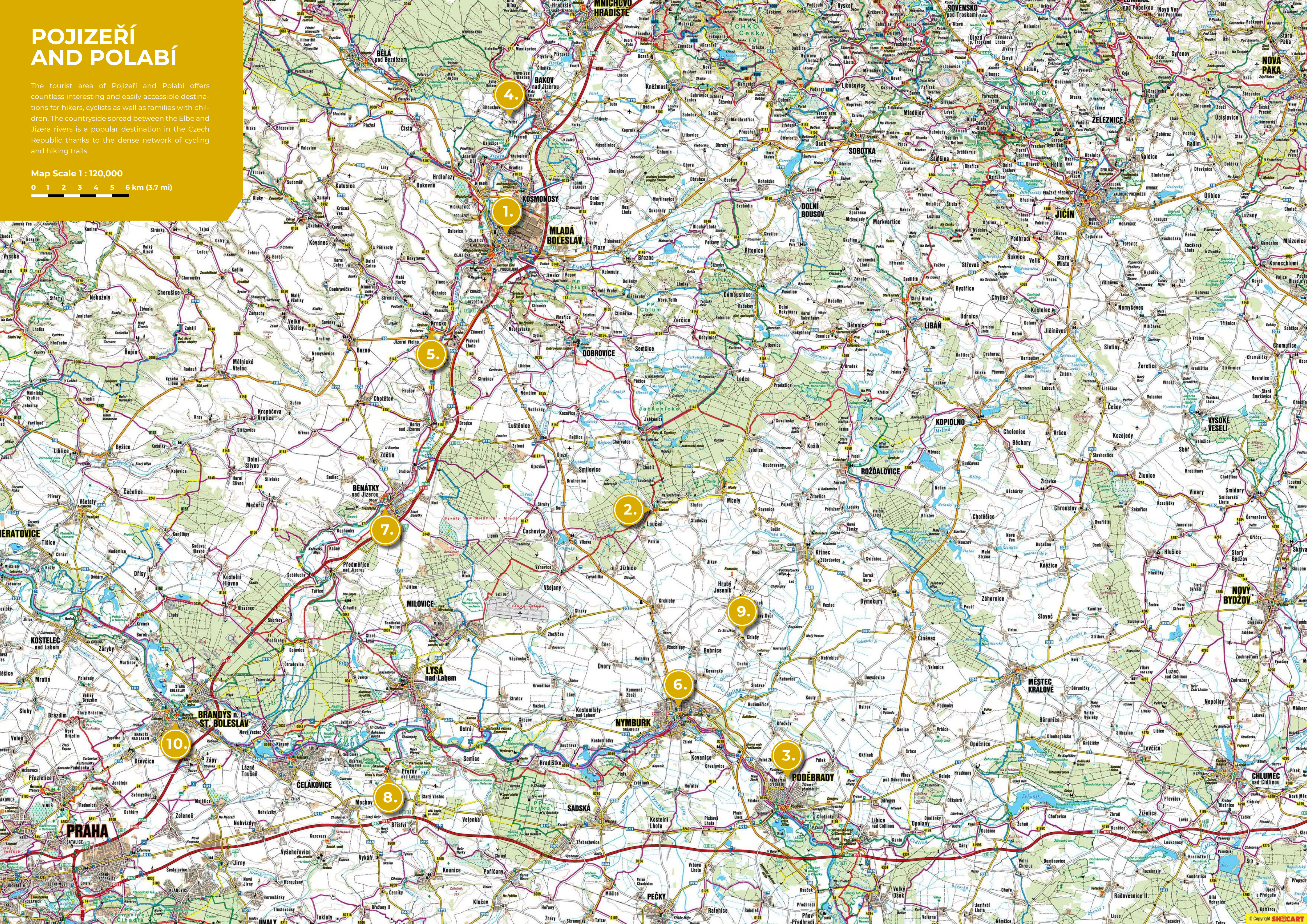


# POJIZEŘÍ AND POLABÍ

The tourist area of Pojizeří and Polabí offers countless interesting and easily accessible destinations for hikers, cyclists as well as families with children. The countryside spread between the Elbe and Jizera rivers is a popular destination in the Czech Republic thanks to the dense network of cycling and hiking trails.

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## 1. MLADÁ BOLESLAV

The town's dominant feature is **Mladá Boleslav Castle** with interesting expositions of the **Mladá Boleslav Regional Museum**. The nearby **Templ palace** offers a multimedia exposition. Look at the historical centre of the Renaissance **Old Town Hall**. You will not miss a thing if you follow the **Metal Road** with 16 audio-visual boards. Car enthusiasts will appreciate the exhibition of the **ŠKODA Museum** and a tour of the Czech manufacturer's production lines. Do not miss the **Metoděj Vlach Air Museum**. Explore a Loreto chapel with a rich relief façade in nearby **Kosmonosy**. Romanics will enjoy the view of the **Michalovice Castle ruins** above the Jizera River.



## 3. PODĚBRADY

Visit the Poděbrady spa for a well-deserved rest. The **château** is the dominant feature of the town and inside you will find the **Monument to King George of Poděbrady**. Discover the heart sculptures in the courtyard. Film fans will enjoy the **museum** exposition on **Film Legends**. Walk through the spa park and stop at **Prof. Libenský's colonnade**. Taste one of the many mineral springs as well as the traditional spa wafers. Discover the charm of Czech crystal on a tour of the **Crystal Bohemia Glassworks**. Learn about prehistoric times in Poděbrady in the **Polabí Museum**. Follow the **Elbe Trail** to the hillfort in Libice nad Cidlinou or to Hrabal's Nymburk.



## 5. STRÁNOV CHÂTEAU

The fairy-tale **Stránov Château** will charm you with its arcade courtyard. Go on a tour of the château chambers or climb the Gothic tower. Below the château, you can admire the 152-metre-long **Stránov Viaduct**. Cross the Jizera River to hike up to the **ruins of Starý Stránov Castle**. There is a preserved **Jewish cemetery** nearby. Continue to the other side of the highway to Dobruška and have a look around from the top of the **town hall tower**. Learn about the secrets of the sugar cube in the **Dobruška Museum**. Finish your trip with an easy stroll along the **Chlum Nature Park educational trail**.



## 7. BENÁTKY NAD JIZEROU

Visit the **château** decorated with Renaissance sgraffito, where astronomers Tycho Brahe and Johannes Kepler, or composer Bedřich Smetana used to stay. You can learn about their visits to the local château at the **Benátky Regional Museum**. You can also visit the **Toy Museum** at the château, with the largest collection of historical toys in the country. Climb the **château tower** to have a look at the historical centre. Watch the night sky from the **observatory** in the outskirts. Take a short walk upstream the Jizera River to the **ruins of Dražice Castle**. Watch wild horses and European bison in the nearby **grassland preserve** below the Benátský hill.



## 9. CHLEBY ZOO

Try taking care of wild animals and become an animal keeper at the **Chleby Zoo**. The Franěk family keeps over 120 animal species from all over the world. Look around the fertile Elbe valley from the **Romanka lookout tower**. Check out the unusual interiors in **Křinec Château**. The blue salons offer an exposition of 20th century fashion and theatre costumes. There is also an exhibition of Art Nouveau posters. Continue to the Rožďalovice **Classic Bookmaking Museum** where you can learn to bind books. Have a rest at the garden of the stylish **Bučický mlýn** restaurant.



## 2. LOUČEŇ CHÂTEAU

Children will enjoy a trip to **Loučeň Château**, open all year round. The spectacular interiors and a whole range of unusual tours are completed with a unique château park. Have fun exploring the park with **12 tricky mazes and labyrinths**. Follow the **educational loop trail** from the château that will take you to the Loučeň hunter's lodge, or to the moors at the Loučeň ponds. Visit the **Bedřich Smetana Monument** in nearby Jabkenice. You can explore the countryside that inspired the famous composer in the **Jabkenice game preserve**. Enjoy a luxurious experience at **Château Mcely**, where you can also try to make your own cosmetics.



## 4. ZVÍŘETICE

When exploring the romantic **ruins of Zvířetice Château**, climb up the tower to see the views of the countryside. Below the château, you will find a small **garden railway** that children and adults alike will enjoy. Learn about Zvířetice folk pottery at the **Zvířetice pottery homestead** and see an exhibition or a workshop there. In nearby Bakov nad Jizerou, you will find a small **museum with an exposition on the history of the area** and the **Garp brewery**. Explore the mystery of flour milling on the banks of the Kněžmostka stream when visiting **Valenta's water mill**.



## 6. NYMBURK

The royal town of Nymburk, made famous by author Bohumil Hrabal and the delicious **Postřižiny beer**, has preserved **fortification walls** and unique **moats**. Cross the medieval walls to get to the Gothic **Church of St Giles** or the **prehistoric mound** from the Late Stone Age. Have a rest on **Hrabal's bench** at the square with a Renaissance town hall. Take a pleasant stroll to the **Ostrov park** arboretum. If you enjoy hiking or cycling, you will appreciate the **Elbe** or **Hrabal's cycling trail** through the easy terrain near the Elbe River, which will take you past the **sand dune in Písty** and **Sadská lakes** to Hrabal's **Kersko**.



## 8. PŘEROV NAD LABEM

Travel in time and visit the **Polabí Ethnographic Museum**. You might know the popular open-air museum from many Czech films. The **Moto&Velo Museum** can be found right next to the inaccessible Renaissance château. Children and adults alike will enjoy the medieval workshops in **Botanicus Ostrá**. Make your own candle or herbal soap. Walk through the **château park** in Lysá nad Labem or visit the **Bedřich Hrozný Museum**. Continue to Milovice with the **Mirakulum** fun park where you can easily wear out any child. Take the narrow-gauge railway to **Tankodrome** from the park. Watch aurochs and wild horses from the lookout platforms by the **grassland preserve**.



## 10. BRANDÝS NAD LABEM - STARÁ BOLESLAV

The Czech twin city not only has the longest name in the country, but also history. Start in Brandýs with a visit to the Habsburg **Renaissance château**. Visit the **Brandýs Headsman's House** or the **Jewish Museum** before crossing the river. The history of Stará Boleslav is linked to the death of Prince Wenceslas, commemorated by the annual **St Wenceslas Festival**. Take a walk along the local sacrals monuments – the **Church of St Wenceslas**, **Church of St Clement** and the **Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary**. From Brandýs, continue to the **ruins of Jenštejn Castle** or relax in the nearby **Toušev Spa**. The **Probošt lakes** offer sand beaches.



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