



TRADITIONS Olomouc Region

Kings' Rides or carnival parades in masks. Folk culture and traditions are still alive in the Haná Region. You can still see the costumes, which are among the richest in our country, at regular folklore events. Numerous museums, open-air museums and festivals commemorate the art and skill of craftsmen renowned far beyond the borders of the region.



MUSEUMS

1. Haná Open-Air Museum

Life in the Haná Region presents itself in the Haná Open-Air Museum, located in Příkazy near Olomouc. The museum consists of a residential and farm part of a former farmstead from the 2nd half of the 19th century, an orchard and three unique barns. The open-air museum includes a rich collection of objects of folk culture in Haná, tools and machines.

2. Haná Museum Cholina

A stylized living room with everyday objects and an exhibition of Haná costumes or "Sokol" and "Orel" uniforms is the core of the Haná Museum in Cholina. There is also a traditional wedding cake, farmers' tools, a school classroom and part of the collections of the traveller Emil Holub, which he donated to the local primary school during his visit to the village.

3. Historical Carriage Museum Čechy pod Kosiřem

The Museum of Historical Carriages in Čechy pod Kosiřem, built by Václav Obr, shows true gems like the Archbishop's carriage, mourning carriages and the Golden Carriage made in France in 1750. Every summer, the popular Josefkol festival of master carriage and wheelwright crafts takes place in Čechy pod Kosiřem.



4. Firefighters' Museum R. A. Smekal

The Firefighters' Museum in Čechy pod Kosiřem presents unique fire pumps ranging from hand-powered and horse-drawn to modern machines with centrifugal pumps. However, it also tells the story of the Smekal family, who worked their way up from pitch-coated buckets to the first firefighting pump factory in Austria-Hungary.



5. A.W. Olomouc "Tvarůžky" Cheese Museum

Distinctive aroma and unmistakable taste. Only one cheese can boast an exclusively Czech pedigree, namely Olomouc Tvarůžky, which has its own museum in Loštice. Here you will learn all about the rich history of the production of this delicacy. A visit to the company's A.W. shop with its complete range of products is not to be missed.



6. Craft Museum Konice

The biggest attraction of the Crafts Museum Konice is the largest collection of axes, including a replica of an executioner's axe and the largest carpenter's axe and saw in the Czech Republic. In the museum you can also learn about milling, blacksmithing, weaving and other traditional crafts.



7. Rapotin Glasswork Museum

The glassworks moved to Rapotin in 1829 from Annin and gradually grew into an industrial enterprise of European level. This rich history is now commemorated in the Rapotin Glassworks Museum by numerous exhibits, which are complemented by authentic testimonies of glassmakers and a replica of a glass furnace.



8. Handmade Paper Mill Velké Losiny

The Handmade Paper Mill Velké Losiny was founded as early as the end of the 16th century by the Žerotín noble family and is one of the oldest still operating manufactories of its kind in Europe. You can discover the secrets of handmade paper production in the Paper Museum. A guided tour takes you through the various workplaces of the production plant and if the manufactory is in production, you will see the whole process live. You can try out the paper production in the courtyard or buy a souvenir in the shop.



9. The Gold Mining Museum and the Postal Adit

You can find out where the town of Zlaté Hory (Golden Mountains) got its name in the Gold Mining Museum with functional replicas of gold mining mills, which will demonstrate ore crushing and then you can try panning yourself. Just a short walk away is the Postal Adit, where copper ore and pyrite were once mined and today this unique mining operation is open to the public.

FARMS AND FARMSTEADS

10. Doubravský dvůr Farm

Doubravský dvůr Farm near Litovel has become a popular destination for family trips. Here you can enjoy the sight of small calves, watch the operation of the farm and buy quality food made from local milk. Enjoy the famous homemade ice cream or satisfy your hunger with a simple meal.



11. Golden Farm

You can take a peek under the hood of farmers' lives at the Golden Farm in Štětovice, where they breed cattle. How big are the calves, what do the cows eat, how are they housed, how is the milk obtained and processed? You can see all this for yourself at any time. The farm, including the dairy shop and the café, are open daily. In Štětovice you can also visit the Štětovice open-air museum with collections of folk culture objects. It opens its doors during regular events.

12. Goat Farm "U Nýdrlů"

The goat farm U Nýdrlů is located in Stará Červené Voda in the Vidnava region. It offers milk, yoghurt, various types of cheese, marmalades, puddings, and accommodation in the beautiful countryside of the nearby Jeseníky and Rychleby Mountains. You can try milking a goat, collecting eggs from the clutch or taking the kids out to graze.

13. Goat Farm "U Kominků"

The family farm in the foothills of the Jeseníky Mountains handcrafts delicious cheeses from goat and cow milk according to its own recipes perfected over several years. The farm shop also sells fresh goat and cow milk, homemade chicken and quail eggs and honey.

14. Bělecký Mill

On the route between Prostějov and Konice, in the romantic surroundings of the Romže River valley, there is the Bělecký Mill. It offers its guests both accommodation and excellent cuisine prepared from local ingredients and meat from its own farms. You can also buy their famous Bělecký honey or homemade bread.



EVENTS Carnival (February)

Bear, mare, grandmother with a pack basket, grim reaper or chimney sweep and other masks. The tradition of carnival processions is still alive and in recent years more municipalities are joining in. One of the most beautiful carnivals

takes place in Velká Bystřice or in the Haná Open-Air Museum in Příkazy, but dancing masks also take to the streets of Prostějov, Šternberk or Olomouc.

Olomouc Tvarůžky Cheese Festival (April)

The uniqueness of the only original Czech cheese is celebrated at the Olomouc Tvarůžky Festival. It takes place in the Haná Capital at the end of April, and in addition to tasting Olomoucké tvarůžky cheese prepared in every thinkable way, it is also associated with a varied show of regional breweries and a rich event programme.



Josefkol (July)

The art and craftsmanship of wheelwrights, carriage makers and many other traditional crafts are represented at the Josefkol festival, which is held annually in the castle park in Čechy pod Kosiřem.



Kings' Ride in Doloplazy (July) and Kojetín (August)

The of Kings' Ride has a rich tradition in Haná, and in two villages it still survives as part of the festivities, thanks to folklore lovers. In Doloplazy, twenty riders set off at the beginning of July, with a young boy in a girl's costume and a rose in his mouth sitting on a horse. In Kojetín, the King Barley's Ride is accompanied by a parade of costumed locals to whom the mayor hands over the right to feast.

International Folklore Festival Šumperk (August)

Folk dances, music and customs not only from the Czech lands, but from all over the world can be seen in August in Šumperk at the International Folklore Festival. Every year it takes place in the pleasant surroundings of the town orchards and during the popular production Roztančená ulice (Dancing Street) the ensembles fill the pedestrian zone.

Hefaiston (August)

Since 1982, the best artistic blacksmiths from all over the world have been meeting every year on the last weekend of August at the Hefaiston festival hosted by Helfštýn Castle in Týn nad Bečvou. There, in a perfect interplay of human muscles and tools, they create extraordinary works of art out of hot iron in front of the audience.

Pekařov Pilgrimage (August)

Originally, the aim was to save the dilapidated Chapel of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary in the remote settlement of Pekařov. Gradually, the successful restoration turned into the popular Pekařov pilgrimage, which, on the occasion of the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, sets off from Velké Losiny to the Pekařov chapel, where a mass is held followed by a cultural programme of street organ players.

Folk Year® Velká Bystřice (September)

A parade of songs, dances, music and customs, that is the international folklore festival Folk Year in Velká Bystřice, which is one of the most important cultural events in the Olomouc Region. It includes concerts and shows by folklore ensembles from all over the country and usually also includes foreign guests.



Meeting of Hanáks (inhabitants of the Haná Region, 28. 9.)

Celebrating the traditions, costumes and songs of Haná, this is the annual travelling event of the Meeting of Hanáks. The varied programme offers performances of folklore groups and music, a parade of costumed people, stalls with traditional products and crafts and much more. The festival is free of charge.

Olomouc Christmas Market (December)

The Christmas Market in Olomouc has gained great fame and people come from all over the country, attracted by the pleasant atmosphere of decorated squares with historical backdrops, gastronomic specialties, the omnipresent smell of hot punch and a rich cultural program.



Pilgrimage Sites

The most famous pilgrimage site in the region is Svatý Kopeček near Olomouc, where pilgrims go several times a year. The Cyril and Methodius pilgrimage trail to Svatý Hostýn, called the Moravian Compostela, also starts from here. On the first Sunday in September, a popular pilgrimage is held in Dub nad Moravou, and the restored pilgrimage site of Maria Hilf in Zlaté Hory is also of great importance to the faithful.

15. Svatý Kopeček u Olomouce

16. Dub nad Moravou

17. Maria Hilf



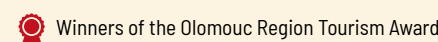
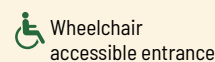
EXTRA TIP

Herb Garden "Naděje" (Hope)

The Herb Garden of Naděje in Brodek u Konice uses the healing power of nature. It was founded by Mrs. Jarmila Podhorná, who prepares effective tinctures from extracts of buds that help the body in preventing diseases. You can visit the herb garden on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and by appointment with a commentary by the gardener.



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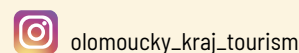


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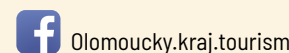


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