

## TRADITIONAL EVENTS

**Events for children** – regular monthly theatre performances in the House of Culture, masquerades, celebrating St. Nicholas Day at the fire station.

**Festivals** – Music fests, International Festival of Brass Orchestras, Summer in Letovice, 3+1 Festival (*photo 17*), Fest mazec – a competition of beginner musicians.

Fairs, feasts - Historical fair (photo 16), traditional St. Prokop's Feast.

**Concerts** – The Circle of Friends of Music, popular music, jazz concerts series, the Large Brass Orchestra Show, concerts by Letovice choirs.

**Sports events** – Biking Around (bicycle race), "Srandaregata" yacht race, Křetínka Cup – races of dragon boats (*photo 19*), European Week of Mobility and European Day without Cars, Chateau Park Run (*photo 18*), Run around the Křetínka Reservoir.

**Chateau events** – ceremonies to open and end the season, antique market, exhibitions.

**Other** – majorette shows, events in Isarno – the Celtic Open-Air Museum, Night of Churches.

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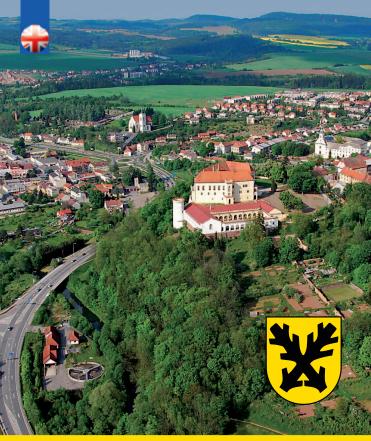
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# **LETOVICE**

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Letovice is located about 40 kilometres north of Brno in a picturesque valley on the confluence of the Svitava and Křetínka rivers. The first mention of the city dates back to 1145. With the current number of inhabitants about 6,700, Letovice is a natural economic, educational and cultural centre and heart of the region. Its unique position in the middle of the beautiful nature of the Bohemian-Moravian Highlands and Drahanská Highlands together with its rich history, excellent facilities for sports activities and a wide range of cultural events make Letovice a pleasant destination for tourism, relaxation and rest.

### LANDMARKS, ARCHITECTURE

**Chateau** (photo 2) – It was originally a Gothic castle which was probably built in the second half of the 13th century. At the end of the 17th century, the centre of the castle was renovated and rebuilt into a Baroque chateau. The chateau's current appearance, which is a mix of Neo-Gothic and Empire styles, originated in the 1830s. The chateau is privately owned; in 2008 it was opened to the public. The nature sanctuary called Letovice Park is located on the chateau hill.

**Parish Church of St. Prokop** (*photo 1*) – the interior of this originally Gothic building, which dates back to the late 14th century, contains valuable Renaissance gravestones and the Gothic Chapel of the Virgin Mary with stained glass, created by a renowned Czech artist Karel Svolinský.

**Monastery of the Merciful Brothers with a hospital and the Monastery Church of St. Wenceslas** (photo 4) – this Baroque monastery complex was built between 1751 and 1784. It includes the Church of St. Wenceslas with a crypt and a unique historical pharmacy (photo 3). Today the site houses a long-term care hospital.

**Water tower** – a technical design landmark, part of the first Březovský aqueduct from 1911.

### **CULTURE**

Letovice is well known mainly for its brass band music, majorettes and choirs. However, lovers of exhibitions, concerts and theatre will also find what they are looking for.

**Domino Gallery** (photo 10) – an exhibition hall with three noticeable corners with a fireplace and tile stove. Each month there is a new exhibition of renowned artists from the local area or from the Vysočina (Highlands) Region.

**PEX Gallery** (*photo* 9) – this retail gallery offers artistic works by contemporary artists; there is also a museum exhibition featuring local historical ceramics. The gallery hosts author exhibitions of works by Czech artists.

**Majorettes** (photo 7, 8) – a majorette group called VO CO GOU performing under the auspices of Letovice Cultural Centre: still another group of majorettes has been organized by the Elementary Art and Music School.

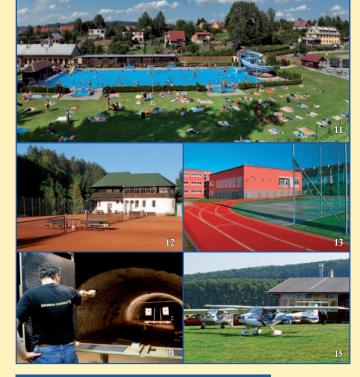
**Letovice Cultural Centre** – hosts concerts of both classical and popular music, theatre performances for children and adults, exhibitions, forums as well as educational and handicraft courses. It participates in organizing most of the major cultural events in the city.

**Choirs and music groups** (*photo 5*) – The Mixed Choir of B. Martinů and Carpe Diem Chamber Choir performing under the auspices of Letovice Cultural Centre. Within the Elementary Art and Music School, there is a children choir named Carmina, a mixed choir called Cantamus, Big Band, a symphony orchestra and other groups.

The Large Brass Orchestra of Elementary Art and Music School (photo 6) – an orchestra well-known both in the Czech Republic and abroad. It has got 65 members and it is the only brass orchestra of such size in the South Moravian Region. Thanks to the popularity of its repertoire and excellent interpretation skills, it has received numerous awards.

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### **SPORTS AND ACTIVE RELAXATION**

A wide range of sports facilities and opportunities to do sports will please everyone who enjoys active lifestyle.

**Bowling** – two professional bowling lanes in Havírna Guesthouse.

**Cycling** – Letovice is an ideal destination for both cycling and hiking. The Letovice Microregion offers extensive network of marked cycling routes.

**Yachting, windsurfing, fishing, swimming, recreation** – all of these activities can take place at the Letovice water reservoir called Křetínka which stretches from the west of Letovice towards Polička.

**Swimming area** (*photo 11*) – outdoor swimming area with water slides, volleyball court, beach volleyball court, football tennis pitch, table tennis, skittles and a restaurant.

**Covered shooting range** (photo 14) – in the chateau premises.

Minigolf – 19 holes, trampolines, operated by BOP Křetínka Fan Club.

**Sports airfield** (*photo 15*) – amateur flying, Letovice Aviation Club.

**Tennis** (*photo 12*) – 7 outdoor clay courts, in winter there is an inflatable hall.

**Other sports facilities** (*photo 13*) – a covered sport arena, two football pitches and the sports grounds at Letovice Elementary School.

**Isarno – Celtic Open-Air Museum** – an authentic remake of a Celtic village, including examples of different crafts.

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