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- The National Museum (founded in 1818) is the oldest museum in the Czech Republic.
- The National Museum has in its collections and depositories over 13 million objects, which is about three quarters of the total museum objects in the country.
- The National Museum organizes several dozen exhibitions every year, in the Czech Republic as well as outside the country.
- The National Museum has ten permanent exhibition halls in Prague and another five outside the city.
- The National Museum offers an exclusive set of guidebooks in Czech, English and German.
- The National Museum regularly cooperates with over 1200 scientific and cultural institutions all over the world.
- The National Museum's main building (opened in 1891) displays a unique architecture from the end of the 19th century.
- The building is an exceptionally picturesque sight in the evening, when in its dominant position at the upper end of Wenceslas Square, it is illuminated by banks of halogen lights.
- The depository in the new building in Horní Počernice for the Natural Science department is finished. The Natural Science collections will soon be moved there.
- Reconstruction has started in the Kinský summer palace, home of the Ethnographic department of the National Museum.
- Work has begun on reconstruction of the former central state archive in Karmelitská street, which will be the new home of the Czech Music department of the National Museum.
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The National Museum is the dominant building in the Renaissance Revival style that stands at the top of Wenceslas Square. It was founded in 1818, and is to this day the biggest museum in the Czech Republic. Of the museum's large and varied collection, only a part is actually on display at any one time. The comprehensive exhibition ranges from natural history to man and the environment, including sections devoted to mineralogy, anthropology, zoology, osteology and paleontology. The museum also puts on temporary and long-term shows, such as the exhibition of 19th and 20th century European state decorations and medals. The National Museum main building also operates a library and study room that is open to the general public.

Open: May through September, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., October through April 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Closed on the first Tuesday of every month.
Admission: CZK 70, concessions CZK 35, family ticket CZK 60.
Transport: METRO A, C Muzeum; TRAM 11 Muzeum.

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THE LOBKOWICZ PALACE



The Lobkowitz Palace is a part of the Prague Castle and it houses the largest museum exhibition of Czech history. It contains over 2,000 material, written and pictorial historical items. In its 18 rooms visitors may walk through the national history beginning with 4th century B.C. and ending with 19th century. The palace often serves for different temporary exhibitions, concerts, lectures and soirees.

Open: daily except Monday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Admission fee: basic CZK 40, reduced CZK 20, schools CZK 10.
Transport: METRO A Hradčanská or Malostranská station. TRAM 22 and 23 Pražský hrad station.

The Memorial to the National Past

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THE NÁPRSTEK MUSEUM



The museum, founded in 1862 by the Czech entrepreneur and collector Vojta Náprstek, is now devoted to non-European cultures, with a collection of over 95,000 artifacts from all over the world. The exhibitions includes the prehistory and ancient history of the Near East and Egypt, ethnography (Africa, the Americas, Australia and the Pacific islands) and a large collection of photos. The American collection alone contains over 20,000 items from North American native cultures and the ancient civilizations of Central and South America.

Open: daily except Monday, 9 a.m. – noon, 12.45 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.
Admission: CZK 40, concessions CZK 20, annual ticket CZK 100.
Transport: TRAM 6, 9, 18, 22 and 23; METRO B Národní třída station.

Asian, African and American Cultures

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LAPIDÁRIUM



The lapidarium exposition encompasses primarily stone statues from the 11th through 19th centuries, mainly the originals of objects which were replaced by copies during a major reconstruction of Old Prague approximately 100 years ago. The current exhibition (from 1993) covers eight rooms, with 700 exhibits. Among the oldest items in the Romanesque hall are architectural fragments from the crypt of St. Vitus and basilica of St. George, from the Prague castle. A central place in the Baroque hall is occupied by Braun's and Brokoff's statues from the Charles bridge, and visitors may even see the original of the mounted figure of St. Wenceslas from Wenceslas Square.

Hours: Tuesday-Friday noon - 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Admission: Basic fee - CZK 20, reduced rates - CZK 10, school groups - CZK 5.

Transport: Tram 5, 12, 17 Výstaviště station, Metro C Nádraží Holešovice station.

Stone Sculpture in Bohemia 11th - 19th Centuries

NM - Lapidárium

Výstaviště 442

170 00 Praha 7

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THE NATIONAL TYRŠ MUSEUM



The Tyrš museum of physical education and sport (named after the founder of Czech PE) opened in 1953 as one of the first sports museums in the world. Today its collection is unrivalled. Besides a library of works on physical education and sport and an archive of photographs, documents and films, the museum also has an exhibition telling the story of Czech physical education through posters, graphic art, paintings and audio recordings.

Open: Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Admission: CZK 15, concessions CZK 7.

Transport: TRAM 12, 22 and 23 - Heličova station.

Czech Physical Education & Sport

NM - Tyršovo muzeum

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THE ANTONÍN DVOŘÁK MUSEUM



The Antonín Dvořák Museum is housed in a charming villa (also known as „America“), and is devoted solely to the life and career of the great Czech composer. The exhibition includes manuscript music and letters in Dvořák's own hand, contemporary photographs, and various objects of interest that belonged to the composer.

Open: daily except Monday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission: CZK 30, concessions CZK 15.

Transport: TRAM 4, 6, 10, 16, 22, 23 and 34; METRO C – I. P. Pavlova station.

The Life & Works of Dvořák
(1841 – 1904)

NM – Muzeum

Antonína Dvořáka

Ke Karlovu 20

120 00 Praha 2

Tel.: 02/24 92 33 63

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THE BEDŘICH SMETANA MUSEUM



The museum was founded in 1926, and it is located on the Vltava banks by the Charles Bridge. Its collections include Smetana's personal items, correspondence, documents, diaries, drawings, portraits and personal items. The present permanent exhibition offers a thorough look at his life and works. The documents to his main works are displayed on separate music stands that can be turned on by a laser baton.

Open: daily except Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission fee: basic CZK 50, reduced CZK 20, schools CZK 5.

Transport: TRAM 17 and 18 – Národní divadlo or Karlový lázně station, METRO A – Staroměstská station.

The Life & Works of Smetana
(1824 – 1884)

NM – Muzeum

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Novotného lávka

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JAROSLAV JEŽEK MEMORIAL



The memorial of Jaroslav Ježek, a noted figure of the between-war Czech avant-garde music scene, is placed in the so-called 'Blue Room' in Ježek's former Prague apartment in Kaprova street. The interior holds Ježek's authentic library, sheet music and other objects from his estate, respectfully preserved in their original condition, as documented by period photographs and recollections of his contemporaries.

Open: Tuesday 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Admission: Basic fee – CZK 5, reduced rates – CZK 2, school groups – CZK 2

Transport: Tram 17, 18 Staroměstská station, Metro A Staroměstská station.

The Blue Room

NM – Muzeum Jaroslava Ježka

Kaprova 10

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THE F. PALACKÝ AND F. L. RIEGER MEMORIAL



The museum is located near Wenceslas Square in the original interior where two leading figures of the 19th century Czech National Revival Movement lived – the historian and philosopher František Palacký, and the lawyer and member of the Austro-Hungarian Imperial Parliament František Ladislav Rieger.

Open: April through October, Mondays, prearranged tours only, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission: CZK 20, concessions CZK 10.

Transport: TRAM 3, 9, 14, 24 – Vodičkova; METRO A and B, Můstek station; METRO B Národní třída station.

The Czech 19th Century
Urban Interior

NM – Památník F. Palackého

a F. L. Riegro

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THE MUSEUM OF HISTORICAL PHARMACIES

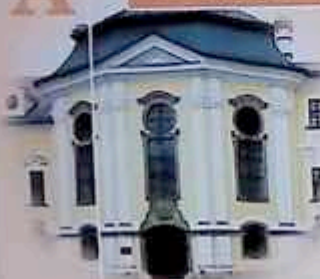


A large part of the National Museum pharmaceutical collection is open to the public on the ground floor of building no. 219/III in Malá Strana. This evocative exhibition covers the history and development of Czech pharmaceuticals from the late Middle Ages through the end of the 19th century.

Open: daily from April - September, Tuesday - Friday, noon - 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., October - March, Tuesday - Friday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission: CZK 20, concessions CZK 10. Transport: TRAM 12 and 22 Malostranské nám.; METRO A Malostranská station.

A

BOOK MUSEUM



The castle originally served as a Cistercian monastery. During the first half of the 18th century it was renovated in a baroque-gothic style. Its last owner was the Count Kinský family of Vychnice and Tetov; today, due to the property restitutions, it is the property of Dr. Radslav Kinský. Thanks to the generosity of the current owner, the Book Museum has remained in the castle. The exhibit displays an overall history of books and printing technology, from earliest times through today, as well as development of bookbinding techniques and European book culture, with emphasis on Czech contributions.

Hours of operation: April and October: Weekends 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., May, June and September: Tuesday-Sunday 8 a.m. - noon, 12.30 p.m. - 4 p.m., July and August: Tuesday-Sunday, 9 a.m. - noon, 12.30 p.m. - 5 p.m., closed Mondays, November-March: Closed. Admission: CZK 30, discounted fares and school groups CZK 15.

Transport: Train: Prague-Brno through Havlíčkův Brod, Žďár nad Sázavou station.

The History of Books and their Printing

NM - Expozice historických lékáren

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THE CASTLE VRCHOTOVY JANOVICE



Originally a medieval fortified settlement of the Barons of Janovice, surrounded by a moat, during the 18th century a baroque home of the Counts of Wrtbo, today it is a romantic, new-gothic castle amid a scenic park. It is often associated in the minds of visitors with its last private owner, the well-known Sidonie Nádherná of Borutin. Today it houses the permanent exhibitions titled "Czech society in the 19th century", "Rilke, Kraus and Vrchotovy Janovice" and "Czech Bell Masters".

Hours of operation: April and October: Weekends by appointment, 9 a.m. - noon, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., May-September: Tuesday-Sunday, 9 a.m. - noon, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Admission: Rilke, Kraus and Vrchotovy Janovice: CZK 20, discounted fares CZK 10, Czech Bell Masters: CZK 10, discounted fares CZK 5, Guided tour of park, CZK 20, discounted fares CZK 10.

Transport: Train: Prague-Olbramovice-Vrchotovy Janovice, Bus: Prague-Benešov-Vrchotovy Janovice

Permanent Exhibitions Ornamental Park

Zámek Vrchotovy Janovice

257 53 Vrchotovy Janovice

okres Benešov

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CHÂTEAU LIBĚCHOV



Château Liběchov has, in the course of its history, undergone many changes - the original moated manor house was converted into a Renaissance country seat during the 14th century, to which at the beginning of the 18th century the then owner Count Pachtá of Rájova added a garden wing designed by the architect F. M. Kaňka. A permanent exhibition of the Náprstek Museum opened at the chateau in 1977 after extensive reconstruction work and presents Asian cultures of the Near East, India, South-east Asia, China and Japan. Among the most interesting exhibits are Chinese and Japanese ceramics, Buddhist sculptures, Anatolian carpets donated by Rainer Kreissl, and examples of tribal art from Nyasaland and Kalimantan.

Open: daily except Monday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission: CZK 40, concessions CZK 20.

The Asian Cultures Exposition

Liběchov - zámek

okres Mělník

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ANTONÍN DVOŘÁK MEMORIAL

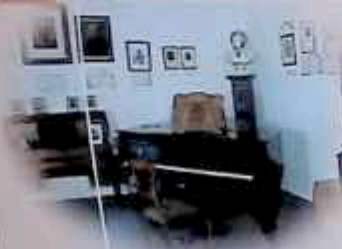


The family home of composer Antonín Dvořák (1841–1904), no. 12 stands very close to the Renaissance château and gallery of the Lobkowicz family, in the village of Nelahozeves near Kralupy. The former inn was opened to the public as a memorial in 1951. Rural music, which Dvořák would have heard in his father's taproom and in the nearby Church of St Andrew, formed his earliest impulses. While this authentic monument to the composer's childhood and youth preserves little, it does allow contact with an environment that created a strong impression, influencing Dvořák throughout his life.

Open: April–September: Tuesday–Sunday 10 a.m. – noon, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. – noon, October–March: Tuesday–Sunday 7 a.m. – noon, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Admission: CZK 30, discounted fee CZK 15, school groups CZK 5.

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JOSEF SUK MEMORIAL



In a picturesque village in beautiful surroundings near Benešov lies a permanent exhibition dedicated to an important representative of Czech music of the first half of the 20th century. Křečovice no. 3 was built by the composer's father, a local teacher and organist. The memorial was established after Josef Suk's death on May 29th, 1935, and in 1951 was bequeathed to the nation by his son. The exhibition, housed in original interiors, reflects the composer's compositional and personal fortunes, including his work with the famous Czech Quartet. Suk himself (1874–1935) is buried in the local graveyard.

Open: Tuesday–Sunday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Admission: CZK 20, discounted fee CZK 10, school groups CZK 5.



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- The František Palacký and František Ladislav Rieger Memorial (33 pages)
- The Museum of Natural History (82 pages)
- The Bedřich Smetana Museum (70 pages)
- The Vrchotovy Janovice Manor Park (70 pages)

Dvořák's home

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Permanent exhibition

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