



We will set out from Nový Jičín to the destination of our trip, the village of Hukvaldy, via Rybí, Štramberk and Kopřivnice.

The village of Rybí invites its visitors to tourist outings into a landscape, which is very varied as far as form is concerned; there is a beautiful view of Moravian Gate, Jeseníky, Ostrava, the Hostýnské Hills, and Beskydy. The most prominent sight of the village of Rybí is the Church of Finding of the Holy Cross, dating back to the 15th century. In winter there is a possibility of using a ski downhill course with a ski lift.

We will progress to the picturesque little town of Štramberk, where our attention will surely be captured by timbered houses as an original regional type of folk architecture. In Štramberk we can visit the castle ruins of Štramberk Castle with a tower called Trúba, the Museum of Zdeněk Burian, the Botanical Gardens and Arboretum, or the Cave of Šipka. In summer you can avail yourself of the services offered by the sports centre with a swimming pool at Libotín, which is a local part of Štramberk.

We are getting to Kopřivnice with the Technical Museum of Cars, which is surely worth visiting. From Kopřivnice we will head for the village of Hukvaldy, which is situated in the region of Frýdek – Místek. Hukvaldy is well-known mainly as the place of birth of

the world-famous music composer, Leoš Janáček. In the village there is a memorial dedicated to this music composer and also his native home. A new Museum of Tin has been established in Hukvaldy.

The dominant of the village is principally the castle of Hukvaldy. The castle was founded by Arnold of Hückeswagen, whose stock had come from Rhineland, in 1230. The originally Gothic castle was built on a high hill above the valley of the Ondřejnice River. It is one of the biggest castle ruins in Central Europe and the second biggest in Moravia. Hukvaldy castle ruins are situated on a long hill, above a village of the same name. Currently the castle is administered by Beskydy Museum in Frýdek-Místek.

The castle is accessible only on foot through a game preserve of fallow deer and mouflons. This game preserve was founded as early as 1566. Besides game there are admirable avenues of oak trees, chestnut trees and lime trees, and also seven protected European beeches, which are extraordinary mainly because of their bare root system with roots as long as 8 meters.

There is a red Nature Castle Trail leading to the castle ruins and its environs. Annual Knight Festivals, a number of theatre performances and various music programmes take place in the castle area. In its environs rare trees, an amphitheatre and also a statue of Vixen Bystrouška can be found; the statue was placed in the Hukvaldy game preserve to commemorate the first performance of the Leoš Janáček's opera.



The Trip of Nový Jičín Hukvaldy

