

### KITSCAHY CASTLE

Hluboká is nicely reachable from Budejovice by bike, although in the summer the cycle path along the river resembles a highway. You can find here a bit of a kitschy castle and also the main seat of Alšova Jihočeská Gallery.

### BIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES

The Nature reserve of Vrbenské lakes is a special and beautiful tip for bird and butterfly lovers. It is walking distance from Maj (the famous huge panel block of buildings neighborhood), just follow the blue signs.

### ROMANTIC WALK

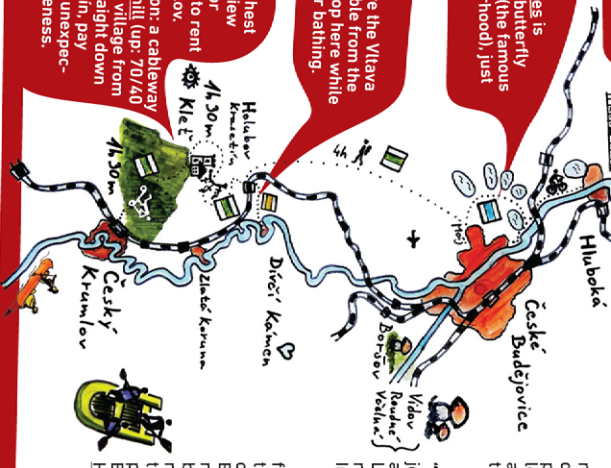
The ruin of Divčákámen on a rock above the Vltava River is a tempting romantic spot. Reachable from the train stop Hluboký. Or you could make a stop here while canoeing. Certainly recommended for river bathing.

### CLIMB UP THE HILL

Klet mountain is the spot of Czech's highest located observatory and the oldest stone view tower. You could get up here by foot, bike, or cableway. It is possible and recommended to rent a scooter for the way down to Český Krumlov.

For the lazy ones, there is a simplification: a cableway going from Kraselín up to the peak of Klet hill (tip: 20/60 CZK, down: 50/20 CZK. You could reach the village from the top of Klet. Once you are in Kraselín, pay a visit to 'U Kochard' place - great feeding, unexpectedly decent concerts and general awesomeness.

## Relax like a local



### TAKE A WALK IN NATURE!

Czech forests, but not only them, are effectively interlaced with hundreds of kilometers of traced and marked tourist paths. We are really good in that, so expect a very low chance of getting lost. Look for three stripes along your way and for arrows with marked directions and distances in kilometers.

Discover the ever popular Czech hobby: "MUSHROOM PICKING"! Persuade a local to join you and advise you on which mushrooms are actually poisonous and which are delicious. Let him/her cook "mushroom soup" or fried mushrooms for you, which you will never forget. In a good way!

Sun, nature, relaxation, friends, singing and fairly cold beer on the rope behind the boat. All together extremely popular Czech phenomenon called "vodáctví". There is no good word for it in English, since "TO GO RAFTING" evokes rather rubber inflatable rafts, but "jet na vodu" should be much more general. To be precise it means to move rather slowly down the river on anything that floats. You have to get a taste of it. The most popular segment is the one from Věsí Břad to Borsův (5 days), you could as well continue up to Hluboká or choose any shorter part of it.

## What is happening Tonight?

Krumlov is alive! You should pick up the cultural agenda called KUK to keep up with local concerts, theatre and club programs. It is issued monthly and you can get it at the Infocenter.



# Swim walk



### HIDDEN AND RAMSHACKLE

The Minorite monastery from 14th century was "hidden" despite it is so close to the main boulevard "latrán" a godforsaken place. The communists were trying to destroy this monastery and time has done the rest of the work. In 2010, some money was finally available for the complex restoration in the city budget so nowdays there is some reconstruction in progress. For the time being, the monastery is closed but it is nice to see at least from outside, and it's gardens are a beautiful green hidden corner in the city.

### DEMODE

Looking for something unusual? Unique Original? Something you won't see there other people wearing in one day? Then definitely visit DeModa - a shop with designs from mainly young local Czech and Slovak artists. And if you're not fed up with the originality, go to DeModa. Held at Latrán 76 where you can find original portion of fresh fashion but also original jewellery, porcelain and accessories.

### DRAMATIC REALITY SHOW

One of the most popular activities here is to spend your time laughing at how people manage the rafts on the water. Pasing the last weir in Krumlov is actually really hard. The fun part is watching them not make it! (At least not dry :)

### DISC CLASSIC

Here is the right place for all the jazz and ethno music lovers, but you may also find some of the oldest gothic instrumental music. LP lovers will love this place not only for a wide selection of jazz LP records but also for their good prices which you can pay by card! Simply a music paradise, opened daily 10am-6pm. After a long browse of the LP records and a half-marathon among the shelves, you'll surely appreciate the music café Dvě vody which belongs to the shop. Mon-Sun 9.30am-9pm.

### EMBANKMENT

One of few green, chill out zones in the center of Český Krumlov, you can bring some lunch or snack with you, walk around the meanders on the river, sit on the bank and watch the paddlers or feed the ducks...

### PIZZA? NO, PIZZA!

When you're walking "Dlouhá" street and suddenly notice the amazing pizza smell. It means you're close, Krumlovská pizzeria is a wooden fast food kiosk with a wood fired oven. Get a pizza "to go" or order a fresh baguette of your choice - dark or light, filled with whatever comes to your mind. This kiosk is not just fast food, you can even stay here for a while. It is a favourite place of Krumlov's people and



## Practical info

**We still DON'T HAVE EUROS**, so be ready to do some math! 1 euro is approximately 25 CZK (= Kč = Czech crowns). Be careful when buying CZK in exchange offices - sometimes they have some kind of a weird extra charges or unfair rates. Maybe the safest way to get money is at an ATM, then it's only your own bank who robs you.

Surprisingly, **smoking inside is still legal**. Restaurants quite often have separate smoking/non-smoking rooms.

**Sun** Most of the museums are closed on Mondays and most of shops and also restaurants are closed on Sundays. Look for the icon "Open on Sunday" - otherwise you can hardly meet even a dog during the weekends.

Most restaurants don't usually serve warm meals after 9 pm. If you're hungry after this hour you had better go and grab some fast food.



## Dictionary



to go rafting jet na vodu [jet na vodu]  
take care měj se [mej se]  
hello dudr/mam  
sweet shop cukrárna [sukrarnna]  
hot dog piškáček [pikakadri]  
clothes pegs kloubáčky [kloubakcy]  
bra šajská [šajskal]  
get a grip vzberchej se [vzberchej se]  
potato pancake omunda [smonodal]  
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## How to get there

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Magdy's and Miras's Local Treasures

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**1** It is likely you will come to České Budějovice or Český Krumlov from Prague. Do not forget to stop in our USE-IT Infocentre in Trojanova street no. 3.

**2** Whenever you plan your trip use the website [www.idas.cz](http://www.idas.cz) for schedules and fares of the official transport. It is up to date and useful for public transport too.

**3a-** For the best services and comfort choose the **Yellow Bus** line offered by Student Agency ([www.studientaagencje.cz](http://www.studientaagencje.cz)) leaving from "Na Knížecí" bus station in Prague. 165 CZK (CB) – 200 CZK (CK). Book it in advance!

From Prague you will spend approximately two and half an hour on your way to České Budějovice. After that you will arrive on the roof!!! **4** Or it will take you three hours to Český Krumlov.

**3b+** Trains connect to České Budějovice every hour. The trip from Prague takes 2h 40 min. Standard fare is 229 CZK for a single person (160 CZK second person, 115 CZK other – group discount as "Skupinová jednosměrná"). The standard fare to Český Krumlov is 269 CZK and it will take you 3h 40min (cause of you have to change trains in CB).



# USE-IT in focus here

The Czech USE-IT Infocentre is in Prague. Come to meet us, pick any map from the USE-IT network, drink some tee or coffee, use the internet, ask for tips or help, plus meet some locals and other travellers.



Trojanova 3  
Praha 2

We are open during the summer (June-September) every day about 11am – 5pm. Check the actual opening hours on our web page [www.use-it.cz](http://www.use-it.cz) > prague > get the map.



**57 DELI 99 BAKERY**  
Is it breakfast or snack-time? Deli 99 is the right place. Their amazing sandwiches or fabulous choco-cherry cake are renowned. Local coffee can be complemented with the best home-made muffins or waffles – yummy! By one sentence: It ain't easy to choose! Sandwiches for about 60 CZK and fresh salads for 89 CZK. In order to entertain the relaxers in Deli 99, the cafe shows exhibitions of traveller photographs from all around the world.

**58 TRADITIONAL SOUVENIR**  
Would you like to buy a souvenir? What else is as well-known as traditional South Bohemian ceramics? Pots, milk-pans, cups, jugs, kettles, bowls... simply everything. The products are local from "Jihovary" or private workshops from Krumlov's neighbourhood. All in Donus Ceramics.

**59 CLOAK BRIDGE**  
On the western side of the Upper Castle, thanks to its monumental arcade structure, is one of the most highly-visible symbols of the area. Its name is derived from the north fortification called the cloak. Originally a wooden bridge connects the castle's interior with the Baroque theatre and garden. At the bridge you can admire not only statues of St. Václav, St. Jan Nepomucký and of other saints on the railing, but also a beautiful view of the whole city. Just be careful while walking under the bridge because it's the Cloak Bridge which holds Krumlov's highest number of suicide jumps.

**60 THE SECOND BIGGEST Tawariki Classic**  
The castle complex in Bohemia is definitely worth visiting! The biggest attractions are a museum with a permanent exhibition about the castle's history and a lapidarium with an exposition of original sculptural decorations. What else? What about a gallery of contemporary fine, glass and ceramic art? There are three of them in the complex. For dizziness-lovers there is a view from the 35-meter high castle tower and for vice-versa sweet claustrophobic feelings you can visit the cellars 12 meters underground.

**61 TEA-ROOM**  
Dobrá čajovna is an oasis in this hectic city. Sitting for a long time on the stool and smoking a water pipe has a very relaxing effect. If you are not an experienced tea drinker, you can ask for some advice from the waiters and choose from a wide range of teas. In the summertime, sit out on the terrace and enjoy the fresh and peaceful atmosphere under the chestnut trees. There is also a tea store, smell and choose the right one for you. Daily 2pm–10pm.

**62 NEED TO CURE A MISERY?**  
Angelika is a cocktail bar that is styled in the way of an old pharmacy and a bar. The choice of cocktails, liqueurs, spirits and other drinks. The healing environment of this small company will definitely make you feel better. Mon-Sat 3pm–1am, Sun 12am–1am.

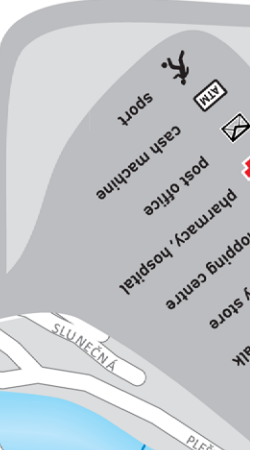
**63 GIPSY FEASTS IN GIPSY TAVERN**  
Člárská izba is a home tavern of Krumlov's gipsy band "Činčidi romá". And well, the gipsy temperament and an overcrowded little pub is a perfectly energetic combination. As the gipsy saying goes: "Stay where it is singing, the devil's can't sing" – and here it is singing and playing every Friday and Saturday. Simply unheard of atmosphere. Mon-Sat noon – midnight.

**64 TRAVELLER'S SPIRIT**  
Traveller's hostel and pub is a lively place. Cultural and music events are taking place in here and you can always meet and make many friends and travellers in the same mood as you. Nice starters in the restaurant's backyard when they escalate to late night table dancing! Events info on fb site.

**65 WINE AND DANCE**  
As you know, the combination of wine and music is very beneficial. At the wine cellar U Šemškůva you may choose superior wine as well as music on a CD or Czech music this on LP. Local's tip: buy a PET bottle of wine to take away and enjoy the view of the lighted up chateau and the river from the island.

**66 VEGE - LABON**  
A vegetarian paradise where even the meat eaters won't know what to taste first. You can taste the whole world during just one lunch. What about going to India for soup, eat an Arabic "hummus" appetizer, skip to Mexico for some quesadillas and finish off with the Indian dessert "khi-r"? After lunch, you can chill out at some aromatic Japanese or Chinese tea. Or you don't like the order of the itinerary? No problem, there are many varieties. The prices are a bit "cheap menu": Daily 11am – midnight.

**67 OLD CZECH DELICACIES**  
In the old Czech tavern U Dvaxa Marží, you are able to eat what people used to eat back in 17. century, the time when the city was created. There are few poor Czech dishes on the menu, like mushroom "kuba", buckwheat porridge, peeled barley, cabbage soup with daisies etc. Unofficially those meals are a bit more expensive nowadays (probably thanks to the inflation) – ca. 135 CZK for a meal that is made by the location in the centre. A shadowy garden at the river and the extraordinary taste of one-time ordinary meals, is absolutely worth it.



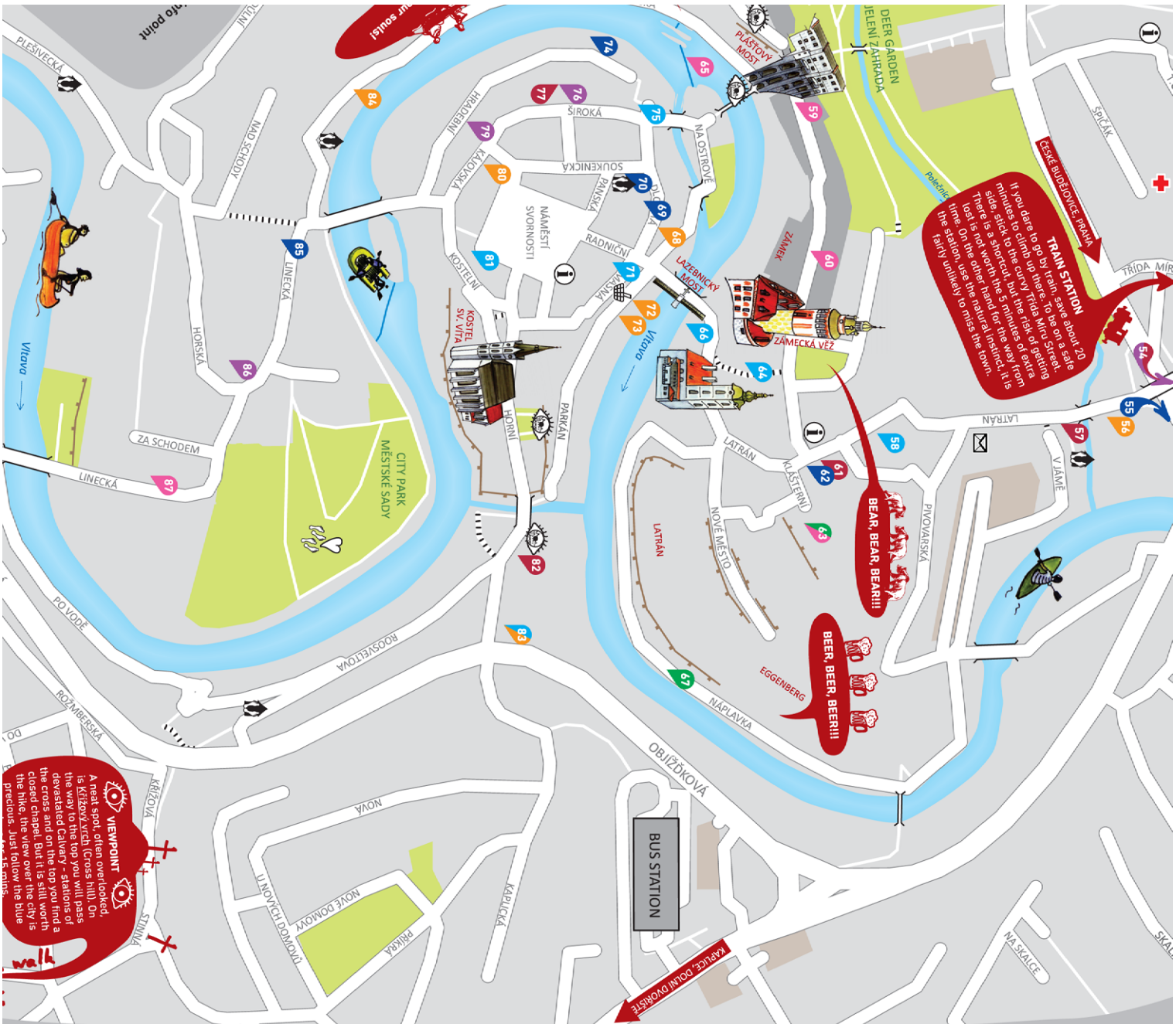
**68 PARTY PLACE**  
A mess? A circus? Wild? How else could we describe the evenings in CIVIL Lounge music club? This is where the people of Krumlov are going to dance and party till morning. Cool design interior complemented with crazy lighting and a really long bar. DJ's parties every Wed, Fri and Sat 8pm–4am.

**69 WANNABE CHIC?**  
Then visit Sulamit! A little corner store divided into two parts. There is a small design shop with things designed by local young girls in the front – an infinite amount of jewellery, necklaces, earrings, pins and pendants, and original stylish clothes, and a superior second-hand shop with premium pieces in the back.

**70 EON SCHIELE**  
The Art Centre represents the life and the work of Egon Schiele – an Austrian artist championed by Český Krumlov in the 20th century. Recently the gallery's facade was, despite the criticisms of the restorers, decorated by a collage showing nine hunters out from adventurous flyers. Instead of this the art centre hosts various exhibitions of classic or contemporary arts. Part of the centre is also an art shop. Info at: [www.schieleartcentrum.cz](http://www.schieleartcentrum.cz). Daily 10am–18pm. Entrance fee 120 CZK, students 70 CZK.

**71 ART CAFE**  
If you're already fed up with art or just tired from the walk through the old town, a spacious café with arched ceilings next to the art centre is right here for you. Drown yourself in a comfortable armchair or sagging sofa and relax with a cup of delicious Fairtrade coffee Puro. Home-made desserts or some traditional honey cake are also worth tasting. There is also a magical garden with a few little tables in the backyard. Daily 9am–7pm (even longer in summertime).

**72 REVOLVING AUDITORIUM**  
In the castle garden there is an open air auditorium (as not many people know) and since then performances have been held with there 6 or 7 years. The uniqueness is that all of the inhabitants are happy to have the possibility to see perform of traditional Czech plays in the mysterious atmosphere of Krumlov Castle Garden. For some of them, it's kind of a hallowed symbol – quite a commercial attraction that destroys the historic character of the baroque garden from the 17th century.



**TRAN STATION**  
If you dare to go by train, save about 20 minutes to the city. To be on a safe side, stick to the curvy, red line of getting in. There is not worth the 5 minutes of extra time. On the other hand, for the ticket, it is fairly unlikely to miss the town.

**BEAR, BEAR, BEAR!!!**  
**BEER, BEER, BEER!!!**

**VIEWPOINT**  
A neat spot, often overlooked, is Křídlec, the top you will pass the way of Calvary - stations of the cross - chapel. But it is still worth the climb, the view over the city is precious. Just follow the blue

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**FREE MAP  
MADE BY LOCALS  
FOR YOUNG TRAVELLERS**

**Turn to ČESKÉ  
BUDEJOVICE  
Krumlov**



**Act like a local**

Český Krumlov is a ghost city. There are too many tourists and paddlers who disappear after the season. So if you want to avoid the crowds and fit among the locals, you should definitely come off-season (October - May).

**Dress up!** Even though it's warm and you're on the river, as long as you stand on the shore, you're in the city. And there is nothing more horrible than some pobbelled men walking the beautiful picturesque Krumlov dressed only in wet shorts or even worse - in speedos!

Look, if the prices in the city center seem a bit out-of-the-expected-range to you - it is no delusion, just an effect of the extreme quantum of tourists. **Advice? Get on a bike or use your feet, make a trip out of the town and be sure you find beer under 35 CZK.** We do it too! We storm out even for a romantic date.

**Drink beer.** Easy enough. Krumlov has its own brewery called Eggenberg (which is continuously in trouble), but we are not picky and we absolutely drink other beer.

**Make your peace with the crowds.** We come to the city center for work, we do not live there - so it is the same as to go to work in some big office building... Only the office does not close outside the season.

Imagine living in the museum or reservation. Loads of tourists always spooting with their cameras. Someone tells you what to build and what to tear down. **But still, we do not complain about UNESCO too much.** It brings no straight money, but does bring work and (sometimes kinda too much) life to the city.

It is polite to answer. So always reply: if paddlers shout "Ahooy!" **Scream back: Ahooyoi!**

**History**  
How did it all begin in here? Originally german name "Krumme Aue" ("Crooked meadow") was given to the city centuries ago describing those meanders on Vltava river.

1250: The castle and later the city were built

1719: Dynasty of Schwarzenberk started to rule over the city. During that time the Krumlov castle came through the last modifications and that's why the renaissance form of it has been preserved. Thanks to that Český Krumlov is now enrolled in the UNESCO World heritage list.





**PADDLER SLIM**  
 Outside of Krumlov, at Rozávká Soudi there is a meadow which turns into paddlers' who go down the river in canoes, rafts or rafts. Every summer, a great experience in paddling on the cultural heritage of a traditional Czech-Slovak and quite rare canoe and puller. Recommended to combine with a trip (see Relax like a local - to go rafting).

**79 A STOLEN GALLERY**  
 UKG is an experimental street-art project, with the purpose of getting people interested in art by putting it in public spaces. That's why the artists from Krumlov started to show their works in abandoned display cases. Nowadays, UKG is at "Hradební" street where the artists and the audience meet each other at the openings and install new exhibitions. You can find many on the street but just looking is not enough, you must see. Openings are every Sunday at 10pm bring your own drink.

**80 ADVERTISEMENT EVERYWHERE YOU LOOK**  
 Nice restaurant decorated in an advertisement style, especially when it comes from another century. And this is the best about restaurant Na Louži. It is a place where Krumlov's people are going to savour typical Czech meals. The local speciality is a goulash - not just some ordinary one but 7 kinds: Viennese, beer based, of Petr Vok, hunting, deer, boar or Szeged. Ready-made meals cost 90 CZK and one Eggenberg 12° beer 29 CZK. Daily 10am-11pm.

**81 SOCIALIST PASSAGE**  
 If there is some real Czech uniqueness then it must be passages. There are some of them in Krumlov, too. But this one is a special passage leading right back to the times before the revolution. There is a pastry-shop Café Jadrán where you can drink non-instant coffee and eat punch cake while sitting on a metal chair, a second-hand with a helpful shopping assistant lady and a toy store for nice children.

**82 CAFÉ'S MASTERPIECE**  
 Nice and cosy café Artě at the town theatre. Choose some of the desk games to play or taste some of the local superio wines and the evening will run by faster than you'd wish. During the long summer days enjoy Krumlov on the garden with a view of the sunset behind the chateau. Mon-Fri noon-10pm, Sun noon-9pm.

**83 FARMERS' MARKETS**  
 The markets (Farnářské trhy) began to return to cities recently and thank God for it. In Krumlov, they are usually held from May till October, mostly on Saturdays. Check the schedule at: [www.ceskykrumlovy.cz](http://www.ceskykrumlovy.cz). Sometimes the markets change the place according to the other ongoing events.

degraded gallery - station, the cross and on the top you find a closed chapel. But it is still worth the hike, the view over the city is precious. Just follow the blue signs for 15 mins.

**84 CALL IT BARBECK**  
 Babylon is a smoky tavern where you can grab some local beer Eggenberg or denny Pilsner 12° and feel something from the Czech classics because they cook really well in here. Babylon isn't just a restaurant, but also a harbour of Krumlov's artists. In the summer there is a possibility of sitting right by the river; this is a great idea!

**85 ROCK**  
 In rock Gorila pub, the legends like Sex Pistols, Beatles, Rolling Stones, Kurt Cobain and many others are watching you. Local nightlife is highly recommended especially on Fridays and Saturdays. Participate in the typical fight for songs from the jukebox or play some pool. Mon-Sun 5pm-7?

**86 SEIDEL PHOTO STUDIO**  
 Enter and let yourself be enchanted by a place which hides the story of the beginnings of photography, the unsettled fate of the palatines of this craft and the photographic chronicle of the Czech-German-Austrian border during the end of 19th and the first half of 20th century. The original art-nouveau studio building was renovated with precision. Daily 9 CZK.

**87 NOT ONLY A SYNAGOGUE**  
 If you want to experience a bit of Krumlov's architecture from the early 20th century and attend a concert, exhibition or have a coffee at the same time, don't forget to visit the local synagogue. Newly reconstructed Art Nouveau architecture heart offers not only a view of a dominant octagonal tower but also a permanent exposition mapping the history of Krumlov's Jews and much more. Exhibitions and concerts are held in here regularly and a nice café is open in the basement (a former home of the rabbi). From May till Dec.

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1250: The castle and later the city were built thanks to the dynasty of Witkogen (Vitkovci)

1302: The castle as well as the coat of arms, Five-petalled rose, came into ownership of Rožmberk dynasty. Since then Celebrations of Five-petalled Rose held by inhabitants and loved by tourists are held in Krumlov every year.

1622: Krumlov was given to austrian dynasty of Eggenberg - year, as you maybe anticipate, that's the origin of name for our local beer.

1767: Extraction of graphite started! If you're interested you can visit those graphite mines! (street "Obilžďkova" in direction to "Horní Planá" approx. 300 m. July - September from 9am: admission 150 CZK, students 100 CZK)

Not enough? Learn more in Regional museum in Český Krumlov where you'll find permanent exposition focused on history of the city! Street Horní 152. Open daily 9am - 6pm. 120 CZK, students 100 CZK

# About us

USE-IT is non-commercial, no nonsense, up-to-date and free! We - young locals made the selection, prepared the maps for you, run the infocentres and websites. And we can not wait to hear your feedback! If we made a mistake, please tell us. You can make next year's edition better!

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