

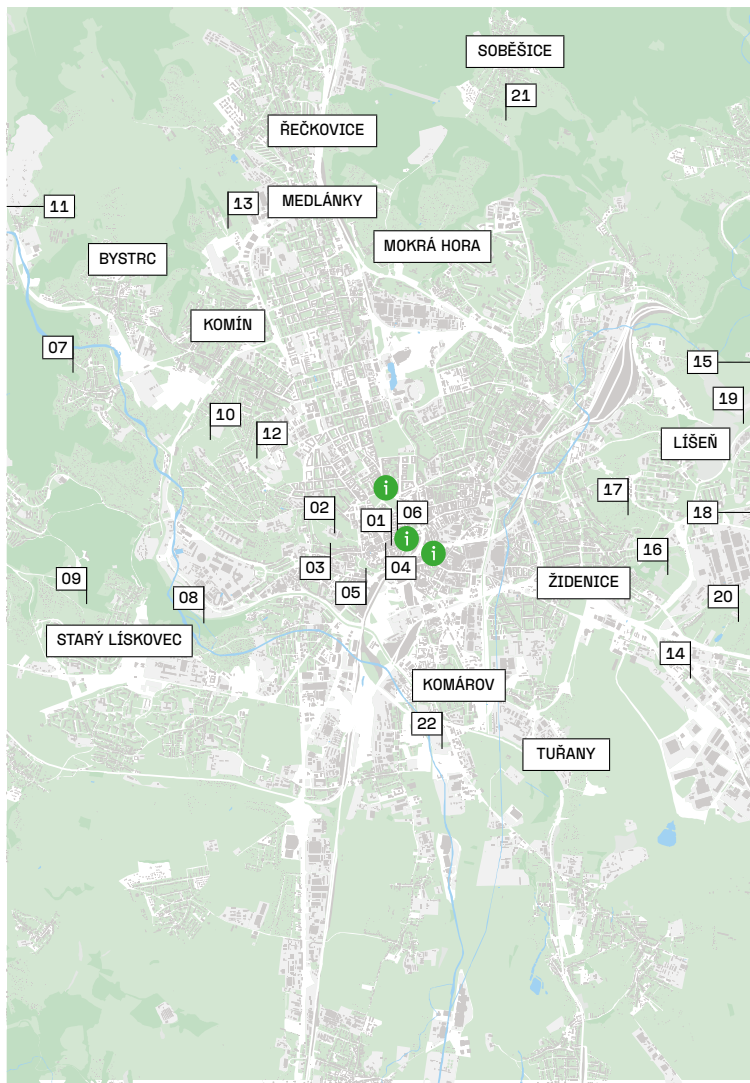
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# Brno vistas





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## Old Town Hall

The sightseeing tour of the Old Town Hall in Brno city centre offers more than just the breath-taking vistas of Moravia's historic capital from the gallery of the 63 m high tower with its renaissance cupola. On the way up (or down) the historic core of the tower, dating from around 1240, you can peep into the Crystal Hall, the Fresco Hall or the Treasury. You will also pass through the 16<sup>th</sup> century renaissance arcades created by Italian architects. The entrance from Radnická street is decorated with a portal notable for its legendary bent spire, built in 1511 by sculptor Anton Pilgram. In addition to the vista and the beautiful halls the visitors to the Town Hall tower can also enjoy a deciphering game.

Radnická 8

49°11'35"N, 16°36'30.5"E

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Zelný trh  
(lines 4, 9)

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



## Špilberk Castle

The north-eastern turret of the rectangular fortress offers an unobstructed circular vista of Brno where you can gaze upon Villa Tugendhat in the distance or even the Pálava hilltops along the horizon. Opened shutters seen from the foothill across the 60 metre vertical distance show that the tower is open for tourists. The climb, ending with 103 stairs, is well worth it.

Špilberk 1

49°11'40"N, 16°35'60"E

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Hrad Špilberk  
(line 80) or Šilingrovo náměstí  
(lines 5, 6, 12)

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



## Špilberk Arbour

An observation arbour in the Špilberk park, built in 1885 and designed by Alois Prastorfer, graduate of the Viennese Academy. The observation point offers, among other things, secluded open-air views of the Old Brno brewery or St. Anne Hospital.

Špilberk 1

49°11'37.5"N, 16°35'55.5"E

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT:** Hrad Špilberk  
(line 80) or Šilingrovo náměstí  
(lines 5, 6, 12)

free access



## Petrov

The towers of the St. Peter and Paul's Cathedral, as can be seen on the ten-crown coin, can be visited all year round. The vista is bidirectional, limited by the locations of the observation balconies. While the northern view is similar to the vista from the tower of the Old Town Hall, the southern view offers an undisturbed vista of the landscape between Brno and the Pálava hills. An interesting section is the pass under the bells, chiming daily at 11<sup>AM</sup> and 5.15<sup>PM</sup>.

Petrov 1

49°11'27"N, 16°36'27"E

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Šilíngrovo náměstí (lines 5, 6, 12)

[www.katedrala-petrov.cz](http://www.katedrala-petrov.cz)



## Denisovy sady (Denis Gardens)

Denis Gardens are located under the St. Peter and Paul's Cathedral. Close to the big stone obelisk there are two observation points with a metal panorama detailing the vista before you. The northern point shows the axis of Husova street to the Red Church and the southern point is specifically attractive for rail transport lovers – here, they will see, among other things, the railway shunting area and the new office buildings behind it, including the (unfortunately, not publicly accessible) highest building in town, the 111 m high AZ Tower.

Petrov 1

49°11'26.5"N, 16°36'21"E

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Šilingrovo náměstí (lines 5, 6, 12)

free access



## Dům pánů z Lipé

Binoculars on the roof over the 7<sup>th</sup> floor bar of the reconstructed renaissance palace offer a remarkable vista of náměstí Svobody (Freedom Square) and St. James' Church. The vista is usually accessible from March to the first snowfall.

Náměstí Svobody 17

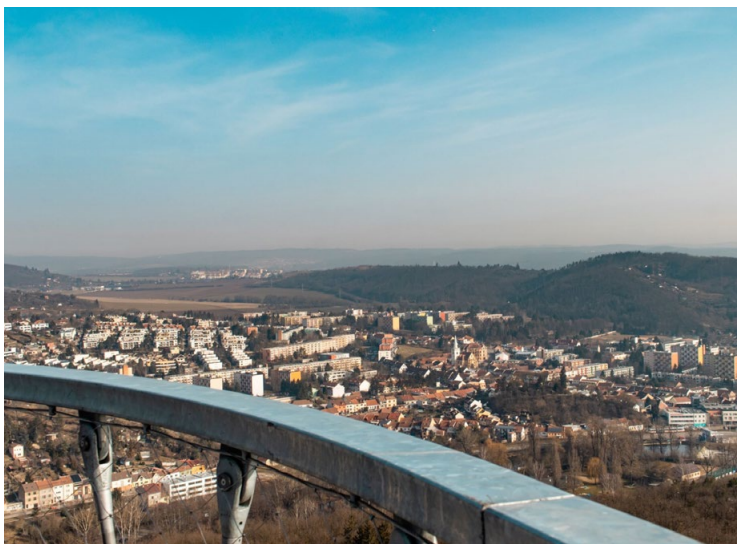
49°19'43.5"N, 16°60'84.5"E

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Náměstí Svobody (lines 4, 9)

Free access via the café  
(open during opening hours  
of the Terazza café)

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





## Observation tower Holedná

The Holedná Forest Enclosure lies between the Bystrc, Jundrov, and Kohoutovice districts. It includes a flat valley and steep slopes, with its highest peak in the north: Holedná, at 391 metres above sea level. Since December 2020, visitors can climb the observation tower not far from Holedná that was named Observation Tower of the Year for 2021.

Brno-Jundrov

49°12'53.56"N, 16°32'39.48"E

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: line 44 (stop Optátova), line 84 (stop Jundrovský most), line 67 (stop Jundrov)

[www.gotobrna.cz/en/place/holedna-forest-enclosure](http://www.gotobrna.cz/en/place/holedna-forest-enclosure)



## Mahenova stráň slope

To see the grounds of the Brno Exhibition Centre you must take the educational path of the City of Brno Forests west of Kamenná street. The cosy arbour offers a vista of the Pisárky valley and the home of international trade fairs since 1928. A similar vista of the Exhibition Centre is available a few metres higher where the green tourist path from Červený kopec (Red Hill) continues along a deforested rock. The higher positioned vista also overlooks the Babi lom crest and the Vranov forests in the distance.

49°10'54"N, 16°34'42.5"E

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT:** Poříčí (lines 2, 5, 6, 44, 84), and then along Táborské nábřeží (riverbank) and the cycling path or Červený kopec (line 82) and then along the green tourist path.

free access



## Kamenný vrch slopes

The forest park on the Kamenný vrch slopes was planted in the late 1920s as part of the healing zone of the City Hospital Treasury. The buildings for patient recovery included an indoor pool, a rosary and a functionalist observation tower. The tower was forgotten after the war and became dilapidated. The original condition, with the addition of a new drinking fountain, was only restored in 2011. The vista towards the Bohunice hospital and farther towards the city is unfortunately overgrown with trees.

49°10'58"N, 16°33'21.5"E

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Koniklecová (linka 25, 26), then along the green tourist path

Irregular opening hours on summer weekends, advance booking through the Nový Liskovec town hall is recommended

[www.novy-liskovec.cz](http://www.novy-liskovec.cz)



## Wilsonův les (Wilson Forest)

A vista along the closed, former down-hill skiing slope towards the Brno city quarters of Žabovřesky, Komin and Královo Pole is available from the wooden observation point built in 2010 following the design of architect Vladimír Čuhel. It is located in the upper part of Wilsonův les (Wilson Forest). The forest park, with an area of 34 ha, was established in 1882 by Ludvík Odstrčil, notary of Emperor Franz Joseph I.

Kraví hora 2

49°12'11.5"N, 16°34'23"E

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Barvičova  
(lines 35, 39)

free access



## Veveří Castle

The second castle of Brno invites you not only to its secret corridors and to its reconstructed interiors where the late British Prime Minister Winston Churchill repeatedly visited. From April to October the castle also offers vistas of the Brno lake (formerly Kniničská) from two different places: from the Gunpowder Tower (included in the basic admission) and from the terrace enclosing the north-eastern side of the main yard as part of the larger tour. The main (Blade) Tower is not yet accessible.

Veverská Bítýška

49°15'21.5"N, 16°27'37.5"E

49°15'25"N, 16°27'46.5"E

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Hrad Veveří  
(line 303)

[www.hrad-veveri.cz/en](http://www.hrad-veveri.cz/en)



## Observatory at Kraví hora hill

The repair and reconstruction of the Brno Observatory and Planetarium at Kraví hora hill in 2011 resulted in, among other things, building an observation point on its roof. In addition to watching the sky you can also enjoy the vista across the Královo Pole and Žabovřesky city quarters farther towards the north-west of Brno, and as far as the Hády quarry and its surroundings in the north-east. The construction of a higher observation "Sun Tower" is under preparation.

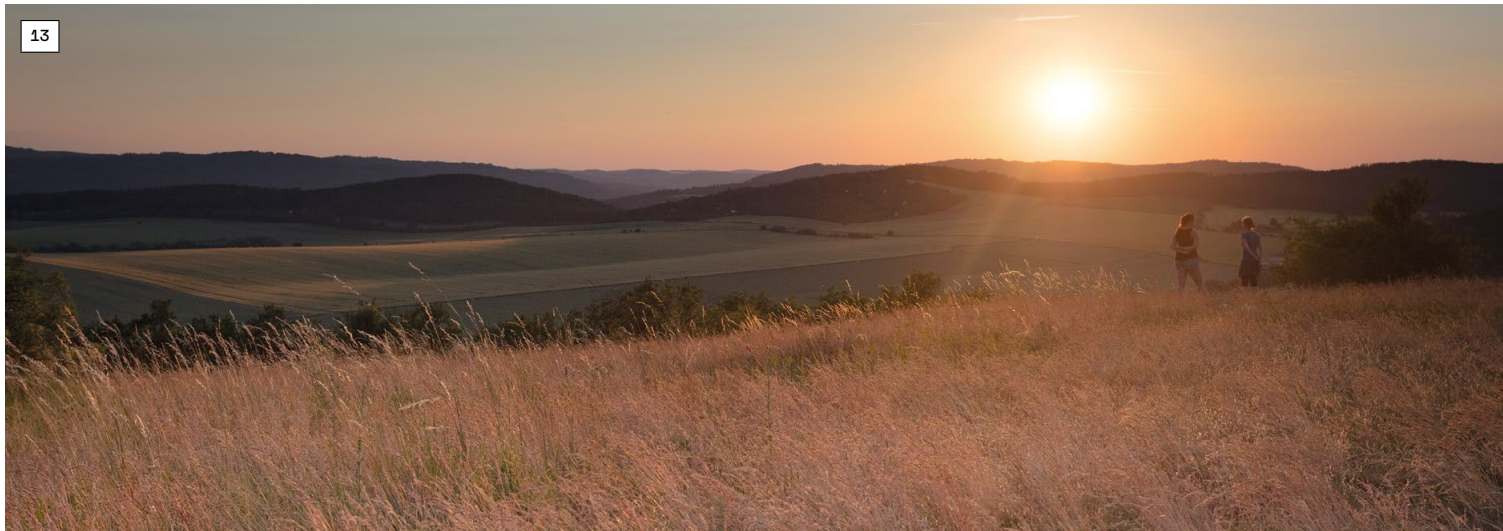
Kraví hora 2

49°12'16.5"N, 16°35'2"E

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Náměstí Míru  
(lines 4, 80)

free access (before the observatory  
programmes)

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



## Medlánecké kopce hills

This natural monument, protected since 1988 as a habitat for thermophilic plants and rare insect species, also offers attractive panoramic vistas. The northern hill overlooks the Medlánky and Řečkovice quarters and Baba hill, while the southern hill not only offers the Královo Pole quarter with the BUT campus and its “skyscraper” and Technical Museum, but also the whole north of the Moravian capital.

49°14'3.5"N, 16°34'5.5"E

49°14'17.5"N, 16°34'6"E

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT:** Medlánky (lines 41, 65, 71), and then along the green tourist path according to the signpost, or Technologický park (lines 12, 53, 65), and then along the yellow path, according to the signpost

free access



## BRUNO family park

A visit to the top floor of this family entertainment centre is an adrenalin experience. The vista towards Stránská skála rock is beyond a glass floor which visitors must first have the courage to step on. Standing in your socks (you must take off your shoes when you enter the centre) as if you are suspended in mid-air is worth the experience.

Kigginsova 2

49°10'52.5"N, 16°40'6"E

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Černovičky  
(lines 31, 33, 75)

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





## Horněk Observation Point

The calming vista of the endless greenery in the Říčky valley is prepared for tourists taking the yellow path from Hády to Říčky. The detour to the observation point will only take a couple of minutes.

49°13'53.5"N, 16°43'1.5"E

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT:** Na spáleništi (lines 201, 202), then along the cycling path along the road and the yellow tourist path

free access



## Bílá hora hill

The strategic location of one of the hilltops of the Šlapanická pahorkatina hills near the urban housing area was used as early as the late 1930s by the German army who built observation points of air-raid defence there. They were replaced after the war with a massive concrete memorial to the labour movement. Today, the area is used for more than just romantic evenings with the sunset over Brno.

49°19'41"N, 16°65'95"E

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Bílá hora  
(lines 8, 55, 78)

free access



## Židenický kopec hill — B. Hrabal Park

Ve Vinohradech

49°12'9"N, 16°39'0.5"E

49°12'6"N, 16°39'11"E

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT:** Stará Osada  
(lines 2, 3, 44, 74 and other),  
and then along Balbinova,  
Ve Vinohradech streets

free access

The slope of the 307 m high hill with access from Balbinova street is slowly being transformed into Bohumil Hrabal Park. This is the place where the famous native of Židenice played as a small child before his family moved to Nymburk, with nearby Kersko, later made famous by the film *Slavnosti sněženek* (The Snowdrop Festival). The top of the Židenický kopec hill will soon be adorned with an observation tower offering a vista of Brno from a different side.



## Líšeň — Kostelíček (Little Church)

The first chapel on the Kostelíček (Little Church) hill was built by the owner of the local estate Eliška Bergerová of Berg in 1630. The present pilgrimage chapel of Virgin Mary the Helper was built in 1914. In front of the chapel you can enjoy a beautiful vista of the Brno valley as far as Rajhrad and Židlochovice, and the forests around Říčka to the north.

49°12'35"N, 16°42'20"E

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Kubelíkova  
(line 58), continue along Kostelíček  
and Kniesova streets

free access



## Velká Klajdovka and Hády quarry

The carpark in front of the Velká Klajdovka restaurant is provided with a metal panel detailing the panoramic vista towards the south – from the Pálava hills and Výhon u Soběšic, via Červený kopec (Red Hill) and Žlutý kopec (Yellow Hill), to the Kohoutovice water tank. If the sky is absolutely clear you can even see the Austrian Schneeberg. A wider horizon (towards Maloměřice and Lesná) opens up from the top edge of the former quarry nearby. Local information is provided along the educational path of Hádecké lomy (quarries). You can end your visit by feeding pleasant cloven-hoofed animals in the Lama centre below the hill.

Jedovnická 7

49°13'0"N, 16°40'50"E

49°13'14"N, 16°40'12.5"E

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Velká Klajdovka  
(lines 201, 202)

free access



## Stránská skála rock

This natural monument has recently offered up mammoth, rhino and caribou bones. One of the caves contained 645 bones of Pleistocene birds at least 10 thousand years old. The limestone quarried from the rock in the Middle Ages was used for, among other things, building the Parnas fountain in the Cabbage Market in Brno. During World War 2 a German aircraft engine factory was built here in the underground. Its completion was prevented by American raids in 1944. The top of the rock offers an impressive circular vista of the surrounding industrial premises, the city of Brno and the villages in its south-eastern neighbourhood.

49°11'26"N, 16°40'33"E

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Stránská skála  
(line 9), then continue along  
the green tourist path

free access



## Ostrá horka — Strom

The Ostrá horka hill with the summit known as Strom, south of Soběšice, was selected in 1759 as the northernmost point of the trigonometric survey network of the Viennese meridian. The contact point of the network was the dome of the Holy Cross Chapel, pulled down in 1784, and replaced with a stone memorial as a reminder. In the new millennium the local association, called the Soběšice Guard, initiated the erection of the observation tower. The tower was completed in December 2007. Vistas: Brno, Pálava hills, Babí lom quarry, Moravian Karst, Dražanská vrchovina hills, Českomoravská vrchovina hills.

49°14'52.5"N, 16°37'19.5"E

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT:** Dohnalova (line 43), then along the yellow marked tourist path, either according to the guide-post or Panská lícha (line 57), then along the yellow marked tourist path, according signpost

free access

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



## Komec — Hněvkovského premises

The former boiler room on Hněvkovského street in Komárov became the Komec sports club with a mountaineering wall in 2014. Its 25 m high brick smokestack was provided with an external circular steel staircase and began to be used as an observation tower. The smokestack overlooks the southern part of Brno and the hills in the west and in the north of the city. The visible dominating features include the AZ Tower (1.5 km away), Petrov (2.7 km away), Špilberk (3.3 km away), Bohunice hospital (3 km away), Chrlice silo (5.6 km away) or the Hády transmitter (6.8 km away).

Hněvkovského 62c

49°10'11.5"N, 16°37'24"E

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Hněvkovského  
(lines 40, 48, 63, 67, Avion)

Open daily 10<sup>AM</sup>–10<sup>PM</sup>

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



# TIPS FOR VISTAS OUTSIDE BRNO

## Rozdrojovice

49°15'35"N, 16°30'38.5"E

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Rozdrojovice, Na dědi-ně (line 302), take the red path

free access

Start at Rozdrojovice fountain north of the Brno lake and take the slightly ascending red path towards a covered bench for resting. From there you will see not only the Koží Horka part of the lake but also the Bystrc housing estate and Holedná hill with Podkomorské lesy forest.

## Mokrá- -Horákov

49°13'23"N, 16°45'18"E

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Mokrá-Horákov, Mokrá (line 701), the observation tower is within sight

free access

The ten metre high iron observation tower with a spiral staircase was built in 2015 next to the Skalky water tank above Mokrá-Horákov village. The vista is obscured by the surrounding hills and only opens in the northern direction towards the Modrá quarry and in the southern direction to the Dyjsko-svratecký úval and Pálava region.

## Urbanův kopec hill

49°9'14.5"N, 16°32'34"E

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Ostopovice, Branky (lines 403, 404), take Krátká street and the straight path

free access

Urbanův kopec hill overlooking the village of Ostopovice allows its visitors to see not only the fragments of the unfinished "Hitler motorway" from Wrocław to Vienna in the excavated part of the hill but also the new development in the south-west of Brno – Nový and Starý Lískovec, Bohunice and Horní Heršpice.

## Žebětín — U pomníku

49°12'41.5"N, 16°28'46"E

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Helenčina (line 52), take Ostrovačická street

free access

A vista of part of the Podkomorské lesy forest, the Holedná massif and the new development in Bystrc and Žebětín, is offered from the World War 2 monument and the adjacent transmission pole in Ostrovačická street. Below the hill there is the Žebětínský rybník pond nature reserve known for the migrations of thousands of frogs. In winter the frozen surface attracts skaters.

## Santon, Tvarožná

49°18'832"N, 16°76'38"E

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Tvarožná, ZD (line 702), take the yellow path and follow the sign-post

free access

The Little Hill, as the locals call it, with the beautiful Snow Virgin Mary chapel on its top, was chosen by the Napoleonic army as a strategic point. The place where, in 1805, French artillery fired at the enemy now offers a vista of Tvarožná village and the Three Emperors battlefield.

## Babí lom quarry

49°18'18.5"N, 16°34'34"E

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Lelekovice, náves (lines 41, 310), take red tourist path

free access

The long massif of Devonian limestone was the place of two different observation constructions in the 19<sup>th</sup> century – a wooden observation tower on the northern hilltop and the Ripka harbour on the southern promontory. Both disappeared with time. While the northern hilltop is empty, the southern holds a concrete observation tower present since 1961 and built on the request of a native of Lelekovice, MUDr Rudolf Albrecht, as one of just four observation towers built by the Communist regime in the 41 years of its existence. The height of 15 m is enough for tourists to see not only Brno but also the Bohemian-Moravian Highland and the Moravian Karst area.

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