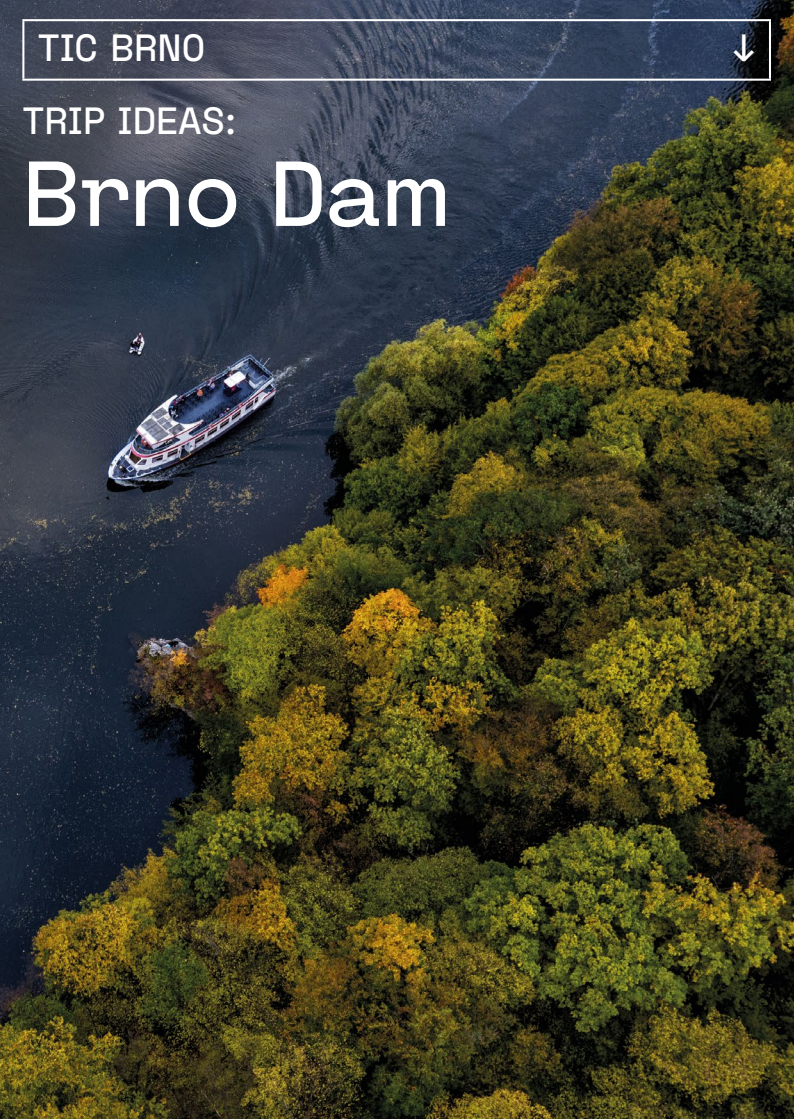


TIC BRNO



TRIP IDEAS:

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Brno Reservoir (formerly known as Kniničská reservoir, or Prigl in the Brno slang) is a large body of water surrounding the dam on the Svratka river, which was built between 1936 and 1940 flooding the village of Kniničky. Brno locals as well as visitors to the city often use it as an ideal place for rest and recreation. The reasons include not only opportunities for sport but also the beautiful surrounding countryside which is mainly covered with the Podkomorské lesy forest.

Thanks to the periodic boat traffic from April to October you can enjoy a boat ride along the full length of the lake and the surrounding vistas. You can take either one of the five double-deck pleasure boats (Vienna, Dallas, Stuttgart, Leipzig and Utrecht) or the historic single-deck boat Brno of 1949. There are also boat and pedalo rentals on the banks.

## BRNO DAM IN NUMBERS

34.5 m	concrete dam height from the foundation
120 m	length of dam crown
7.14 m	width of dam crown
27.5 m	width of dam base
17.5 m	maximum level (afflux)
21 million m <sup>3</sup>	reservoir volume
2.59 km <sup>2</sup>	reservoir surface area
7–9.5 km max.	dam length
3.1 MW	power plant output

Reservoir draining is assured by a pipeline with a 2 m diameter (pipeline capacity: 48.5 m<sup>3</sup>/s) and 3 overflows with a width of 3×7m, carrying up to 400 m<sup>3</sup>/s.

# History

As early as 1907 the regional council discussed the implementation of waterworks on the Svratka River near Brno, allowing regulation of the river flow, protecting the city from floods and providing a stable source of service water. A cove below Kniničky village was chosen for the construction, around five kilometres north-west of Brno. The dam was built in the years 1936 to 1940, mostly manually. The construction was interrupted by three floods, with the worst in the summer of 1938 exceeding the hundred-year flood level. The fourth flood in 1939 was prevented by the nearly finished dam.

The village of Kniničky was completely flooded and the 530 local residents were moved to the nearby Mniší potok stream valley. At the end of World War II the German army undermined the dam and prepared it for demolition. Some Brno houses were even marked with light blue stripes showing the expected flood level. Luckily, the dam survived the war intact.



Since 1946 the lake has been sailed on by battery-driven boats. In 1959 the reservoir was renamed from Kniničská to Brněnská. The popularity of the reservoir and its recreational potential grew rapidly and before the beginning of the 1990s the banks were already scattered with numerous hotels, restaurants, docks and summer cottages.

## BOAT RIDE ON BRNO DAM

Free boat ride on the Brno Dam from Bystrc to Vevří Castle with 3-day BRNOPAS! More information at [www.brnopas.cz](http://www.brnopas.cz).

# Transport

	TO THE LAKE	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tram no. 1 direction Bystrc, Ečerova; Přístaviště (dock) stop</li> <li>Tram no. 3 direction Bystrc, Ečerova; Přístaviště stop</li> <li>Bus no. 98 direction Žebětín, Bartolomějská; Přístaviště stop</li></ul>	
MORE ON: www.dpmb.cz		
	ROUND THE LAKE	

Along the right lakeside: Bus 303 Bystrc, ZOO → Veverská Bítýška, náměstí (square).

MORE ON: www.dpmb.cz		

Boat line Bystrc, Přístaviště (boat terminus) → Veverská Bítýška (April to October). The boats depart from the Bystrc terminus, according to the timetable and sail as far as the Vevěří Castle.

MORE ON: dpmb.cz/cs/lodni-doprava		

# Refreshments


The lake is surrounded with numerous fast food kiosks and restaurants open all year round. You can taste Czech, Italian and Mediterranean cuisine and some restaurants offering fish options.




Equally broad is the offer of accommodation by the lake. Weekends or longer stays may be spent in hotels offering services such as restaurants, wellness, fitness, bowling, bicycle rentals or also wedding, conference or other event venues.

If you prefer smaller and quieter places for recreation you will certainly be pleased with several family guest houses you can find here. Adventurers can use camps for camping or staying in a cottage or bungalow or for parking their caravans.

MORE ON: www.camp.cz		

# Sports activities



In the summer the reservoir is the ideal place for swimmers and water and outdoor sports lovers. You can rent a boat, an electric boat, a paddle board, a canoe or a pedalo here; play miniature golf, tennis, pétanque, and beach volleyball etc. There are numerous landscaped paths for walkers and cycle tourists and beautiful countryside to observe. In winter, weather permitting, the lake is populated with skaters and cross-country skiers.

# Sights & trips

1	VEVEŘÍ CASTLE	
	<i>Veverská Bítýška</i>	
	<p>A state-owned castle on the right lakeside. Free parking by the castle. Several sightseeing tours around the castle. Refreshment kiosks in the yard, open during castle opening hours. Entry with dogs on a lead permitted.</p>	

OPENING HOURS:		
April	SAT-SUN	10 <sup>AM</sup> – 5 <sup>PM</sup>
May–Sept.	TUE-SUN	10 <sup>AM</sup> – 6 <sup>PM</sup>
October	SAT-SUN	10 <sup>AM</sup> – 5 <sup>PM</sup>

ACCESS:	
* Bus no.303 – Hrad (Castle) Vevěří stop	
* Car – public road no.384	
* Boat – Hrad Vevěří stop	

CONTACT: +420 549420164, veveri@npu.cz	
MORE ON: www.veveri.cz/en	

2	BRNO ZOO	
	<i>U Zoologické zahrady 46</i>	

Guided animal feeding, restaurants, refreshments. Entry with a pet (dog) permitted.

OPENING HOURS:		
November–February	9 <sup>AM</sup> – 4 <sup>PM</sup>	
March,October	9 <sup>AM</sup> – 5 <sup>PM</sup>	
April–September	9 <sup>AM</sup> – 6 <sup>PM</sup>	

ACCESS:	
* Tram no.1, 3, 11, Zoolog. zahrada stop	
* Bus no.50, 52 and 54; trolleybus no.30, Zoologická zahrada stop	

CONTACT: +420 546 432 311, zoo@zoobrno.cz	
MORE ON: www.zoobrno.cz/en	

3	OLD PILLAR	
	<i>Přehradní street</i>	

A single bridge pillar of the planned Old motorway from Wroclaw to Vienna. Today it stands as a solitary monument of technology.

4	DAM	
	<i>Hrázní street</i>	

Offers a vista of the valley below the dam. On the left lakeside, by the road, you can find a commemorative tablet in remembrance of the dam master František Šíkula, whose brave deed prevented serious damage to the dam in the last days of World War II. Near the commemorative tablet there is a pyramid of concrete blocks, samples of the concrete used for the construction of the dam in the years 1936 to 1939.

5	U LVA (LION) MEMORIAL	
	<i>Rekreační street</i>	

The crossroads of Hrázní and Rekreační streets is marked with a memorial of victims of World War I, transferred here from the flooded village. The memorial is dominated by a life-size statue of a lion, giving the present name to the whole locality.

6	KOZÍ HORKA	

A popular locality on the right lakeside. Large beaches, good access to water, boat and pedalo rental, a petanque playground, WCs, changing cabins. Water sport campus. ACCESS:

* Bus no.303 – Kozi horka stop	
* Car – road no.384	
* Boat – Kozi horka stop	

7	ROKLE	

A locality on the right lakeside. A grass-covered beach, slowly descending lake bottom, a large car park.

ACCESS:	
* Bus no.303 – Rokle stop	
* Car – road no.384	
* Boat – Rokle, Přístaviště (dock) stop	

8	SOKOLSKÉ KOUPALIŠTĚ	
	<i>Hrázní street</i>	

A locality on the left lakeside. Beach volleyball court, refreshments, comfortable water access.

ACCESS:	
* On foot – from Přístaviště (dock) stop	
* Boat – Sokolské koupaliště stop	
* Car – along Hrázní street	
MORE ON: www.sokolak.cz	

9	PODKOMORSKÉ LESY FOREST NATURE RESERVE	

Nature reserve, size 40 km², established in 1989. The nature reserve includes forests in the surroundings of Brno, Žebětín and Ostrovačice. The forests hide Helenčina and Říšova fountains and Podkomorská forest-er’s lodge known from the verse novel by K. H. Mácha: Pohádka máje (May Fairy Tale). Two educational paths: Hrad Vevěří Castle, Jelení žlíbek valley.

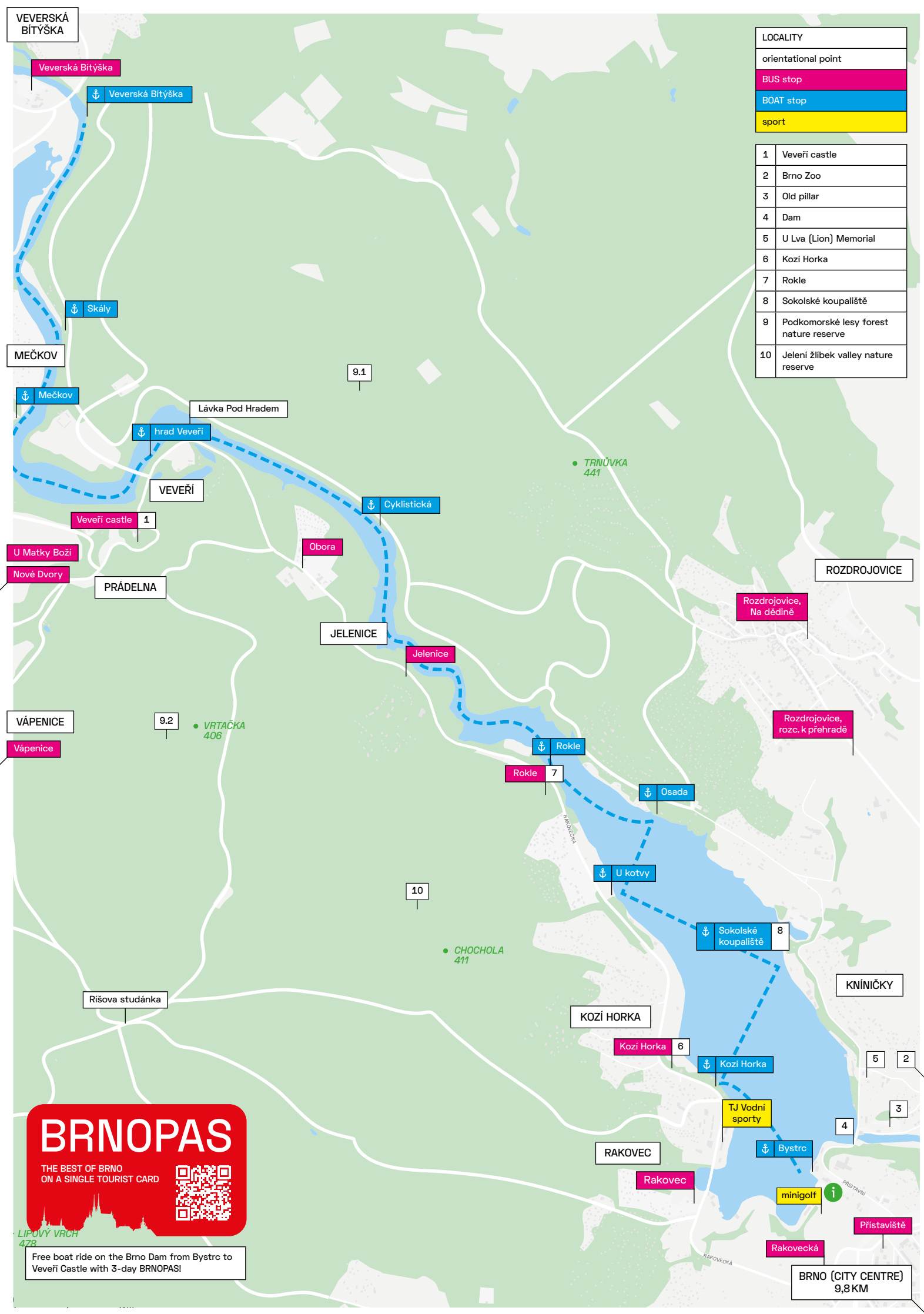
10	JELEŇÍ ŽLÍBEK VALLEY NATURE RESERVE	

A nature reserve established in the Chrastava locality, west of the Chochoła hilltop, in the Podkomorské lesy forest nature reserve, in 1979. Here you can see mighty forest beech trees up to 200-year-old and frequently also winter oaks.



Six stops with information about the lake and dam. The 2 km long path starts from the Přístaviště (Boat terminus) and ends at the Sokolské koupaliště on the left lake-side, following the red tourist path. The visitors can read information about the lake, the dam, the surrounding fauna and flora, and about the flooded Kníničky vilage as well as about the surroundings of the Sokolské koupaliště swimming pool. MORE ON: stezka.nesehnuti.cz







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#### ZLATÁ LOĎ (THE GOLDEN SHIP) INFORMATION CENTRE

For better orientation around the Brno dam (and many other locations) use Information Centre Zlatá loď (the Golden Ship IC) right at the entrance to the port from June to August. In addition to information the kiosk also offers souvenirs, services and free Wi-Fi.

Address:  
Přístavní 40, Brno-Bystrc  
MON-SUN 10<sup>AM</sup> - 7<sup>PM</sup>