

Come and discover Ostrava: Where Industry Meets Culture and Sport

Ostrava is the third largest city in the Czech Republic and the lively heart of the Moravian-Silesian Region. Located close to the borders of Slovakia and Poland, it's also just a short 30-minute drive to the beautiful Beskydy Mountains — perfect for nature lovers! Once famous for mining and industry, Ostrava is now the greenest city in the country, full of parks and fresh air. You'll find plenty of interesting sights, a rich cultural life with music festivals, exciting international sports events, and delicious food to enjoy. Come and experience the warm hospitality of Ostrava — a city full of energy, history, and new adventures waiting just for you!



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How to get to Ostrava



BY CAF

The D1 highway connects Prague to Ostrava, offering a smooth and direct drive. It also links to Poland's A1 motorway, making cross-border travel easy and convenient.



BY BUS

Long-distance and international buses arrive mostly at the main bus station (ÚAN) located near the city center, making your arrival smooth and easy.



BY TRAIN

Ostrava's main railway stations serve regional, long-distance, and international trains, connecting you quickly to many destinations.



BY PLANE

Leoš Janáček International Airport lies about 25 km from the city center, with excellent bus and train connections that make getting to Ostrava simple and comfortable.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Getting around Ostrava is easy thanks to an efficient network of trams, buses, and trolleybuses. The public transport system is integrated with regional services, so you can easily explore nearby towns or head out to enjoy the beautiful Beskydy Mountains. Enjoy your trip and explore both the city's modern vibe and its natural surroundings!



TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES

OSTRAVAINFO!!! is a network of tourist information points where you can always find useful tips, maps, tickets and up-to-date information about attractions, events and places worth seeing. Don't hesitate to ask locals for help; people in Ostrava are friendly and often speak basic English.

Top attractions



DOLNÍ VÍTKOVICE

Is a remarkable industrial heritage site, transformed into a vibrant cultural and educational hub.
Once a coal mine and steelworks, it now hosts interactive museums, performance venues, and the striking Bolt Tower.



NEW CITY HALL

Is Ostrava's most famous landmark and the tallest city hall tower in the Czech Republic. Its 85-meter-high viewing platform offers breathtaking panoramic views of the city. Built in 1930.



ZOO OSTRAVA

Spans 100 hectares of forested parkland and is home to over 400 species and more than 4,000 animals. Visitors can enjoy a blend of wildlife encounters and botanical beauty.



LANDEK PARK

Is a fascinating blend of history and nature. Explore the vast coal mining heritage, wander through the open-air museum, and experience underground tours that bring Ostrava's industrial past to life.



OSTRAVA MUSEUM

Explore exhibits showcasing the city's rich industrial roots, regional art, and fascinating historical collections. A perfect destination for those seeking to learn more about the region's vibrant heritage.



VILLA GROSSMANN

Is a stunning example of early 20th century architecture, built in 1924 for the builder František Grossmann. It showcases elegant Art Deco influences with richly decorated interiors.



SILESIAN OSTRAVA CASTLE

Dating back to the 13th century, is one of the city's most iconic landmarks. Beautifully restored, it offers historical exhibitions, cultural events, and family-friendly attractions.



MICHAL COALMINE

Is a perfectly preserved industrial monument showcasing Ostrava's coal mining heritage. Visitors can explore original buildings, machinery, and miners' facilities exactly as they were left in 1994.



PLATO GALLERY

Is Ostrava's contemporary art hub, located in a former slaughterhouse. It hosts cuttingedge exhibitions, installations, and events by Czech and international artists. PLATO is a vibrant meeting point for modern culture.



UNIVERSITY OF OSTRAVA CITY CAMPUS

Is a modern educational complex in the heart of the city. It offers state-of-the-art facilities for sports, science, and the arts, serving students and the public alike. Its contemporary design and vibrant atmosphere make it a dynamic hub of learning and culture.

Nature near Ostrava

Just a short drive from Ostrava, you can explore the stunning Beskids Mountains, where hiking trails offer breathtaking views and fresh mountain air. Golf enthusiasts will love Ostravice Golf Resort and Čeladná Golf Club, both set in the mountains. They combine challenging courses with picturesque landscapes suitable for all skill levels.



Culture and Sport

Ostrava is attracting major international investments to boost its cultural and sports facilities. A new state-of-the-art concert hall is set to enrich the city's vibrant arts scene. In sports, plans for a modern football stadium at the historic Bazaly site will enhance Ostrava's profile as a top event destination. These developments highlight Ostrava's rise as a dynamic European city blending heritage with innovation.



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Ostrava Concert Hall

Events

Ostrava boasts a rich calendar of events, making it a lively hub for culture and sports. Whether you love art, music, or sports, the city offers exciting concerts, festivals, exhibitions, theatre, opera, and thrilling sporting events throughout the year. Immerse yourself in Ostrava's vibrant cultural scene and enjoy unforgettable experiences for every interest. Here, something extraordinary is always happening!



Most popular events

May

OSTRAVA MUSEUM NIGHT OSTRAVA BEACH PRO

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LEOŠ JANÁČEK INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL GOLDEN SPIKE OSTRAVA ATHLETICS MEET

July

B4L (BEATS FOR LOVE)
COLOURS OF OSTRAVA
SUMMER SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL OSTRAVA

August

FOLKLORE WITHOUT BORDERS

September

NATO DAYS SAINT WENCESLAS MUSIC FESTIVAL

October

JAPANESE DAYS IN OSTRAVA



Program

Thursday, 11 September Auditorium | Daisue Hall

15:00 - 15:30

- Presentation Opening Jan Dohnal, Mayor of Ostrava, Ondřej Soška, Commissioner General of the Czech Republic, EXPO 2025 in Osaka
- Premiere of the puppet video
- "Ostrava within Central Europe" CzechTrade

15:30 — 17:00 | Business Presentations

- "Discover the Story of a City where new stories begin" — City of Ostrava
- "Two decades of cooperation between CTP and Ostrava. Building CTP's portfolio of community projects in the Ostrava region." — CTP
- "City shaping and development for residents across all demographics, from students to seniors, and building civic infrastructure" — Purposia
- Live puppet performance Puppet Theatre Ostrava

17:15 — 18:00

University of Ostrava — Faculty of Medicine —
Creating a Biomedical Innovation Ecosystem
in Ostrava — Presented by Rastislav Maďar, the Dean
of Faculty of Medicine

18:00 — 19:00 Guided tour of the Czech Pavilion

19:00 — 21:00

Informal gathering with the Mayor on the terrace for invited guests

Friday, 12 September

Auditorium | Daisue Hall

10:00 - 10:45

- "From Coal and Steel to Culture and Experiences

 Ostrava as a Metropolis of Industrial and Event Tourism." — VISITOSTRAVA!!!
- Live puppet performance

11:00 — 11:30

- Culture in Ostrava Presented by Deputy Mayor Lucie Baránková Vilamová
- Live puppet performance

11:30 - 12:30

- **Sport in Ostrava** Presented by Mayor Jan Dohnal
- Czech-Japanese Center Presented by Jan Kudla
- Aikido demonstration by Kokoro Ostrava Club

12:30

- Live puppet performance
- Autograph Session with Ondřej Satoria

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End of the City of Ostrava's program at EXPO2025

We warmly look forward to meeting you at the Czech Pavilion!













