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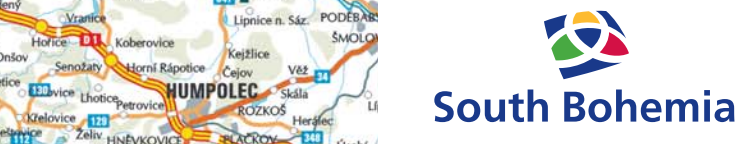
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## REGION OF ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE

### České Budějovice every day

The wintertime is a good time to visit one of several galleries or museums in České Budějovice. We'll begin with the largest, the South Bohemian Museum, which holds permanent exhibitions of South Bohemian nature, pre-history, Middle Ages, artistic collections, folk painted furniture and monuments of the horse-drawn carriage. In addition to this, the museum also opens temporary thematic expositions. České Budějovice is a city of good beer, so you'll sure to be interested in an excursion to the České Budějovice Budvar Brewery with its multimedia exposition. There are other opportunities to become familiar with artworks in the many galleries and exhibition halls in the center of the town. For those who love to exercise in the fresh winter air, there are many trip opportunities to the surrounding countryside – Hluboká nad Vltavou, Holašovice, Novohradsko or Blanský les (Forest) with its high mountaintop of Kleť which offers a beautiful panorama from its lookout tower. Even more active sports can be found in one of several sports facilities where you can swim, ice skate, bowl or play squash. Fill your free time, and your winter in our town will be a short one.

### A winter sojourn in the region of Týn nad Vltavou

Even in the wintertime you can find affordable accommodations in Týn nad Vltavou and enjoy some winter hiking, or to look through the historical monuments in the center of town, especially the church of St. Jacob. The municipal gallery U Zlatého slunce holds exhibitions of leading Czech artists. Another trip tip includes the lookout tower on Semeneč, the confluence of the Vltava and Lužnice Rivers, and more. You can reach the Kořensko water reservoir by car as well as the Berchtold family tomb at Neznašov, or the Hněvkovice water reservoir and Vysoký Hrádek castle where you'll find an exposition by JE Temelín open year round, including periodic exhibitions of artists and photographers.



Accept our invitation to the snow-covered landscape of South Bohemia, and enjoy all the beauties of our region that present numerous opportunities to have plenty of winter fun. The Šumava mountain range is undoubtedly one of the most renowned areas for winter sports, boasting broad plains with altitudes higher than 1000 meters, known for ages to cross-country and downhill skiers alike. Šumava, however, hides another jewel for winter lovers – the winter sun reflecting off the frozen surface of Lake Lipno, the largest water area in the Czech Republic. In the winter the lake surface transforms into one large skating rink, making it ideal not only for ice skating, but also for cross-country skiing, which is sure to be an unusual experience for most.



## REGION OF ČESKÝ KRUMLOV

### Winter in Český Krumlov

Český Krumlov retains its magic in the winter months as well – the snow-covered winding streets with the scent of hot wine or punch in the air, the street market on the town square beneath the brightly-lit Christmas tree, and the celebrations of advent. Advent is the right time to visit several Christmas concerts, Santa's post office, or watch the village celebrations of the Living Bethlehem. The cultural and social program is supplemented by a wide array of dance balls in the castle's winter riding school. You can also explore the beauty of the wintry town with a guide who will tell you interesting stories about the town's history, or you can set off around the town on your own with a set of Nordic Walking sticks. The nearby ski complex Lipno offers downhill skiing, and in the winter Lake Lipno becomes the longest ice skating track in the country.

## REGION OF JINDŘICHŮV HRADEC

### To the snow-covered fairytale land of Czech Canada

When the snow conditions are right, the natural park area known as Czech Canada holds over 100km of marked cross-country ski trails, and some are connected with Austrian routes. The information center in Nová Bystřice offers ski route maps free of charge. There is a newly reconstructed downhill ski complex at the village of Hradiště (3km far from Nová Bystřice) which is open every day during good snow conditions, and is also maintained with artificial snow and lit at night. Skiers can take refreshments in the restaurant at the ski lift which also offers a terrace for outdoor seating.

### Advent at the Castle of Jindřichův Hradec

If it's the beauty, size, and indisputable cultural and historical richness of the castle that draws thousands of visitors to the State Castle and Chateau in the summer season, then it's the holiday atmosphere enriched by the feeling of history that draws them to the castle during the Advent season. During one weekend in December, visitors can taste the delicacies and drinks of the period, enjoy a Live Bethlehem, or see the operation of a Black Kitchen. Advent has been taking place at the castle for several years now, and several hundred people come to enjoy the atmosphere in Jindřichův Hradec every year. Winter vacation in the town above the Vajgar Pond also means a tour of the Krýza Cribs in the Jindřichův Hradec Museum. The author of this unique work, written into the Guinness World Book of Records as the largest mechanical folk Nativity Scene in the world, is the stocking master from Jindřichův Hradec Tomáš Krýza.



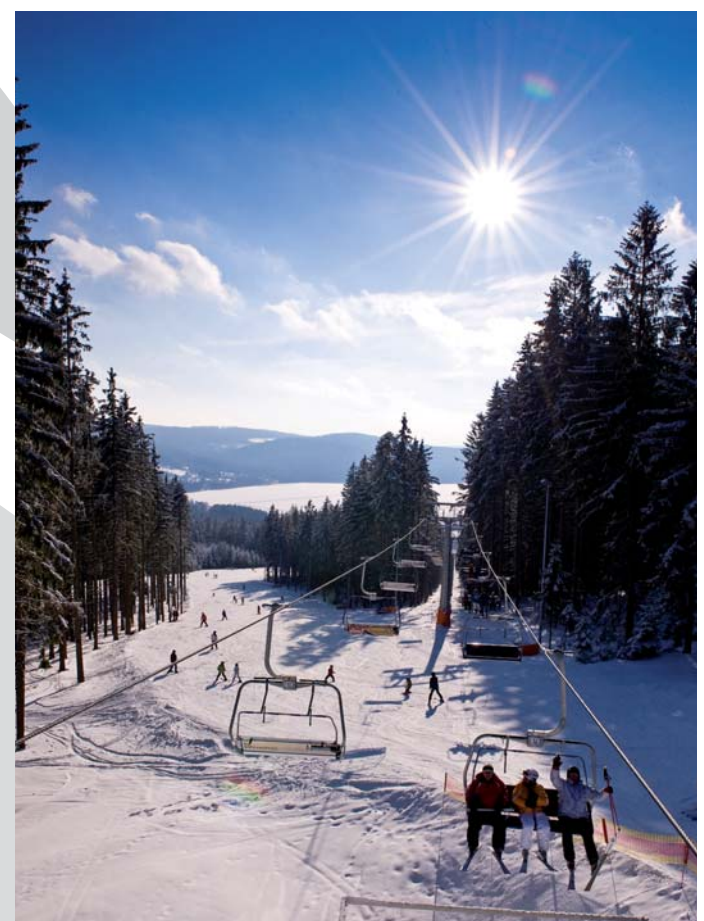
## REGION OF LIPNO

### Ski Complex Lipno – endless relaxation for families with children

The Lipno area is an ideal location for your family winter vacation. The Lipno Ski Complex offers unlimited comfort for families with children as well as beginning skiers. There are 3 four-seated chair lifts and 3 moving carpets in the children's training ground for your comfort and safety. The Lipno Ski Complex offers 6 downhill routes and a snowpark 7.5km long with a modern artificial snow system. The jewel of the ski complex is the most modern training park in the Czech Republic: the Foxpark for children from 3 years of age. Directly next to the free parking lot at the chairlift you will find everything you need for skiing – accommodations, restaurants, Apres ski bar, ski rentals, a school and ski service. Close by is the Aquaworld with its water paradise, as well as a bobsled route, and there are animation programs prepared with other services for free time. Don't forget to bring your ice skates when you visit Lipno in the winter – ice skating routes are regularly prepared on the frozen service of the Lipno Lake in the winter months, which at 11km makes it the longest in the Czech Republic. There are 40 kilometres of prepared cross-country ski trails in the section between Lipno nad Vltavou and Frymburk.

### Winter vacation in Horní Planá and surroundings

Horní Plána is even a favourite destination for snow and fun. There are several prepared ski routes directly nearby. The cross-country trails around Horní Plána offer beautiful views onto the winter Šumava landscape and snow-white Lake Lipno. The entire Šumava area is designed for long hiking and sports trips on skis. You can also use cross-country skis on the frozen surface of the Lake Lipno. When the conditions are right, you can take advantage of the prepared ice-skating route leading from Jenišov to Nová Pec (10 km). The route is regularly maintained and is very popular. Another novelty in winter sports is bicycle riding across the frozen lake surface. Downhill ski lovers will enjoy the Austrian ski complex Hochficht nearby the Lipno ski complex, and the large Schöneben cross-country complex is accessible across the former border crossing of Zadní Zvonková. It has become a popular system to utilize the accommodation facilities in Horní Planá and ski facilities in Austria - „Sleep in Czech, ski in Austria!“.



## REGION OF PRACHATICE

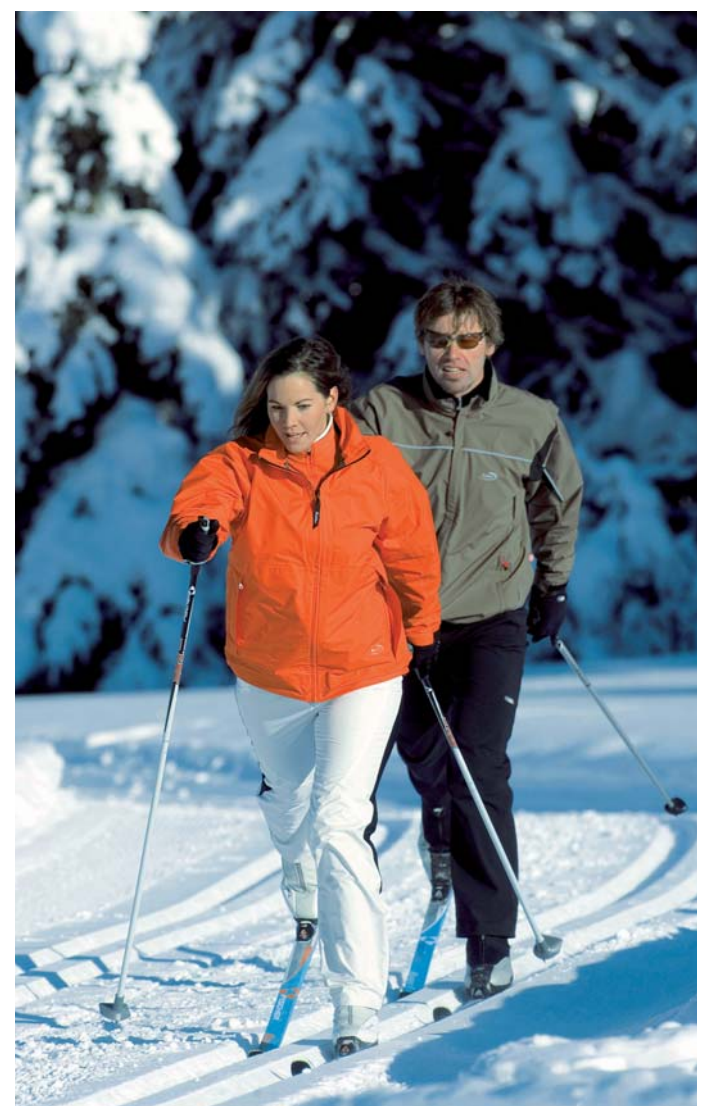
### Winter in Prachatice

Cross-country ski routes: around Prachatice there are several places to set off on a cross-country ski trip in good snow conditions, for example on the edge of town on the „Tank Route“ below Cvrčkov and Černá Hora which continues along to the spot known as Pod Perlovicemi, then connects to other trails around Prachatice (Lázně Sv. Markéty, Sedélko and routes around Libín). You can get a map of ski routes at the information center which shows you where you can park and take refreshments in these areas. Downhill ski routes: the chairlift at Libinské Sedlo near Prachatice is suitable mostly for beginners of any age and for families with small children – there is also a ski school under the supervision of experienced instructors. You can also enjoy the snow-mobile maintained route for evening skiing.

## REGION OF STRAKONICE

### A day with a dog sled

Our program, prepared for individuals or small groups, always begins in the afternoon with a basic demonstration of the dogs, equipment, methods of controlling them, and an approach towards them. This is followed by preparing the dogs and setting up for an evening ride. Afterwards comes the necessary rest time for the dogs, about 2 hours, during which the sleeping arrangements can be made (tent, digging, etc.), then dinner and a fire for the evening talks. When the rest time is finished, the evening ride begins, which lasts between 2 - 3 hours, depending on the time of year and training of the dogs. This ride is always driven by the musher, and the client is always the passenger. The evening part does not finish upon return – first the dogs have to be stripped down, prepared for rest and given food and drink. Once the dogs are taken care of, the evening program is technically over – those who wish to enjoy a well-deserved sleep may do so, and the heartier can enjoy themselves at the table or fire. In the morning, when all have rested, one of the moments comes that is an inseparable part of the dogs life - „PLAY“. During the play you will be introduced to the dogs that you will spend the day's program with. Then the dogs will be prepared for a ride, with your assistance, and left alone. After lunch you have your own independent ride through the snow-covered countryside. Upon return, the dogs are stripped down and stabled, and the 24-hour program comes to the end.



## REGION OF ŠUMAVA

### The white tracks

Šumava offers active winter sports lovers the most extensive network of maintained marked ski trails in the country. The Šumava National Park contains nearly 500km of maintained trails and offers very attractive natural and landscape potential. You can get all up-to-date information at [www.bilastopa.cz](http://www.bilastopa.cz), which also contains an on-line map where you can easily find what areas were last maintained and when.

## REGION OF TÁBOR

### Tábor Christmas and more

At the end of every year, the town is fully decorated for the season and offers a number of programs for children and adults. On St. Nicholas Day, Žižkovo náměstí (square) becomes full of devils again, and children sing, play and receive sweet goodies. The Old Bohemian street market on Žižkovo náměstí offers another way for visitors to enjoy the celebratory atmosphere of Christmas. Artists present Christmas traditions, and children and adults alike delight in the live Nativity scene. Children can take a ride on a donkey, and parents are drawn to the market stalls with little gifts, mistletoe, Christmas trees, spices, gingerbreads and roast chestnuts. The entire Christmas season is accompanied by concerts, plus you'll find fairytales for children, musical evenings and traditional Christmas expositions. Even athletes find something for themselves in Tábor in the wintertime. You can take off on cross-country skis along dozens of kilometers of marked ski trails at Jistebnice, to the downhill routes in the Monínek complex, or to some of the smaller areas like Hůrka or Radvanov.



## REGION OF VIMPERK

### Kubova Huť ski area

The Kubova Huť ski area offers pleasant family skiing on 2 downhill runs of varying difficulties, a snowpark, a ski school and over 20 km of maintained routes for cross-country skiing. In addition to the downhill ski training, the ski school also teaches snowboarding and cross-country techniques. The school has its own children's lift and playground, while the complex has its own maintained downhill routes, cross-country routes, and is doubtlessly an ideal place for fun and relaxation.

### White tracks through the landscape of „bell quiet“

Šumava in the winter is a completely different world than in the summer. It's this, the region around Kvilda, which sees the lowest annual temperatures in the Czech Republic. This seemingly uninviting winter world, however, is a paradise for skiers who come to its mountain complexes from the entire country and abroad for extraordinary experiences. Cross country skiers, most of all, can choose from a number of mutually connected and marked trails with worn tracks directly in the Vimperk area (in the Vodník recreation area there are artificially snowed tracks with lighting), as well as especially around Churáňov and the vast open areas around Kvilda and Modrava and in neighbouring Stožec and Nová Pec. Downhill skiers can use the chairlifts and routes in Churáňov and Zadov, Kubova Huť, Javorník, Nová Huť, while shorter and gentler downhill runs can be found in Kvilda, České Žleby, Strážný and Popelná.

