

Hidden Gems

...the Krkonoše as you may not know it



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Dear guests,

whether this is your first time here or you are our regular guests, we would like to present you with our guide to the lesser-known places both in the vicinity of and in the wider area around Špindlerův Mlýn. We have created it with individuals, couples and especially families in mind.

It will give you ideas for more or less difficult hiking trips as well as opportunities to visit interesting places even in bad weather, which is not always suitable for hiking or sports. Explore these place from the comfort of your car. We have carefully selected those that are no more than an hour's drive away from the hotel.

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1 RÝCHORY FOREST

Website



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This is a unique nature reserve, where many species of protected plants can be found. Its uniqueness consists especially in its being almost untouched by humans. It is regarded as the least disturbed place in the Krkonoše. It is less than an hour's drive from the hotel and you can also visit Stachelberg fortress on the same trip.

2 STACHELBERG FORTRESS

Website



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This is an absolutely unique place for all military fans. For more than twenty years, a group of enthusiasts have been restoring this fortress with an extensive system of underground passages, which are accessible. Seeing them is a unique experience. Some work has also been done around the fortress and a lookout tower called Eliška was built, from which you can see many peaks of the Krkonoše. There is also a playground for your children.

3 PECKA CASTLE

Website



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This is the only cultural heritage site in the whole region of central Podkrkonoší and of the Krkonoše whose interior is accessible. It offers beautiful views of the Krkonoše ridges. This castle, slated for demolition after many historic events and adversities, was saved by the inhabitants of the village of the same name, Pecka, and gradually reconstructed. Two different tours of the castle are available now.

4 ÚPSKÁ RAŠELINA (ÚPA PEAT BOG)

Website



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This nature reserve was founded as early as 1952 and it includes the sources of two rivers, the Úpa and the White Elbe. The tough local climate has preserved its appearance of the subarctic tundra of the Ice Age. You can walk throughout the peat bog on boardwalks. It offers many trails on the Czech-Polish border.

5 KRKONOŠE BEER TRAIL

Website



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There are many interesting things in the Krkonoše and one of them is the history of the beer industry. For this reason, there is a beer trail which takes you to all the well-known as well as lesser-known breweries. The trail is interactive, so you can get stamps in the individual places and get a small present as a keepsake. It is an impressive thirty kilometres long.

6 ŽALÝ LOOKOUT TOWER

Website



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This lookout tower is unique due to its architecture and it is the only stone lookout tower in the Krkonoše. It used to be visited as a pilgrimage place in remote history and it has preserved its special magic until the present time. Right next to the tower, there is an old-style log house which is used as a restaurant.

7 BUBÁČEK TRAIN

Website



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This is a trackless tourist train intended for anyone who can't go hiking. It offers several tours, which differ in length and locations. The train can be boarded in both directions and it has a regular timetable. It is suitable for mothers with prams as well as for the disabled.

8 RAUTIS – GLASS BEAD ORNAMENTS FROM PONIKLÁ

Website



By car



This family-run company produces blown glass beads and glass bead Christmas ornaments. They have pursued this unique craft since 1902, using traditional technology to make individual jewellery. As a result, they can boast absolute originality and uniqueness. They will be happy to demonstrate their techniques during the tour and at the end of it you can make your own ornaments in their workshop.

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LES KRÁLOVSTVÍ RESERVOIR

Website



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Les Království Reservoir was built on the Elbe in 1920 as a result of the disastrous flood of 1897. The architects paid a lot of attention to its pseudo-Gothic aesthetic, so it is now a frequented tourist attraction. It is situated in close proximity to the borderland forest called Les Království, after which it was named.

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JUNKERS 52 AEROPLANE WRECK

Website



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At the end of WWII there was an aircraft crash in the Krkonoše. A Junkers JU-52 flew into a snowstorm and crashed head-on into a slope. Gradually, the local inhabitants managed to disassemble the plane and transport it down from Obří hřeben (Giant Ridge). Nowadays, the wreck can be seen at the Information Centre in Malá Úpa.

CROSSING THE BORDER

Do you feel you have seen and done everything in the Krkonoše? Don't hesitate to make a trip across the border and visit our Polish neighbours. For your inspiration, you can read about the following trips close to our border.

Miniatures Park – Kowary

Kowary is a town in Jelenia Góra District where you can find a very interesting miniatures park featuring the most beautiful historical sights of Lower Silesia.

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Wang Church

Karpacz is a Polish spa town which breathes history. You can visit its unique wooden church, Wang, which was originally built in a Norwegian village, 1,624 kilometres away, and was transported to Poland.

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Tropicana Waterpark

Tropicana Waterpark is situated in the same town. It is one of the largest waterparks in Poland and it offers perfect relaxation and its many attractions are guaranteed to delight your children.

Website



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NOTES

TOP 10

1. SNĚŽKA AND OBŘÍ DŮL (GIANT VALLEY)
2. KOZÍ HŘBETY
3. THE SOURCE OF THE ELBE
4. LABSKÁ PŘEHRADA (ELBE RESERVOIR)
5. CZECH-POLISH FRIENDSHIP TRAIL
6. SNĚŽNÉ JÁMY (SNOW CIRQUES)
7. LABSKÝ VODOPÁD (ELBE FALLS), LABSKÝ DŮL (ELBE VALLEY) AND LABSKÁ BOUDA (ELBE CHALET)
8. PANČAVSKÝ VODOPÁD (PANČAVA FALLS)
9. WIELKY STAW AND MÁLY STAW
10. JANSKÉ LÁZNĚ – TREETOP TRAIL