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TRADE NEWS

Hotels & Restaurants

NH Collection Prague Carlo IV newly refurbished



The **19th century 5* hotel** was originally built as the majestic **seat of a well-known bank** until its later transformation into a **luxury hotel** offering premium services such as wellness & spa, a lobby cocktail bar and an all-day dining restaurant. The hotel was now **refurbished** and given the building's status as a **National Heritage Site**, the renovation was **supervised by the Heritage office**. The hotel's gastronomy outlets have also undergone a renaissance and the hotel's sought-after wellness and spa received a brand-new tiling for its twenty-metre-long heated pool with two whirlpools. In the second phase of the renovation later in the year an updated look is planned for the sauna and steam room. Source: NH Collection Hotels

The Castle hotel in Třešť reopened after two years of reconstruction

The demanding reconstruction of the building, including the garden, pond and park, lasted two and a half years and cost almost a quarter of a billion crowns. In May, the **chateau**, which has served the **Academy of Sciences** as a conference



center since the 1980s, was **opened to academics and the public**. The reconstruction of the chateau itself, which has been a **cultural monument** since 1973, focused mainly on the interior. Source: Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

Transportation

FlyArystan to launch direct flights between Prague and Aktau

Kazakh low-cost airline **FlyArystan** will launch direct flights between **Prague** and the city of **Aktau, Kazakhstan** on **June 12, 2022**. Departures of the Airbus A320 aircraft for 180 passengers are scheduled for every Sunday, with a Thursday service to be added as of July 6. The carrier chose the Czech Republic as its first destination in Europe. More at www.prg.aero/en/

SunExpress launched direct flights to Antalya



As of May 2022, **SunExpress** connects **Prague** with the popular tourist destination of **Antalya, Turkey**. Throughout the 2022 summer schedule,

the carrier will offer direct flight from the Prague airport **up to three times a week**, using Boeing 737 aircraft for 189 passengers. More at www.prg.aero/en/

People

Tanya Podgoretska appointed General Manager of Hilton Prague Old Town



Tanya Podgoretska has been appointed **General Manager of the Hilton Prague Old Town**. She has served as commercial director of the Hilton Prague and Hilton Prague Old Town hotels since 2018. Tanya has worked for Hilton for 9 years, before moving to Prague she worked at the Hilton Kyiv and Hilton Warsaw City hotels as the director of business development. Source: Hilton Prague & Hilton Prague Old Town

Data & Research

The first three months of the year have seen return of tourist to Prague

According to data from the Czech Statistical Office, there were **757,682 visitor arrivals** in **Prague** during the **first quarter of the year**, which corresponds to **50 percent** of the equivalent period of **2019**. Most of the

tourists came from within the Czech Republic, followed by visitors from Germany and Slovakia, with **Czech tourists** accounting for **35 percent** of the total. Visitors spent the total of 1,677,938 nights in Prague, the average length of stay remained at about 2.2 nights.

More at www.praguecitytourism.cz/en/

In the first quarter of 2022, 2.8 million tourists stayed in the Czech Republic

In the **first quarter of this year**, **2.81 million tourists** stayed in hotels, boarding houses and campsites in the Czech Republic. This is **ten times more than in the same period last year**, which, however, was significantly marked by covid and anti-epidemic measures. About **886,000 tourists** arrived **from abroad**, which is a 16-fold increase. Tourists spent 7.9 million nights in accommodation facilities in the first three months, seven times more year-on-year. Source: CSÚ

PRODUCT NEWS

Cities & regions

The Vysočina region

Three centuries of the Pilgrimage Church of St John of Nepomuk at Zelená Hora

To celebrate the **300th anniversary** of the consecration of the **Pilgrimage Church of St John of Nepomuk at Zelená hora**, the website <https://santini300.cz/> has been launched, where you will find the complete program of celebrations. The pilgrimage church,



built in honor of St John of Nepomuk, stands at Zelená Hora, not far from Žďár nad Sázavou in Moravia. Constructed at the beginning of the 18th century on a star-shaped plan, it is the most unusual work by the great architect **Jan Blazej Santini**. The church was **consecrated on Sept. 27, 1722**.

The South Bohemia region

Historical festivities of Jakub Krčín



The largest builder of Czech ponds, **Jakub Krčín**, left behind breathtaking **water structures** and the reputation of a man who was **associated with hell** for success. According to legend, Krčín is released from hell for one day every year, and this must be properly celebrated. The historically tuned program of the festivities traditionally presents groups of historical fencing and dances, demonstrations of crafts or historical competitions. An integral part of the festivities are also concerts, a craft market and festive parades through the city. The final night parade leads to the dam of the

Svět pond, where Krčín returns to hell. The festivities end with fireworks fired above the surface of the pond. **Třeboň, July 22 - 23, 2022**.

More at www.itrebon.cz

Třeboňská nocturna 2022

The 19th annual **Třeboňská Nocturna** International Festival of Classical Music will take place in Třeboň from **July 12 to July 16, 2022**.

More at www.trebonskanocturna.cz

Země živitelka 2022



The **48th** International agricultural fair **Země živitelka** (Earth, the breadwinner) will take place at the **České Budějovice Exhibition Center from 25 to 30 August 2022**, this time with the subtitle **The Future of the Czech Landscape**.

More at www.zemezivitelka.cz

The South Moravia region

International Folklore Festival Strážnice 2022



Every last weekend in June, thousands of folklore lovers come to **Strážnice** for an **international folklore festival**. Its **77th year** will take place on **June 23-26**,

2022 and will take place not only in the castle park, but also in the wine-growing area and in front of the homesteads in the Strážnice open-air museum.

More at www.festivalstraznice.cz/en/

Mendel Festival 2022

Celebrations of the **200th anniversary of the birth of Gregor Johann Mendel**, abbot and brilliant scientist, and father of genetics. The festival combining science, faith, and fun will take place on **17-24 July 2022** at Mendel Square in **Brno**. More at www.mendelje.cz/en/

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The Karlovy Vary region

Sokolov BMW Group 1/4 & 1/2 marathon



The **Sokolov BMW Group 1/4 marathon and the Sokolov BMW Group 1/2 marathon** are organized by the Sokolov Municipal House of Culture, and the BMW Group has become the general partner of the race for the third time already. The first year took place in 2014 and year after year it is gaining in popularity not only among runners from the Czech Republic. In 2022, the Sokolov BMW Group 1/4 Marathon will be extended by the Sokolov BMW Group 1/2 Marathon. Both races will start **on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 5 pm** in **Sokolov at the Budovatelů square** and are for women and men with a recommended minimum age limit of 16 years.

More at www.sokolovskycvrtmaraton.cz

Jazz Spa 2022

The **international music festival** on the colonnade in **Mariánské Lázně** is open to all jazz lovers. The main part of the program takes place every afternoon from 15.00 at the Colonnade. The festival will open at the Ferdinand Spring Colonnade. **June 25 – July 1, 2022**.

More at www.marianskelazne.cz/en/

FIJO Cheb 2022

The 24th **FIJO International Wind Orchestra Festival** will take place in **Cheb** from **June 30 to July 3**. 12 orchestras, 7 foreign and 5 Czech, will perform at the festival. Most of them will be accompanied by dance groups.

More at www.fijo.cz

VARY GOOD FEST

The highlight of the **14th year of the VARY GOOD FEST** music festival, which will take place in **Karlovy Vary** on Saturday, **June 11, 2022**, will be the Czech legendary funk group **Monkey Business**, which will bring a concert full of well-known hits and brand new songs to Karlovy Vary. The festival will open at 9:00 by a children's day called **VARY GOOD FAMILY DAY**, which this time will offer all attractions for free. More at

www.karlovyvary.cz/cs/vary-good-fest

The Olomouc region

The Lavender festival



The most sweet-scented **festival** in Moravia will break out on **July 5-6**,

2022, right in the middle of a blooming lavender field on the **Bezděkov farm**. Visitors can taste original lavender desserts as well as refreshing lavender beer and lemonade. They will be able to buy cosmetics and dried lavender in organic quality. A number of other producers will present their offer of regional products too. The festival will include a **culinary show, a children's program, ecological lectures and a series of concerts**.

More at www.levandulovystatek.cz

The Baroque church in the Libavá military area to open to the public



The Baroque pilgrimage **church of St Anne and St James the Greater in Stará Voda in Libavá** will be **open to the public** during the summer season - every **Saturday**. At present, the interior of the magnificent Baroque building can be viewed only on special occasions. Visiting hours will always be from **10 am to 2 pm** on Saturdays. Tourists will find more detailed information about the opening hours before the start of the visitor season on the **website of the Lubavia association** (www.lubavia.cz), on the **website of the municipality** (www.mesto-libava.eu) and directly near the temple on a sign at the metal gate to the complex. Admission to the unique temple with a turbulent past will be free. Tourists will be able to buy small souvenirs at a stall by the church. The Roman Catholic pilgrimage church in the defunct village of Stará Voda, today part of the town of Libavá, was built between **1683 and 1688** based on the project of

architect Giovanni Pietro Tencalla. The interiors are decorated with rare frescoes created by Italian master Giovanni Carlone.

Culture

Colours of Ostrava



The multi-genre international music festival **Colours of Ostrava** will take place **from 13 to 16 July**. This festival has been held every year since 2002 in Ostrava in the area of **Dolní Vitkovice** - a former area of smelters, mines and ironworks. Viewers this year can look forward to The Killers from the USA, the punk band Sleaford Mods from the United Kingdom and many others.

More at www.colours.cz

Beethoven's Days Festival 2022



With the traditional **Beethoven Days festival**, the **Karlovy Vary Symphony Orchestra** annually commemorates the stay and concert of one of the greatest composers of all time in August 1812 in Karlovy Vary. The **opening concert** of the festival will take place on **June 5 at the Grandhotel Ambassador**

National House, the closing concert at the Grandhotel Pupp on June 16.

Source: the city of Karlovy Vary

The Lombard Legacy of Antonio Maria Viani: Drawings from the Regional Museum in Teplice



The Regional Museum in Teplice preserves an outstanding collection of **Italian drawing**. The **Teplice Album** comprises works created by the most accomplished representatives of the **School of Cremona**. Although part of this collection has been dispersed in the recent past, its artistically most compelling portion is still found in the place where it was deposited by the Clary-Aldringen family – its last private owners. Drawings by **Antonio Maria Viani** (ca. 1550–ca. 1635) represent important part of the collection. The Graphic Arts Cabinet will display selection of works by this artist, whose life and work are linked with Cremona, Mantua, and Munich. Through Sept. 4, 2022, National Gallery Prague, Schwarzenberg Palace. More at www.ngprague.cz/en/

The new project of the 3+ gallery in Český Krumlov Monasteries will be launched with the unique Collection of Illustrations for Children exhibition

One of the most important cultural events of this year in the town of Český **Krumlov**



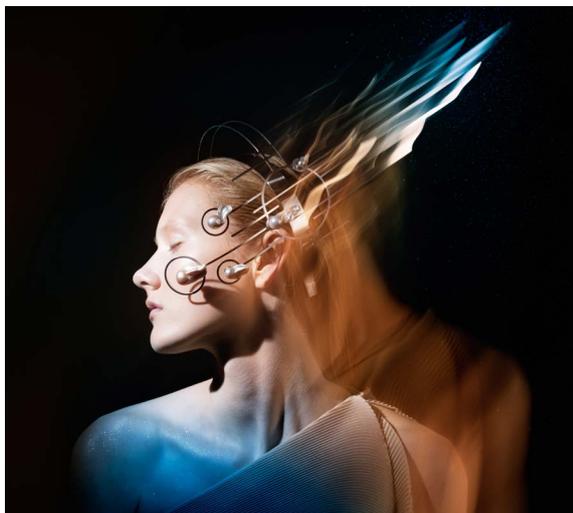
which celebrates thirty years since its inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage List, will be the international exhibition **Collection of Illustrations for Children**. From June 1 to Oct. 30, 2022, it will present under the new brand **3+ gallery** over **160 originals by 22 of the most important illustrators from all over the world**, who dedicated their art to children. Source: Český Krumlov Monasteries

Prague Proms 2022



The 18th year of the festival will offer traditional combination of **classical music, jazz and crossover**. The concerts will take place in **The Loop Jazz Club Hostivař, Studio Gallery and in the Smetana Hall of the Municipal House**. **The Hollywood Night** concert or the New York based **Jeremy Winston Chorale**, one of the world's top gospel choirs, will be among the festival's highlights. June 21 – Oct. 20, 2022. More at www.pragueproms.cz/en/

Exposition Universe in the Museum of glass and jewelry in Jablonec nad Nisou



The theme of **space** has been transformed into unique objects by **forty Czech artists – glass and jewelry makers**. Space is omnipresent – around us and within us, and the selected artists respond to the perception of this concept in different ways with their work. The most frequently represented material in the exhibition in the **Museum of glass and jewelry in Jablonec nad Nisou** is glass. Thanks to its character, glass stimulates the imagination regarding the mystery and limitlessness of space and the higher principles of existence, in contrast to the trivialities of our earthly life. **Through Sept. 11**. More at www.msb-jablonec.cz/en/

Prague Sounds – Concert for Europe



Concert of the **Czech Philharmonic on a unique floating stage on the Vltava**

River to mark the Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU will take place on Sept. 2, 2022. The **Prague Sounds floating stage** provides audiences with the opportunity to experience an exceptional concert right on the Vltava River, with historic Prague forming a breathtaking backdrop. The stage is situated in the heart of the city, between the National Theatre and the Slovanský Island. More at www.koncertproevropu.cz/en/

Spa

Luhačovice spa hotel Niva will reopen



The **ROYAL SPA** group has signed a purchase agreement for the takeover of the **Niva spa hotel**, which was one of four providers of spa treatment and rehabilitation care in **Luhačovice** until last year. In November last year, the original owners closed the hotel and offered it for sale. The takeover of the Niva hotel by the ROYAL SPA group will take place after the transaction is completed in June. Subsequently, the hotel will be included in the **Miramare Luhačovice Spa Hotels** group, which already operates the Miramare and Antoaneta spa complex in Luhačovice. **New owners plan to reopen the spa hotel Niva** before the beginning of the summer season, **by the end of June at the latest**. Source: Royal Spa