



# Hidden Gems

... because you deserve the Šumava

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**Dear Šumava visitors,**

we wanted to prepare a nice traditional travel guide for you. Lots of frequented places, well-known sights and crowds of tourists instead of peace and quiet. But we couldn't have done that to you. You deserve more! So, we approached a bunch of people who live and work in the Šumava – both the local mountain people and those who come here regularly. We joined forces with them to come up with activities and places that might not be very well-known but that are definitely beautiful and exciting.

Why? Because you deserve the Šumava! Enjoy it.

Yours, OREA Resort Horizont Team

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## BEER FROM THE ŠUMAVA

Hiking map



Beer from the Šumava?

A stone's throw from our hotel? Yes!

A 30-minute walk away from the hotel, you can sit down in the brewhouse of Belveder brewery or take a seat outside, where there is a swimming pool and a playground, and enjoy delicious beer and food. We recommend Pašerák 13°, which is a honey beer. On your way there you will be going downhill and on your way back uphill, but after such an experience you will be able to run up in no time! The brewery also offers beer to go. Cheers and "may God bless you"!

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## PICNICS

Hiking map



It would be a pity not to have a picnic.

What do you think?

The Šumava offers many beautiful places, where you may only be disturbed by the birds singing and the brooks gurgling. If you are looking for a place near our hotel, we have a tip for you. Hiking the green trail towards Gerlova Huť, you can taste the water of the spring of the Rezná. If you walk on, you will get to a forest shelter with seating as well as to the meadows around the former village of Nový Brunst. This is where you don't need to worry about not having enough privacy. You can also take advantage of our picnic baskets on offer!

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## BEAVER DAMS

Hiking map  
(only beaver dam  
locations)



If you are interested in the Eurasian beaver's civil engineering and if you want to follow its trail, there are many places in the Šumava where you can see beavers building their dams and homes.

The most easily accessible beaver dams are probably the ones behind Žabáky natural swimming pool or on the brooks called Špičácký potok and Jezerní potok near cycleway no. 33. Going to see the beaver will always be a bit of an adventure because not all trails are marked and easy to walk. However, if you set off and succeed, you will get a unique view of little towns full of beaver dams and lagoons. What's your view on beavers? Are they pests or do they help to keep water in the landscape?

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## A SKI RESORT IN SUMMER

Hiking map



By car



There is lots of fun for both children and adults. What does Nad nádražím Ski Resort offer for children to have a good romp and for adults to become kids again for a moment?

For example, a ropes course, slalom karts, trampolines and a playground. The resort is a 5-minute drive from the hotel. If you want your children to get really tired, you can walk. It takes about an hour if you take the blue trail past Belveder Brewery.

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## KNEIPP NATURAL SPA

Hiking map



By car



**Would you like to become one with nature and do something for your health?**

Visit the Šumava Kneipp walk in the Grádelský potok to experience the power of ice-cold water and get massaged by pebbles and sand! And if you are asking for hot water, there is none... So, after an icy-cold bath, sit down in the meadow and let your feet be warmed by the sun. In winter, the temperature of the brook is about 4 °C while in summer it reaches 7–8 °C. Take the green hiking trail from the centre of Železná Ruda towards the Hotel Grád.

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## SUNRISE ON TOP OF GROSSER ARBER

By car:  
Grosser Arber car park



Grosser Arbersee car park



**Grosser Arber is the highest peak of the Šumava and a kind of local “glacier” just across the Czech border, approximately 20 minutes by car from the hotel.**

It will definitely fascinate those who have come to the Šumava to do sports, experience some adventure and sweat a lot. Hiking, cycling, skiing and other activities are allowed! Early birds are advised to watch the sunrise from the top, which is always an unforgettable experience. If you go about 3 kilometres away from the car park under Grosser Arber, you will reach Grosser Arbersee (Grosser Arber Lake), where you can just walk around and then appease your hunger in the stylish panoramic restaurant overlooking the lake. There is a car park next to the lake and you will need a few euros.

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## ANOTHER TASTE OF THE ŠUMAVA

By car:  
Avalanche



Kryštof Částka Buffet



GrillMax



Café Charlotte



Hospůdka U Štěpána



**Don't go on a diet on holiday! Would you like to taste traditional Czech and Šumava cuisine?**

If so, you need to visit the Avalanche Restaurant, near the lower Pancíř cableway station, or Kryštof Částka Buffet in Železná Ruda. Also, you shouldn't miss the GrillMax. You can find it in Kaskády car park from spring to autumn and on the top of Špičák in winter. That's where you can get the best burgers, grilled chicken and tortillas! Do you have a sweet tooth?

In that case make sure you go to Café Charlotte, a legendary café and sweet shop, where you will have a hard time deciding what to have first. They make excellent ice-cream sundaes for children, who are sure to be fascinated by the model train near the ceiling. Just one note: the café doesn't take credit cards, so make sure you have enough cash on you. What about a nice chunk of meat? Go for the Hospůdka U Štěpána! This stylish organic farm is about 30 kilometres from the hotel and it offers a real culinary experience. Home-bred meat, great beef steaks, fresh and juicy vegetables from the farm's garden, and herbal lemonades. That's what you can expect! We recommend booking in advance, otherwise you might not get a seat.



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## WILDERNESS IN LUDWIGSTHAL

By car



Wolves, cattle, Przewalski's horses and lynx. Visit our German neighbour's Bavarian Forest to see wonderful animals!

This zoo in the woods is designed so as to resemble the animals' natural habitat as much as possible. No admission is charged. There is a restaurant, education centre, watchtower and lots of entertainment for kids, including an indoor playground! It is a 20-minute drive.

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## WOLF ENCLOSURE IN SRNÍ

By car



Wolves have belonged to the Šumava from time immemorial! As the name itself suggests, this is a visitor centre showing the life of wolves in their natural habitat.

If you come here, you definitely won't be disappointed. You can watch the wolves in a 3-hectare enclosure while you walk through it on 300-metre footbridge, which is elevated 3–4 metres above the ground and has observation shelters. There is a 2-kilometre nature trail leading to the enclosure and there is also a playground. Admission is free. Parking costs CZK 50 per hour. And if you get as hungry as a wolf, we recommend going to ŠUMAMA'S forest bistro, where you can enjoy meals that taste like those cooked by local mums. It is not by chance that the wolf enclosure in Srní is one of the most frequented places in the Šumavě.

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## SUŠICE AND SANTOS ISLAND

By car



A river island and a forest park – the perfect place in Sušice, which has something for everyone. It is situated 30 kilometres away from our hotel and it is excellent for relaxation, sports and social activities.

There are playgrounds, refreshment shops, concerts, a skittle alley, a public fireplace, a swimming place near the Otava River weir, and a path for inline skating and cycling. The park is right next to the Sušice sports field, an indoor swimming pool with a slide and a wellness centre, an outdoor swimming pool and outdoor fitness centre. Do you like adrenalin sports? No problem! You can visit the OFFPARK and its ropes course on Santos Island. Once you are in Sušice, you should see the local museum and the match-factory exhibition to learn about the secret of the world-famous company, SOLO.

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## WHEN THE ŠUMAVA GOES TO BED

Hiking map



Are you a romantic and would you like to surprise your significant other

Hike to the top of Pancíř, which is only 2 km from our hotel. The trail goes up the hill but it isn't very steep, so you won't get out of breath and it will be worth it! Watching the sunset over the hills of the Šumava is a memorable experience. It is like sitting in the cinema – all you need is some popcorn! No admission is charged!

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## OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL

Hiking map



By car



If you don't insist on luxury and are looking for a place where you could get cool on hot summer days, you should definitely visit Žabáky natural swimming pool in the midst of the Šumava forest, not far from the centre of Železná Ruda.

You can drive and park at the Chata Ořovský (former Hotel Engadin) or you can walk or cycle. It is near Belveder brewery and ski slope. Don't forget to check out the beaver dam above the pool.

## TOP 10

1. **ŠUMAVA LAKES:** Černé, Čertovo, Laka, Prášilské and Plešné
2. **VIEWPOINTS:** Špičák watchtower, Poledník watchtower, Pancíř, Velký Ostrý, Grosser Arber
3. **CABLEWAYS:** Špičák, Pancíř, Grosser Arber
4. **ŠUMAVA MARSHES:** Tříjezerní, Jezerní, Chalupská
5. **THE SPRING OF THE VLTAVA**
6. **THREE CASTLES:** Kašperk, Velhartice, Rabí (with good swimming in Lom Rabí)
7. **SUŠICE, KAŠPERSKÉ HORY, MODRAVA, PRÁŠILY**
8. **ALŽBĚTÍN RAILWAY STATION ON THE BORDER**
9. **SPA TOWNS OF LAM AND KÖTZTING, GERMANY**
10. **PUMPTRACK IN ŽELEZNÁ RUDA**

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