



Without a rightful ruler, the Czech Lands descend his half-brother seized and held captive. He sets off to Bohemia, feigning friendship, and has weakness in this new and all-too-native monarch. of Hungary, nicknamed the ginger fox, senses his son Wenceslaus. His half-brother, King Sigismund After the death of Charles, the Imperial Crown fell to



Imagine yourself in medieval Bohemia in the heart of Europe (today's Czech Republic), rich in culture, silver and imposing castles. The death of Emperor Charles IV has brought the land down into darker times, with war, corruption and all- pervasive unrest threatening to shatter this jewel in the crown of the Holy Roman Empire.

Get to know the story of Henry and the history of Bohemia

The Posázaví quest begins...

Head out with Henry to medieval Posázaví and get first-hand experience of 15th century Bohemia.

The role-playing game "Kingdom Come: Deliverance", (KCD) is a household name among RPG fans around the world, bringing a realistic portrayal of hard times, against a backdrop of genuine Czech history.

The thoroughly developed storyline of the main character Henry takes place in the Posázaví region, bringing to life not just historical landmarks, but whole villages and towns; Sázava (Sasau), Rataje (Rattay), Talmberk (Talmberg) ... places you may or may not have heard of, but since KCD you are no doubt keen to see them with your own eyes.

To help explore more easily, we bring you a sightseeing trail of the key locations, also comparing their medieval appearance to today's sometimes harsh reality.



In the midst of this chaos, the story of Henry, the son of a village blacksmith, begins to unfold. His ordinary life crumbles to dust when a marauding mercenary army, under the command of Sigismund himself, attacks, burns and razes his village to the ground. He is one of only a handful of survivors to escape the massacre, but pays a heavy price.

Orphaned, with no home or future, he is met with a blessing in disguise, when accepted into the services of Radzig Kobyla, the local lord, who begins to gather a resistance force, to stand up to Sigismund's army.

Fate brings Henry to the front line of this bloody conflict and offers him the opportunity, through his actions on and off the battlefields of a raging civil war, to shape the future of the Czech Lands.



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Tracing the footsteps of Henry, from Kingdom Come: Deliverance



A small town, adjacent to the Sasau Monastery. This third oldest monastery in Bohemia, closely tied to the patron saint of the Czech lands St Prokop (Procopius) was founded by the Benedictines in the early 11th century. At the start of the 14th century a new church and monastery in the Gothic style was under construction, but work was interrupted by the Hussite wars and never completed.



A small town known for its silver mines, beneath a castle and its lord Radzig Kobyla. Wealthy, it draws the attention of Sigismund, whose army of raids Skalitz and destroys the castle in the spring of 1403.

Posázaví in the Middle Ages

Stribná Skalice (Skalitz)

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Talmberk (Talmberg)

The castle stood on the southern edge of the village of the same name, on a steep rocky promontory with a moat-separated barban. In the 14th century, the local lord was Diviš of Talmberg. The central keep of the castle was palatial, surrounded by the castle's fortifications, including a massive three-storey round tower, protecting the easterly gate.



Rataje nad Sázavou (Rattay)

In the 14th century, the lower castle, at the northern end of the village (pictured) was the seat of the Lords of Leipa, where Radzig Kobyla took shelter after retreating from Skalitz. On the southern eastern promontory of the village, an upper castle was founded at about this time – Pirkstein.

To begin at the beginning ...

In 2014, Prague-based independent game developer Warhorse Studios launched a Kickstarter campaign to help fund the Kingdom Come: Deliverance RPG, to raise £300,000.

To everyone's surprise – avid fans put up an astounding £1,000,000 thus making KCD the third most successful Kickstarter project of 2014.

Since its launch in February 2018 the game has been a hit not just with its loyal fans, but literally right around the world.

The Posázaví region, where the story is set, has become a popular destination for followers of Henry's wanderings, to see and explore with their own eyes the impressive local architecture and beautiful landscapes.

So, how much have these medieval locations, as recounted, changed over time? All you need to do is open our map and set off, exploring the Posázaví of today.



POSÁZAVÍ TRACING THE FOOTSTEPS OF HENRY, FROM KINGDOM COME: DELIVERANCE



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1. Stříbrná Skalice (Skalitz)

Henry's home town, razed in the spring of 1403 by Sigismund's hordes. The castle burgrave, Radzig Kobyla, retreated to Rattay.

Skalitz castle is there no longer, but its place on the steep hill is taken by a church, consecrated to St John of Nepomuk.



2. The Church of St James in Rovná

The Church of St James met the same ghastly fate as Skalitz.

Today the church, dedicated to the patron saint of miners, remains one of the most valued Romanesque buildings in the Czech Republic.



3. Sázava (Sasau)

Henry is drawn to Sasau in his quest to seek out the counterfeiters of Prague groschen.

This town, one of the most beautiful resorts on the Sasau river, is renowned for its monastery, castle, its glassmaking tradition and beautiful surroundings.



4. Klášter Sázava (Sasau Monastery)

Henry comes onto the scene at the Monastery quadrangle just as the church is being rebuilt, though its rebuilding is destined to remain unfinished.

The torso of the southern aisle, built of Nušice-mined red sandstone, remains the only witness to the Gothic church rebuilding plans.



5. The Church of St Martin in Sasau

This parish church in Sasau is visited only once by Henry, but under very dramatic circumstances.

The originally Gothic church was rebuilt in the Baroque style in the 18th century, and its entrance moved to the opposite side. The windows and the tower remain true to its original form.



6. Talmberg Castle

The castle of the Lords of Talmberg, in 1403 the seat of Lord Divish of Talmberg, who provides a haven for Henry.

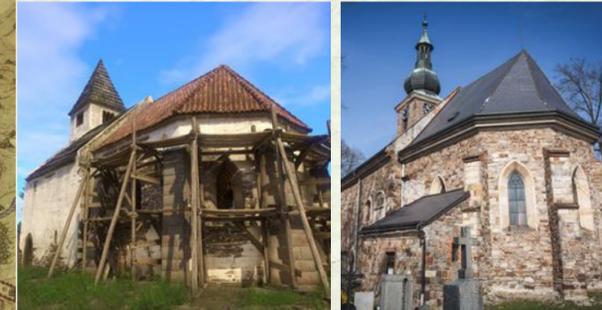
These days, only a ruin remains. The best preserved is the stub of the circular main tower, which in its time loomed above and protected the eastern gate.



7. Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary in Úžice (Uzhitz)

This parish church for the village of Uzhitz and the surroundings is under reconstruction. This is where Henry meets a very unconventional priest.

It remains one of the most valuable memorials to medieval sacral architecture. The original Romanesque church was gutted by fire in the Hussite period and restored only in the 17th century.



8. Rataje nad Sázavou (Rattay)

One of the central locations of the story, where Henry's master-to-be Radzig Kobyla finds refuge.

It remains a charming small town, on the banks of the Sázava River, with a protected urban heritage zone at its heart.



9. Pirkštejn (Pirkstein) Castle

Henry spends much of his time here, since Pirkstein is to be the temporary home of his liege lord, Radzig Kobyla.

The lower Rattay castle was rebuilt as a parsonage in the 17th century, and has remained largely unchanged. Its 32 metre (105-foot) round tower is a Rattay landmark.



10. Rattay Castle

Henry visits the seat of Lord Hanush of Leipa on several occasions. It is his home base for the various quests and missions to thwart all enemies who vex the region.

The upper castle was rebuilt in the 17th century as a baroque château, currently under reconstruction. The castle houses a Museum of the central Posázaví region.

