Heritage in 1999
- The birthplace of the composer Bedřich Smetana
- The international opera festival Smetana's Litomyšl takes place every year in June and July

Litomyšl in pictures



Smetana's Square



The Chateau



**Piarist Church and the
monastery gardens**



**Smetana's
Memorial**



**Church of the
Raising of the
Holy Cross**



Vysoké Mýto

- Founded in 1262 by Přemysl Otakar II.
- Landmarks:
 - The square
 - The Church of the Holy Trinity
- Karosa , a bus-making company, has its seat in this town



The Church of the Holy Trinity



The Townhall in the square



Choceň

- First mentioned in 1227
- Landmarks:
 - The Church of the St. František Serafínský
 - Renaissance chateau which is a museum at this time



The Church



The Chateau - Museum



Holic

- First mentioned in 1336
- Birthplace of Emil Holub, a Czech traveller
- Since 1966 the African museum open



The African Museum



Inside the museum..