


Central Bohemia 



CRUISING GUIDE ON THE ELBE AND VLTAVA RIVERS

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EXTRACT FROM THE LEGISLATION

General information

The main legal regulation and the most important source of information for navigation is **Act No. 114/1995 Coll., on inland navigation**, as amended. The division of waterways in the Czech Republic is regulated by the Decree of the Ministry of Transport No. 222/1995 Coll., on waterways, navigation in ports, common accident and transport of dangerous goods.

Navigation traffic on the waterways of the Czech Republic is regulated by **Decree No. 67/2015 Coll., on the rules of navigation traffic** – rules of navigation traffic. Vessels must meet the requirements of Decree of the Ministry of Transport No. 223/1995 Coll., on the eligibility of vessels for operation on inland waterways, and Decree of the Ministry of Transport No. 334/2015 Coll., on the maintenance of the register of small vessels and the technical eligibility of small vessels, ferry boats and floating equipment for operation on waterways. Vessel skippers (captains) must meet the requirements of **Decree No. 48/2023 Coll. of the Ministry of Transport, which defines the activities performed by members of the crew of a vessel and sets out details concerning the verification of the professional competence of persons to lead vessels, to operate them and to perform other activities in inland navigation.**

In the Czech Republic, what applies in general, according to Act No. 254/2001 Coll., is that **no permit is required to use waters for navigation**. In doing so, recreational interests, water quality and ecosystems, and the safety of persons and water works must not be compromised. For the navigation of vessels with internal combustion engines, a stricter scale is applied by **Decree No. 46/2015 Coll., on the determination of water reservoirs and watercourses on which the navigation of vessels with internal combustion engines is prohibited** and, on the extent, and conditions of use of surface waters for navigation.

Necessary documents - can anyone operate a vessel?

According to Act No. 114/1995 Coll., on inland navigation, a vessel must be operated by a person who is qualified to do so and is designated as the **master of a watercraft** when navigating the waterway. The master of the vessel of a self-propelled vessel and any other person involved in the operation of the vessel (navigating, mooring, employing the vessel, etc.) mustn't be under the influence of alcohol or other narcotic or psychotropic substances during the vessel's voyage. Navigation traffic on the waterways of the Czech Republic is regulated by Decree No. 67/2015 Coll., on the rules of navigation traffic - rules of navigation traffic.

Sailing without a licence

A person without a licence may navigate a small watercraft on all waterways without its own propulsion machinery, provided that its total sail area does not exceed 12 m² and its mass does not exceed 1,000 kg including the permissible load.

A person who has **reached the age of 15 years** may, without a licence, navigate on all waterways a **small self-propelled watercraft of up to and including 4 kW** power, provided that its total **weight** does not exceed **1,000 kg including** the authorised load.

A person who has **reached the age of 18 years** may, without a licence, drive a **small self-propelled watercraft** capable of navigating only **in displacement mode** and reaching a **maximum speed of 15 km/h** on a waterway of significant traffic use Class 0, a dedicated or untracked waterway, or if the watercraft is included in a licence to operate a small watercraft hire business.

Areas for which the licence is issued

Area I – inland waterways

Area C – offshore navigation at sea within 1 nautical mile (1,852 m) of land or offshore islands and within 4° of the Beaufort scale (determining wind strength).

The **Master of a small watercraft licence** entitles operation of a small watercraft exclusively in the Czech Republic. It is recognised abroad for certain areas to operate a recreational craft (i.e. a small watercraft not engaged in licensed water transport) within inland waterways and coastal marine waters (within 1 nautical mile of land and up to 4° Beaufort scale).

The Master of a recreational watercraft licence and Master of a small watercraft licences – are intended for navigation in the Czech Republic and abroad.

Categorisation of small watercraft and conditions for authorisation

Category M20

- small vessels up to 20 m in length with a limitation of the power of the propulsion system (engine) of the watercraft up to 20 kW;
- at least 16 years of age – obtaining the licence after passing the theoretical test.

Category S20

- sailboats up to 20 m in length, with a limitation of 20 m² of total sail area;
- at least 16 years of age – obtaining the licence after passing the theoretical test.

Category S

- sailboats up to 20 m in length, with no limit on sail area;
- obtaining a licence after passing a theoretical test and passing a test of practical skills in the operation of a small watercraft by an authorised person.

Category M

- small watercrafts up to 20 m in length;
- without limiting the power of the propulsion system;
- obtaining a licence after passing a theoretical test and passing a test of practical skills in the operation of a small watercraft by an authorised person.

Category M24

- special category for watercraft up to 24 m in length;
- only for persons licenced with a Master of small a watercraft licence for more than 4 years;
- only for persons who have passed the practical skills test (practical exam);
- recognition of the licence guaranteed only in the Czech Republic, at least 20 years of age.

More information at www.plavebnurad.cz

Watercraft documents and register

Vessels **over 4 kW of propulsion power**, weight including stores and persons on board **over 1,000 kg** and sailing vessels **with a sail area over 12 m²** are subject to registration. Vessels subject to registration must bear **registration** marks when in operation and must carry a **ship's certificate** (vessel's technical certificate). The registration markings (registration marks) shall be determined by the State Navigation Administration with regard to the needs of the Central Register of Vessels. Registration marks shall be marked on the outside of both sides of the vessel near the bow in legible indelible Roman letters at least 10 cm high.

The operator or the person in charge of the vessel (captain) is obliged to present the documents (ship's certificate and others) upon request of the State Navigation Administration, the Police of the Czech Republic, or the Customs Office.

Compulsory equipment for small watercrafts

Watercraft	Displacement up to 500 kg	Displacement over 500 kg up to 6 m length	Displacement over 500 kg with a length of 6 m to 20 m
Life jackets	Depending on the number of persons on the vessel	Depending on the number of persons on the vessel	Depending on the number of persons on the vessel
Lifebuoy	–	–	1, from 12 m length 2 (lifebuoys)
First aid kit	–	1	1
Bucket for scooping out water	1	1	1
Safety lashing lines	1 length min. 5 m	1 length min. 5 m	2 length min. 15 m and 10 m
Safety hook	–	1	1
Bucket with line	–	1	2 for vessels longer than 12 m, or a fire pump
Reflectors (fenders)	–	–	Sufficient number of
Flashlight - handheld	–	1	1 and searchlight
Fire extinguisher and fire extinguisher blanket	–	1	1
Anchor	–	–	1 for a vessel with a displacement of 1000 kg or more
Audible signalling device	–	1 for vessels over 1,2 m in width	1
Hand pump	–	–	1 for vessels over 12 m in length
A place for a life raft	–	–	1 or more with raft capacity for maximum vessel occupancy

A self-propelled watercraft shall have machinery accessories and tools for minor repairs. Sailboats over 6 m in length shall be equipped with tools for rigging and sail repair. If they are equipped with their own engine propulsion, they must have a black cone as part of the equipment, which symbolises sailing by engine. It is recommended to have at least 1 paddle on board in case of engine failure.

The overview is only indicative, the exact wording is based on Decree No. 334/2015 Coll. and No. 223/1995 Coll.

Obligation to carry the Czech flag

Except for small watercraft, other vessels registered in the Watercraft Register in the Czech Republic are obliged to carry the Czech national flag when sailing on the waterway. Vessels registered in the navigation register in the Czech Republic are obliged to carry the Czech national flag when sailing on the waterway. It shall be placed at the stern of the vessel where no other flag or emblem may be displayed. When other flags are used on a vessel, they must be no larger than the Czech national flag, which must be flown with them.



Oseček Ferry

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Extract of the Rules of Navigation

The Master of a small watercraft must:

- exercise reasonable care and behave in such a way as to avoid **endangering the safety and continuity** of navigation, human life or health, or damage to property, and to act in such a way as not to cause an accident in navigation or an obstruction on the waterway, **pollution of the waterway** or other damage to the environment;
- comply with **the prohibition of alcohol or other narcotic or psychotropic substances** when operating a self-propelled vessel. It also applies to other persons involved in the operation of the vessel (tying up);
- to ensure that the **occupancy of the vessel** by passengers or the loading and positioning of cargo on the vessel does not endanger safe navigation. They must check that **there are no more persons** on board than are entered on the vessel's technical certificate;
- observe the **prohibition to extend beyond the edges of the vessel objects** that may be dangerous for other vessels and structures on the waterway, and to throw and pour anything into watercourses, especially oil products, if the watercourse is polluted, they must immediately inform the watercourse manager and the State Navigation Administration;
- have the **anchors raised** so that they do not exceed the level of the bottom of the vessel - they must be stowed or completely pulled out;
- **observe the navigation markings** placed on the surface, banks, structures on the waterway, light and sound signals, to create conditions for the state supervision authorities that enable them to **check compliance with the regulations** and rules of navigation;
- **avoid damaging** navigational markings and other navigational devices on the waterway, and **must not** use them **to tie up the vessel**, as well as trees, railings, poles, pillars, ladders, etc;
- use **optical and acoustic signalling** and other equipment designed to ensure safe navigation, to use **navigation lights** at night and in conditions of reduced visibility (fog, smoke, heavy rain, etc.);
- observe the following rules **in relation to other waterway users**:
 - a. when **passing a bather**, go around the bather at a distance of **at least 10 m** and, if possible, in a way that the bather remains between the small craft and the nearest shore;
 - b. **shall not cross the direction of navigation of watercraft** that are not small watercraft (passenger and cargo ships) at a distance of less than 200 m;
 - c. to vessels other than small watercraft, shall give sufficient space to avoid **altering their course or speed** and will not demand that these vessels do so;
 - d. a self-propelled small watercraft shall **give way** to small **watercraft with sails**;
 - e. **sailing is on the right** and therefore the vessels avoid each other with their port sides;
- observe the following rules **when locking**:
 - a. a small vessel shall pass through the lock **in a smaller group, or alone**, unless another vessel is expected to arrive within one hour and could be passed simultaneously;
 - b. if a small watercraft is proceeding through a lock with vessels which are not small watercraft, it may enter the lock after those vessels. **Big ships have priority**;
 - c. the Master of the watercraft shall be on board the vessel during the period of filling or discharging the lock until the vessel is cleared for departure and to **ensure that mooring lines are loosened and shortened** to prevent vessels from striking walls, gates or other vessels and to ensure that the smooth passage is not impaired;
 - d. within the lock perimeter, the Master of the watercraft is obliged to follow the **instructions of the lock operator**.

In the event of an accident

If persons on board are in **danger** in the event of an accident, the Master of the watercraft shall use all means at their disposal to attempt to **rescue** them. If the Master of the watercraft is in the vicinity of another vessel involved in a **navigational accident**, they shall render immediate assistance if they can do so without danger to themselves or another and without endangering the safety of their own vessel. The Master of the watercraft is obliged to **report** the accident in which they were involved to **the State Navigation Administration** without delay by telephone to the River Information Centre services.

River Information Services

Phone: +420 840 111 254, +420 606 690 012

E-mail: ris@lavdis.cz

In case of engine failure

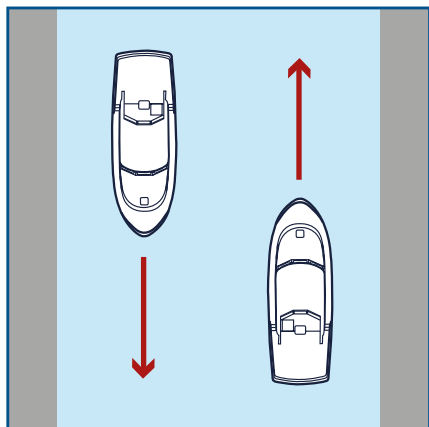
In the event of engine failure, the pilot of a small vessel must **clear the fairway** (the vessel must not obstruct it) and **land the vessel at the shore** by inertia or paddling (a paddle is one of the compulsory vessel safety items). If this is not possible, the **anchor is released**. The anchor line must be slackened to several times the water depth - the longer it is, the better the anchor will hold. They shall **call for help and for towing** to the marina.

Watch out for the propeller

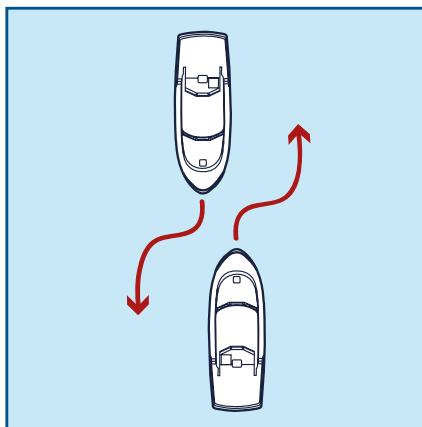
In order to operate the boat safely, the propeller must be in defect-free condition. The greatest **risk of damage** is posed by sailing **close to shore** or **in shallow water** and scraping the propeller on the bottom.

If the Master of the watercraft sees a branch or other **object on the surface**, they shall put the control lever in neutral, thereby significantly reducing the risk of damage to the propeller. The propeller can collect weeds, plastic bags, rope debris, etc. If this happens, the **boat will slow down and vibrate** (it may even stop the engine). The Master of the watercraft may attempt to **release the propeller** by reversing the propeller and repeating this several times. If this does not work, the propeller must be **cleaned manually** - by tipping the engine, sinking to the propeller.

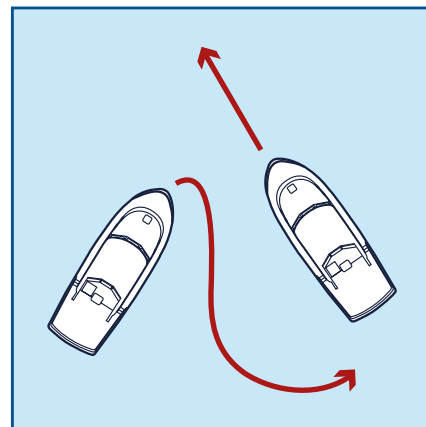
Right of way for watercrafts



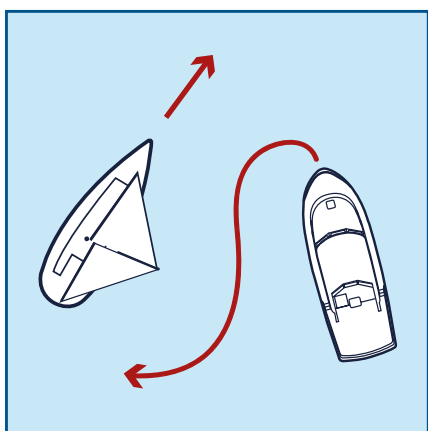
In navigation channels or straits, we sail on the starboard side – just as on a road, but not close to the shore. This rule also applies to sailboats.



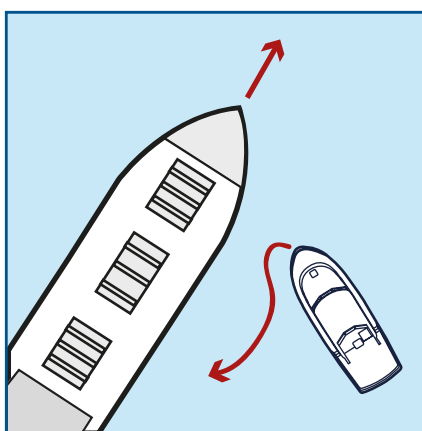
We pass one another on the port side.



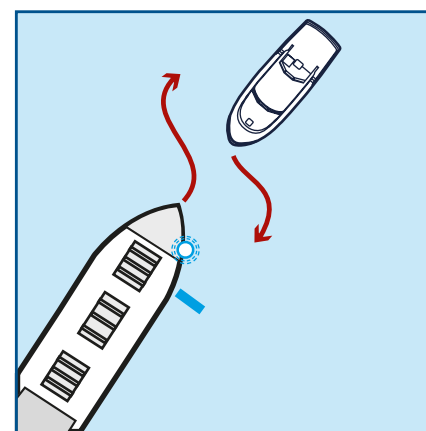
A boat sailing from starboard has right of way.



Sailing boats using sails or rowing boats always have the right of way when crossing.



Always give way to large vessels, do not cross in front of them or pass closely behind them.



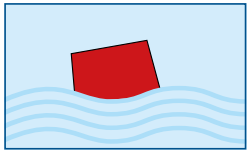
Meeting with the starboard side – blue flag
If a large boat displays a light blue flag or board on her starboard side and lights a white flashing light, this indicates that you will pass in the opposite direction, i.e. starboard.



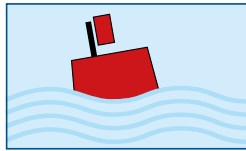
Passing a boat on the Slapy Dam

Most of the sailing situations are taken from the sailing manual Skippers Club by Dutch Masters (www.hollandskonalodi.cz) with the permission of the author.

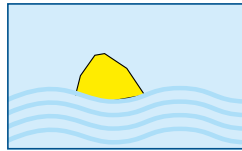
Buoys



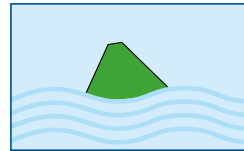
Red buoys
starboard side of the fairway



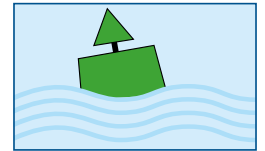
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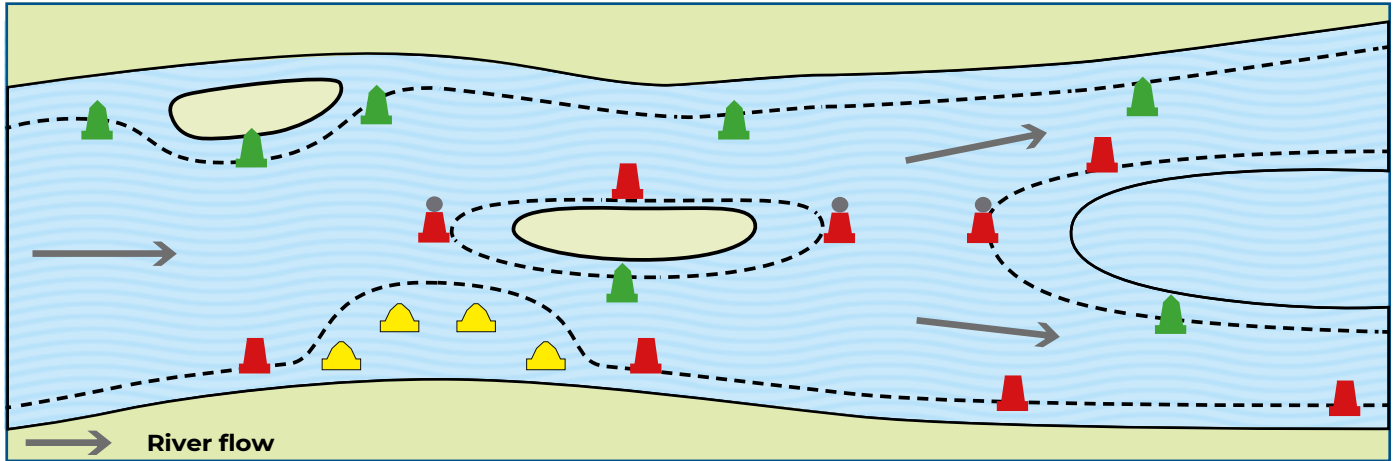
Yellow buoys
prohibited water area for navigation – area for swimming, water skiing, etc.



Green buoys
left side of the fairway



Green buoys
left side of the fairway



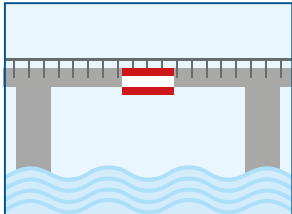
Fairway

On rivers and lakes, the fairway is marked by coloured signal signs - buoys, floats or signs on the shore.

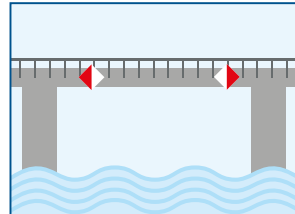
Rules:

- a ship sailing **downstream** must have **green** signal signs on its port side and **red** on its starboard side;
- a boat sailing **upstream** must have **red** signal signs on its port side and **green** on its starboard side;
- never sail beyond the signal signs on the water – stay in the path indicated by the signal signs;
- the determination of the downstream direction (from the source of the river to the sea) is also valid on dams.

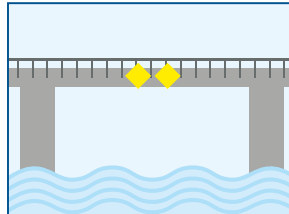
Bridge markings



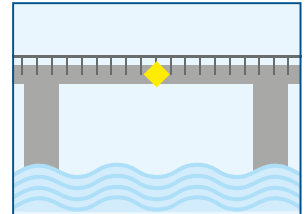
Prohibition of passage



No sailing outside the marked area (sail between these marks)



Recommended passage in one direction only (passage in the opposite direction prohibited)








































Recommended passage in both directions



Sailing under the bridge in Nymburk

Sailing marks


	Prohibition of passage		Prohibition of sailing with self-propelled machinery
	No entry into the area reserved for divers		Prohibition of small vessels
	No overtaking		Commanded direction of sailing
	No meeting and overtaking		The command to remain standing
	No standing		Maximum speed (km/h)
	Prohibition of anchoring, dragging anchors, lines and chains		Command to give an audible signal
	No mooring off the shore		Special attention
	Prohibition of creating waves or suction		Restrictions on sailing
	Prohibition of navigation outside the marked area (in the bridge or weir area)		Obligation to ascertain, before entering a main waterway, whether the manoeuvre will cause vessels on the main waterway to change direction or speed
	Permitted passage		Depth limited (analogously width, underpass height)
	No sailing within 25 m of a buoy		End of a prohibition or order valid in one direction or end of a restriction
	Permitted standing		Priority in sailing
	Permitted standing, towing of anchors, lines and chains		Weirs
	Permitted shore hauling		Ferry boats that do not sail freely
	Recommendation to sail in the designated area		Drinking water collection point
	Self-propelled sailing allowed		Water skiing allowed
	Navigation of small vessels allowed		Recommended passage in both directions
	Navigation in this direction allowed		Recommended sailing in one direction (prohibited in the opposite direction). 2 marks below or next to each other.
	Water scooters allowed		


Sound signals


 Short sound about 1 s

 Long sound about 4 s

 Warning

 I sail to the right

 I sail to the left


 The vessel has a reverse gear

 I am unable to manoeuvre

 Overtaking is not possible

 Risk of collision

A series of very short sounds (at least 6), sound length about ½ s.

 Distress signal

A series of long sounds

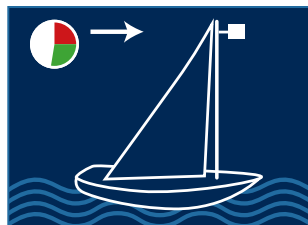
 I'm turning right

 I'm turning left

Light signalling



Sailboats with sails up



Sailboats with sails up



Self-propelled vessel – motor boat



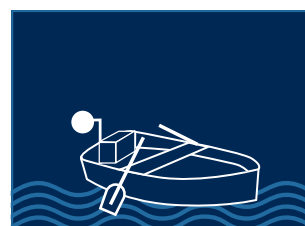
Self-propelled vessel – motor boat



Self-propelled vessel – motor boat



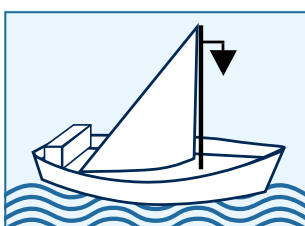
Motorboat up to 7 m in length



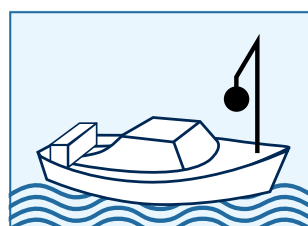
Small boat without propulsion – rowboat, pedal boat



Sailing vessels up to 7 m in length + second white light when approaching other vessels




A sailboat with sails up while using its engine

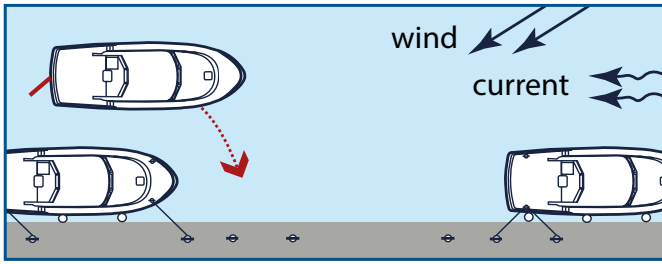


Anchored ship

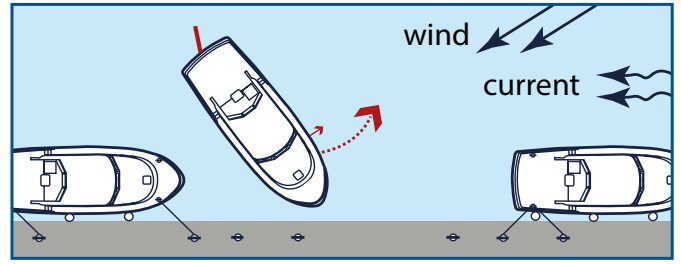
 Light visible from all sides

 Light visible only in the direction where the rectangle is pointing

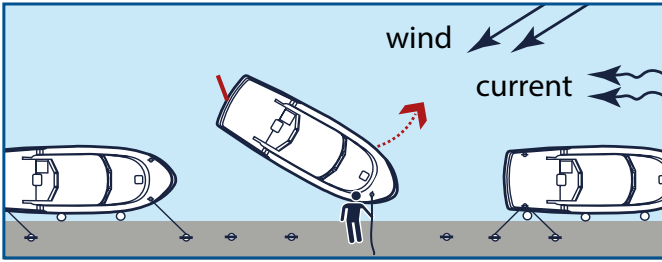
Landing and tying the boat



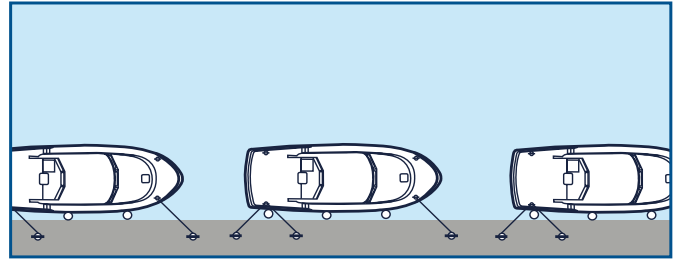
Slow the boat down to minimum speed (stop), turn the rudder as far to the right as possible, give it a short burst of throttle – it will start to turn. Bring the bow of the boat as close as possible to the landing site.



Turn the helm as far to the left as possible, give a short burst of throttle – go forward, or press the front ship thruster shortly to port, the boat will start to line up with the shore.



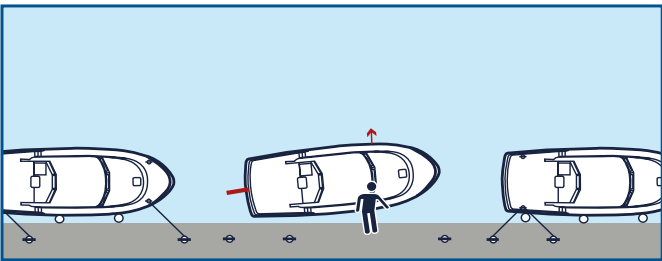
Complete the manoeuvre with the rudder turned as far to the left as possible. Correct the speed by reversing as necessary, the boat will maintain a slight rotational speed until it is completely close to the shore. A crew member can help pull the boat by the bow line.



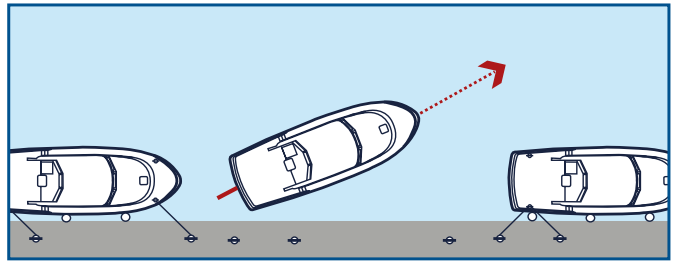
Tie up the boat safely.

The Master of a watercraft may only tie up the vessel at designated places, and may not tie up the vessel to trees, railings, posts, pillars, ladders, etc.

How to sail the boat away from the pier

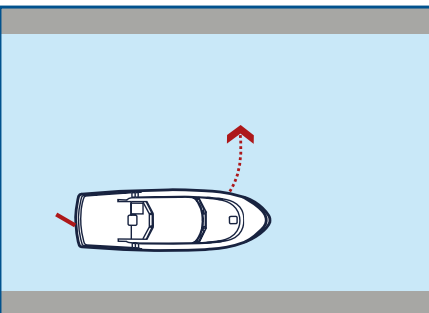


Check that you are not blocking another passing boat when you leave. With the help of a crew member, release the mooring lines and push the bow of the boat away from the pier, or briefly press the forward ship thruster to port.

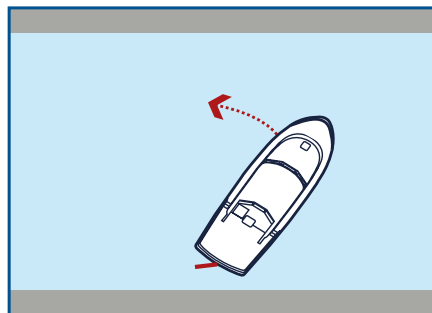


Check the stern of the boat to avoid hitting the pier, the shore or another boat. Once you are properly pointed, you can shift into forward gear and sail away.

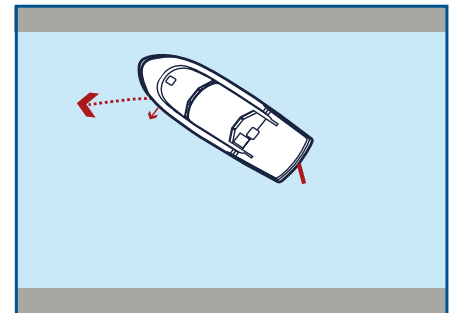
How to turn a boat in the canals and straits



Slow the boat to minimum speed (stop), turn the helm as far left as possible, give more throttle – go forward and put the boat in neutral.

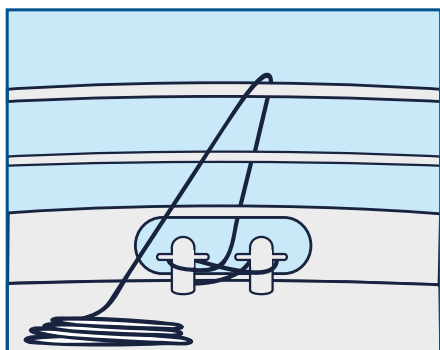


If the channel is too narrow, slow the boat to minimum speed (stop), give a short throttle boost – reverse and put the boat in neutral.

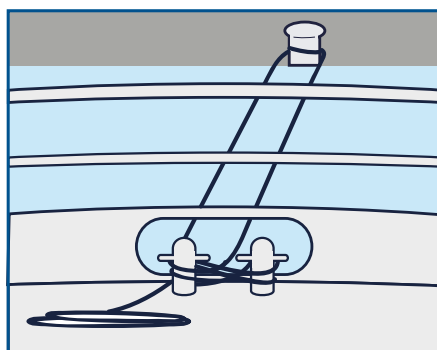


Give more throttle briefly – go forward or press the ship thruster briefly to the left and straighten the rudder when the turn is complete.

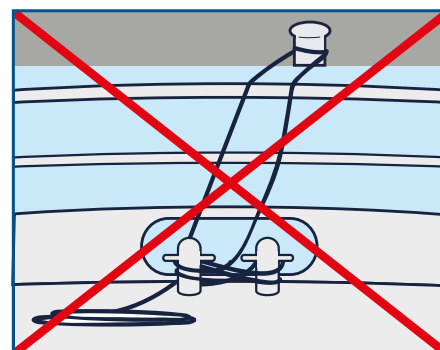
How to tie up a vessel at a dock



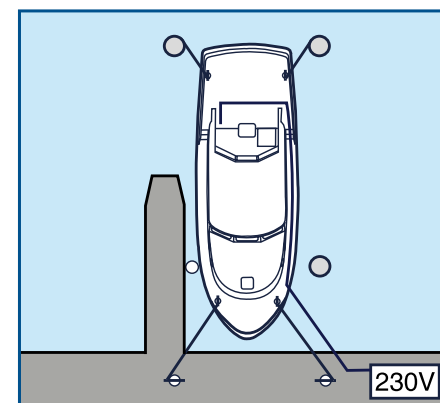
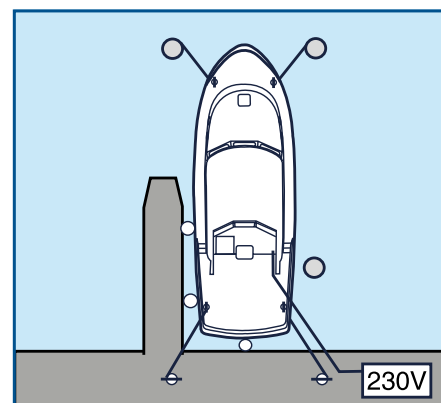
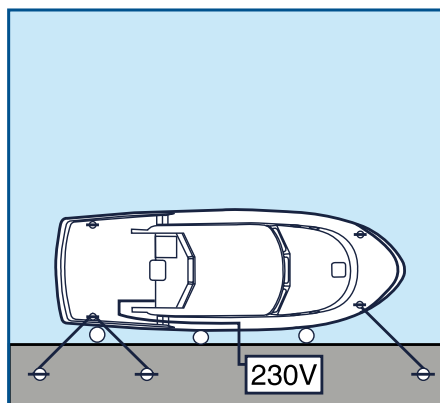
Always keep the ropes on board in good order, free of knots and loops. You must never pull the rope alongside the boat while sailing – it can wind up in the vessel's propeller.



When tying, use gaps and passages in the railing.



If the rope passes over or around the railing, it may cause damage.



Each vessel shall be tied to at least two ropes – the ropes shall go in opposite directions, if they are the same, the vessel will end up moving freely along the length of the rope. It's best to have the vessel tied with at least three ropes.

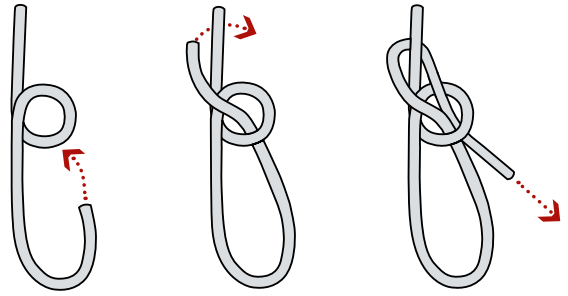
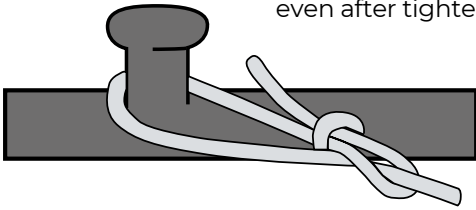


Small vessels at the dock in Týnec nad Labem

How to use knots

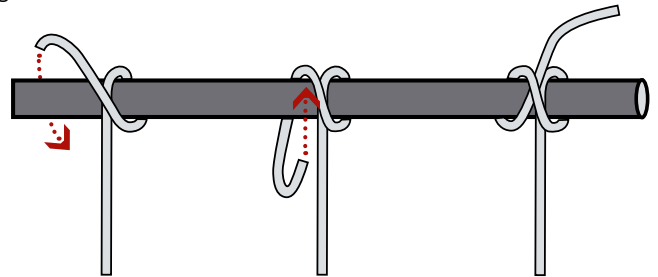
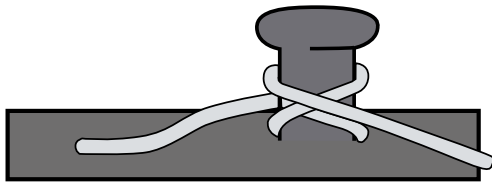
Dragon knot

It is used when a loop needs to be made on the rope. This knot always holds and can be easily undone even after tightening.



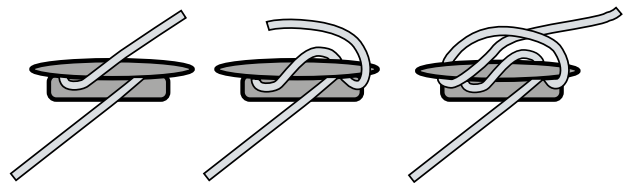
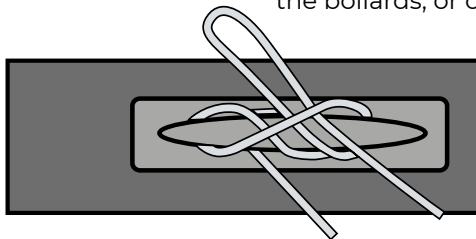
Boat knot

It is used for tying to the bollards and tying the fenders to the vessel's railings.

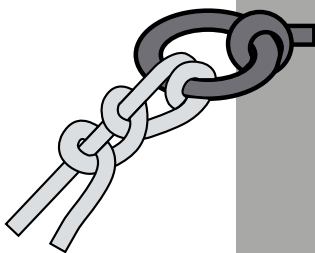


Tying on a cleat

Most important when tying up a vessel. It's always figure eights – on the cleat, between the bollards, or on the pawn's thumbs.

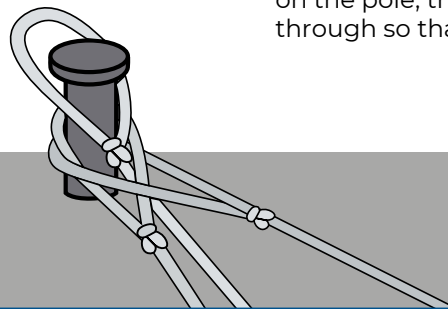


Tying up a loop



Loop placement

Placement of the loop – if there are more ropes on the pole, the ropes need to be threaded through so that they can be released.



Sailing locks - rules for locking

General rules

At the lock, communicate **by phone with the lock operator**. You will receive an update on the situation at the lock. Large vessels communicate via the vessel's radio.

Vessels shall **reduce their speed** when approaching waiting areas within the lock perimeter. If they cannot enter the lock immediately when signal mark B5 is fitted on the shore, they shall remain in front of that mark and take positions only one width behind each other as close to the shore as possible so as not to block the fairway. When arriving at the lock perimeter and in areas designated for **waiting vessels, overtaking is prohibited**.

Navigation through the locks takes place in the **order** in which the **vessels arrived**. Small vessels cannot request that they be let through separately. They may **enter the lock only after being instructed to do so by the lock operator**. Large vessels have **priority over small vessels** when entering the lock. **Priority** in navigation through locks shall be given to **vessels of the State Navigation Administration, the Health Rescue Service, the Fire Service, the Police or the Customs Administration** which are being transferred for urgent official duty.

The **anchors** must be **fully raised** within the perimeter of the lock. When entering and leaving the lock, vessels must **reduce speed** to prevent damage to the gates or other vessels. Entry and exit, day and night, is controlled by **light signalling** located on one or both sides of the lock. If the signalling system is not in operation, entry and exit is prohibited without the express instruction of the lock operator.

In the lock chamber

Where there are **boundaries** marked on the walls **for the standing of vessels**, vessels are to remain within those boundaries. Vessels are obliged to use **fenders**. Small vessels shall keep a **safe distance** from other vessels. Ascent and embarkation of persons on the vessel in the lock chamber is possible only with the express consent of the lock operator.

Vessels shall be **moored** for the duration of the filling and draining of the lock chamber until the time of departure. The

moorings of the vessel shall be under the control of the crew and shall be **continuously loosened or shortened** to prevent the vessel from hanging on the mooring or striking the door or other vessels. In the event of a vessel being hung, the mooring line must be cut immediately. For the same reason it is **forbidden to tie vessels to handling ladders**.

Lock chambers signs



B5 – stay put



Lock chamber boundaries



The Elbe River Basin (Povodí Labe, s.p.), a state enterprise, ensures the operation of locks on the Elbe waterway

Phone numbers for lock chambers located on the Elbe River:

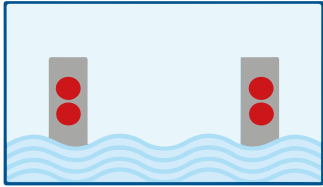
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Veletov – +420 721 960 127	Lobkovice – +420 721 410 975
Kolín – +420 721 379 679	Obříství – +420 721 777 506
Klavary – +420 721 960 104	Dolní Beřkovice – +420 771 128 683
Velký Osek – +420 723 380 225	Štětí–Račice – +420 416 812 463
Poděbrady – +420 602 129 959	Roudnice n. L. – +420 416 837 429
Nymburk – +420 721 379 620	(or +420 771 128 689)
Kostomlátky – +420 721 960 129	České Kopisty – +420 416 782 237
Hradištko – +420 721 410 886	Lovosice – +420 416 532 333
Lysá n. L. – +420 721 379 662	Ústí n. L. – Střekov – +420 475 530 874

The Elbe River Basin InfoGallery on www.pla.cz - information on waterworks, watercourses, activities of the Elbe River Basin, current and historical materials

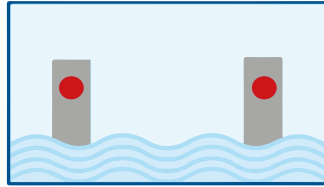


Dolní Beřkovice Lock Chamber

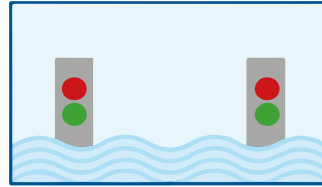
Light signalling



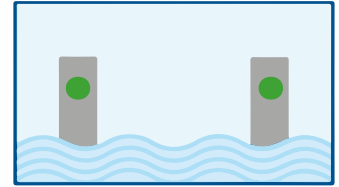
Two red lights above each other
the lock chamber is out of service (after working hours)



Red
prohibition of entry or exit

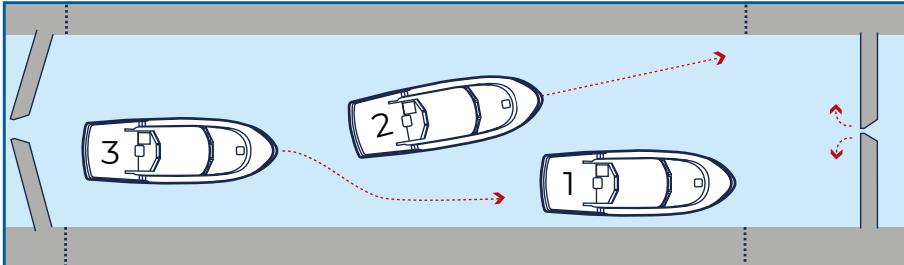


Red and green
passage is forbidden, but it is necessary to prepare for sailing

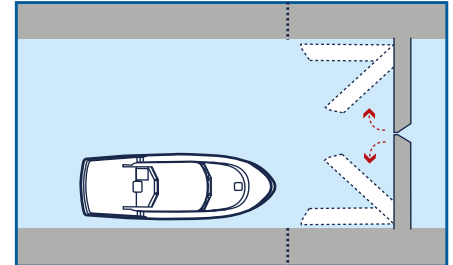


Green
entry or exit permitted

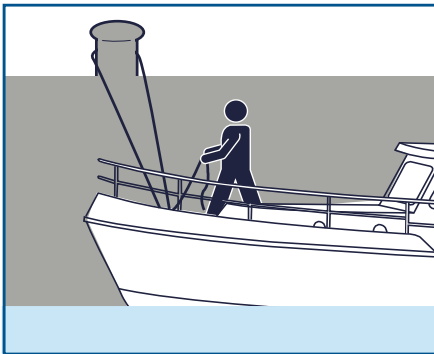
Observe the following basic rules in the lock chamber



Always line up in the lock chamber to accommodate as many vessels as possible, but preferably follow the instructions of the lock operator. Always stop the vessel so that the lock door can be opened.



Even when leaving the chamber, wait for the traffic light to turn green, do not drive into a semi-open gate.



Vessels in lock chambers are moored on bollards, transoms and rings. For longer vessels (if possible), use rope on the bow and stern. The rope must be loosened or tightened during the filling or draining of the lock chamber.



It is forbidden to use handling ladders for tying.



Do not tie the vessel too tightly, there is a risk of it hanging when launching, then the rope must be cut.

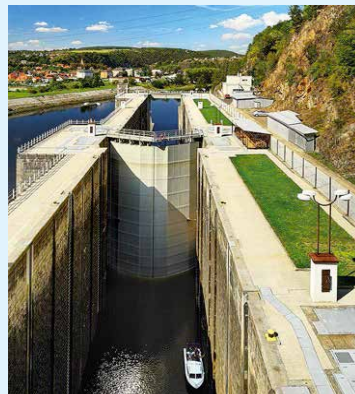
The state enterprise Vltava River Basin

will guide you through all locks along the Vltava Waterway without any fees.

We hope you enjoy your sailing experience!



Lock chamber Miřejovice



Lock chamber Štěchovice



Lock chamber Smíchov



Lock chamber Štvanice



Lock chamber Podbába



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WATER SPORTS AND SAFETY

Sailing mode

A recreational watercraft can sail in **three** sailing **modes**, namely displacement, transition and slip.

Displacement sailing mode

It is characterised by the fact that the length of the waterline does not change substantially compared to the condition when **the vessel is at rest**, i.e. when it is stationary. The stern of the vessel does not form a depression into which the stern of the vessel sinks, and so there is no longitudinal heeling of the vessel. A bow wave is created at the bow and **no water is splashed** to the sides.

The speed at which a vessel is capable of sailing in displacement mode depends on the length of the vessel, the shape of the bottom, the weight of the vessel and the power of the engine. **The vessel is submerged with its entire hull.**

Transitional sailing mode

This mode of sailing is characterised by the formation of a significant depression at the stern of the vessel into which the stern of the vessel plunges, thus the vessel sails in a longitudinal tilt, with the bow raised. There is no bow wave at the bow, the vessel is lapping up the water through the bottom, creating a **significant transverse wave** that starts to spray water slightly to the sides. A vessel sailing in transition mode is no longer sailing in displacement. **In this mode, the vessel generates the largest waves and can cause dangerous heavy surf.**

Sailing in slip mode

Thanks to its design (flat V-shaped bottom) and speed, the vessel floats in a slip. Compared to the previous mode, the longitudinal roll of the vessel has been reduced, the depression at the stern of the vessel has been reduced and there is a **significant spray of water** from the bow of the vessel to the sides. The hydrodynamic buoyancy pushed the hull of the vessel above the water, and it **slides on the surface**. This style of boating is only permitted on those **sections of waterways** where it is not expressly prohibited.

Maximum permissible cruising speeds

The Rules of Navigation stipulate a maximum speed of **10 km/h** within **25 m from the shore** on waterways, navigation channels (loaded vessels only 5 km/h) and **50 m from the shore or marked bathing areas on reservoirs and other large waterways**. This

applies unless otherwise specified by the signal signs or by the legislation governing the use of surface waters for navigation. This restriction does not apply to water areas defined by law. Unless a small self-propelled vessel is equipped with a speed measuring device, it shall only proceed at a speed corresponding to the displacement mode of navigation.

Don't make waves and follow the rules

You wouldn't like it either if another vessel passes in close proximity to your moored vessel, causing large waves to overturn your vessel and crash it ashore. Therefore, whenever you **pass a vessel that has been moored**, keep as **far away** from it **as possible**, so that the waves that reach it will already be long and rounded. You must not cause waves in the usual places where vessels stand, e.g. at harbour ports for passenger shipping.

If you are sailing, you can get a good idea of the size of the wave you are causing when it reaches the shore. It is therefore important to look backwards when sailing and keep an eye on what is happening on the river behind you. But even those who beach their vessel should moor it so that the waves cannot damage it. We move on water that is prone to waves and so they cannot be completely excluded.

Compliance with the rules of navigation is overseen by the **State Navigation Administration**, in cooperation with the **Police Department of the Czech Republic**. As a precaution, the State Navigation Administration sets the following measures each year (through traffic measures, decisions and measures of a general nature):

- sections of the waterway where navigation must be maintained in displacement only;
- designated areas for safe bathing;
- designated water areas for the operation of small watercraft, in which artificial obstructions are avoided and fast passage is achieved;
- designated water areas for small craft sailing involving water activities, e.g. water skiing, jet skiing/surfing, flyboarding, etc.

A valid list of **designated bathing areas** and **designated water areas for water sports** can be found on the website of the State Navigation Administration.



State Navigation Administration

Supervises operations on waterways in accordance with the Inland Navigation Act. Control and surveillance activities include, in particular:

- supervision of shipping operations,
- supervision of waterways,
- supervision of the competence of Masters of watercrafts and crew members,
- supervision of ships, small vessels, floating equipment, floating bodies and floating machinery,
- the management of the River Information Services System and the operation of the RIS Centre.

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Jet ski operation

With a jet ski we can drive from point A to point B along the waterway. During such a voyage, there are no frequent changes of direction, **the vessel travels parallel to the shore**. If passing another vessel, small jumps may occur when crossing waves. These should not be added to by the Master of the watercraft by transferring the centre of gravity. The navigation of a jet ski is thus basically **no different from the navigation of other motorised watercrafts**.

If the jet ski driver wants to **drive at random**, they must sail with the vessel to a **defined water area**, which is defined for this purpose by the State Navigation Administration. The jet ski driver wishing to enter the area for the purpose of random driving shall check that their entry does not exceed the number of **watercrafts permitted** to be in the area at the same time. When navigating in this area, certain provisions of the Rules of Navigation governing vessels meeting each other do not apply. This means that jet ski drivers must **pay greater attention to others** in the area.

Random driving is characterised by **frequent changes of direction** not caused by the density of traffic. The radius of the curves is small, repeatedly **skipping waves** caused by the watercraft itself or repeatedly using the waves of other vessels. The jet ski driver **plunges and jumps above the surface** or **goes around artificial obstacles**, such as buoys.

It is important that **other vessels are not allowed to enter this area** during its operating hours, which are marked on the signal signs on the shore. This principle also applies to water-skiing facilities.

Water skiing, jet surfing and other water sports

These activities may be operated **only in designated water areas** and under conditions set by the **State Navigation Administration**, similar to those mentioned in the previous paragraph regarding jet skis. The difference in these water sports is that these small watercrafts **are generally not eligible to operate on the waterway** outside of designated water areas because they are not capable of navigating in displacement mode and following other rules of navigation. An exception are jet surfers equipped with a tube, which allows sailing in displacement mode.



Water sports instructional videos:



The ten rules for paddleboarding

1. **the river is a waterway** and, like a road, the Rules of Navigation apply;
2. a paddleboard is a vessel and must also **comply with the Rules of Navigation**;
3. **a large passenger or cargo ship** is difficult to manoeuvre and stop, so **do not cross its path** at short range;
4. the skipper of a large boat may not be able to see a paddleboard moving close to the vessel through the superstructure, so keep a **safe side distance**;
5. **a sailboat** under sail has **priority over all small watercraft**, including paddleboards;
6. when encountering a canoe, rowboat or other paddleboard, **keep to the right**;
7. leave the **middle of the river clear** for motorised vessel traffic;
8. **sail around the bather** at a distance of at least **3 m**;
9. the yellow buoys form a **designated water area** for specific activities. It is **forbidden** and dangerous to enter them during operating hours;
10. **at night** and in low visibility, navigation is dangerous. If you are sailing, then with the prescribed **white light** visible from all sides.

PADDLEBOARDING NOT PERMITTED

Attention, paddleboards are also not permitted to some sections of the waterways e.g. where it may be dangerous due to heavy traffic of large ships. Specific information is available on the website of the State Navigation Administration www.plavebniurad.cz.



Principles of safe bathing and diving

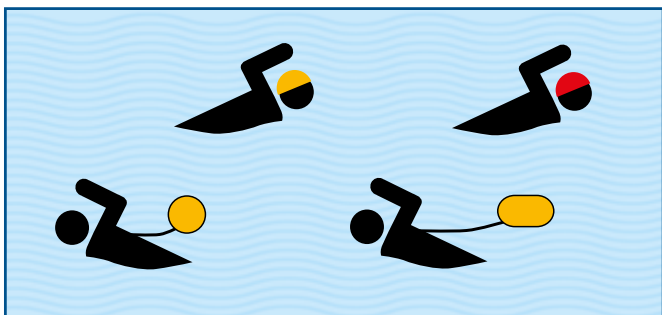
Rivers, lakes, reservoirs and ponds are places for recreation, swimming and water sports in the summer months. According to Czech law, they are also considered a **waterway**. They are subject to the **rules of navigation**, which in some respects resemble the rules of the road.

For example, if a bather collides with a boat on a dam, the accident will be assessed in accordance with the navigation regulations. People who bathe, dive, swim on inflatable loungers should know basic practical instructions to protect themselves from danger and unnecessary conflicts.

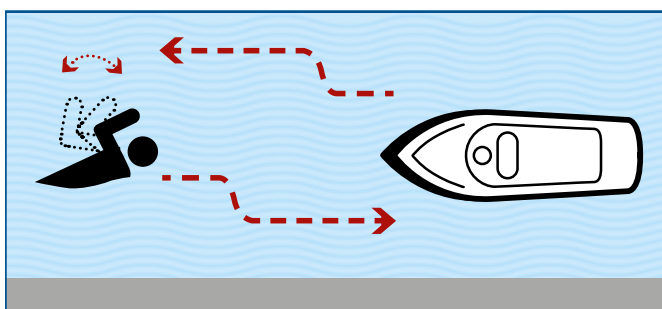
Basic rules for safe bathing:

For bathing or diving, we choose a place where there **is no frequent traffic** of cargo or passenger boats, or sports and recreational vessels, or a directly **reserved area for safe swimming** marked with yellow buoys.

If a vessel is approaching, we do not try to swim in front of its bow but keep as far away from it as possible and at least draw attention to ourselves by waving. When a boat is approaching, the bather **swims towards the nearest shore**, not into open water.



When swimming more than 50 m from the shore, we recommend wearing a **swimming cap with bright colours** and drawing attention to yourself **with a float** or orange **balloon**.

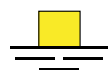


Swimmers should keep a **safe distance from vessels** at least:

- 3 m from small and non-motorised;
- 10 m from small vessels with engines;
- 50 m from the big ones.

The regulations protect swimmers by requiring vessels to **limit their speed to a maximum of 10 km/h at the shore**. The space at the shore is determined so that on large areas it is up to 50 m from the shore, on smaller ones up to 25 m from the shore.

If you swim **on an inflatable lounger** or similar object, you must follow the rules **as pertains to all bathers!**



Water areas are defined by law with yellow buoys.



The marking of the vessel when we dive from it – flag "A" of the international flag code. Lighted at night.

AREAS WHERE BATHING IS NOT PERMITTED

In the vicinity of wharves, on ferry routes, in designated areas for jet skis and water skis, at entrances to harbours and tributaries, near bridges, in locks.

Swimming is prohibited in the vicinity of the following signal signs

Permitted moorings (at anchor or at the shore)	Signs at the entrance to ports or tributaries
Permitted shore hauling	Signs at the entrance to ports or tributaries
Permitted anchoring, dragging of anchors, lines or chains	Signs at the entrance to ports or tributaries
Weirs	Navigation of sport and recreational watercraft allowed in designated areas for jet skiing and water skiing
Ferry boats that do not sail freely	SPORT
Ferry boats that sail freely	

What to do if someone falls overboard or you see a drowning person

Point the **bow of the boat towards the drowning person in the water** – this will prevent injury from the propeller. Immediately **shift** to neutral on the control lever – never switch off the engine with the key. The inertia of the boat gives you a safe distance from the drowning person in the water. Always remember that a running **propeller** is very **dangerous**.

Throw the drowning person a **lifebuoy**. Allow them to swim to the vessel. If the drowning person is unconscious, a crew member should attempt to **rescue** them. For your own safety, wear a life jacket before entering the water. If the distance is greater – you can carefully manoeuvre your vessel towards the person in the water. If necessary, the person being pulled out **must be given first aid** and the **emergency services must be called**.



HOW TO SAVE A LIFE

BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EUROPEAN RESUSCITATION COUNCIL GUIDELINES 2021

1.

CHECK IF THE PERSON IS CONSCIOUS, ARE THEY REACTING?

REACTIONS TO ADDRESS, TOUCH OR PAINFUL STIMULI



**ALERT OTHERS
CALL HELP**

➔ 155 OR 112

2.

CHECK FOR REGULAR BREATHING

HEAD TILT - CHIN LIFT

CHECK BY LISTENING, FEELING, OBSERVING

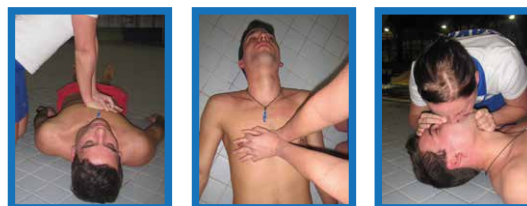
CHECK FOR 10 s - AT LEAST 2-3 BREATHS NOT BREATHING OR GASPING FOR BREATH?



**NOT BREATHING? ➔ RESUSCITATE!
30 COMPRESSIONS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CHEST
ON THE STERNUM**

TO A DEPTH OF 5-6 cm, AT A FREQUENCY OF 100-120/min.

GIVE 2 BREATHS



IF YOU HAVE AN AED, TURN IT ON AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS

BREATHING REGULARLY?

PLACE THE PERSON IN RECOVERY POSITION

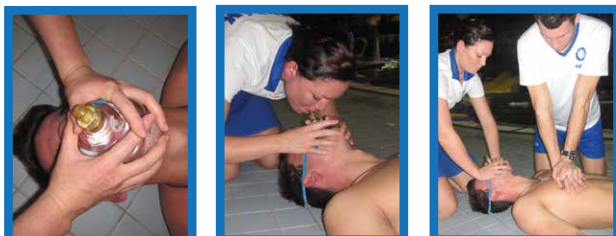
KEEP CHECKING THEIR BREATHING



**FIRST AID WHEN DROWNING
(primary respiratory arrest)**

START CPR BY GIVING 5 BREATHS

CONTINUE WITH 30 CHEST COMPRESSIONS/ 2 BREATHS



KNOWING HOW TO USE A RESUSCITATION MASK IS AN ADVANTAGE
IF YOU HAVE AN AED, TURN IT ON AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS

YOU TOO CAN SAVE A LIFE! LEARN THE BASICS OF FIRST AID.

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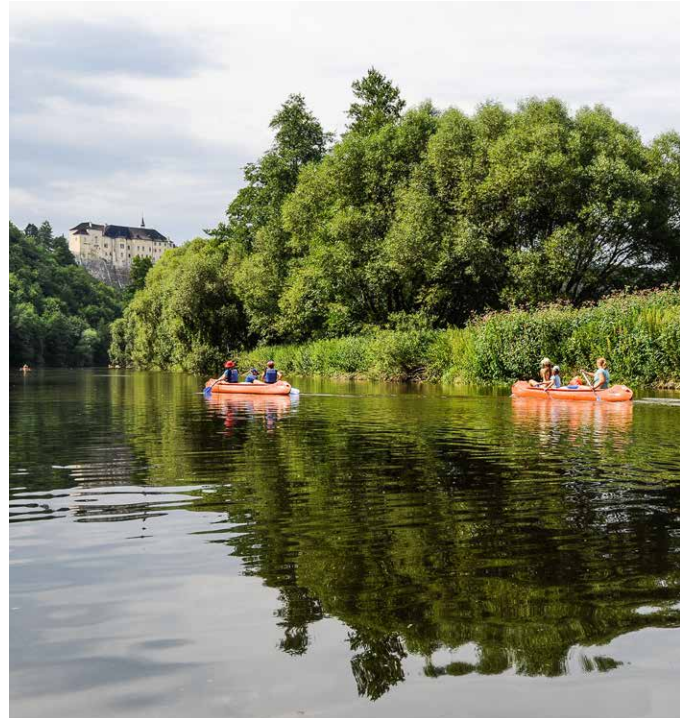


MAPS AND TOURIST DESTINATIONS

Central Bohemian waterways

Central Bohemia offers favourable conditions for recreational boating thanks to its extensive network of navigable rivers. The Elbe-Vltava Waterway stretches for approximately 260 km and extends into the neighbouring regions – the Ústí nad Labem Region (and further towards Germany), the Pardubice Region, the South Bohemia Region and the capital city of Prague. Other rivers such as the Sázava, Berounka, Jizera, Cidlina, Doubrava and Blanice offer more than 300 km of watercourses used by paddlers.

Watercourses are an integral part of the appearance of the landscape, they offer many natural beauties, opportunities for recreation, relaxation, fishing, swimming or, on the contrary, for active leisure, whether on board a boat or during one of the water sports. Lovers of historical monuments will also find something to do in the vicinity of the rivers. There are so many castles, châteaux, museums and monuments that you will love to come back to this region. The same applies to the variety of places associated with gastronomy, sports and social activities. Recreational cruising can be combined very well with hiking and cycling, for example, for which there are many interesting routes in the vicinity of the rivers. Everyone will love the Central Bohemian waterways.



Elbe River














The Elbe River, among the largest waterways in Europe, offers full navigability within the Central Bohemian Region, seamlessly connecting it with the adjacent Ústí nad Labem Region – providing access to Germany – and with the Pardubice Region. You can go as far as Chvaletice. The Elbe River Basin is responsible for ensuring navigability through locks. Since the 13th century, important royal towns of renowned names have grown around the river: Kolín, nicknamed the Jerusalem on the Elbe, Nymburk with its still-preserved fortifications, the spa town of Poděbrady or Mělník surrounded by vineyards. Thanks to the quality of the soil and favourable climatic conditions, the Polabí lowland has always been and still is intensively used for agriculture. The Elbe has great potential for the development of recreational navigation. A gradual construction of infrastructure in the form of wharves and jetties for large and small ships is planned.

Vltava River





















It is the longest river in the Czech Republic, yet it flows into the Elbe in Mělník. It has always played a very important role in the long history of the Czech Republic. The flow of water in the Vltava River is also heard in Bedřich Smetana's symphonic poem of the same name, which never ceased to inspire him. He looked down into its waters in the place of the flooded St. John's Rapids and in the place where sailing used to be abundant and where later the large water dams Slapy and Orlík were built, calling for recreation, water sports and motor boating or sailing. Orlík has the highest dam in all of Czech Republic and also offers a boat lift for small boats. The lock of the Štěchovice waterworks is the highest in our country. The entire Vltava Cascade, a system of water dams on the Vltava River, prevents floods and the individual navigation stages are used by hydroelectric power plants to generate electricity. You will feel like you are in Holland on the Vraňany-Hořín Navigation Canal, with its new lifting bridges. The Vltava is completely navigable for small recreational boats up to České Budějovice in South Bohemia. Operation of all locks is provided by the Vltava River Basin.

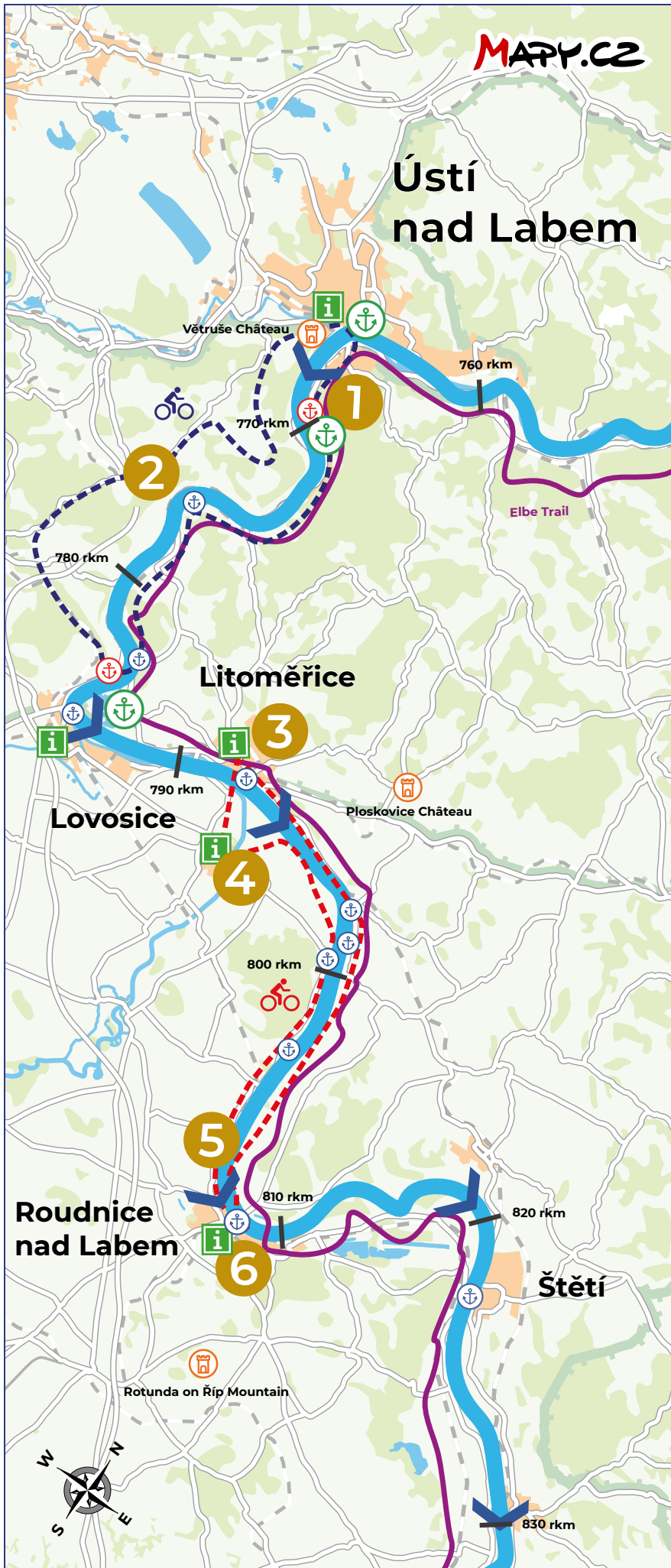


Explanatory notes and pictograms for maps

 Marinas/Ports	 Tourist destinations
 Docks	  Tip for bike tours 1  Tip for bike tours 2  Main cycle route
 Docks being built	 Landmark site
 Directorate of Waterways Service Centre	 Lock chamber
 Information centre	 Dam/Sailing level with restrictions

Pictograms of services within 500 m

 Drainage of wastewater	 Toilets
 Pumping stations	 Refreshment
 Exit for boats	 Guest house, hotel
 Regular cruises, boat trips	 Parking for caravans
 Restaurants	 Waste disposal
 Electrical connection 230 V	 Camping/caravanning
 Vessel service	 Children's playground
 Rental of non-motorised vessels	 Information
 Rental of motor vessels	 Shower
 Drinking water	 Grocery store



Lock chambers

- Ústí nad Labem-Střekov (rkm 767,48)***
 Tel.: +420 475 530 874 (VHF 14)
 January–April: 6 a.m.–7 p.m.
 May–September: 6 a.m.–8 p.m.
 October–December: 6 a.m.–7 p.m.
- Lovosice (rkm 787,38)***
 Tel.: +420 416 532 333 (VHF 14)
 January–April: 6 a.m.–7 p.m.
 May–September: 6 a.m.–8 p.m.
 October–December: 6 a.m.–7 p.m.
- České Kopisty (rkm 795,16)***
 Tel.: +420 416 782 237 (VHF 14)
 January–April: 6 a.m.–6 p.m.
 May–September: 6 a.m.–8 p.m.
 October–December: 6 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Roudnice nad Labem (rkm 808,70)***
 Tel.: +420 416 837 429, +420 771 128 689 (VHF 14)
 January–April: 6 a.m.–6 p.m.
 May–September: 6 a.m.–8 p.m.
 October–December: 6 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Štětí-Račice (rkm 818,59)****
 Tel.: +420 416 812 463 (VHF 14)
 January–April: 6 a.m.–6 p.m.
 May–September: 6 a.m.–8 p.m.
 October–December: 6 a.m.–7 p.m.
- Dolní Beřkovice (rkm 830,53)****
 Tel.: +420 771 128 683 (VHF 14)
 January–April: 6 a.m.–6 p.m.
 May–September: 6 a.m.–8 p.m.
 October–December: 6 a.m.–6 p.m.

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Marinas/Ports

- Ústí nad Labem (rkm 761,10–764,60)**
 České přístavy, a.s. (prior arrangement via e-mail required)
 centralni.pristav@czechports.cz, marsik@czechports.cz
 www.ceskepřistavy.cz
- Brná Water Motor Club (rkm 770,0–770,2)**
 Tel.: +420 603 452 200 (prior arrangement required)
 cigler@seznam.cz
- Marina Labe (rkm 783,9) – Pištsanské Lake**
 Tel. +420 774 510 477
 recepc@marinalabe.cz



Docks

- Dolní Zálezly (rkm 775,10) – public**
- Association of water motorists Velké Žernoseky (rkm 782,7–782,88) – private**
 Tel.: +420 723 940 743
 iadamek@seznam.cz
 www.svmvz.8u.cz
- Lovosice – quay wall (rkm 787,10) – public**
 – priority is given to vessels for the transhipment of goods
 – arrival and departure are reported by the crew to the concierge
- Litoměřice (rkm 792,2) – public**
- Křešice (rkm 798,25) – public**
 Operated by the municipality of Křešice
 Tel.: +420 416 786 536, +420 416 786 109
- Nučnice (rkm 799,30) – public**
- Nučničky (rkm 799,97) – public**
 Operated by the municipality of Trávníce
 Tel.: +420 416 782 276
- Libotenice (rkm 803,40) – public**
- Roudnice nad Labem (rkm 811,22) – public**
 – short-term parking up to 48 hours
- Štětí (rkm 821,66) – public**
 – short-term parking up to 48 hours

Docks being built

- Brná – public ***
- Malé Žernoseky – public***
 * Scheduled services: short-term parking up to 48 hours

INFORMATION CENTRES



Information Centre Ústí nad Labem

Mírové náměstí 1/1, 400 01 Ústí nad Labem
Tel.: +420 475 271 700
www.usti-nad-labem.cz



Information Centre Lovosice

Osvoboditelů 48/55, 410 02 Lovosice
Tel.: +420 416 571 273
www.meulovo.cz



Information Centre Litoměřice

Mírové náměstí 16/8a, 412 01 Litoměřice-Město
Tel.: +420 416 916 440
www.litomerice.cz



Visitor Centre Retranchement 5

Dukelských hrdinů 43, 411 55 Terezín
Tel.: +420 775 711 881
www.terezin.cz



Information Centre Podřipsko

Arnoštova 88, 413 01 Roudnice n. L.
Tel.: +420 412 871 501; +420 412 871 502
www.vyletnarip.cz

TIPS FOR BIKE TOURS



Get to know the Garden of Bohemia (42 km)

Head from Litoměřice along the Elbe Trail, the terrain is all flat, to Roudnice nad Labem, where you will visit the chateau and by taking the alternative route 2A you will get back through the Terezín Fortress.



From Ústí to the Gate of Bohemia (48 km)

On the way from Ústí nad Labem, you will enjoy beautiful views of the Bohemian Central Uplands and the Porta Bohemica Valley (Gateway to Bohemia). The trip can only be made during the period when the ferries are running.



MAIN TOURIST DESTINATIONS



Castle Střekov

The Gothic castle of Střekov towers above the town of Ústí nad Labem on a basalt rock. The castle from the beginning of the 14th century is one of the best-preserved castle ruins in the country and at the same time an attractive viewpoint of the Elbe River, the town and the technical work – Masaryk Lock.



Viewpoints near Dubice

Along the Elbe, where the surrounding landscape meanders beautifully, it is possible to climb to one of several beautiful viewpoints. From Dolní Zálezly, head up towards Dubice, where you will find views comparable to iconic panoramas anywhere in Europe along the green and yellow trail. Viewpoints such as Mlynářův kámen, Václav Krčil's viewpoint, Doerell's viewpoint and the one behind the Church of St. Barbara in Dubičky are all worthy of a visit.



City of Litoměřice

The Litoměřice Castle is also worth a visit, with its interactive wine exhibition, a town museum or the North Bohemian Art Gallery. Magical views of the peaks of the Central Highlands are offered by the Kalich town hall viewpoint or the tower of St. Stephen. Mácha's Room or a walk on Mácha's Steps through the city parks displays the Romanticist style in all its splendor.



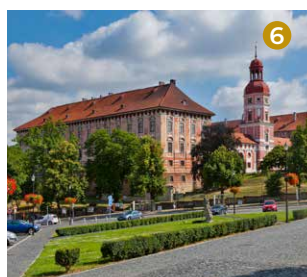
The fortress town of Terezín

The town of Terezín was built as a defensive fortress during the reign of Joseph II and has a unique system of underground passages, ramparts and walls. You can learn more about the history of the fortress in Retranchement 5, where there is an information centre and where you can also take tours of the fortifications and underground passages. In this visitor centre there are also several exhibitions about the origins and functioning of the Terezín Fortress. During this fascinating tour you will learn a lot of interesting information and get to know Terezín a little differently. The underground passage tour with a lantern is a unique tourist attraction.



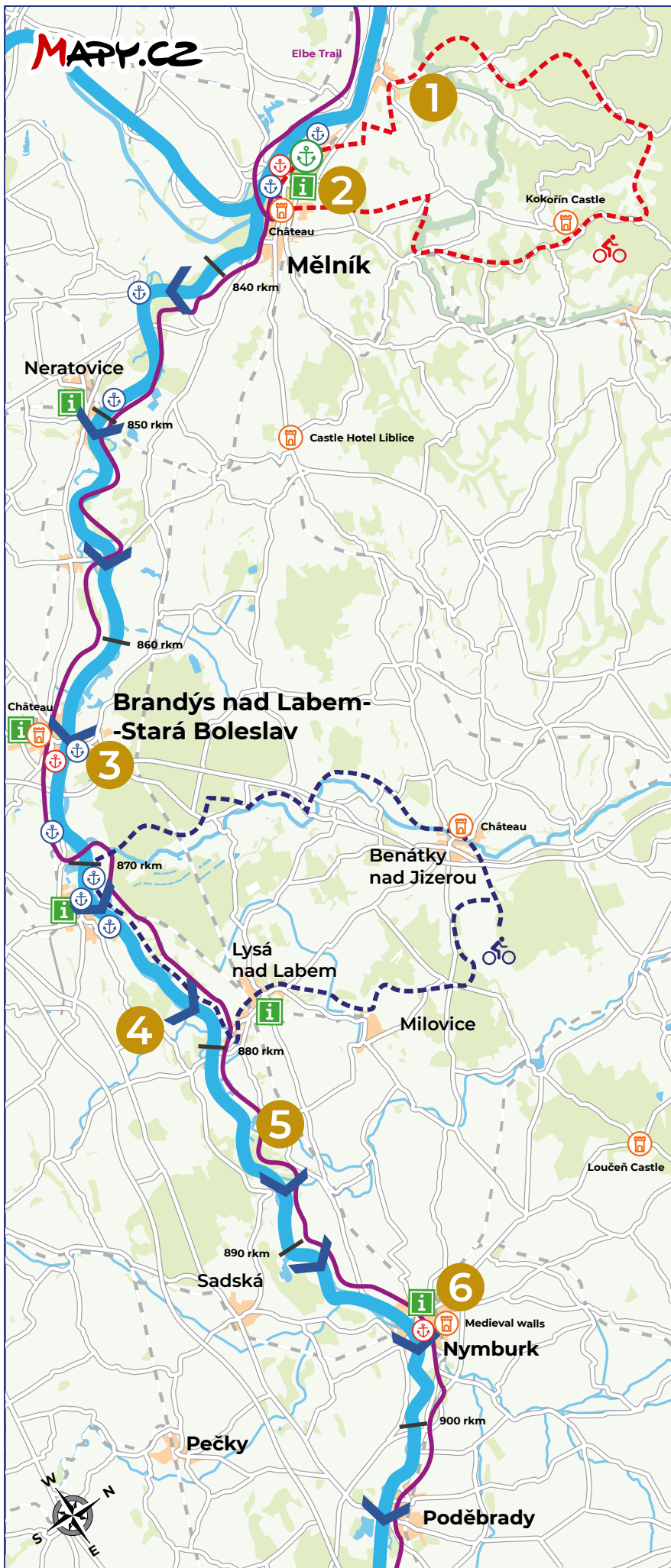
Porta Bohemica – Gateway to Bohemia

The gateway to Bohemia is the canyon-like Elbe valley through which the river enters the Central Bohemian Uplands. The valley starts about 5 km downstream of Litoměřice. The banks are lined with rocky slopes for several kilometres. The Elbe River has created an unusual landscape with a deep cut of the river valley into the Central Bohemian Uplands. It is possible to visit several beautiful viewpoints of this valley on both banks of the Elbe. At Velké Žernoseky the slopes are then lined with local terraced vineyards, where the famous Žernoseky wine is grown.



City of Roudnice nad Labem

The dominant feature of the town is the chateau of the Lobkowitz family, which is built on the original Romanesque castle. The tours are complemented by a tasting of the local wine from Lobkowitz, with a tradition of over 400 years of continuous production. You can enjoy the view of the town and its surroundings from the town tower Hláška. Tourists also appreciate the possibility of a hiking trip to Říp Mountain, which is 6 km from the town.



Lock chambers

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Obříství (rkm 843,13)
 Tel.: +420 721 777 506 (VHF 14)
 Year-round: 6 a.m.–6 p.m.*
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Lobkovice (rkm 850,32)
 Tel.: +420 416 532 333 (VHF 14)
 Year-round: 6 a.m.–6 p.m.*
- 
Kostelec nad Labem (rkm 857,40)
 Tel.: +420 721 379 723 (VHF 14)
 Year-round: 6 a.m.–6 p.m.*
- 
Brandýs nad Labem (rkm 865,08)
 Tel.: +420 721 379 617 (VHF 14)
 Year-round: 6 a.m.–6 p.m.*
- 
Čelákovice (rkm 872,28)
 Tel.: +420 721 963 727 (VHF 14)
 Year-round: 6 a.m.–6 p.m.*
- 
Lysá nad Labem (rkm 878,05)
 Tel.: +420 721 379 662 (VHF 14)
 Year-round: 6 a.m.–6 p.m.*
- 
Hradištko (rkm 887,60)
 Tel.: +420 721 410 886 (VHF 14)
 Year-round: 6 a.m.–6 p.m.*
- 
Kostomlátky (rkm 891,40)
 Tel.: +420 721 960 129 (VHF 14)
 Year-round: 6 a.m.–6 p.m.*
- 
Nymburk (rkm 896,40)
 Tel.: +420 721 379 620 (VHF 14)
 Year-round: 6 a.m.–6 p.m.*

* Exceptionally, small vessels may be navigated on Saturdays in July and August until 8 p.m. at the latest, after reporting the request to the relevant chamber of navigation no later than 5 p.m., stating the vessel's registration marks including the destination.

Marinas/Ports

- 
Mělník (rkm 836,7) – public
 Tel.: +420 315 643 204, 207, 503
 bradacek@czechports.cz, hendrichova@czechports.cz
 www.ceskepristavy.cz

Docks

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Mělník – port basin (rkm 834,4) – private
 Tel.: +420 777 293 593 (agreement required in advance)
 info@pujcovna-plavidel.cz, odehnalb@seznam.cz
 www.pujcovna-plavidel.cz
 - 
Marina Mělník (rkm 836,7) – private
 Tel.: +420 736 274 416, +420 603 927 125
 info@marinamelnik.cz
 www.marinamelnik.cz
 - 
Obříství (rkm 844,14) – public (operated by the municipality)
 Used by passenger ships (agreement required in advance)
 Tel.: +420 727 957 602, timetable: www.fidelio1.cz
 - 
Neratovice (rkm 849,9) – public (operated by the municipality)
 Tel.: +420 315 650 444
 meu@neratovice.cz
 www.neratovice.cz
 - 
Brandýs n/L. – weir basin (rkm 865,40–865,50)
 - 
Lázně Toušeň (rkm 868,3) – public (operated by the municipality)
 Tel.: +420 326 992 302
 podatelna@laznetousen.cz
 www.mestyslaznetousen.cz
 - 
Káraný (rkm 870,62) – public (operated by the municipality)
 Tel.: +420 326 991 530
 obec@karany.cz
 www.karany.cz
 - 
Čelákovice (rkm 872,88) – public
 – short-term parking up to 48 hours
 - 
Čelákovice (rkm 873,2) – private
 Tel.: +420 733 180 023
 www.raj-u-vody.cz
- Docks being built**
- 
Mělník – public*
 - 
Brandýs nad Labem – public*
 - 
Nymburk – public*

* Scheduled services: short-term parking up to 48 hours



INFORMATION CENTRES

Tourist Information Centre Mělník
Legionářů 51
Tel.: +420 602 679 552
www.ticmelnik.cz

Information Centre Neratovice
Náměstí Republiky 400
Tel.: +420 315 650 444
www.neratovice.cz

Information Centre Brandýs nad Labem
Plantáž 2480
Tel.: +420 731 660 933
www.brandysko.cz

Tourist Information Centre Čelákovice
Na Hrádku 464
Tel.: +420 315 558 937
www.celmuz.cz

Information Centre Lysá nad Labem
Husovo nám. 23
Tel.: +420 601 323 046
www.pruhpolabi.cz

Tourist Information Centre Nymburk
Náměstí Přemyslovců 165
Tel.: +420 325 501 104
www.mesto-nymburk.cz

TIPS FOR BIKE TOURS

From Mělník to the Kokořín Protected Landscape Area (55 km)
A circular cycling trip through the Kokořínsko – Mácha Region protected area, through a landscape of canyons and picturesque sandstone rocks of various shapes, including the so-called Devil's Heads. The main attraction of the trip is the Neo-Gothic castle Kokořín.

From Káraný along the Jizera River to see bison (54 km)
From the confluence of the Elbe and Jizera to the Greenway Jizera cycle route to Benátky nad Jizerou to the local castle and museum, then to Milovice around the reserve with wild grazing horses, bison and wildebeest.



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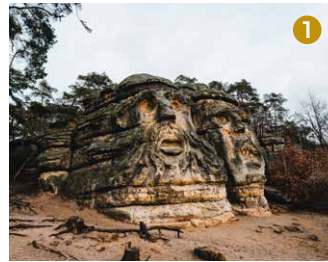
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Mělnicko Kokořínsko
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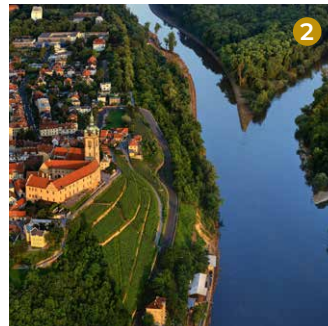
www.melnicko-kokorinsko.cz
info@melnicko-kokorinsko.cz
www.facebook.com/Melnicko-Kokorinsko

MAIN TOURIST DESTINATIONS



1 Devil's Heads rocks

An unusual attraction of the village of Želízky by Liběchov are the sculptures carved into the rocks. You will find them under the open sky on the Václav Levý circuit. Waiting for you are the Devil's Heads – nine-metre-high faces of devils that have also starred in several Czech fairy tales. Visit the artificial cave Klácelka, decorated with scenes from Czech history.



2 Town of Mělník

The town at the confluence of the two largest Czech rivers is a must-stop for all skippers. The reason for this is its rich history and excellent vines, which have been cultivated here since the Middle Ages. The view of the confluence is best enjoyed from the terrace of the castle, which belongs to the Lobkowitz family, or from the tower of the local church of St. Peter and Paul. For some great wine tasting options, head to the local wine cellars below the chateau and below the town.



3 Town of Brandýs nad Labem-Stará Boleslav

The dominant feature of the town is the Lobkowitz Chateau. The Přemyslid stronghold of Stará Boleslav is considered the cradle of Czech statehood and is the oldest pilgrimage site on our territory. Brandýs nad Labem was popular with many kings and emperors. The local Renaissance castle was also popular. Other valuable buildings include the Basilica of St. Wenceslas standing on the place where St. Wenceslas was murdered in 935.



4 Přerov nad Labem Open-Air Museum

A cruise along the river, whose banks are lined with Central Bohemian village buildings, will entice you to visit the open-air museum in Přerov nad Labem. It belongs to the oldest regional outdoor museum in Europe. Walking between the cottages, with its granaries and barns, you can easily imagine how life was lived in a village in the Elbe Region from the 18th to the 20th century.



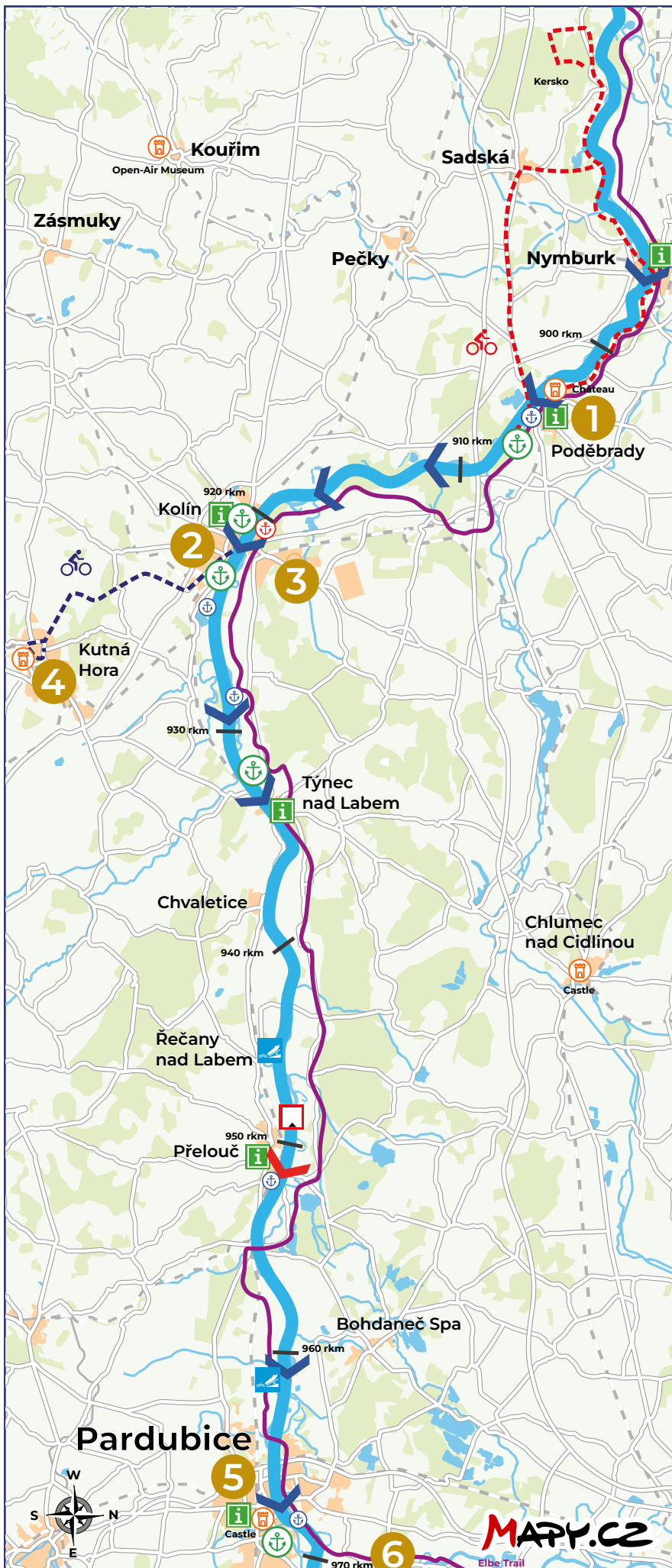
5 Craft Centre – Botanicus

At the Botanicus Craft Centre and Herb Garden, you will feel like you have just entered a Zen oasis – relaxing among the neat flowerbeds and trying your hand at a variety of traditional and now almost forgotten skills, such as woodcarving, basketry and bookbinding. If you visit the Ostrá area on Saturday, you will also see performances by jugglers and amateur actors.



6 Town of Nymburk

Bohumil Hrabal spent his youth in Nymburk and described his experiences in an engaging way, for example in the book Cutting it short (Postřižiny). The local brewery bears the same name. Guided tours of the brewery are available. Explore the city centre and walk around the majestic preserved Gothic walls. In the local Old Fishery, the fleeing Eliška Přemyslovna once found refuge.



Lock chambers

-  **Poděbrady (rkm 904,47)***
 Tel.: +420 602 129 959 (VHF 14)
 Year-round: 6 a.m.–6 p.m.*
-  **Velký Osek (rkm 911,68)***
 Tel.: +420 723 380 225 (VHF 14)
 Year-round: 6 a.m.–6 p.m.*
-  **Klavary (rkm 916,46)***
 Tel.: +420 721 960 104 (VHF 14)
 Year-round: 6 a.m.–6 p.m.*
-  **Kolín (rkm 920,63)***
 Tel.: +420 721 379 679 (VHF 14)
 Year-round: 6 a.m.–6 p.m.*
-  **Veletov (rkm 929,16)***
 Tel.: +420 721 960 127 (VHF 14)
 Year-round: 6 a.m.–6 p.m.*
-  **Týnec nad Labem (rkm 932,71)***
 Tel.: +420 721 379 664 (VHF 14)
 Year-round: 6 a.m.–6 p.m.*
-  **Přelouč (rkm 951,18) – NAVIGABILITY IS NOT ENSURED!**
 In the project stage. Must tow the boat by own means.
-  **Srnobody (rkm 960,79)****
 Tel.: +420 721 963 731
 Year-round: MON–FRI 6:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
-  **Pardubice (rkm 967,42)****
 Tel.: +420 721 379 665
 May–September: MON–FRI 6:30 a.m.–10 p.m.
 October–December: MON–FRI 6:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

* In exceptional cases, small vessels can sail through on Saturdays in July and August until 8 p.m. at the latest, after reporting the request for passage to the relevant chamber of navigation by 5 p.m. at the latest, indicating the vessel's registration marks including the destination.

** The request for extraordinary passage through the Pardubice and Srnobody locks outside the specified operating hours must be discussed three days in advance with the Pardubice Operations Center, Roudnice nad Labem Plant, Povodí Labe, state enterprise, Kunětická 135, 530 09 Pardubice, telephone +420 466 868 420, +420 466 868 421 or +420 602 495 462, or to discuss the seasonal timetable.

Marinas/Ports

-  **Labská marina, Poděbrady (rkm 905,7)**
 Tel.: +420 736 787 088; e-mail: labska-marina@seznam.cz
www.labska-marina.cz

-  **Marina Kolín (rkm 920,4)**
 Tel.: +420 602 457 218; e-mail: info@marina.cz
www.marina-bistro.makro.rest

-  **Port Kolín (rkm 921,2 – 921,4)**
 Tel.: +420 602 612 155; e-mail: herciki@czechports.cz
www.ceskepristavy.cz
-  **Marina Týnec (rkm 932,5)**
 Tel.: +420 602 334 352; e-mail: info@marinatynec.cz
www.marinatynec.cz

-  **Yacht club – Marina Pardubice (rkm 967,5 – tributary Chrudimka into the Elbe)**
 Tel.: +420 607 514 914 (agreement required in advance)



Docks

-  **Poděbrady (rkm 904,14) – public**
 – short-term parking up to 48 hours

-  **Klub vodních sportů Kolín-Sandberk (rkm 923,5) – private**
 No sailing for all vessels with engine power greater than 10 kW!
 Tel.: +420 603 257 815; e-mail: sramek31@seznam.cz
www.kvs-sandberk.cz

-  **Veletov (rkm 927,9 – zátoka Veletov) – private**
 Tel.: +420 603 520 670 (agreement required in advance)
-  **Přelouč – Dopravní podnik města Pardubic a.s.**
 Tel.: +420 602 484 620, +420 606 636 846 (agreement required in advance)
www.lod.cz
-  **Yacht club – Marina Pardubice (rkm 967,5 – tributary Chrudimka into the Elbe)**
 Tel.: +420 607 514 914 (agreement required in advance)
-  **Czech Rowing Club Pardubice (rkm 968,3)**
 Tel.: +420 607 519 579; e-mail: karel.kroulik@seznam.cz
www.cvkpardubice.cz

Docks being built

-  **Kolín (rkm) – public***
 * Scheduled services: short-term parking up to 48 hours


INFORMATION CENTRES

i **Tourist Information Centre Nymburk**
Náměstí Přemyslovců 165
Tel.: +420 325 501 104
www.mesto-nymburk.cz

i **Tourist Information Centre Poděbrady**
Jiřího náměstí 19
Tel.: +420 325 511 946
www.pruhpolabi.cz


i **Tourist Information Centre Kolín**
Karlovo náměstí 8
Tel.: +420 311 510 866
www.tickolin.cz


i **Tourist Information Centre Týnec nad Labem**
Komenského 235
Tel.: +420 321 781 505
www.tictytec.cz


i **Cultural and Information Centre Přebouč**
Masarykovo náměstí 26
Tel.: +420 739 480 292
www.kicmp.cz



i **Tourist Information Centre Pardubice**
náměstí Republiky 1
Tel.: +420 775 068 390
www.icka.cz

TIPS FOR BIKE TOURS

 **In the footsteps of Bohumil Hrabal (48 km)**
Nymburk will captivate you with its medieval walls and the life story of Bohumil Hrabal, a renowned Czech writer. The local museum pays tribute to Hrabal, and another is under construction at his former cottage in Kersko.

 **From Kolín to Kutná Hora (26 km)**
From Kolín, head to Kutná Hora, a royal city famous for its silver mining, a UNESCO-listed urban conservation reserve and other sights, including the Cathedral of St. Barbara.



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MAIN TOURIST DESTINATIONS



1

City of Poděbrady

In 1905, the renowned German dowser von Bülow discovered a mineral water spring in Poděbrady and the first ever spa season followed soon after. The peaceful atmosphere in the streets, in the park and on the colonnade invites you to take slow walks. The chateau, originally a water castle, which houses the Jiří z Poděbrad Memorial, provides a historical experience.



2

City of Kolín

A visit to the royal city of Kolín should add some variety to your cruise. On Bartholomew Hillcock, you will feel the poetic mood of this historical city. Don't miss Jerusalem on the Elbe – Kolín's Jewish jewel. Go on a trip with a view to the Vodárna lookout tower. Don't forget to wave to the bears from Kolín.



3

Kolín sugar beet railway

The rediscovered part of the route of the oldest sugar beet railway in the Elbe region offers a pleasant trip on a train pulled by a steam or diesel locomotive on a narrow-gauge line. Originally it was used for transporting sugar beet to sugar factories in the Elbe Region. Today, it is a tourist destination for the young and old alike. The history and the present of this unique technical monument is the subject of a museum exhibition.



4

City of Kutná Hora

Kutná Hora is one of the places in the Czech Republic that has been listed by UNESCO for its historical value and architectural beauty. Enjoy the atmosphere of the city, visit the mines under the city and other monuments related to the mining and processing of silver ores and the minting of Prague groschen, the majestic St. Barbara's Church, the ossuary, the tobacco museum, or the chocolate museum.



5

City of Pardubice

This regional town located at the confluence of the Chrudimka and the Elbe is famous for baking fragrant gingerbread and the famous Velká Pardubická horse race. But Pardubice is much more – a chateau, Tyršovy sady, Na Špici park, Green Gate, modern architecture and lots of events for the whole family.



6

Kunětická Hora

Originally a medieval castle, it stands on the only hill that towers over Pardubice. In addition to the views, you can take a guided tour dedicated to the architect Dušan Jurkovič. Children will also enjoy the wildlife enclosure and the ranch with pets. You can also ride a rented horse to the castle.



Lock chambers

- Hořín (rkm 1,0)***
 Tel.: +420 315 622 267, +420 602 778 751 (VHF 9)
 January–April: 7 a.m.–3 p.m., May–September: 7 a.m.–5 p.m.,
 October–December: 7 a.m.–3 p.m.
 - Mířežovice (rkm 18,0)***
 Tel.: +420 315 785 172, +420 724 736 671 (VHF 9)
 January–April: 7 a.m.–3 p.m., May–September: 7 a.m.–5 p.m.,
 October–December: 7 a.m.–3 p.m.
 - Dolánky (rkm 27)***
 Tel.: +420 315 787 028, +420 602 312 992 (VHF 9)
 January–April: 7 a.m.–3 p.m., May–September: 7 a.m.–5 p.m.,
 October–December: 7 a.m.–3 p.m.
 - Roztoky (rkm 35,95)***
 Tel.: +420 220 911 730, +420 724 735 462 (VHF 9)
 January–April: 7 a.m.–3 p.m., May–September: 7 a.m.–5 p.m.,
 October–December: 7 a.m.–3 p.m.
- * Outside of the operating hours 5 p.m.–7 p.m. (June–September) it is possible to sail pre-announced vessels – announced by phone until 2:30 p.m.
- Praha-Podbaba (rkm 43,25)**
 Tel.: +420 224 314 549, +420 724 719 205 (VHF 9)
 January–December: 7 a.m.–5 p.m.
 Outside of the operating hours 5 p.m.–10 p.m. it is possible to sail pre-announced vessels – announced by phone until 2:30 p.m.
 - Praha-Štvanice (rkm 50,69)**
 Tel.: +420 233 377 318, +420 602 545 932 (VHF 9)
 January–December: 7 a.m.–5 p.m.
 Outside of the operating hours 5 p.m.–12 p.m. it is possible to sail pre-announced vessels – announced by phone until 5 p.m.
 - Praha-Smíchov (rkm 53,80)**
 Tel.: +420 251 510 546, +420 724 107 077 (VHF 9)
 1 January (bank holiday): 0–1 a.m.
 1 January–30 December: 7 a.m.–10:30 p.m.
 31 December: 7 a.m.–11:59 p.m.
 - Praha-Modřany (rkm 62,10)**
 Tel.: +420 241 773 082, +420 724 170 454
 January–May: 7 a.m.–5 p.m., June–September: 7 a.m.–7 p.m.,
 October–December: 7 a.m.–5 p.m.
 Outside of the operating hours between 5/7 p.m. and 10 p.m., pre-announced vessels can be sailed – in the period from October to May announced by phone until 2:30 p.m., in the period from June to September announced by phone until 6 p.m.

Marinas/Ports

- Marina Vltava, Nelahozeves (rkm 20,2) – private**
 Tel.: +420 602 688 735, +420 606 613 173
 info@marinavltava.cz; www.marinavltava.cz
- Port Holešovice, port basin (rkm 47,3) – public**
 Tel.: +420 602 275 089, +420 737 624 368
 teisler@czechports.cz; zakora@czechports.cz; www.ceskepristavy.cz
- Port Libeň, port basin (rkm 47,6) – public**
 Tel.: +420 602 275 089, +420 737 624 368
 teisler@czechports.cz; zakora@czechports.cz; www.ceskepristavy.cz
- Marina Dock, Praha-Libeň (rkm 48,4) – private**
 Tel.: +420 608 483 824; www.dock.cz
- Port Smíchov (rkm 55,54–57,24) – public**
 Tel.: +420 257 321 806; www.ceskepristavy.cz

Docks

- Zelčín (rkm 4,1) – private (operated by Zelčín Zoopark)**
 Tel.: +420 777 334 062 – on request
 E-mail: info@zooparkzelcin.cz; www.zooparkzelcin.cz
- Lužec nad Vltavou (rkm 6,66) – public (operated by the municipality)**
 In operation March–November
 Tel.: +420 315 691 015, +420 725 748 522; info@luzec.cz; www.luzec.cz
- Praha – nábf. Edvarda Beneše (rkm 51,68) – public**
 Tel.: +420 727 963 376 – order at least 12 hours in advance
 E-mail: tlusty@rvccr.cz; www.rvccr.cz
- Prague Embankments**
 Short term parking only
 – Rašín embankment – above the railway bridge, in the vicinity of the limnigraph, near Jirásek Bridge – exit and boarding only
 – Hořejší embankment – between the Admirál boathouse and the Palacký Bridge
 – Dvořák's Embankment (in front of the Albatros hotel)
 Tel.: +420 724 505 660, +420 224 494 227; e-mail: d.sahula@tcp-as.cz

Service centre of the Directorate of Waterways

- Praha – Edvard Beneše embankment – service ship (rkm 51,60)**
 www.rvccr.cz/vodni-cesty/praha-servisni-centrum-pro-plavidla

INFORMATION CENTRES

i **Information Centre Nelahozeves – Zastávka Antonína Dvořáka**
Nelahozeves 2
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www.infocentrum.nelahozeves.cz



i **Tourist Centre iCafé Kralupy nad Vltavou**
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www.kralupyнадvltavou.info



i **Information Centre Roztoky u Prahy**
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www.muzeum-roztoky.cz

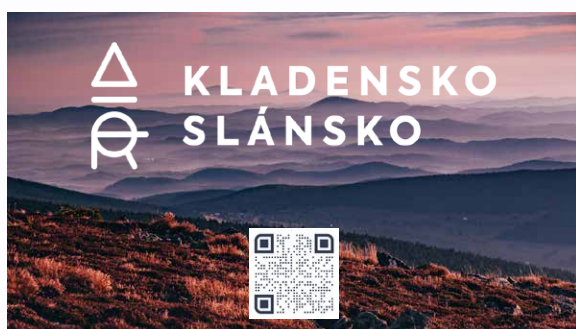
i **Tourist Information Centre – Central Bohemia Tourist Board**
Husova 156/21, Praha – Staré Město
Tel.: +420 222 288 911
www.visitcentralbohemia.cz

i **Tourist Information Centre – Staroměstská radnice**
Staroměstské náměstí 1
www.prague.eu

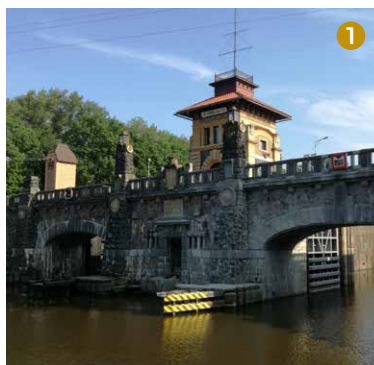
TIPS FOR BIKE TOURS

 **Castle ride (16 km)**
 Head from Nelahozeves to the Měřevojice Lock and the Veltrusy Castle. It includes a large chateau park where the chateau itself organises bike tours.

 **From Nelahozeves to Okoř (35 km)**
 A pleasant cycling trip leads through Kralupy nad Vltavou along the Zákolanský Stream to the Přemysl castle Budeč and the ruins of the Okoř Castle.



MAIN TOURIST DESTINATIONS



Historic Hořín lock chamber

The historic Hořín lock chamber is a part of the Vraňany-Hořín Navigation Canal, thanks to which the area is known as the Czech Holland. There we can find a system of lifting bridges, including the Hořín lock chamber itself, which is a technical monument. The bridge for pedestrians and cyclists is formed by a lifting stone arch. The interest of this tourist destination is underlined by the unique view of the panorama of the town of Mělník.



Zoopark Zelčín

Are you enjoying the waters of the Central Bohemian Region with your children? Then you must not miss out on the Zelčín Zoopark. On this small and friendly farm, you will see the domestic animals that are cared for with much attention and love. You can pet or feed all their tame animals.



Nelahozeves Chateau

At Nelahozeves Chateau, which currently belongs to the Lobkowitz family, you can see an exhibition illustrating the lifestyle of the nobility in the 19th century and many rare works of art. The Renaissance exterior of the chateau is one of the most beautiful in Bohemia, inspired by the architecture of northern Italy.



Central Bohemia Museum in Roztoky near Prague

Within the grounds of the Roztoky Chateau and Brauner Mill, you will find a museum full of prominent collections. You can also visit its two permanent exhibitions: Superior administration of the estate (How the chateau administrator lived and worked) and Life in the Chateau (How People used to spend the summer in Roztoky).



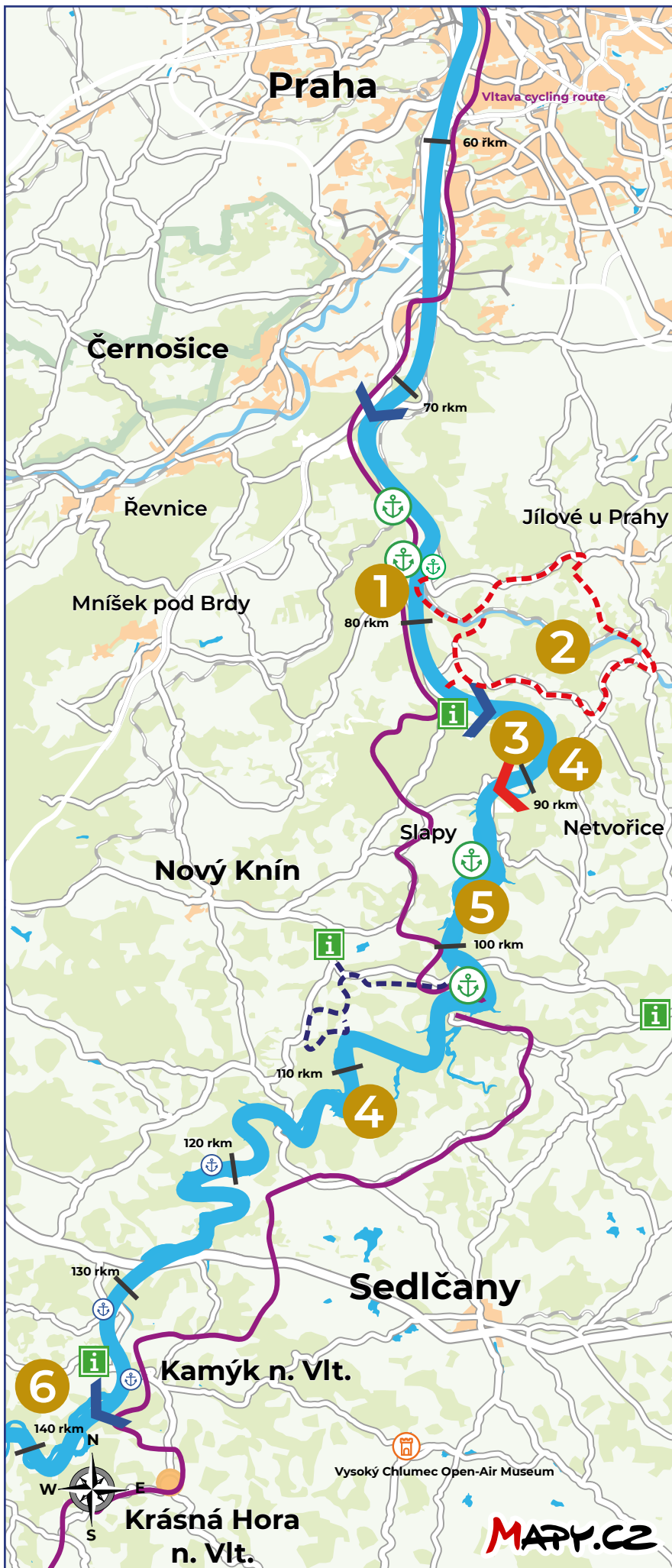
Old Town Hall in Prague

The Town Hall was established in 1338 as the seat of the Old Town government. The oldest part of the complex is the south wing with a magnificent tower with a bay chapel and a unique astronomical clock on which the 12 apostles appear every hour (9–11 p.m.). It shows a total of four kinds of time, including Babylonian time, which is the only timepiece in the world that can measure it.



Prague Towers

Prague is not called the City of a Hundred Spires for nothing. You probably know the Old Town Hall Tower, the Powder Tower or the Old Town Bridge Tower as the gateway to the Old Town. But have you also been on the other side of Charles Bridge? Two stylistically different towers connected by a gate form the entrance to the Lesser Town. The higher one offers a magnificent view of the flowing Vltava River and the metropolis historic centre. What about the New Mill Water Tower? Inside the Tower, the permanent exhibition Prague is Burning awaits you!



Lock chambers

- ▼ Vrané nad Vltavou (rkm 71,40)**
 Tel.: +420 257 760 311 (VHF9)
 April–May: 8 a.m.–8 p.m.
 June–August: 7 a.m.–10 p.m.
 September–October: 8 a.m.–8 p.m.
 November–December: a sail-through can be requested in advance at this chamber
In the upstream direction, small vessels pass at every whole odd hour and downstream at every whole even hour.
- ▼ Štěchovice (rkm 84,35)**
 Tel.: +420 257 740 263 (VHF9)
 15 April–31 May: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
 June–August: 8 a.m.–7 p.m.
 September: 8 a.m.–9 p.m.
 October: 8 a.m.–7 p.m.
In the downstream direction, small vessels pass at every whole odd hour and upstream at every whole even hour.
- ▼ Kamýk nad Vltavou (rkm 134,70)**
 Tel.: +420 318 677 119 (VHF9)
 May–August: MON, WED, THU, FRI, SAT, SUN 8 a.m.–6 p.m.
 September: MON, FRI, SAT, SUN 8 a.m.–6 p.m.*
Upstream, small vessels sail at even hours and downstream at odd hours. Outside these days, only passenger vessels sailing according to the timetable, with which small vessels can also sail together, are allowed.

* During this period, the passage must be ordered a day in advance at the navigation chamber.

▼ Dams

- Slapy dam (rkm 91,15) – transport on a trailer (planned boat lift)**
 Tel.: +420 606 656 432
 May–September: MON, WED, FRI, SAT, SUN 8 a.m.–6 p.m.
 Vessels can be transported up to a width of 2.60 m, a length of 8.50 m and a displacement of 3.5 t. Vessels are transported after prior ordering in the ordering system of the Vltava River Basin State Enterprise, which is available at: rezervace.pvl.cz.

Marinas/Ports

- Marina Měchenice (rkm 75,6)**
 Tel.: +420 420 269 884 (agreement required in advance)
abahensky@seznam.cz
- Davle marina (rkm 77,9)**
 Tel.: +420 603 141 026
info@DavleMarina.cz
www.davlemarina.cz
- Modrá Loďnice, Ždán (rkm 94,8)**
 Tel.: +420 602 109 019
info@modralodnice.cz
www.modralodnice.cz
- Hotel Atlantida, Stará Živohošť (rkm 101,3)**
 Tel.: +420 724 694 540
manager@hotelatlantida.cz
www.hotelatlantida.cz

Docks

- ▼ Davle (rkm 77,9) – public**
 –short-term parking up to 48 hours
- ▼ Županovice (rkm 120,6) – public***
- ▼ Velká nad Vltavou (rkm 130,9) – public***
- ▼ Kamýk nad Vltavou (rkm 133,5) – public***

* The above-mentioned landing docks sites are operated by municipalities in cooperation with the Vltava River Basin, capacity max. 5 vessels, standing time max. 12 hours

INFORMATION CENTRES

i **Information Centre of the Štěchovice Hydroelectric Power Plant**
Prof. Vl. Lista 329
Tel.: +420 602 107 456 (optional excursions)
www.stechovice.info

i **Tourist Information Centre Týnec nad Sázavou**
Klusáčkova 2
Tel.: +420 317 729 050, +420 775 290 032
www.visittyynec.cz

i **Information Centre Chotilsko**
Chotilsko 14
Tel.: +420 734 837 333
www.icka.cz

i **Information Centre Neveklov**
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www.neveklov.cz

i **Information Centre Kamýk nad Vltavou**
Kamýk nad Vltavou 69
Tel.: +420 318 677 171
www.obeckamyk.cz




TIPS FOR BIKE TOURS

Via bike to the Lower Posázaví (31 km)
From Davle, head to the Sázava Valley. In Hradištko-Brunšov, you will be enchanted by the view of the Štěchovická Dam, you will pass through the Nature Park Střed Čech, Kamenný Přívoz and Žampach with the highest stone viaduct in our country.



From the Slapy marina to the old Vltava River (20 km)
From Stará Živoň, go to Besedná, look around from Drtinova Lookout Tower, visit the Chotilsko Museum with the exhibition History of the Old Vltava or the Museum of the Rural Life of the Central Vltava Region in Prostřední Lhota.






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MAIN TOURIST DESTINATIONS



Vltavan Davle Museum
The Vltavan Davle Museum, housed in the headquarters of the local Rafting Association, introduces the river's sailing industry, which was widely used until the 20th century. Today, the association's activities are directed towards the cultural sphere and it organises a number of cultural events. There are also demonstrations of raft building as in the olden days as well as rides on a historic skiff.



Sázava River
How best to enjoy the Sázava River? Try a classic water rafting! The most popular section is from Týnec nad Sázavou. The legendary Sázava Pacific will take you there from Davle. It is worth exploring the cottage areas around the river, founded and sought after by wanderers and rovers.



St. John's Rapids Trail
The romantic, deep rocky valley of the Vltava River from Štěchovice to Třebenice makes up the St. John's Rapids Nature Trail. It will take you through a section of the former impressive and at the same time feared St. John's Rapids, flooded by the Štěchovice Dam.



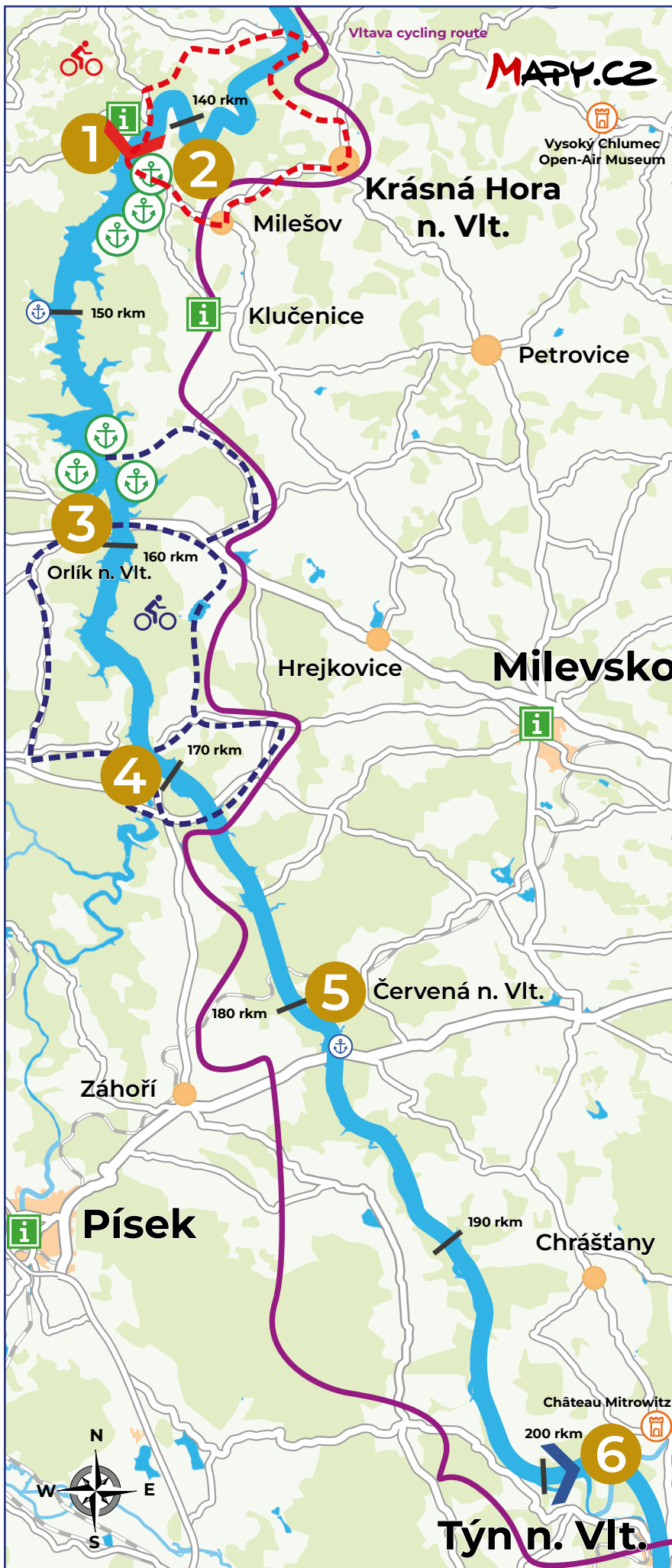
Lookout points
The surroundings of the Vltava River are full of sightseeing spots with a unique view not only of the water surface. Worthy of note are Máj, offering one of the most beautiful views of the Vltava River, Bednář, Solenická Podkova offering a unique view of the river meander or the view from the Albert Rocks.



Slapy Dam
The Slapy Dam was created to regulate the Vltava River and generate electricity. It is also a popular recreational location. It beckons for adventure in, on and around the water. In its vicinity, you can go pleasant walking and cycling tours.



Vrškamýk Castle Ruins
Vrškamýk was one of the summer residences of the oldest Czech rulers, who visited it for years for fun, hunting and feasts. Its glory was eclipsed only by the newly built Karlštejn. Today, a nature trail leads through the restored castle grounds. The local lookout tower will also offer you something new on your trip.



Lock chambers

✓ Kořensko (rkm 200,35)

Tel.: +420 601 090 289

May–September: MON–SAT 8–12 a.m. and 1–7 p.m.,
SUN 8–12 a.m. and 1–5 p.m.

From 1 April to 30 April and from 1 October to 31 October only by reservation at least 24 hours in advance at tel. 385 721 812 or 602 454 439, 723 454 602 (appointments can be made on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

Dams

✓ Orlík Dam (rkm 144,65) – boat lift

Tel.: +420 318 694 113, +420 724 730 829

May–September:

MON, WED, THU, FRI, SAT, SUN 8–11 a.m. and 12–18 p.m.

It is possible to transport vessels up to 3,00 m wide, 10 m long, 6.6 t in weight (with crew) and 1.30 m draught (up to 1.4 m in case of favourable water level of the Kamyk reservoir). For more information on the policies for handling vessels on the boat lift for sport vessels on the Orlík Reservoir, see SPS Information No. 9/2023. Vessels are transported after prior booking in the booking system of the state enterprise Vltava River Basin, which is available at rezervace.pvl.cz.

Marinas/Ports



Marina Popelíky (rkm 145,5)

Tel.: +420 606 584 787, +420 604 252 895

vaclavbucil@seznam.cz

www.yachtclub-milesov.webnode.cz



Marina Hřebeny (rkm 145,6)

Tel.: +420 776 211 896, +420 777 242 085

info@jachtservis.cz, jelinek@jachtservis.cz

www.jachtservis.cz



Marina Salaš (rkm 145,7)

Tel.: +420 606 584 787, +420 604 252 895

vaclavbucil@seznam.cz

www.yachtclub-milesov.webnode.cz



Yacht Club Radava (rkm 155,2)

Tel.: +420 737 204 800 (must be booked in advance)

info@yachtclubradava.cz

www.yachtclubradava.cz



Yacht Club Barrandov (rkm 155,6)

Tel.: 382 275 194

yachtclub@yachtclubbarrandov.cz

www.yachtclubbarrandov.cz



Marina Orlík (rkm 158,3)

Tel.: +420 606 097 700, 606 561 913

marinaorlik@seznam.cz

www.marinaorlik.cz

The berths are not suitable for large houseboats.



Docks



Luh (rkm 149,8) – private



Podolsko (rkm 182,6) – private

INFORMATION CENTRES

Information Centre of the Orlík Hydroelectric Power Station

Bohostice – Orlík Power Station
Tel.: +420 737 506 950
www.cez.cz/cs/o-cez/infocentra/orlik-136646

Tourist Information Centre Klučnice

Klučnice 69
Tel.: +420 776 289 829, +420 737 013 700
obecklučnice.cz

Tourist Information Centre Milevsko

E. Beneše 6
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www.milevskem.cz

Tourist Information Centre Písek


Velké náměstí 113 (reception of the Malt House)
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www.pisek.eu

Tourist Information Centre Bechyně


nám. T.G.M. 5
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www.visitbechyne.cz

TIPS FOR BIKE TOURS

Magic of the Vltava (33 km)

 From Kamýk nad Vltavou, head into the hills, to the Vrškamýk lookout tower and ruins, the famous Solenická podkova lookout, the top of Orlík Dam, the Milada lookout tower and back along the Vltava cycle route.

In search of the treasures of the Orlík Dam (62 km)

 From Radava go to the Varta lookout point, from where you can see the Zvíkov Castle on the opposite bank. The Vltava cycling route takes you to Zvíkovské Podhradí and then to Orlík Chateau.



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MAIN TOURIST DESTINATIONS



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Milada lookout tower

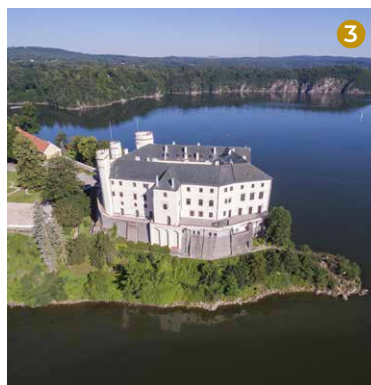
The Milada lookout tower is located on the Krchov Hill above the Orlík Dam. In good visibility, it offers a view not only of Orlík, Kamýk and the Vltava horseshoe, but also of Šumava Nature Park. A red marked hiking trail leads to it from the Dam.



2

Orlík Dam with hydroelectric power station

The Orlík Dam is the largest, tallest, highest water capacity and most powerful of all the dams on the Vltava. It is used not only for water fun but also for power generation. The interior of the Dam and the hydroelectric power station can be viewed during guided tours. The boat lift over the Dam will make your trip even more interesting.



3

Orlík Castle

Named for an eagle's nest, Orlík Castle derives its name from the Czech word 'orlík,' meaning '(little) eagle.' This choice is inspired by the eagle's habit of building nests high above the ground. The castle once stood majestically, towering 70 meters above the Vltava Valley before the filling of the Orlík Dam in 1961. Originally, an early Gothic Castle graced its present location, featuring a customs house for collecting river tolls. Adjacent to the castle lies a sprawling English park, home to the Schwarzenberg Tomb.



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Zvíkov Castle

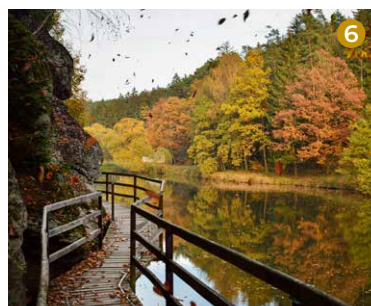
Zvíkov is a castle above the Orlík Dam at the confluence of the Vltava and Otava rivers in the Písek district. It stands on a rocky promontory about one kilometre below the village of Zvíkovské Podhradí. The Castle is administered by the National Heritage Institute and during visitor hours is open to the public. Since 1963 it has been protected as a cultural monument.



5

Červená nad Vltavou

In the woods on the bank of the Orlík Dam on the red tourist trail, you will find the Church of St. Bartholomew. The Church originally stood in the village of Červená at the present base of the Dam. It was moved to its current location before the filling of the Orlík Dam. Nearby is an impressive railway bridge listed as a cultural monument. A new bridge is currently being built next to it. The bridge was threatened with demolition, but it was ultimately saved.



6

Trail through the Lužnice Valley

The Lužnice Valley Trail begins at the point where the Lužnice River flows into the Vltava River near Týn. It is the first hiking trail to be ranked among the Leading Quality Trails Best of Europe in the Czech Republic. You can take it to the historic town of Bechyně or even to Tábor. The whole route is 55 km long and is divided into 4 daily stages.

INFORMATION CENTRES

i **Information Centre Týn nad Vltavou**
náměstí Míru 1
Tel.: +420 385 772 301, +420 778 491 568
www.tyinnadvltavou.cz

i **Information Centre Hluboká nad Vltavou**
Zborovská 80
Tel.: +420 387 966 164
www.hluboka.cz

i **Tourist Information Centre Milevsko**
náměstí Přemysla Otakara II. 1/1
Tel.: +420 386 801 413
www.budejce.cz

i **Tourist Information Centre Písek**
Karla IV. 416/14
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www.bavorsko-cechy.eu

TIPS FOR BIKE TOURS

■ ■ ■ ■ **Around the Vltava River (24 km)**
In the Hluboká Sports and Relaxation Resort you can rent an electric bike and go to the city of České Budějovice. You can choose between a paved surface on the right bank of the river and an asphalt surface on the left, suitable for skaters.



■ ■ ■ ■ **Vltava route (13 + 13 km)**
A ride along the Vltava River offers a soothing experience. The route follows the Eurovelo 7 cycle path and the Way of St. James also leads through here. Along the way, you can visit several interesting places and for the return journey you can use the boat service.



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MAIN TOURIST DESTINATIONS



The Vltava Trail

The Vltava Trail is located between České Budějovice and Orlík, where the Vltava flows through Hluboká and Týn nad Vltavou. The connecting element – the Vltava River – offers many activities on water and on land. 40 km of the Vltava River, 60 km of cycle routes, 550 m long ferrata over the water and 4 locks offer many experiences in the heart of South Bohemia.



Charles' Hunting Castle Ruins

There are many treasures hidden in the landscape of Hluboká. One of them is Charles' Hunting Castle, which is the only monument to Charles IV in South Bohemia. This ruin on a promontory above the Vltava River had many tasks in the past – such as guarding the area and the swimmers sailing on rafts with important material. The castle is currently undergoing significant renovation and regular cultural events are held here. Under the castle there is a pier for passenger boat transport and piers for smaller boats.



Via Ferrata near Hluboká nad Vltavou

Ferrata Hluboká is located 8 km from Hluboká nad Vltavou and 4 km from Purkarec. 550 climbing meters await both seasoned sports enthusiasts and amateurs. The easier section marked B/C and the harder section marked C/D are located directly above the water and the climbing of this ferrata is especially marked by horizontal activity. Ferrata is ideal for beginners and people with a fear of heights. The ferrata is located by the cycle path and there are also 2 piers. You can have your own equipment to climb the ferrata or rent it in the Sports and Relaxation Area in Hluboká.



Castle Hluboká nad Vltavou

Hluboká Castle is a pearl of South Bohemia. The beautiful interiors, which are accessible almost all year round on 5 different routes, impress with their many details and preservation. Fans of architecture will notice signs of gradual completion and renovation. The Castle and its surroundings offer pleasant walks in the upper and lower gardens. The lower one offers a beautiful view of the Vltava River and the surroundings of Hluboká.



Hluboká nad Vltavou Zoo

The South Bohemian Zoo in Hluboká nad Vltavou is one of only two zoos in the Czech Republic that can be reached by boat. In Hluboká, this is possible thanks to the Munnický Pond line. This puts you right in front of the Zoo, where there are over 300 species of animals. An unforgettable part of the Zoo are the accompanying events such as the Christmas lighted zoo, evening guided tours, animal feeding, witches in the zoo, etc.



České Budějovice

The generous foundation of České Budějovice at the confluence of the Vltava and Malše rivers was the work of King Přemysl Otakar II in 1265. The town was endowed with numerous privileges and soon became a crossroads of trade routes connecting Bohemia with the Danube Region. It was rich not only in trade but also in silver mining, deposits of which were found in the 16th century in Rudolfov. The large square square, unusually wide streets and exhibition houses testified to the secular prosperity of the city, while the oldest building – the Dominican monastery – pointed to the religious values. The presence of two large breweries, the largest fountain in the Czech Republic and a detached tower – the Black Tower – are unique features of the town.

PORT CARD

Since 2013, the Directorate of Waterways of the Czech Republic has been operating a unified concept of sampling posts for vessels in ports and wharves. This allows self-service use of the services provided by the columns with cashless payment with a prepaid, reloadable, chip card.



The Port Card Portal pristavnikarta.rvccr.cz allows you to take full control of your card. In one place, you can top up your card with a classic e-shop payment, check your balance or see what you've spent on in the past and where. Here you can also find up-to-date information on the services offered in each location.



In 2022, 104 posts are in operation in 23 locations, and more will be added as new ports and wharves are built on the Elbe, Vltava and Baťa canals.

Services provided (according to the current offer in the area):

- connection to electricity – 230/400 V
- drinking water intake
- extraction of waste and wastewater
- the use of the waste sink
- refuelling
- check-in and check-out at the port and payment for berths

For the power supply, the posts are equipped with a standardized CEE (camping outlet) 230 V/16 A socket or 400 V sockets for large boats. For water intake, it is necessary to use a connection with a NITO ½" quick coupling.



An overview of the port services currently provided:

ELBE:

Děčín	⚡ 🚰
Dolní Zálezly	⚡
Nučnice	⚡
Libotenice	⚡
Roudnice nad Labem	⚡ 🚰
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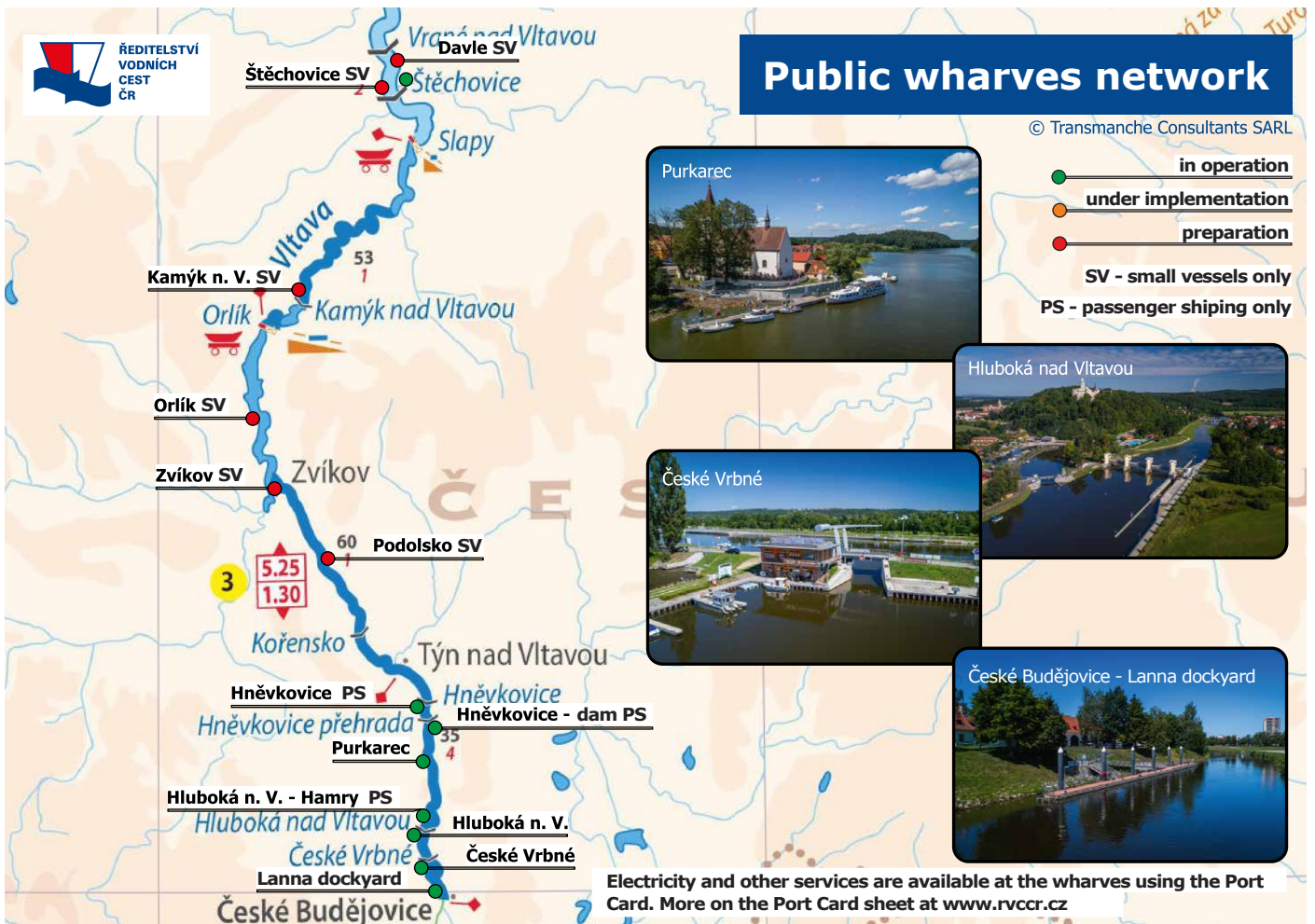
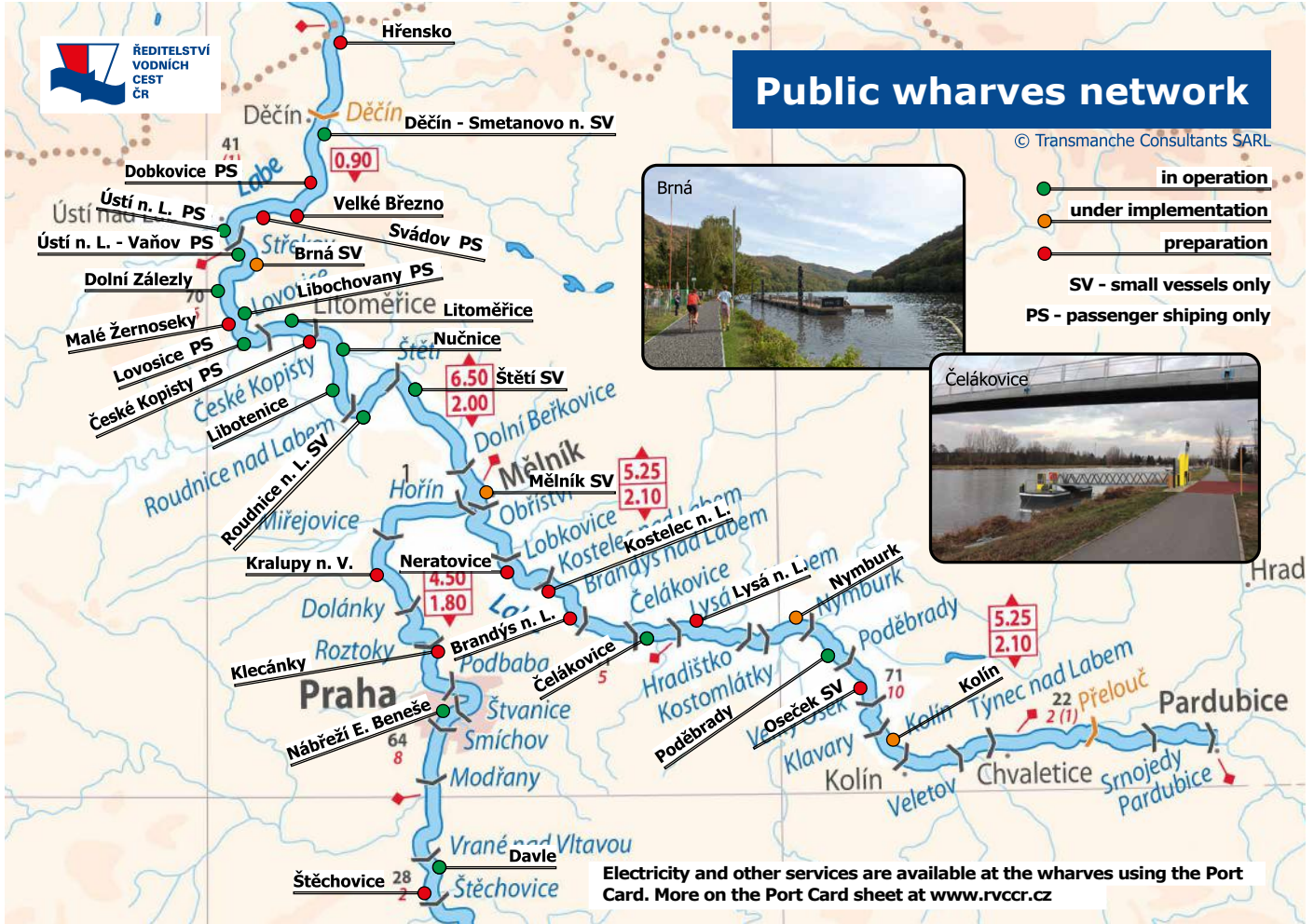
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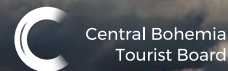
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