

BRNO

Small guide to the city



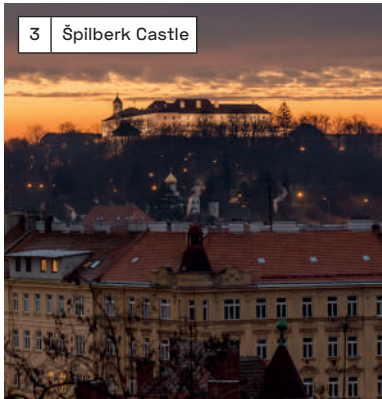
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Compulsory minimum sights: What are Brno's absolute "musts"?



5 Vegetable Market

Try some vegan ice-cream on a square infused with fruit, vegetable and flower aromas of the market. → Vegetable Market



3 Špilberk Castle

Be (a little bit) afraid.
→ Špilberk Castle with its casemates ingrained with legends



Villa Tugendhat 6

Be wowed by Functionalism.
→ Villa Tugendhat World Heritage Site



Petrov 2

Marvel!
→ Cathedral on Petrov Hill with views of the town



St James Square

Chatting on the sidewalk into the night.
→ St James Square



1 Old Town Hall

Get some perspective.
→ Viewing gallery from the Old Town Hall tower



Brno's statues 4

Ask what time it is.
→ time machine on Freedom Square



Brno's statues 4

Discover hidden art.
→ statue Courage on Moravian Square

MAP KEY	
	Parking
	Public toilets
	Hospital
	Police
	Bus station
	Train Station
	Airport
	Taxi
	Post office
	Statue
	Shopping centre

Tour guide services / themed walks
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pruvodce@ticbrno.cz

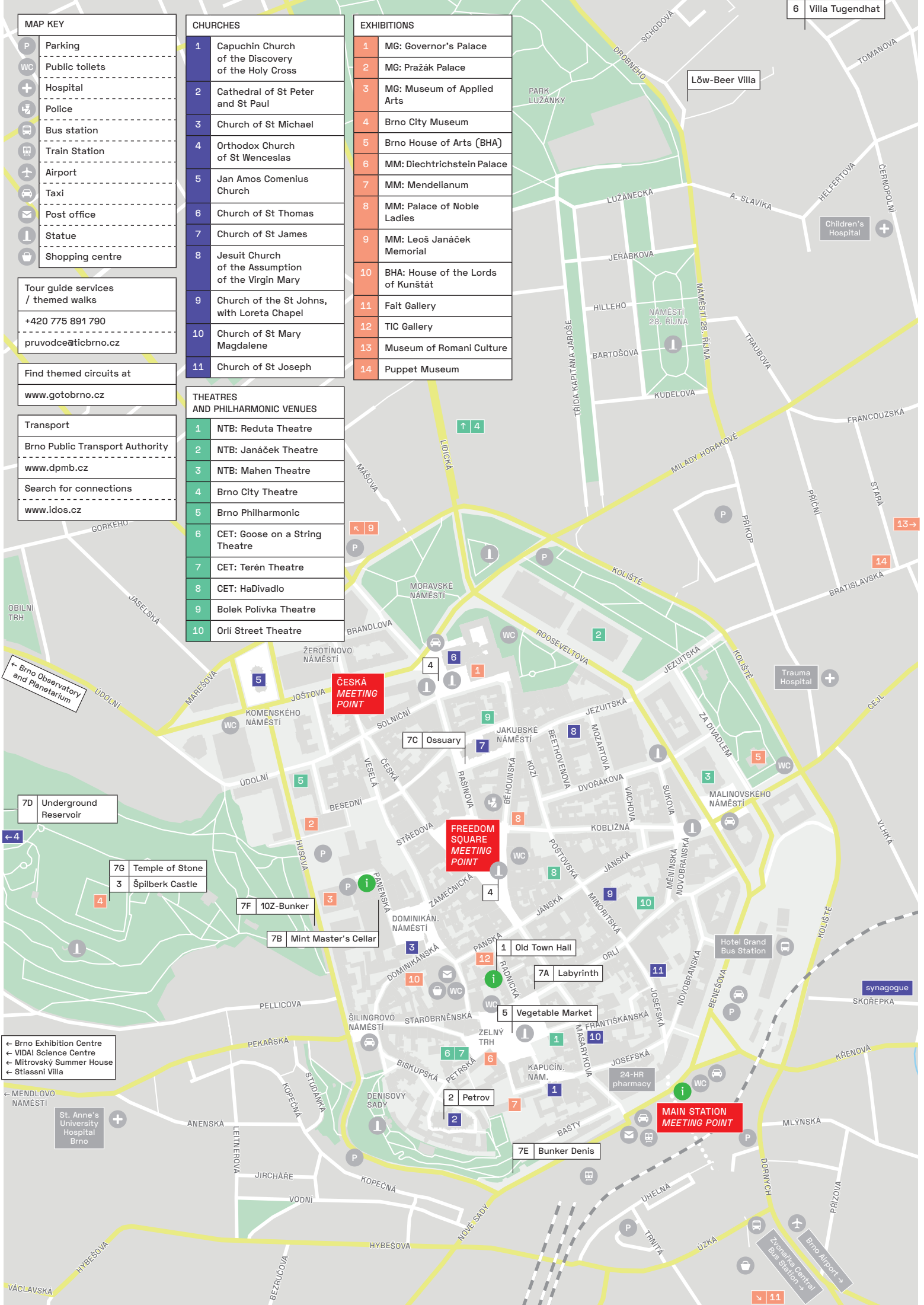
Find themed circuits at
www.gotobrno.cz

Transport
Brno Public Transport Authority
www.dpmb.cz
Search for connections
www.idos.cz

CHURCHES	
1	Capuchin Church of the Discovery of the Holy Cross
2	Cathedral of St Peter and St Paul
3	Church of St Michael
4	Orthodox Church of St Wenceslas
5	Jan Amos Comenius Church
6	Church of St Thomas
7	Church of St James
8	Jesuit Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary
9	Church of the St Johns, with Loreta Chapel
10	Church of St Mary Magdalene
11	Church of St Joseph

THEATRES AND PHILHARMONIC VENUES	
1	NTB: Reduta Theatre
2	NTB: Janáček Theatre
3	NTB: Mahen Theatre
4	Brno City Theatre
5	Brno Philharmonic
6	CET: Goose on a String Theatre
7	CET: Terén Theatre
8	CET: HaDivadlo
9	Bolek Polívka Theatre
10	Orlí Street Theatre

EXHIBITIONS	
1	MG: Governor's Palace
2	MG: Pražák Palace
3	MG: Museum of Applied Arts
4	Brno City Museum
5	Brno House of Arts (BHA)
6	MM: Diechtrichstein Palace
7	MM: Mendelianum
8	MM: Palace of Noble Ladies
9	MM: Leoš Janáček Memorial
10	BHA: House of the Lords of Kunštát
11	Fait Gallery
12	TIC Gallery
13	Museum of Romani Culture
14	Puppet Museum



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OLD TOWN HALL

Brno's oldest secular building, centre of city government from the mid-13th century until 1935

- * The Old Town Hall has Late Gothic portal with a contorted tower, the work of sculptor Anton Pilgram.

- * In its vaulted passage it shelters two symbols of Brno: a stuffed crocodile – the so-call “Brno dragon” and a wooden cart wheel.

- * Old Town Hall courtyard and tower with a lookout gallery

→ TIC BRNO Information Centre, Radnická 8, www.ticbrno.cz

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PETROV

The Cathedral of St Peter and St Paul stands atop Petrov Hill and dominates the city's skyline. Its origins reach back to the 1170s, when a Romanesque rotunda was erected on the site.

- * The Cathedral underwent one Gothic and two Baroque reconstructions; the two characteristic towers are more recent – the work of August Kirstein during a Neo-Gothic rebuild in 1909.

- * At the foot of Petrov is a park, Denis Gardens, offering a panoramic view of Brno and its southern surroundings. In good weather you can see the hills of Pálava in the distance.

- * The park also features a colonnade with a fountain and an 1818 obelisk to commemorate the end of the Napoleonic Wars.

→ Petrov 9, www.katedrala-petrov.cz

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ŠPILBERK CASTLE

A sweeping castle complex from the 13th century, rebuilt in the 17th and 18th centuries as a mighty military fortress and subsequently as a prison for the most dangerous criminals and political enemies. Here we can see:

- * Parapets with breath-taking views over Brno, and the castle, housing the Brno City Museum and also staging a variety of concerts, theatrical performances and festivals.

- * Castle chimes – a 15-bell carillon; also, a lookout in the corner tower, and the Baroque Holy Trinity Chapel

- * The casemates – dark, vaulted passageways into the bowels of which have disappeared many of the Hapsburg Empire's most barbarous criminals

→ Špilberk 1, www.spilberk.cz

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BRNO'S STATUES

The centre of Brno is dotted with many statues, the most famous being the clock on Freedom Square and the statue Courage on Moravian Square.

- * The time machine or town clock made of black granite was installed in 2010 by sculptor Oldřich Rujbr and student Petr Kameník. Its nearly 6-metre shape is intended to evoke a bullet, and so

commemorate the heroic defence of the city against the Swedish army during the Thirty Years' War.

- * The statue Courage was installed in 2015 by sculptor Jaroslav Róna. This 8-metre bronze statue portrays a knight on an unusually long-legged horse, and is an allegory of courage.

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VEGETABLE MARKET

A 13th century square with a market, fountain, sculptural group and two theatres. As in years past, here you can still buy fresh fruit and vegetables. And there's plenty to see:

- * Indoor market with a view of the town

- * The Baroque fountain entitled Parnas by Johann Bernhard Fischer von Erlach

- * Dietrichstein Palace, one of the oldest palaces in Brno

- * Baroque house of the abbots of the Žďár Monastery and the House of the Lords of Fanal, where today perform the Goose on a String Theatre

- * Reduta Theatre, one of oldest theatre buildings in Europe, in which 11-year old Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart once performed

- * Labyrinth under the Vegetable Market, a convoluted network of medieval passageways and cellars

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VILLA TUGENDHAT

The most famous of the so-called “Brno Villa Quartet”. Signature Functionalist monument registered as a World Heritage Site.

- * The house was designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe for Greta and Fritz Tugendhat

- * Formal architectural purity framed in a natural setting, mutually permeating spaces, technical and structural solutions and the use of precious raw materials

- * Other important Brno villas include the Art Nouveau Löw-Beer Villa (Drobného 22), the Art Nouveau Jurkovič House (Jana Nečase 2) and the Functionalist Stiasni Villa (Hroznová 14).

→ Černopolní 45, www.tugendhat.eu

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BRNO UNDERGROUND

Mysterious tours under Brno.

- A Labyrinth under the Vegetable Market Zelný trh 21
- B Mint Master's Cellar Dominikánské nám. 1
- C Ossuary at the Church of St James Jakubské nám.
- D Underground Reservoir in Žlutý kopec Tvrdého
- E Bunker Denis Husova/Nárazní

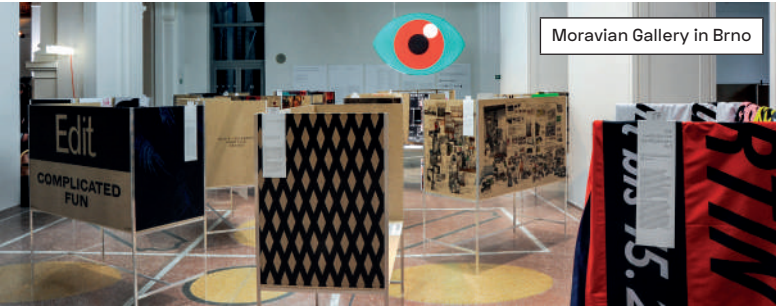
→ www.brnenske-podzemi.cz

- F Fallout Shelter 10Z-Bunker

→ Husova opposite No. 12, www.10-z.cz

- G Temple of Stone – Lapidarium in Špilberk reservoirs

→ Špilberk 1, www.spilberk.cz



MORAVIAN GALLERY IN BRNO

The second biggest art museum in the Czech Republic offers a broad spectrum of cultural events.

- * The gallery's history dates back to 1818. Today it combines fine and applied arts in permanent and visiting exhibitions.

- * MG is located in four separate and architecturally significant buildings: Pražák Palace, Museum of Applied Arts, Governor's Palace and Jurkovič House.

- + Other museums and galleries: Brno City Museum, Brno House of Arts, Moravian Museum, Technical Museum, Fait Gallery, Mitrovský Summer Villa, TIC Gallery, Mendel Museum, Museum of Romani Culture, Diocesan Museum and others.

NATIONAL THEATRE IN BRNO

The theatre opened 1881, following the example set by the National Theatre in Prague.

- * During the season, plays, ballet and opera are performed in three buildings – at the Janáček Theatre, Mahen Theatre and Reduta Theatre. In summer, performances are held outdoors.

- * Mahen Theatre – the first fully electrically lit theatre on the European mainland.

- * In summer months the park in front of Janáček Theatre, with its water fountain, is thronged with people.

- + Other theatres and philharmonic venues: Brno City Theatre, Brno Philharmonic, Centre for Experimental Theatre (HaDivadlo, Goose on a String Theatre, Terén Theatre), Bolek Polivka Theatre

Beyond the centre

BRNO DAM

Popular recreation and leisure resort. The shores are lined with beaches, numerous children's playgrounds, sports facilities, and places to hire boats, paddle boats and paddleboards.

- * Veverí Castle is close by – making an ideal destination for a pleasure cruise.

→ Water transport: www.dpmb.cz

→ Veverí Castle: www.hrad-veveri.cz

BRNO ZOO

Since 1953, Brno Zoo has been attracting visitors to its natural setting of Monk's Hill in Brno-Bystrc.

- * Offers encounters with fascinating animals from all over the world, newly among them a pair of Congo lions.

→ U Zoolog. zahrady 46, www.zoobrna.cz

BRNO OBSERVATORY AND PLANETARIUM

Centre aiming to popularize astronomy and other sciences.

- * Before entering the planetarium, you can have a go on a range of interactive exhibits, such as a kaleidoscope, pixel wall, sound tube and gravity gauge.

→ Kraví hora 2, www.hvezdarna.cz

VIDA! SCIENCE CENTRE

Fun science amusement park with a permanent interactive exhibition for children and adults.

- * Chance to present a TV weather forecast, release your own tornado or flood a village.

→ Křižkovského 12, www.vida.cz

Tourism portal GotoBRNO.cz

Tour routes charting interesting Brno themes, tips about where to get good food and drink, or events and festivals it'd be a shame to miss. That's GotoBRNO.cz. A modern tourism portal making it easy to find the fun things to do in Brno. And it'll stop you

getting lost. You also can read up-to-date info about transport, and learn about other printed materials and information centres. And we'll recommend what designer gifts you might want to take back home.

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