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Pilsen is the fourth-largest Czech city. It will enchant you with its warm atmosphere. It's located one hour from Prague, near the German border to the west. You'll find an array of monuments in the historical centre. You can also enjoy the famous Pilsner beer alongside the locals and discover plenty of cosy cafes and bistros. Whether you're getting ready to visit Pilsen or you're already here, take this Miniguide with you wherever you go. It contains practical information and all the main sights and interesting things you won't want to miss while in Pilsen.



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REPUBLIC SQUARE AND NEARBY

- The city centre is full of wonderful historical buildings. While walking around Republic Square, be sure to look up and notice the townhouses and the Renaissance-era City Hall. And there's no way to miss the modern golden fountains, which symbolise the figures from the city's crest: the greyhound, the angel, and the camel. Can you tell which one's which?
- You'll find shops, restaurants, and cafes along the streets leading to the square. Don't be afraid to wander down these charming side streets and discover everything they have to offer.

OUR TIP

You'll definitely want to see Riegrova Street. You'll find restaurants here offering both traditional Czech food as well as modern cuisines, evening bars, and numerous outdoor terraces. You can also experience a similar atmosphere on Bezručova Street, which really comes alive at night. On Malá Street, you'll run into the remaining city walls from the Middle Ages as well as some great places to eat.



→ The historical centre is bordered by the city's green belt of gardens. In fact, the Smetanovy sady park is another popular location with great food. Then there's the Mill Race park with its lake, one of the most pleasant places within the city's urban jungle, nicknamed "The Venice of Pilsen" for good reason.

Stroll through the centre of Pilsen with the mobile audio guide, SmartGuide. You can choose routes with various themes. Free to download.



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CATHEDRAL

- The unmistakable dominant feature standing on Pilsen's main square is the Gothic-style St. Bartholomew's Cathedral. Its 102.26-metre tower is the tallest church tower in the country. To enjoy the view over the city and its surroundings, you'll first need to make it up the tower's 299 stairs. While inside the cathedral, you can admire the precious Gothic statue of Pilsen Madonna as well as the stunning stained glass. You can also use the mobile audio guide, SmartGuide, here, which will take you through the cathedral in your own language. You'll find the QR code to download the free app at the cathedral's ticket counter.

Address: náměstí Republiky

Opening hours for the cathedral interior:

MON-FRI / 10:00-18:00

SAT-SUN and holidays / 13:00-18:00

Tower entrance:

MON-SUN / 10:00-18:00

OUR TIP

Be sure to look for the most worn of the little angels located on the bars at the back of the cathedral. The legend says if you touch it, your secret wish will come true.





GREAT SYNAGOGUE

→ The Great Synagogue in Pilsen is the largest in Czechia and belongs to the five largest synagogues in the world. This monumental building, which could supposedly hold as many as 2500 people, was completed in 1893. During the World War II, it did not serve religious purposes, but as a storehouse for seized Jewish property and later a workshop for repairing uniforms of German soldiers. Nazis used the towers of the synagogue as strategic fortified points of the German garrison, which saved the synagogue. Its recently renovated interior is definitely worth a visit.

Address: sady Pětatřicátníků 11

Opening hours:

SUN-THU / 10:00-17:00

OLD SYNAGOGUE

→ The Old Synagogue is hidden in the courtyard of the green building at Smetanovy sady 5. The synagogue's interior is open, where you'll find permanent expositions about Jewish customs and traditions as well as the Garden of Memories memorial dedicated to the victims of the Holocaust.

Address: Smetanovy sady 5

Opening hours:

JULY-AUGUST / SUN-THU / 10:00-17:00



GREAT THEATRE

→ You'll find the grandiose Neo-Renaissance building that is the Great Theatre on the border of the Smetanovy sady park. You can come here to see classic ballets, operas, and dramatic performances.

Address: Smetanovy sady 16

NEW THEATRE

→ You'll have a hard time missing the architecturally interesting structure that is the New Theatre. Locals playfully refer to it as the Emmentaler cheese building. Performances here are a true experience thanks to its state-of-the-art theatre tech.

Address: Palackého náměstí 30



OUR TIP

The four-ensemble J. K. Tyl Theatre group plays at both theatres. Pilsen musicals are the most highly regarded; you'll find the programme at www.djkt.eu. Purchase your tickets in advance.

LOOS INTERIORS

- The apartment interiors by Adolf Loos are a gem of modern architecture from the start of the 20th century. In Pilsen, the Vogl and Kraus apartments, the Brummel House, and the Semler Residence regularly hold tours. The interiors are only accessible during guided tours, which you can buy tickets for on the website www.adolfloosplzen.cz. The guided tours are only held in Czech, however, foreign guests will receive the same text in their relevant language.

Opening hours:

APRIL-OCTOBER / FRI-SUN
NOVEMBER-MARCH / FRI-SAT

MUSEUM OF WEST BOHEMIA

- You'll find the Neo-Renaissance building of the Museum of West Bohemia at the junction of Kopeckého sady and Šafaříkovy sady parks. The unique exhibits include the city armoury with its collection of Medieval weaponry and the permanent expositions on the applied arts, archaeology, and history. Short-term, thematic displays are also held here.

Address: Kopeckého sady 2

Opening hours:

TUE-SUN / 10:00-18:00





PILSEN HISTORICAL UNDERGROUND

→ A labyrinth of nearly 13 kilometres of corridors and cellars from the 13th century is located below the city. Together with a guide, you can take the 800-metre-long tour, where you'll learn how the underground came into being and what it was used for. You'll find the entrance to the historical underground in the Brewery Museum.

Address: Veleslavínova 6

Opening hours:

MON-SUN / 10:00-18:00

GALLERY OF WEST BOHEMIA

→ The largest gallery in Pilsen is split into two spaces: the "Meat Market" (the Medieval meat market hall) and the exposition hall "13". They're located across the street from one another. Various thematic exhibits are held here, displaying the gallery's rich collections.

Address: Pražská 13 a 18

Opening hours:

TUE-SUN / 10:00-18:00



PATTON MEMORIAL PILSEN

- This museum maps the liberation of West Bohemia by the US army. The expositions display real artefacts directly from the battlefields as well as soldiers' personal items.

Address: Pobřežní 10

Opening hours:

WED-SUN / 9:00-16:00

PUPPET MUSEUM

- The museum will take you through the history of Czech puppetry. You'll get to see over 100 historic puppets and theatre sets and even meet the famous Spejbl and Hurvínek. The museum is perfect for families with children, who will have a great time guiding the puppets and playing theatre.

Address: náměstí Republiky 23

Opening hours:

TUE-SUN / 10:00-18:00

OUR TIP

Spejbl and Hurvínek are Pilsen natives, so it comes as no surprise that the city features several statues of them. The two can be seen sitting together on a bench right on Republic Square, or you can also take your picture with them at the Šafaříkovy sady park near the Museum of West Bohemia.



ETHNOGRAPHIC MUSEUM

- The newly renovated Ethnographic Museum presents the Centre of Experimental Ethnology as well as two tour routes of the new permanent expositions, focusing on folk traditions, town and folk clothing, and the traditional way people lived in and around Pilsen.

Address: náměstí Republiky 13

Opening hours:

TUE-SUN / 10:00-18:00

MUSEUM OF ECCLESIASTICAL ART

- Located in a former Franciscan monastery, you'll find a rich collection of religious works and sacral art. You can also visit the Chapel of St. Barbara and admire its Gothic frescos.

Address: Františkánská 11

Opening hours:

APRIL-OCTOBER / TUE-SUN / 10:00-18:00

PILSEN MUNICIPAL GALLERY

- This Kunsthalle-style gallery is located on the corner of Republic Square, near the City Hall, and it presents contemporary and modern art from the Czech Republic and abroad.

Address: náměstí Republiky 40

Opening hours:

TUE-SUN / 10:00-18:00
(break 12:00-12:30)





DEPO2015

→ At the DEPO2015 complex, where buses and trolleybuses were once parked, you'll find concerts, exhibits, book and gastro festivals, and other events. Interactive expositions are frequently held here for children, and there's also a children's corner for them to play in.

Address Presslova 14

Opening hours:

DEPO2015 is scheduled for renovations starting in October 2024. The complex will remain partially closed; we recommend checking the opening hours at www.depo2015.cz.

DEPO MOTO ART

→ Nearby DEPO2015, you'll find a new museum and gallery, featuring a rich automobile and motorcycle exposition. It houses approx. 70 machines, including the rarest piece of all - the Hurricane motorcycle. The vehicles here are also accompanied by various art installations, considering the museum also serves as an exhibit space.

Address Cukrovarská 13

Opening hours:

Check opening times at www.depomotoart.cz.

TECHMANIA SCIENCE CENTER

→ This science/tech fun zone in the former factory halls of the Škoda Works is a guaranteed all-day programme for everyone, including parents. Bigger kids can have a great time while trying out the physical experiments, while younger ones can explore the "Small Science" exposition. And don't forget to attend the science show included in the accompanying programme.

Address: U Planetária 1

Opening hours:

TUE-FRI / 8:30-17:00

SAT-SUN / 10:00-18:00

OUR TIP

Each ticket also includes one admission to the 3D Planetarium.



ZOO AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

- Pilsen Zoo entices visitors with its vast array of exotic and domesticated animals. It's connected to the botanical garden, meaning you can also tour the individual exhibits to see plenty of interesting plants. The zoo also holds regular feedings of the penguins, hippos, and chimpanzees as well as falconry shows. In the summer months, you can take the zoo train from Republic Square directly to the zoo.

Address: Pod Vinicemi 9

Opening hours:

MARCH-OCTOBER / MON-SUN / 8:00-19:00
NOVEMBER-FEBRUARY / MON-SUN / 9:00-17:00

OUR TIP

Akva Tera is a branch of the Pilsen Zoo located near the Great Synagogue. It offers a wide range of aquarium species, including fish, reptiles, and amphibians. It's open every day from 10:00 to 19:00.

DINOPARK

- At the fun DinoPark, you'll encounter realistic dinosaur and prehistoric animal models that both move and make noise. The amusement park also features plenty of children's swing sets, climbing frames, and attractions for kids. Plus, each ticket comes with admission to a show in the 3D theatre.

Address: Nad Zoo 1

Opening hours:

APRIL-OCTOBER / MON-SUN / 8:00-18:00



You can purchase a combined ticket to the ZOO and DinoPark at a discounted price.



MUSEUM OF GHOSTS AND FAIRY TALES

→ Anyone who likes a little scare will find just what they're looking for at the Museum of Ghosts and Fairy Tales on Republic Square, located underneath the Central Hotel. Here you'll run into monsters from Pilsen's myths and legends as well as other fairy-tale creatures.

Address: náměstí Republiky 33

Opening hours:

MON-SUN / 10:00-18:00

Then there's also the Puppet Museum, located on Republic Square. See the Museums and Galleries section above.

FARMPARK U TOMA

→ Situated in the small village of Ledce, about 15 minutes by car from Pilsen, you'll find the popular petting zoo Farnpark U Toma. Here you can visit the domesticated animals in their pens, including goats, pigs, cows, chickens, lamas, donkeys, and more. And, of course, you can also feed them.

Address: Ledce 99

Opening hours:

APRIL-SEPTEMBER / MON-FRI / 9:00-18:00 /
SAT-SUN / 9:00-19:00

OCTOBER-MARCH / MON-FRI / 9:00-17:00 /
SAT-SUN / 9:00-18:00



There are two places in Pilsen where you can even bathe in beer. The first beer spa is at the Purkmistr Brewery, and you'll find the second right on Republic Square.

Reserve your brewery tour and beer tapping workshop at www.prazdrojvisit.cz.

PILSNER URQUELL BREWERY

→ Beer from the Pilsner Urquell Brewery has been considered legendary since 1842. Guided tours of the brewery, which take you through its past and present, are held every day. And at the end, you'll get to enjoy a beer tasting in the historic cellars. Or you can simply stop by for a beer and a pleasant walk around the courtyard.

Address: U Prazdroje 7

BREWERY MUSEUM

→ In the ancient brewing house from the 15th century, a fun and educational exposition for all beer and brewery lovers can be found. Here you'll learn about how beer was brewed in the Middle Ages, the various brewery professions, and admire an array of beer-related curiosities.

Address: U Prazdroje 7

Opening hours:

MON-SUN / 10:00-18:00

MICRO-BREWERIES

→ Even micro-brewery lovers will find some here. After you've had enough of the more traditional lager, be sure to give the breweries Raven and Purkmistr a try. You can also enjoy some delicious beer at the First Roudná Brewery (Saloon Roudná) or the family-owned brewery in Pilsen's Radobyčice neighbourhood.



BOLEVEC PONDS

→ The Bolevec Ponds are a great place to escape the noise of the city and go for a swim (in some of the ponds). The ponds are connected by a system of walking, bike, and educational paths, and you can easily arrive here via public transport. If you ask a Pilsen native, the best pond is the Great Bolevec Pond with its sandy beach, where you can also go for some good food any time of the year.

ŠTRUNCOVY SADY PARK

→ Nearby the city centre, at the confluence of the Radbuza and Mže Rivers, you'll find the FC Viktoria Pilsen football stadium. Not far from here, there's also a freely accessible sports complex, complete with a climbing wall and an outdoor workout area.

MEDITATION GARDEN

→ Hruška's Meditation Garden is a unique outdoor space, designed as an English park and consisting of hundreds of beautiful conifers and other woody plants. It was created by political prisoner Luboš Hruška in memory of the victims of totalitarian regimes.

Address: Meditační

Opening hours:

APRIL-OCTOBER / WED-SUN / 10:00-18:00

RESTAURANTS AND CAFES

- Looking for places to go in Pilsen for beer and Czech cuisine, where to go with kids, where to go for pizza, or who's got the best brunch? Then click on the Gastro section on the www.visitpilsen.eu website, where you'll find all the popular spots and tips straight from Pilsen locals.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- You can use trolleybuses, buses, and trams to get around Pilsen. Tickets are purchasable via contactless cards in all forms of public transportation.
- You'll find the time schedules and connections at www.pmdp.cz.

PARKING

- You can park right in the city centre in the designated zones. Only residents can park behind the blue lines. You can pay for parking by card or cash in the automated parking machines or via the ParkSimply Plzeň app. You can comfortably park in the heart of the city in the Rychtářka and Nové divadlo (New Theatre) car parks.

PUBLIC RESTROOMS

- In the centre, you can use the restroom in selected cafes, restaurants, and bistros. These businesses have a "WC zdarma" (FREE WC) sticker on their doors.
- Public restrooms can also be found on Republic Square near the tram stop.

LUGGAGE STORAGE

- Self-access storage lockers can be found at the main train station and the Infocentre on Republic Square next to the City Hall.

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES VISIT PILSEN

- You'll receive all the necessary information and advice on where to go in Pilsen from the staff at both branches of the Visit Pilsen Information Centre; on Republic Square next to the City Hall building and at the main train station at Paluba Hamburg.
- You'll also receive a free map and other printed materials here. Or you can buy souvenirs and tickets for the regularly held guided tours.
- The Infocentre at the train station also features a lookout tower, offering a unique view of the city.

Opening hours for both branches:

MON-SAT / 9:00-18:00
SUN / 9:00-15:00

info@visitpilsen.eu
+420 378 035 330 (Republic Square)



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SUN / 9:00-15:00

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