

*Visitor tours of the
70th World Ploughing
Contest*

*31. 8. - 4. 9. 2025 in
Czech Republic*



Sunday 31st August 2025

Trip No. 1 - Hop tradition of Czech Republic

Temple in Panenský Týnec - draw energy between the walls and columns of the mysterious building. The space of the never-completed temple, probably from the 14th century, has attracted various psychotronic, healers, clergymen and artists for centuries. It is not entirely clear who founded it and when, but it is apparently the work of the lords of Žerotín and was built over a few years.



Czech hop- unique production. Stekník Chateau is one of the most important Rococo buildings in Bohemia. It creates a unique and monumental composition in the landscape associated with the tradition of growing žatec hops. Žatec and the žatec hop landscape is a region around žatec, characterized by a long-standing tradition of hop cultivation in the Czech Republic, which was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2023. The žatec region grows most of the hops in the Czech Republic, on 3,744 hectares, which is 77 percent of the total area of hop fields.



ČZU estates - the tradition and future of agriculture. Požáry Farm specializes in breeding Jersey cattle. It is the smallest dairy breed in the world, and its milk has been used for centuries to make cheese due to its high fat and protein content. From March to the end of November 2014, the farm underwent a complete modernization. The capacity of the stables was increased, so the herd could be expanded in 2015. The basic herd currently has 186 heads.



Royal castle Křivoklát is one of the oldest and most important castles of the Czech kings and princes, with origins dating back to the 12th century. Křivoklát is one of the most important and oldest royal castles in the Czech Republic. Its predecessor was a hunting station, mentioned in the Kosma Chronicle around 1109-1110. Křivoklát Castle is a popular film location. Many fairy tales and historical films were filmed here.



Kverneland dealer visit in Beroun. The tour ends at our partner and will include a short company introduction and refreshments.

Monday 1st September 2025

Trip No. 2 - Czech legacy in pond construction and freshwater fishery

ČZU Forests - ponds, sawmill and castle. Among the long-standing activities of the ČZU Forests is fish farming in a pond system in the Jevanský stream basin. This system consists of 10 ponds with a total area of approximately 74 ha. Management is based solely on the use of natural production and supplementary feeding.



Kostelec and Černými lesy - The castle complex with the church of St. Adalbert and monumental rampart fortifications built on the site of a Gothic castle in the 16th century according to the design of Hans Tirol and Ulric Aostalli. Late Baroque modifications in the 18th century by Josef Jäger.



The sawmill operation is an integral part of the ČZU Forests and boasts almost 30 years of tradition. The annual cut reaches almost 50,000 m³ of logs. It also includes drying technology. The mission of the Wood Production Center is the valorization of wood material extracted in the forest properties of the Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague - ČZU Forests with its headquarters in Kostelec nad Černými lesy



Orchards Tuchoraz. The company *Orchards Tuchoraz*, based in Tuchoraz, Český Brod district, is one of the five largest orchard companies in the Czech Republic with its 600 hectares of land, of which 300 hectares are intensive apple orchards. The company was founded in 1993.



Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Trip. No. 3 - History of Czech countryside and national heritage

Open-air museum of folk architecture. The *Polabian Ethnographic Museum* in Píerov nad Labem is one of the oldest regional open-air museums in Europe. The furnished interiors of the cottages are complemented by mannequins and represent life in a Polabian village from the mid-18th to the mid-20th century.



National Stud at Kladruby nad Labem. The tradition of horse breeding in Kladruby nad Labem dates to at least the mid-14th century. In addition to being amongst the oldest establishments of its kind in the world, the stud in Kladruby nad Labem is home to the oldest indigenous Czech horse breed - the Kladruber.



Czech National Agricultural Museum in Čáslav. The museum area features one of the most comprehensive collections of factory-produced agricultural machinery, tractors, threshers, and also historic ploughs. The exposition and accessible depositories are located on an area of 2200 m².



Kutná Hora - royal city. Kutná Hora is a city registered on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Thanks to silver mining, it was one of the most important Czech royal cities in the Middle Ages. The city is full of breathtaking places and rightfully belongs to the most beautiful locations in the Czech Republic.



Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Trip No. 4 - Life in the Bohemian highlands and Czech beer tradition

Konopiště castle - Franz Ferdinand's favourite home. This building that started as a late 13th century Gothic castle belonged over the years to some of the most prominent historical figures. The last owner was the heir to the Austro-Hungarian crown Archduke Franz Ferdinand d'Este who, was, together with his wife Sophia, assassinated in Sarajevo in 1914.



ZD Čechtice - a farm in the Czech Highlands. A modern farm with the cultivation of potatoes, cereals and oilseeds. In the field of animal production, the cooperative is focused primarily on cattle breeding and milk production. It operates a biogas station with an output of 1,200 MW of electricity and 1,250 MW of heat. It operates a slaughterhouse with the production of meat, sausage and butcher products.



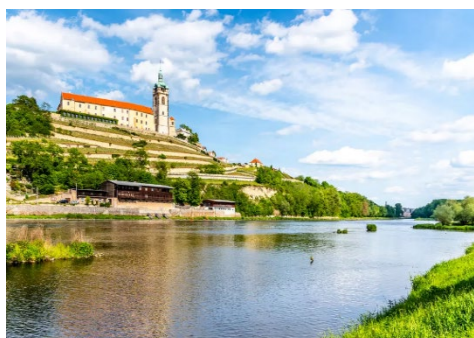
Hubertus Kácov Brewery. The first mention of the Kácov brewery dates to 1457. In 1726, the Kácov estate and brewery were acquired by Anna Maria, Grand Duchess of Tuscany, which brought Kácov under the rule of the ruling Habsburg dynasty. Until 1918, the brewery belonged to the Austrian Emperor Charles I.



Thursday 4th September 2025

Trip No. 5 - Wine and sugar

The royal city of Mělník. It is not just a wine-growing center with a castle and a historical center partially surrounded by walls. The most interesting things here are hidden underground, whether it is the castle wine cellars, the wine exhibition in the museum, the city underground with a unique well or the ossuary under the church of St. Peter and Paul.



Tereos TTD - sugar factory. The sugar factory is the largest, oldest and at the same time the most modern plant of its kind in the Czech Republic. It was founded in 1831 and has not missed a single season since then, which is unique in Europe. The visit will also include a tour of the museum. The Museum of Sugar, Distillery, Beet and the Town of Dobruška will introduce you to the development of Czech sugar production, which has become famous and established itself throughout the world. In combination with related fields - breeding and growing sugar beets as a raw material for sugar production and with the production of alcohol.



Hlavenec - a small museum in a family farm was built just for fun by Hlavenec native and great patriot Josef František Jelínek. The small museum shows how life was in a Czech village a hundred years ago. The last stop will be a visit to the Smotlacha family vegetable farm.



Departure and arrival times:

Sunday 31.8. 8:15 18:00

Monday 1.9. 8:15 18:00

Tuesday 2.9. 8:15 18:00

Wednesday 3.9. 8:15 16:30

Thursday 4.6. 8:15 17:30