

Getting to Know Hradec Králové

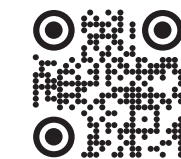
Experience Hradec Králové First Hand

Hradec Králové is known as an “architectural textbook” thanks to its wide range of styles and historical buildings. The city offers experiences, culture, fun, and opportunities to explore, making both visitors and locals feel at home. Culture and art lovers can enjoy museums, galleries, theatres, and concert halls. Families with children can visit interactive expositions, indoor and outdoor play areas and sports facilities. Those who prefer nature can relax in the city woods or along the banks of the Rivers Elbe and Orlice. You can also explore the city by following architectural walking tours or more specific themed routes. A complete list can be found at www.hradeckralove.org/prochazky or in brochures available at the tourist information centre.



Hradecko Region

The Hradecko Region boasts a plethora of sites and attractions. Explore prehistoric life at the Věstary Archeopark, Baroque architecture at Karlova Koruna Chateau in Chlumeč nad Cidlinou or the Chapel of the Epiphany in Smiřice. The Battle of 1866 is commemorated at the Chlum memorial. Romantic souls will enjoy Hrádek u Nechanic Chateau, while rural history comes alive in the Krňovice Open-air Museum and Šrámek's Farm. Don't miss the unique mechanical nativity scene by Josef Proboš in Třeběchovice, and pay a visit to Nový Bydžov for its Neo-Gothic Town Hall, Jewish cemetery, and the Toy Museum of Stuchlíks. For more tips, go to www.hradecko.cz or plan a trip with the interactive map www.poznejhradecko.cz.



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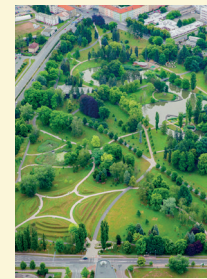


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Green City

The urban layout of Hradec Králové is based on the master plan, designed by the architect Josef Gočár (1880–1945) between 1926 and 1928. Its distinctive feature is the integration of green wedges into built-up areas. The actual city centre boasts several spacious parks as well as tranquil green expanses. Ideal places for relaxation can be found in Jirásek and Žižka Parks and the city terraces. Those more interested in active recreation should head for Šimek Park, the natural areas along the Rivers Elbe and Orlice, as well as the city woods.



City of Cyclists

The conditions in the Elbe lowlands are ideal for cyclists of all ages. Safe cycling infrastructure and paths can be found throughout the city, and even the city woods are cyclist-friendly. If you left your own bike at home, you can make use of the bike-sharing service. Pleasant rides await you along the Elbe on cycle paths from Hradec Králové to Kuks and to Vysoká nad Labem, both being part of Elbe Cycle Route No. 2. You can also take special bike buses to the Krkonoše and Orlické Mountains. www.hkinfo.cz/cs/sport



Culture and Sports

You are warmly invited to attend the major events of the Calendarium Regina series. Choose from festivals such as REGIONS – International Hradec Králové Theatre Festival, Rock for People, Jazz Goes to Town, Music Forum, and more. The programme also includes the Hradec Králové Embankment Series, important sporting events, and many others. A complete list including dates can be found at www.hkinfo.cz.



Adventures with Gustík the Lion

Gustík the Lion brings you tried-and-tested tips for visiting Hradec Králové and the Hradecko region with children. On rainy days, try TOBOGA Tongo, TOBOGA JUMP!, 3D Black Light Minigolf, or Reptile World. www.gustik.cz



18 Elbe Paddle Steamers

A round-trip sightseeing cruise on board steamers delivers an unusual view of Hradec Králové sights and romantic spots on the Elbe riverbanks. www.paroplavbahk.cz



19 Children's Railway

Hop on the children's train for a fun 430-metre ride over two small bridges, promising a joyful experience for both kids and adults. www.facebook.com/detskazeleznice



20 City Woods

Known as the green lungs of the city, the forest offers pastime activities, relaxation, and lots of fun. There are educational and fairy-tale-themed trails, routes of various difficulty levels for cycling, inline skating, hiking, and horseback riding, along with a forest gym, a running trail, a game preserve, a knight-themed playground, and public fire pits providing cooking options. www.mestske-lesy.cz



21 Silver Pond Camp

Located near the city woods, this recreational and camping area offers a wide range of activities, including adrenaline attractions. Facilities feature a children's playground, beach volleyball court, outdoor gym, adventure park, and rental of sporting and water equipment. www.kempstribnrnyrybnik.cz



22 Park Na Větví (Park among the Branches)

This fun area situated on the edge of the city woods consists of a set of three net playgrounds suspended in the treetops and connected with a 3D maze, made of net obstacle courses spread over three levels above each other. This movement-oriented attraction does not require any personal safety harnesses. www.parknavetvi.cz

14 Flošna Swimming Area and Wellness Studio

The grounds offer sporting and relaxation activities for the whole family, featuring both indoor and outdoor attractions, including a wellness zone, beach volleyball court and squash courts. www.snhk.cz/flosna



15 City Spa – Aquacentrum

Designed by the architect Oldřich Liska, the City Spa building is regarded as a remarkable example of 1930s' modernist architecture. Inside it houses an amusement water park with many attractions and the unique, still functioning, wave simulation mechanism. www.snhk.cz/lazne



16 Observatory and Planetarium

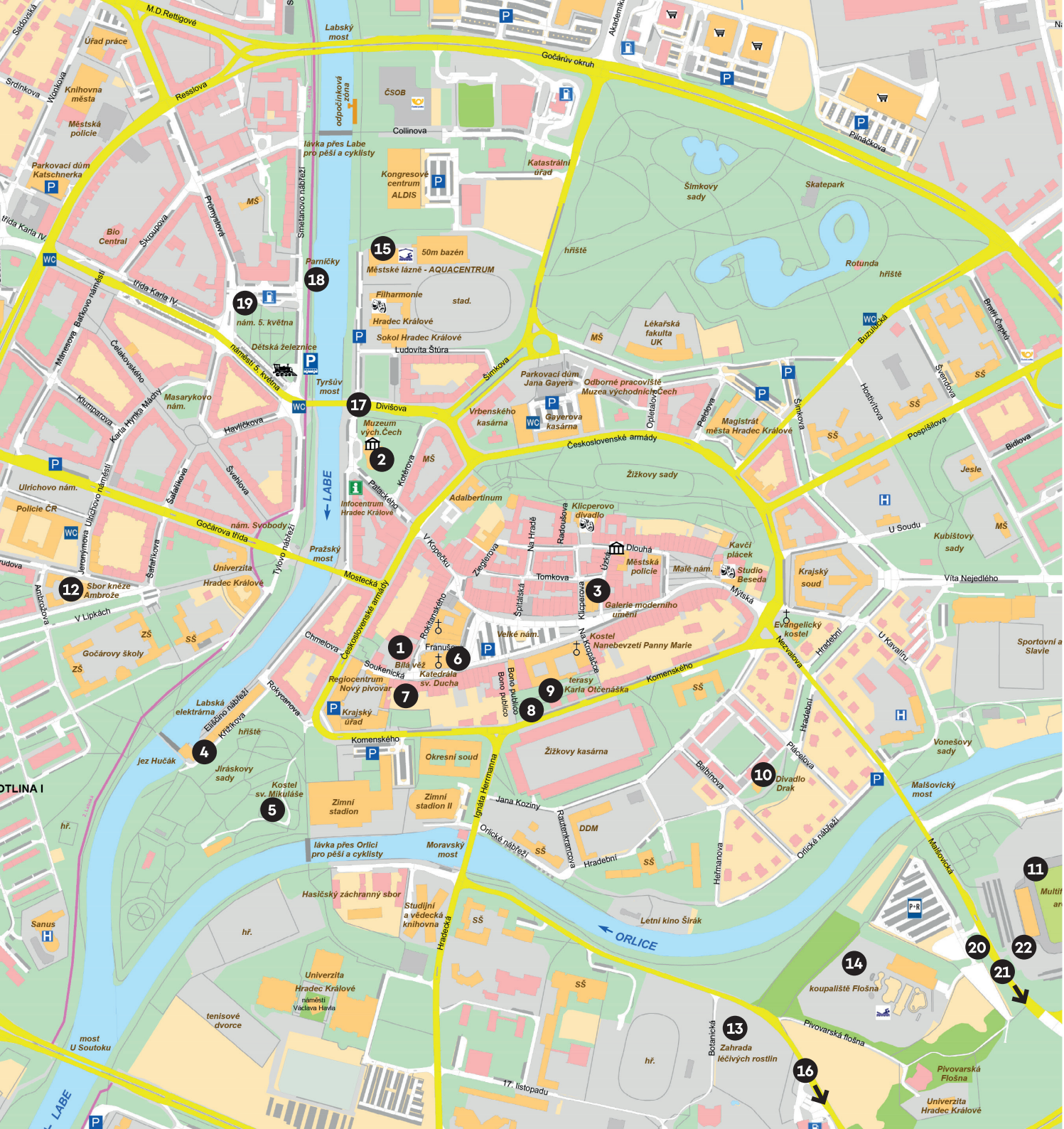
Located near the observatory, this modern digital planetarium is shaped like a UFO. Thanks to cutting-edge technology you will have the universe almost within your reach. The planetarium also features the interactive exhibitions “Microworld – Macroworld” and “Energy – Forms and Transformations”. Two educational paths, namely the Galactic and Planetary Trails, start at the Observatory. www.astrohk.cz



17 Land Train

Enjoy an unconventional sightseeing ride experience on the land train – this amusing means of transport runs past important sites in the city and continues all the way to the city woods.





1 White Tower

Standing 72 metres high, this Renaissance city landmark commands a unique panoramic view of Hradec Králové and its environs. On the way to the observation deck, you can admire the Augustin Bell (the third largest historic bell in the Czech Republic), the original clockwork by Josef Božek, and a unique 1:20 scale glass model of the tower.

www.bilavez.cz



2 Museum of Eastern Bohemia

Listed as a National Cultural Heritage Site, this monumental museum building was designed by the architect Jan Kotěra and built between 1909 and 1912. Its permanent multimedia exhibition titled "Journey of the City" presents the history of Hradec Králové in three thematic parts: To the Town of Czech Queens, To the Fortress, and To the Salon of the Republic.

www.muzeumhk.cz



3 Gallery of Modern Art

The gallery's collections mainly focus on the development of Czech modern art from the late 19th and early 20th centuries to the present day. Throughout the year, the gallery hosts lectures, guided tours, and various accompanying events. The building itself, designed in late Art Nouveau style, is a beautiful exhibit in its own right.

www.galeriehk.cz



4 Hučák Small Hydroelectric Power Station and the Renewable Resources Info Centre

Designed by the architect František Sander, this unique Art Nouveau power station has been supplying its neighbourhood with electricity since 1912. The information centre features interactive exhibits, a laboratory complete with experiments, and virtual reality experiences that engagingly explain the utilisation principles of renewable energy resources – including water, wind, sun, biomass, as well as geothermal energy.

www.cez.cz/hucak



5 Saint Nicholas Church

This 17th-century wooden church was purchased by the city of Hradec Králové in 1935 from the east Slovakian village of Malá Poľana. It was officially reopened on October 28, 1935, in the beautiful location of Jirásek Park as a memorial to those who fell in World War I.

www.kostelsvatehomikulase.cz



6 Holy Spirit Cathedral

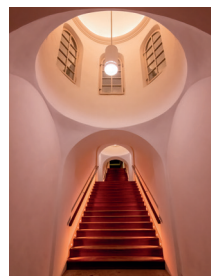
The majestic Gothic brick structure of the Holy Spirit Cathedral was most likely founded by Queen Elizabeth Richeza in 1308. In 2007 busts of the Queens of Bohemia, Elizabeth Richeza and Elizabeth of Pomerania were installed in the Royal Antechamber. Along with the White Tower and the old town hall, the cathedral dominates the unmistakable skyline of Hradec Králové.

www.dekanstvihk.cz



7 Canonical Houses

Together with the Holy Spirit Cathedral and the original White Tower, these Renaissance houses later to be rebuilt in the Baroque style create a picturesque and highly photogenic scene in the heart of the regional capital.



8 Bono Publico Stairway

Built in the Empire style, this covered 37 metre long staircase connects Komenského Street with Large Square. Soft ambient lighting inside the passage and the option of playing classical pieces by Czech composers make this a truly special walkway. Right beside it, you will find the Karel Otčenášek landscaped terraces.



9 Karel Otčenášek Terraces

Formerly known as the Southern Terraces, this area is the largest renovated section of the belt encircling the historical core of the city. Once part of the medieval fortification system, today it serves as a public park.



10 Drak Theatre Labyrinth

A studio stage, an unconventional puppet museum, and an interactive laboratory – this unique multimedia playroom features modern simulators allowing both children and adults to try their hand at various theatre professions.

www.draktheatre.cz/labyrint-divadla-drak



11 Multifunctional Arena

Opened in September 2023, this one-of-a-kind arena in the Czech Republic is home to Hradec Králové football club. It further serves as a venue for sporting, cultural, commercial, and leisure activities. The arena has retained its iconic "lollipop-style" light pillars.

www.malsovickaarena.cz



12 Church of the Priest Ambrose Featuring a Carillon

Designed by Josef Gočár in 1926–29, this church with a white prismatic tower was built for the Czechoslovak Hussite Church. The interior houses the Hradec concert carillon, which has a total of 50 bells, making it the largest instrument of its kind in the Czech Republic. The first official concert took place in July 2025.

www.ccshhk.cz/zvonohra



13 Garden of Medicinal Plants

Administered by the Faculty of Pharmacy of Charles University, this garden boasts a collection greenhouse, a rooftop garden, a small rose garden, and an educational pharmacy trail open to the public.

www.faf.cuni.cz/Zahrada-lecivych-rostlin