

## Brno

### Overview

Brno is the second largest city in the Czech Republic after Prague, and is the traditional capital for the historical region of Moravia. Brno is the political and cultural heart of the South Moravian Region, and thrives hosting all the big international events for the area, such as world class motorcar racing and more than a million people a year attend a trade fair or conference at the Brno Exhibition centre.

Brno sits at the confluence of two rivers – the Svitava and Svatka, making it a key junction on ancient trade routes, bringing cultural richness to the city today. Temperatures stay relatively cool, reaching around 24° c in summer to below zero in winter. Brno is surrounded on three sides by hills and is sat partially in beautiful forest. To the north of the city is the protected area of the Moravian Karst, a nature reserve that encompasses more than 1100 caverns and gorges.

A compact city, walking will allow you to discover the historical buildings, churches and sculptures. The city skyline is dominated by Spilberk Castle founded in the 13th century, to name but one site in Brno on the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List.

Brno enjoys its food and drink, and is a great place to sample some Czech cuisine. Try roast pork with dumplings and cabbage, washed down with Kofola made with liquorice. Restaurants are many, covering international fare such including Indian and Japanese foods as well as traditional Czech dishes. There is no shortage of pubs in Brno. Take your pick from cocktail bars, sports bars and even history themed bars to help you unwind after a hard day walking the city.