

# BRNO

Small guide to the city

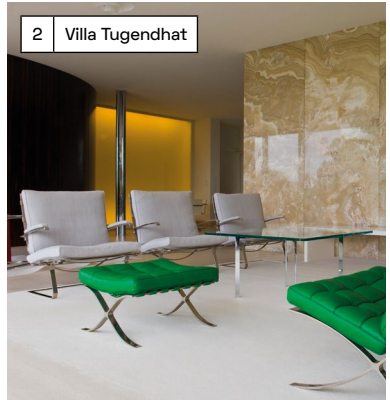


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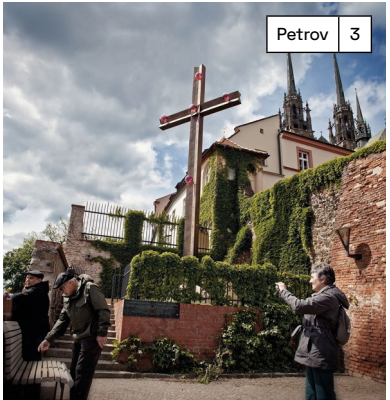
# Compulsory minimum sights: What are Brno's absolute "musts"?



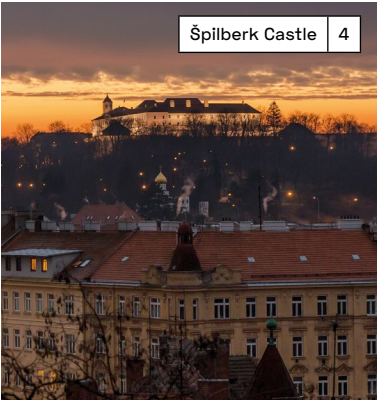
Explore underground worlds.  
→ Žlutý kopec Water Tanks



Be wowed by Functionalism.  
→ Villa Tugendhat World Heritage Site



Marvel!  
→ Cathedral on Petrov Hill with views of the town



Be (a little bit) afraid.  
→ Špilberk Castle with its casemates ingrained with legends



Get some perspective.  
→ Viewing gallery from the Old Town Hall tower



Try some vegan ice-cream on a square infused with fruit, vegetable and flower aromas of the market. → Vegetable Market (Zelný trh)



Chatting on the sidewalk into the night.  
→ St James Square (Jakubské nám.)



Ask what time it is.  
→ time machine on Freedom Square (nám. Svobody)

MAP KEY	
	Parking
	Public toilets
	Hospital
	Police
	Bus station
	Train Station
	Airport
	Taxi
	Post office
	Statue
	Shopping centre

Tour guide services / themed walks  
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 pruvodce@ticbrno.cz  
 www.guidedtoursbrno.cz

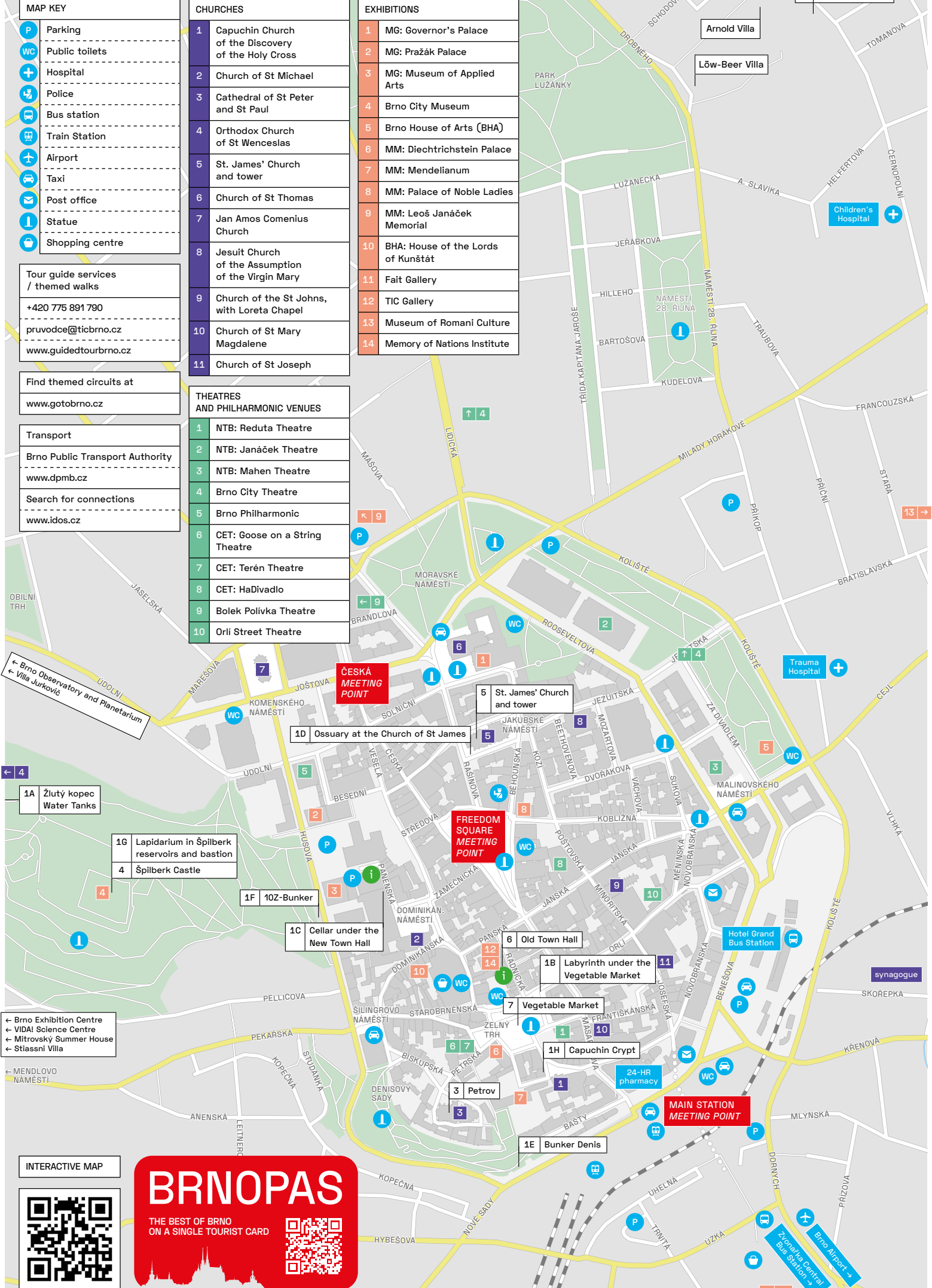
Find themed circuits at  
 www.gotobrno.cz

Transport  
 Brno Public Transport Authority  
 www.dpmb.cz  
 Search for connections  
 www.idos.cz

CHURCHES	
1	Capuchin Church of the Discovery of the Holy Cross
2	Church of St Michael
3	Cathedral of St Peter and St Paul
4	Orthodox Church of St Wenceslas
5	St. James' Church and tower
6	Church of St Thomas
7	Jan Amos Comenius Church
8	Jesuit Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary
9	Church of the St Johns, with Loretta Chapel
10	Church of St Mary Magdalene
11	Church of St Joseph

THEATRES AND PHILHARMONIC VENUES	
1	NTB: Reduta Theatre
2	NTB: Janáček Theatre
3	NTB: Mahen Theatre
4	Brno City Theatre
5	Brno Philharmonic
6	CET: Goose on a String Theatre
7	CET: Terén Theatre
8	CET: HaDivadlo
9	Bolek Polivka Theatre
10	Orlí Street Theatre

EXHIBITIONS	
1	MG: Governor's Palace
2	MG: Pražák Palace
3	MG: Museum of Applied Arts
4	Brno City Museum
5	Brno House of Arts (BHA)
6	MM: Diechtrichstein Palace
7	MM: Mendelianum
8	MM: Palace of Noble Ladies
9	MM: Leoš Janáček Memorial
10	BHA: House of the Lords of Kunštát
11	Fait Gallery
12	TIC Gallery
13	Museum of Romani Culture
14	Memory of Nations Institute



← Brno Observatory and Planetarium  
 ← Villa Jurkovic

1A Žlutý kopec Water Tanks  
 1G Lapidarium in Špilberk reservoirs and bastion  
 4 Špilberk Castle

← Brno Exhibition Centre  
 ← VIDAL Science Centre  
 ← Mitrovský Summer House  
 ← Stiasni Villa

← MENDLOVO NÁMĚSTÍ

INTERACTIVE MAP

**BRNOPAS**  
 THE BEST OF BRNO  
 ON A SINGLE TOURIST CARD

MAIN STATION MEETING POINT

FREEDOM SQUARE MEETING POINT

ČESKÁ MEETING POINT

1D Ossuary at the Church of St James

5 St. James' Church and tower

1F 10Z-Bunker

1C Cellar under the New Town Hall

6 Old Town Hall

1B Labyrinth under the Vegetable Market

7 Vegetable Market

1H Capuchin Crypt

1E Bunker Denis

3 Petrov

Hotel Grand Bus Station

synagogue

SKOŘEPKA

KŘENOVA

MLÝNSKÁ

PRÁZOVÁ

BRNO AIRPORT

Zvonovice Central Bus Station

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## 1A ŽLUTÝ KOPEC WATER TANKS

A mysterious underground cathedral that will make you gasp. A secret subterranean world close to Brno's city centre. The ideal destination for two very different types of visitors: fans of expert presentations by great guides, and lovers of independent exploration.

→ Tvrdého 15, [www.watertanksbrno.com](http://www.watertanksbrno.com)

\* Other amazing sites in the Brno underground include:

1B Labyrinth under the Vegetable Market  
Zelný trh 21

1C Cellar under the New Town Hall  
Dominikánské nám. 1

1D Ossuary at the Church of St James  
Jakubské nám.

1E Bunker Denis, Husova/Nádražní  
→ [www.pozzemibrno.cz](http://www.pozzemibrno.cz)

1F Fallout Shelter 10Z-Bunker,  
→ Husova opposite No. 12, [www.10-z.cz](http://www.10-z.cz)

1G Lapidarium in Špilberk reservoirs  
and bastion

→ Špilberk 1, [www.spilberk.cz](http://www.spilberk.cz)

1H Capuchin Crypt

→ Kapucínské nám. 5,  
[www.hrobka.kapucini.cz](http://www.hrobka.kapucini.cz)

## 2 VILLA TUGENDGAT

The most famous villa in Brno. Signature Functionalist monument registered as a World Heritage Site.

\* The house was designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe for Greta and Fritz Tugendhat.

\* Formal architectural purity framed in a natural setting, mutually permeating spaces, technical and structural solutions and the use of precious raw materials.

→ Černopolní 45, [www.tugendhat.eu](http://www.tugendhat.eu)

\* Other important Brno villas include the Art Nouveau Löw-Beer Villa (Drobného 22), the Art Nouveau Jurkovič House (Jana Nečase 2), the Functionalist Stiasni Villa (Hroznová 14) and the newly opened Arnold Villa (Drobného 26).

## 3 PETROV

The Cathedral of St Peter and St Paul stands atop Petrov Hill and dominates the city's skyline. Its origins reach back to the 1170s, when a Romanesque rotunda was erected on the site.

\* The Cathedral underwent one Gothic and two Baroque reconstructions; the two characteristic towers are more recent – the work of August Kirstein during a Neo-Gothic rebuild in 1909.

\* At the foot of Petrov is a park, Denis Gardens, offering a panoramic view of Brno and its southern surroundings. In good weather you can see the hills of Pálava in the distance.

\* The park also features a colonnade with a fountain and an 1818 obelisk to commemorate the end of the Napoleonic Wars.

→ Petrov 9, [www.katedrala-petrov.cz](http://www.katedrala-petrov.cz)

## 4 ŠPILBERK CASTLE

A sweeping castle complex from the 13<sup>th</sup> century, rebuilt in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries as a mighty military fortress and subsequently

as a prison for the most dangerous criminals and political enemies. Here we can see:

\* Parapets with breath-taking views over Brno, and the castle, housing the Brno City Museum and also staging a variety of concerts, theatrical performances and festivals.

\* Castle chimes – a 15-bell carillon; also, a lookout in the corner tower, and the Baroque Holy Trinity Chapel.

\* The casemates – dark, vaulted passageways into the bowels of which have disappeared many of the Hapsburg Empire's most barbarous criminals.

→ Špilberk 1, [www.spilberk.cz](http://www.spilberk.cz)

## 5 ST. JAMES' CHURCH AND TOWER

The church and its 94-metre tower are among the nation's finest examples of Late Gothic architecture.

\* Visitors can look around the entire building, starting with the freely accessible nave, from where you climb to the organ loft up a double spiral staircase.

\* You can also examine the church treasury before exploring amid the four-storey roof trusses, which offers a stupendous panorama of the city.

→ Jakubské náměstí, [www.visitjakub.cz](http://www.visitjakub.cz)

## 6 OLD TOWN HALL

Brno's oldest secular building, centre of city government from the mid-13<sup>th</sup> century until 1935.

\* The Old Town Hall has Late Gothic portal with a contorted tower, the work of sculptor Anton Pilgram.

\* In its vaulted passage it shelters two symbols of Brno: a stuffed crocodile – the so-call "Brno dragon" and a wooden cart wheel.

\* Old Town Hall courtyard and tower with a lookout gallery. Anton Pilgram exhibition.

→ TIC BRNO Information Centre,  
Radnická 8, [www.ticbrno.cz](http://www.ticbrno.cz)

## 7 VEGETABLE MARKET

A 13<sup>th</sup> century square with a market, fountain, sculptural group and two theatres. As in years past, here you can still buy fresh fruit and vegetables. And there's plenty to see:

\* Indoor market with a view of the town.

\* The Baroque fountain entitled Parnas by Johann Bernhard Fischer von Erlach.

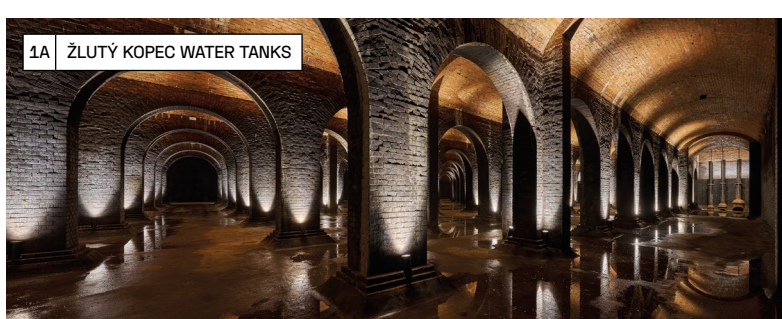
\* Dietrichstein Palace, one of the oldest palaces in Brno.

\* Baroque house of the abbots of the Žďár Monastery and the House of the Lords of Fanal, where today perform the Goose on a String Theatre.

\* Reduta Theatre, one of oldest theatre buildings in Europe, in which 11-year old Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart once performed.

\* Labyrinth under the Vegetable Market, a convoluted network of medieval passageways and cellars.

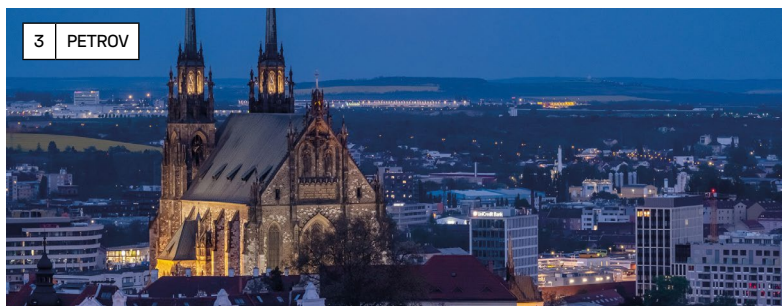
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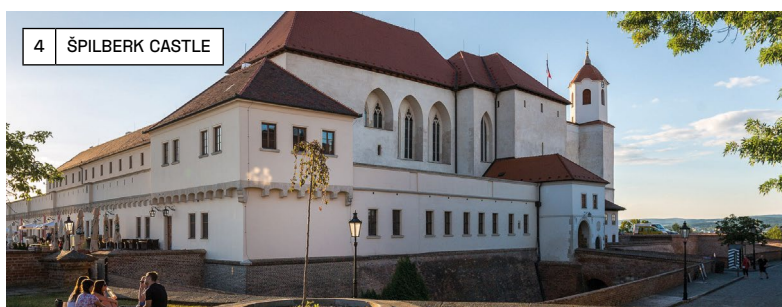
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## 6 OLD TOWN HALL



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Moravian Gallery in Brno

MORAVIAN GALLERY IN BRNO

The second biggest art museum in the Czech Republic offers a broad spectrum of cultural events.

- \* The gallery's history dates back to 1818. Today it combines fine and applied arts in permanent and visiting exhibitions.
- \* MG is located in four separate and architecturally significant buildings: Pražák Palace, Museum of Applied Arts, Governor's Palace and Jurkovič House.
- + Other museums and galleries: Brno City Museum, Brno House of Arts, Moravian Museum, Technical Museum, Fait Gallery, Mitrovský Summer Villa, TIC Gallery, Mendel Museum, Museum of Romani Culture, Diocesan Museum and others.

NATIONAL THEATRE IN BRNO

The theatre opened 1881, following the example set by the National Theatre in Prague.

- \* During the season, plays, ballet and opera are performed in three buildings – at the Janáček Theatre, Mahen Theatre and Reduta Theatre. In summer, performances are held outdoors.
- \* Mahen Theatre – the first fully electrically lit theatre on the European mainland.
- \* In summer months the park in front of Janáček Theatre, with its water fountain, is thronged with people.
- + Other theatres and philharmonic venues: Brno City Theatre, Brno Philharmonic, Centre for Experimental Theatre (HaDivadlo, Goose on a String Theatre, Terén Theatre), Bolek Polivka Theatre

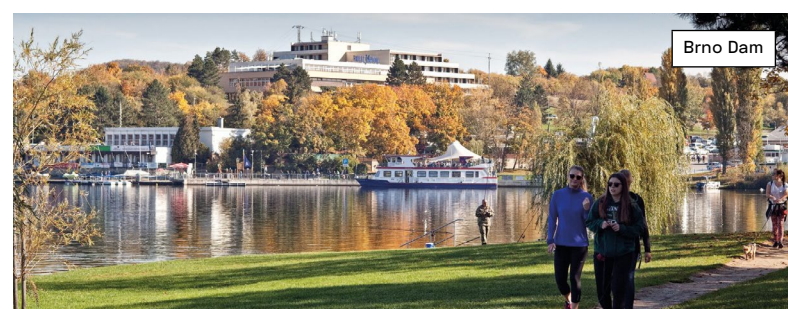


National Theatre Brno



The Curtain – Janáček Theatre

## Beyond the centre



Brno Dam

BRNO DAM

Popular recreation and leisure resort. The shores are lined with beaches, numerous children's playgrounds, sports facilities, and places to hire boats, paddle boats and paddleboards.

- \* Veverí Castle is close by – making an ideal destination for a pleasure cruise.

- Water transport: [www.dpmb.cz](http://www.dpmb.cz)
- Veverí Castle: [www.hrad-veveri.cz](http://www.hrad-veveri.cz)

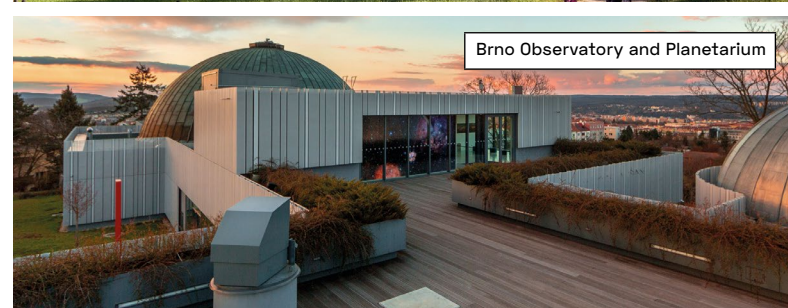
BRNO OBSERVATORY AND PLANETARIUM

Centre aiming to popularize astronomy and other sciences.

- \* Before entering the planetarium, you can have a go on a range of interactive exhibits, such as a kaleidoscope, pixel wall, sound tube and gravity gauge.

- Kraví hora 2, [www.hvezdarna.cz](http://www.hvezdarna.cz)

VIDA! SCIENCE CENTRE



Brno Observatory and Planetarium

BRNO ZOO

Since 1953, Brno Zoo has been attracting visitors to its natural setting of Monk's Hill in Brno-Bystrc.

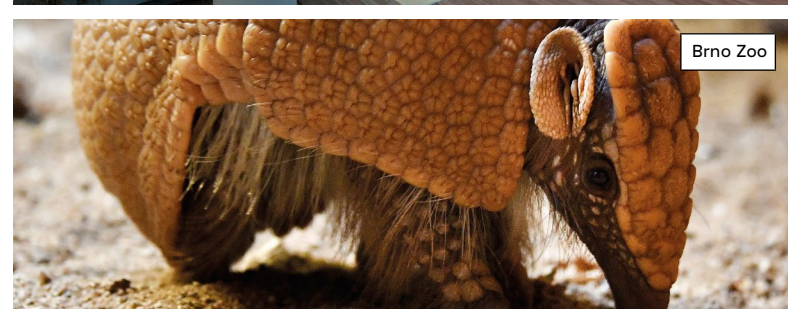
- \* Offers encounters with fascinating animals from all over the world, newly among them a pair of Congo lions.

- U Zoolog. zahrady 46, [www.zoobrna.cz](http://www.zoobrna.cz)

Fun science amusement park with a permanent interactive exhibition for children and adults.

- \* Chance to present a TV weather forecast, release your own tornado or flood a village.

- Křižkovského 12, [www.vida.cz](http://www.vida.cz)



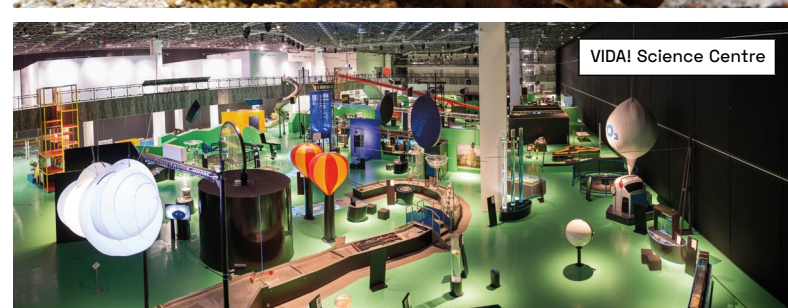
Brno Zoo

## Tourism portal GOTOBRNO.cz

Tour routes charting interesting Brno themes, tips about where to get good food and drink, or events and festivals it'd be a shame to miss. That's GOTOBRNO.cz. A modern tourism portal making it easy to find the fun things to do in Brno. And it'll stop you getting lost. You also can read

up-to-date info about transport, and learn about other printed materials and information centres. And we'll recommend what designer gifts you might want to take back home.

- [www.gotobrna.cz](http://www.gotobrna.cz)



VIDA! Science Centre

## BRNOPAS

The best of Brno on a single tourist card.

- [www.brnopas.cz](http://www.brnopas.cz)

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