



The Friends of Czech Heritage

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THE FRIENDS' ART AND WINE TOUR IN MORAVIA

22nd - 28th September 2014

The Czech Republic boasts a remarkably rich artistic and architectural heritage, with fine examples from every period of history. This tour will focus on Moravia; in addition to the many fine buildings, the region also possesses a wine industry that has made great strides in recent years. We shall be visiting a wide selection of the great houses, palaces and churches, guided by expert, leading conservators, and gaining access to parts of some buildings that are not generally open. The tour will take us to wine-growing locations and wineries, giving participants a chance to see not only many sites of interest, but also the beautiful countryside of the region, with a chance to taste a wide selection of its very appealing wines.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Monday 22 September Meet at Vienna airport at 11.30am. Transfer by coach to **Mikulov**, a pretty town near the Austrian border with a notable castle and churches, which is also an important wine-making centre. We shall spend three nights in the Hotel Templ, located in the centre of the old town. During the afternoon we shall visit the castle and the tomb of the Dietrichstein Family, followed by a local trip to the ancient wine cellars in the village of **Petrov-Plže**. We shall have dinner in the **Sonberk Winery**, designed by the leading contemporary architect Josef Pleskot.

Tuesday 23 September We shall visit **Znojmo**, which still possesses its city walls and numerous beautiful houses and churches, and we shall also visit the painted cellar in **Šatov**. We shall continue to the chateau of **Uherčice**, where the visit will include a brief musical performance in the painted ballroom, whose restoration is supported by the Friends and which boasts a fine acoustic. This will be followed by a wine-tasting at **Velké Němčice**, and lunch in the parsonage of the village of **Stálky**. In the afternoon we shall visit the chateau of **Vranov**, part of which was designed by the great Austrian architect J B Fischer von Erlach. Upon return to Mikulov we shall visit the cellar of **Volařík Mikulov** for a wine-tasting.



Wednesday 24 September We shall visit the chateau of **Jaroměřice**, which also possesses its own theatre. We shall then continue to the city of **Brno**, where we shall visit one or two of the city's fine buildings, and then we shall have lunch at the **Pavilon** restaurant in the **Zeman Kavárna**, a notable example of Functionalist architecture. We shall then visit the **Tugendhat Villa**, a celebrated example of Modernist architecture designed by Mies van der Rohe. This will be followed by a brief concert in the **Mitrovský Pavilion**. Returning from Brno in the early evening, we shall have the opportunity for a drive around the **Pálava Hills**, an area of outstanding natural beauty surrounding Mikulov, and this will be followed by dinner at Café Fara in **Klentice**.

Thursday 25 September We shall visit the Liechtenstein estate of **Valtice-Lednice**, a UNESCO-listed site, including both the Chateaux, the Winter Garden and some of the park follies, to include lunch at the Janův Hrad folly. We shall then continue to **Milotice**, a notable Baroque chateau. From Milotice we shall move to the Chytil Winery at Dubňany for a tasting. Thence we shall drive to Uherské Hradiště where we shall stay for three nights at the Hotel Slunce.

Friday 26 September We shall visit the town of **Olomouc**, where the Old Town boasts many historical buildings, and which has been the seat of the Archbishops of Olomouc since 1777. Our visit will include the Archbishop's Palace and both museums. Following these visits we shall lunch at the **Vila Primavesi**, a Secessionist house in the central part of the town. From Olomouc we shall continue to **Kroměříž**, where we shall visit the Archbishop's Summer Palace, a UNESCO-listed site. Here we shall see the interior of the palace, which contains many fine paintings and a magnificent assembly room and library, and then we shall visit the Flower Garden, which has been largely restored to its Baroque format. This will be followed by a wine-tasting in the Archbishop's Sklep, prior to returning to Uherské Hradiště.

Saturday 27 September We shall visit the Fortress of Buchlov, perched on its crag, which dates back to the 13th Century. We then continue to the Italianate Villa Buchlovice, built for the Italian wife of the Lord of Buchlov in the late 17th Century, and designed by Domenico Martinelli. The house also boasts a magnificent garden and park. On return to Uherské Hradiště in the evening there will be a final wine-tasting and dinner at **Mařatice Vineyards** outside Uherské Hradiště.

Sunday 28 September Leave (with luggage) for Vienna airport in time for afternoon flights.



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BOOKING FORM PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS

I/We wish to attend the Friends' Art and Wine Tour in Moravia. I/We would like to reserve accommodation in a single/shared room. I enclose a cheque for £250 per person as a non-returnable deposit, made payable to 'THE FRIENDS OF CZECH HERITAGE'.

Enquiries: robertson.j@hotmail.co.uk

Reservations should be sent to:

The Friends of Czech Heritage (c/o James Robertson)
3 Yew Tree Cottage, Ripe,
Lewes, East Sussex BN8 6BD

(1) Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other (please include first name).....

Address.....

Postcode..... Telephone.....

E-mail.....

(2) Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other (please include first name).....

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PRACTICALITIES:

This seven-day (six-night) tour will cost £1,390 per person in a twin-bedded or double room. There is a £100 supplementary charge for single occupancy. This will include bed and breakfast in a 3-star and in a 4-star hotel, both of which are in converted historic buildings, all lunches, four dinners, all coach transport, all entrance fees and gratuities, and the services of the trip guide and of local Czech guides. The cost does not include the cost of flights to/from Vienna. The coach will collect the party from Vienna Airport at 11.30am on the day of arrival and will return them there at 3.00pm on the day of departure. Please check that a place is available on the trip before booking your flight.

CANCELLATIONS:

Cancellation charges are as follows:

55 days before departure – loss of deposit

54-42 days before departure – 50% of the total refundable

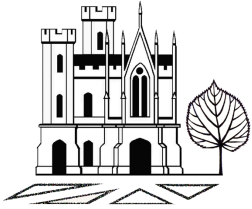
41-21 days before departure – 25% of the total refundable

20-07 days before departure – 15% of the total refundable

No refunds will be made for cancellations received thereafter. The amounts not refundable may be recoverable under the terms of the participants' own travel insurance.

INSURANCE:

It is a condition of booking that you arrange travel insurance to protect yourself against loss. In the unlikely event of cancellation by The Friends of Czech Heritage we undertake to refund you in full within 21 days all monies paid to us for the tour.



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A charity campaigning to raise funds for the repair and conservation of the substantial legacy of historic buildings and their contents, artefacts, gardens and parks in the Czech Republic.

The Czech Republic, situated in the heart of Europe, and comprising the historic regions of Bohemia, Moravia and Czech Silesia has a cultural legacy of international significance, with twelve UNESCO-listed sites.

This small country has the largest concentration of great houses and palaces in Europe, built by Czech Renaissance magnates and the wealthy nobility of the Habsburg Empire, while the castles that are such a dramatic feature of the landscape reflect Bohemia's power and influence in the Middle Ages.



Valtice Chateau, one of the most impressive Baroque residences of Central Europe. It was designed as the seat of the Princes of Liechtenstein by Johann Bernhard Fischer von Erlach. *Photo © Lehotský*