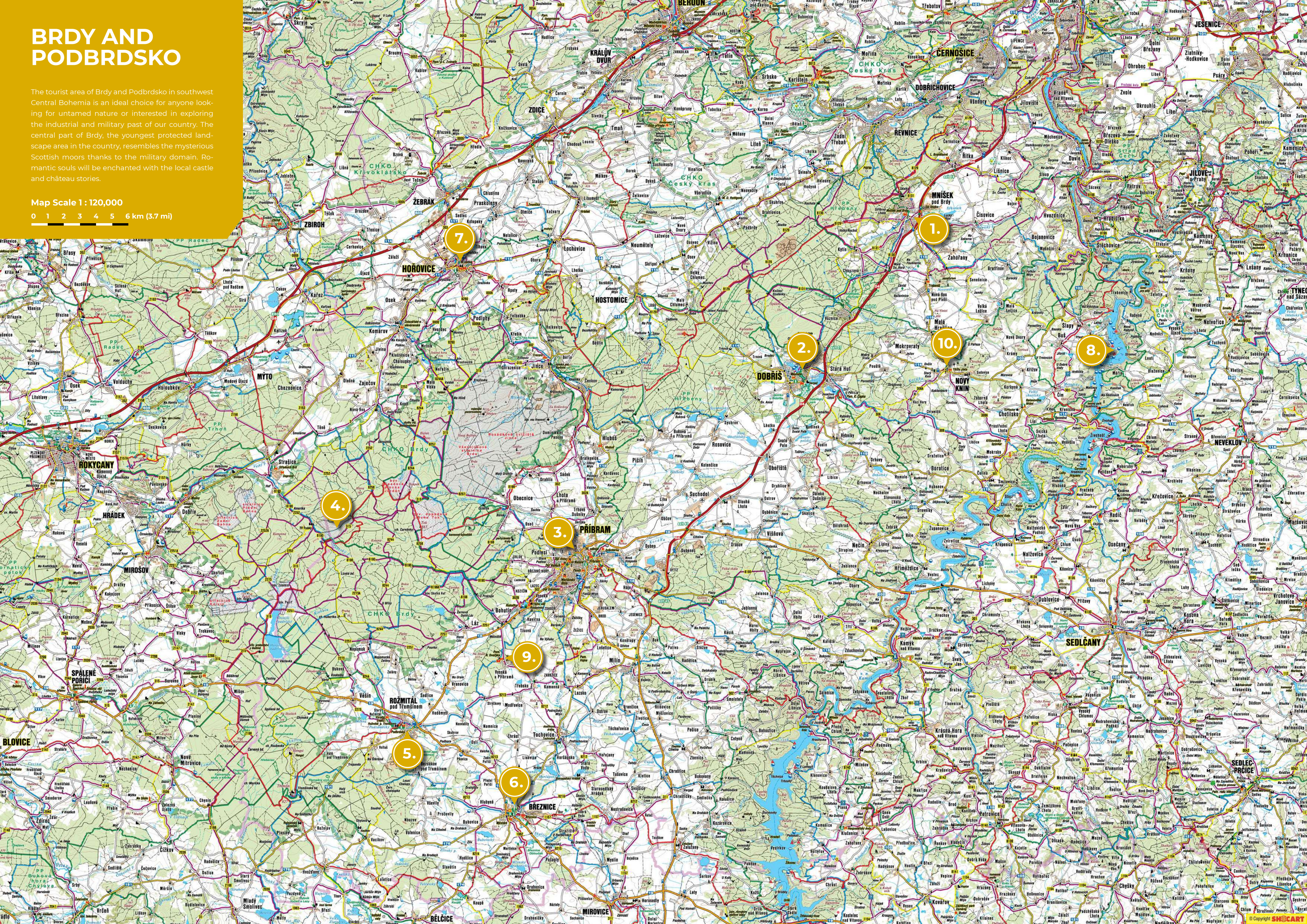


BRDY AND PODBRDSKO

The tourist area of Brdy and Podbrdsko in southwest Central Bohemia is an ideal choice for anyone looking for untamed nature or interested in exploring the industrial and military past of our country. The central part of Brdy, the youngest protected landscape area in the country, resembles the mysterious Scottish moors thanks to the military domain. Romantic souls will be enchanted with the local castle and chateau stories.

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1. MNÍŠEK POD BRDY

Explore the countryside of Kája Mařík. Start at **Mníšek pod Brdy Château**. The exposition will take you to the era of the First Republic. Children will enjoy a tour guided by Queen Elsa. Above the château, the **Baroque Skalka area** sits atop a hill with a hermitage, a church and a monastery. Check out the underground at the **former Skalka mine**. Fans of the “Yellow Circus” by traveller Dan Přibáň must visit the **Trabant Museum** in Nová Ves pod Pleší. The village green in **Kytín**, with a family-owned brewery, looks as if painted by Josef Lada. Finish your trip with a walk to the **Kytín game-keeper's lodge** that inspired Marie Černý, alias Felix Háj, the author of Kája Mařík.



3. PŘÍBRAM

The landmarks of the royal mining town of **Příbram** will take you up and down the hills. Climb up the covered staircase to **Holy Mountain**, an important central European Marian pilgrimage site, or descend into one of the shafts of the **Příbram Mining Museum**, where you can ride a train and learn about the miners' folklore. Get some fresh energy at the **Nový rybník** resort before another trip. Art and photography lovers must visit the **Gallery of František Drtikol**, a famous photographer. Broaden your knowledge of untamed nature near Brdy in the **House Natura**. The trail through the Litavka forest park will take you to the **Bohutín Regional Museum**, with views of the countryside from an old mining tower.



5. ROŽMITÁL POD TŘEMŠÍNEM

The scenic town in the foothills of Brdy has many interesting landmarks. Walk through the alleys of the historical centre, as well as the **avenue of Queen Joan**, who was born there. The **Podbrdsko Museum** offers interesting expositions. Also visit the **Nailsmith Museum** in Starý Rožmitál. When strolling through the countryside, visit the **Voltuše cairn**, honouring the tragic death of composer Jakub Jan Ryba. Listen to the unique organ in the **Church of the Elevation of the Holy Cross**, where Ryba played his Czech Christmas Mass. Use Rožmitál as a starting point for exploring Brdy. The red tourist trail will take you to the **top of Třemšín** with remains of a medieval castle, a chapel and a partisan bunker.



7. HOŘOVICE

There are two châteaux in **Hořovice** that you should not miss. Check out the exposition on the Hořovice region in the **Old Château**. Explore the Sun and Hercules gates in the **New Château**. If you take a tour, you will see toys that young aristocrats used to play with, or the unique oval library. Then, walk to the **Loreto Chapel** and the Church of the Holy Trinity. Continue along the Neo-Romanesque cemetery wall to the **Dražovka Forest Park** with a playground. Combine your trip with a visit to the largest Czech castle area, the royal **castles of Žebrák** and **Točnick**, with a bear enclosure in the moat. Or visit **Zbiroh Château**, where Alfons Mucha created the famous Slav Epic.



9. ANTONÍN DVOŘÁK MEMORIAL

You can learn about the life and work of famous composer Antonín Dvořák at the Neo-Renaissance château in **Vysoká u Příbramě**. Walk through the large park and discover the Rusalka pond that inspired the composer. Visit the nearby **Jewish cemetery in Kamenná** and the only authentically preserved prison for communist opponents, the **Vojna Memorial**, over the hill in Lešetice. The granite **monument by Slivice** commemorates the last battles of World War II. Hike the peaks of Brdy or walk to the Láz and Pilská water reservoirs from nearby Láz.



2. DOBŘÍŠ

Dobříš Château is open year-round, and all cinema fans love it. Explore the château chambers, as well as the French garden and English park. The Colloredo-Mannsfeld family tomb is in the **Church of the Elevation of the Holy Cross**. Bring back some nostalgic memories in the **Toy Museum**. Do not miss the **Jewish landmarks** in Dobříš. Visit nearby Stará Huť where you will find an Empire-style house with **Karel Čapek's Memorial** at Strž pond. Follow the trail through the countryside. Use Dobříš as a starting point for a hike to the **Studený vrch lookout tower** and the **unfinished water reservoir at Chumava**, hidden in the forest.



4. BRDY PROTECTED LANDSCAPE AREA

The youngest protected landscape area in the country, called the green lungs of Bohemia, resembles Scottish moors and a deserted countryside thanks to being a military domain. The dense network of abandoned roads and forest vegetation make Brdy a cyclists' paradise. The scenic viewpoints and remains of the military past make Brdy an interesting place to visit. Climb up **Tok**, the highest peak in Central Bohemia, explore the **Jordán bunkers**, or follow one of the educational trails such as **Klobouček**. You can also visit the **Padrtské ponds**, the viewpoint at **Jindřichova rock**, or the **peaks of Praha, Plešivec** and **Třemšín**. Walk to **Fabián's bed**, a rock formation named after the guardian of Brdy.



6. BŘEZNICE

Go to the south of Central Bohemia for romantic stories. Visit the **Renaissance château** with the Lokšany library, one of the oldest libraries in the country. Just across the Skalice River is the **Jewish quarter**, where you can visit a synagogue. The **Municipal Museum** and the **Gallery of Ludvík Kuba**, an important Czech author and artist, are both in the former Jesuit College. Enjoy some Březnice beer in the **Herold Brewery** near the château. Take an easy stroll to nearby Dobrá Voda, where you can find the **Chapel of St Mary Magdalene** by Carl Lurago above a curative spring, or the **Hrochův Hrádek fortress ruins**. Discover the preserved vernacular houses in a Drahenice district called **Račany**.



8. VLTAVA CASCADE

The system of nine water reservoirs along the Vltava River offers adventure all year round. In summer the banks of the reservoirs are ideal for active and leisure holidays. The meandering river has created many beautiful viewpoints and mysterious corners in the rocky valley. Walk along the oldest **trail through St John's Valley** to one of the oldest camping grounds, the “Lost Hope”, from 1919, or camp at the **Slapy, Orlík or Kamýk water reservoirs**. Explore the interior of the enormous concrete structure at the **Štěchovice water reservoir**. Experience a catharsis along the trail to **Maková hora** near Smolotely, following the marked trail from the Orlík water reservoir.



10. NOVÝ KNÍN

A true treasure lays beneath the surface of the royal town of Nový Knín. Visit the **Museum of Gold** in the Mint building, where you can discover the secrets of mining and processing the precious metal. The **Nový Knín and Its Surroundings educational trail** takes you to former mining sites and the gold-bearing Kocába River. Test your skills at **TEPfactor** in Chotilsko, an adrenaline game inspired by Fort Boyard. Explore the central Vltava region from the **Drtina** and **Veselý vrch lookout towers**. Learn about life in the countryside in the **Baroque granary** in Prostřední Lhota. Children will enjoy a walk through the **Deer Zoo-park in Homole** with freely grazing domestic and wild animals.



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