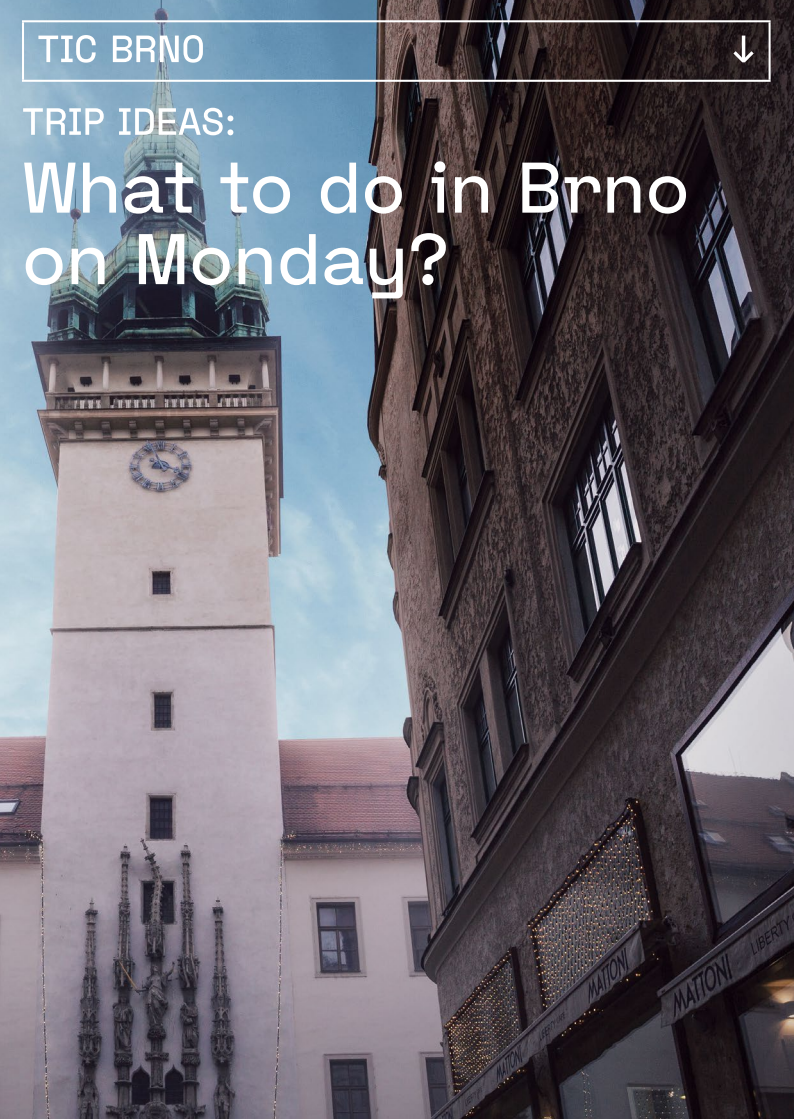


TIC BRNO



TRIP IDEAS:

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If you are in Brno on Monday and you think that there is no place to go, because on Monday most of the tourist attractions are closed, you may be surprised. Many sights, museums, churches and other interesting places are open in the capital of Moravia even during the first day of the week.

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01



## Old Town Hall

Former town hall, the oldest secular building in Brno. The visits to the Gothic portal, courtyard and vaulted passage with respected symbols of the city – the crocodile and the wheel, are free of charge. The tower is accessible April to December, the ticket covers also entry to the Fresco Hall, Crystal Hall and Treasury. The tour is individual, without guide.

### SIGHTS

Radnická 8

[www.gotobrna.cz/en/place/old-town-hall](http://www.gotobrna.cz/en/place/old-town-hall)

02



## Cellar under the New Town Hall

This cellar, built for the royal mintmasters not long after Brno was founded, has been brought to life with a new cutting-edge exhibition devoted to the city's legends. In a series of animated stories you'll meet Lord Sembera or discover more about the Brno dragon and the wheel. See what a medieval market looked like and experience firsthand life during Brno's siege by the Swedes.

After heading back onto the street, you can learn about more legends thanks to the first-person narratives on the website.

### SIGHTS

Dominkánské náměstí 1

[www.sklepbrno.cz](http://www.sklepbrno.cz)

03



## Špilberk Castle

The royal castle dating from the 13<sup>th</sup> century, later used as a fortress and prison, really noticeable dominant of Brno. Today owned by the Brno City Museum. The fortifications, courtyards and casemates of the castle are open to the public every day throughout the year. In the second bigger courtyard you can see the castle well and above it the carillon, playing every top of the hour one of 32 tunes. The southwestern bastion and lookout tower are accessible throughout the high season, April to September, also on Monday (lookout tower weather permitting). The exhibits and installations of Brno City Museum are closed on Monday.

SIGHTS

Špilberk 1

www.spilberk.cz

04



## Jewish Cemetery

Today still functional cemetery, established in 1852, with some 12 thousand graves the largest Jewish cemetery in Moravia. Graves of many important people from the areas of politics, culture, religion or science.

SIGHTS

Nezamyslova 27

www.jewishbrno.eu

05



## Löw-Beer Villa Garden

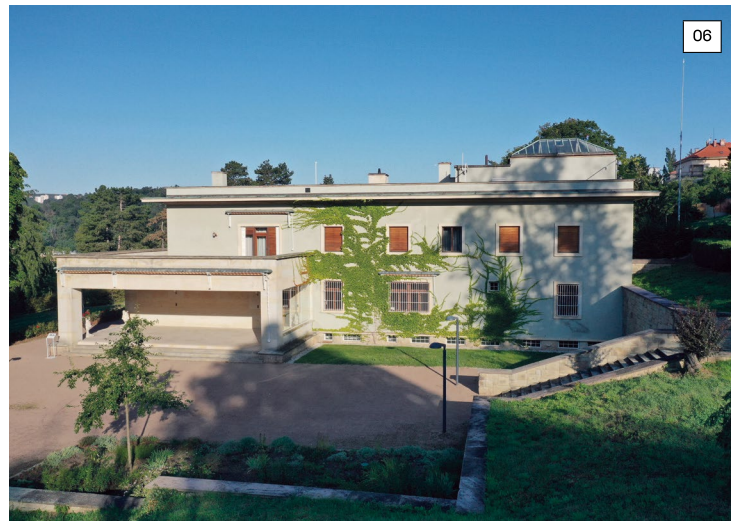
Art Nouveau villa, built in 1903–04, was owned in 1913–39 by Jewish textile magnate Alfred Löw-Beer. In 1929 he gave upper part of the garden to his daughter Greta as a wedding gift – for construction of her and her husband's Fritz Tugendhat dream modern house, famous villa Tugendhat, built in 1929–30 according to the design by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe. Both villas are visible from the garden, Villa Löw-Beer as well as the gallery and café Celnice are closed on Monday.

SIGHTS

Drobného 22

www.vilalowbeer.cz

06



## Stiasni Villa

A magnificent functionalist villa with a three-hectare garden. Designed by the architect Ernst Wiesner for the family of Alfred Stiasni, a Jewish textile manufacturer, this villa ranks among the most significant residential buildings built in the interwar period.

Following extensive renovations, it was reopened to the public in 2014.

SIGHTS

Hroznová 14

www.vila-stiasni.cz



## St. Peter and Paul's Cathedral

The one-nave church, one of the most important dominants of Brno, has history stretching into 70's of 12<sup>th</sup> century. You can visit the cathedral interior, the treasury and the church tower every day of the week. It is possible also to see a crypt – with a local guide you will find inside the cathedral.

### CHURCHES

Petrov 9

www.katedrala-petrov.cz



## St. James' Church

Late Gothic three-nave church, established in the beginning of the 13<sup>th</sup> century, stands in Jakubské náměstí square. The beautiful interior is dominated by high altar, and behind it you will find the memorial of field marshal Jean Louis Raduit de Souches – the commander-in-chief of Brno defence during the Swedish siege in 1645. The church is currently being renovated, after which the new tours and tower will be open.

### CHURCHES

Jakubské náměstí

Currently undergoing renovation; more information at the church website.

www.svatyjakub.cz



## St. John's Church with Loreto Chapel

Baroque Minorite complex was built in 1722–33, by rebuilding of the Church of St. John the Baptist from 13<sup>th</sup> century and newer Church of St. John the Evangelist – according to the design by Moritz Grimm. In 18<sup>th</sup> century the Loreto Chapel was added, copying the chapel in Loreto, Italy. The Holy Stairs, copy of the stairs in Jerusalem trod by Jesus on his way to Pilatus, are very impressive.

CHURCHES

Minoritská 1

www.brno.minorite.cz



## Church of the Holy Cross with Capuchin Crypt

The crypt is located under the Church of the Holy Cross (kostel Nalezení svatého kříže). Inside you can see mummified bodies of members of the Capuchin Order and its benefactors, well preserved thanks to very sophisticated system of air ventilation, and also original painted Baroque coffins. One of them belongs to the adventurer, high officer and later a prisoner at the Špilberk Castle – Baron Franz von Trenck.

CHURCHES

Kapucinské náměstí 5

www.hrobka.kapucini.cz



## Diocesan Museum

The Diocesan Museum was established in 1993 as a very first museum of its kind in the Czech Republic. Besides the permanent exhibit Vita Christi (Life of Jesus Christ) there are thematic exhibitions held in the crypt of St. Peter and Paul's Cathedral (June to September).

ENTERTAINMENT AND LEARNING

Petrov 1

[www.muzeum.biskupstvi.cz](http://www.muzeum.biskupstvi.cz)



## Brno City Museum – Reservoirs

Brno City Museum on Špilberk Castle invites you to its unique underground spaces: the repaired water reservoirs, which originally supplied the city of Brno with water (and now houses a lapidary), and the bastion – an impressive example of fortress construction in earlier times. In the former underground reservoirs on Špilberk, which once supplied the city's water, a new “temple” has opened for you to behold stone witnesses to Brno's history.

ENTERTAINMENT AND LEARNING

Špilberk 1

On Mondays accessible only during the main tourist season on guided tours.

[www.spilberk.cz](http://www.spilberk.cz)





## Botanical Garden of the Faculty of Science of Masaryk University in Brno

Botanical garden was founded in 1922 – for the students and the public alike. Outside exhibits are accessible throughout the year, free of charge. You can also visit four greenhouses with tropical and subtropical plants here.

ENTERTAINMENT AND LEARNING

Kotlářská 2

[www.sci.muni.cz/botzahr/index.php](http://www.sci.muni.cz/botzahr/index.php)



## Botanical Garden and Arboretum of Mendel University in Brno

Botanical garden was founded in 1938 for educational purpose of Mendel University. The area of the garden is 11 hectares in total and you will find 4 000 species of orchids, 300 species of tillandsias, 2 000 species of perennial plants, 350 species of irises, 500 species of rock plants and 4 000 species of woody plants here.

ENTERTAINMENT AND LEARNING

Zemědělská 1

[arboretum.mendelu.cz/en](http://arboretum.mendelu.cz/en)



## Brno Zoo

Brno Zoo, established in 1953, offers on hill-sides of Mniší hora (Monks' Hill) in Brno-Bystrc the views on many animals from all over the world, among others tigers, lions and polar bears.

ENTERTAINMENT AND LEARNING

U Zoologické zahrady 46

www.zoobrna.cz



## Papilonia Butterfly House

Caribbean jungle – over 150 m<sup>2</sup> in size – with hundreds of living, exotic butterflies. You can follow live the emergence of over 60 butterflies from their chrysalises. Hundreds of exotic butterflies will flit about you and you can observe them up close.

ENTERTAINMENT AND LEARNING

Shopping Centre Rozkvět, náměstí Svobody 16

www.papilonia.cz



## Brno Observatory and Planetarium

This institution is focused on popularization of various sciences, especially astronomy. The outside observational terrace is accessible during the day – you can enjoy nearly “magical” view on the city of Brno from here. You can also try several interactive displays in front of the observatory building: e.g. kaleidoscope, pixel wall, auditory canal, planetary dynamometer or spectroscope. Monday mornings are usually reserved for school groups, afternoon and evening programmes are for the public.

### ENTERTAINMENT AND LEARNING

Kravi hora 2

Open Mondays based on the current programme; more information at the website.

[www.hvezdarna.cz](http://www.hvezdarna.cz)



## VIDA! Science Centre

Amusement science park with permanent interactive exhibits for the children and adults alike. You can try to present weather forecast, form your own “tornado”, flood the village or just watch the life in the anthill. You can also launch your hydrogen rocket, freeze your own shadow or “enjoy” the feelings during the earthquake. In the Science Theatre you can watch regular performances with many entertaining experiments.

### ENTERTAINMENT AND LEARNING

Křížkovského 12

Open Mondays only on the last Monday of the month and during summer holidays. For unscheduled changes, watch the website.

[www.vida.cz](http://www.vida.cz)



## Avion Hotel – museum

This hotel is one of the narrowest hotels in Europe. When Bohuslav Fuchs was assigned the task of building a hotel in a limited space, with limited finances and a tight deadline, it was quite the challenge. Come and see how splendidly he managed. The building is an exceptional feat of architecture and a national cultural monument.

The newly renovated Avion functions as a hotel, museum and guided tours with a focus on functionalism are also available.

### ENTERTAINMENT AND LEARNING

Česká 20

[www.avion-hotel.cz](http://www.avion-hotel.cz)



## Open Gardens

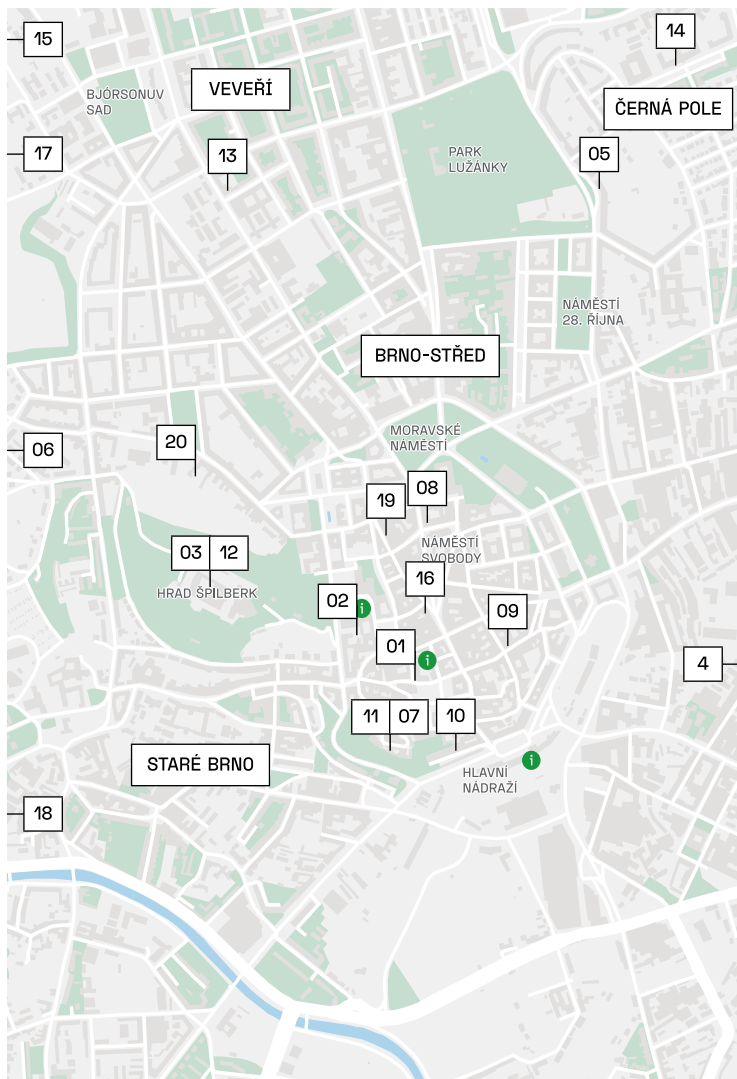
The Open Gardens are an ideal place in the heart of Brno for relaxation, education, and fun. At our center, you'll find the Four Elements teaching garden and the former Boromej Gardens, where you'll experience the agricultural cycle from soil to fork.

### ENTERTAINMENT AND LEARNING

Údolní 33

On Mondays open from April to October.

[www.otevrenazahrada.cz](http://www.otevrenazahrada.cz)



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