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5 Villas

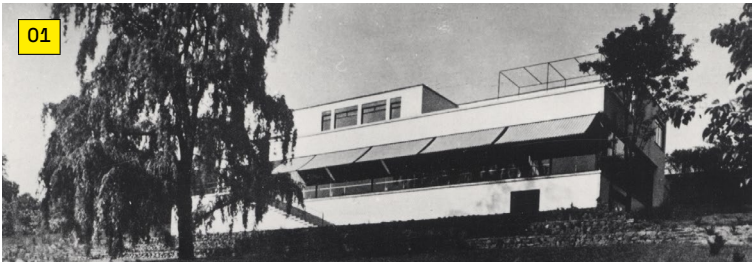


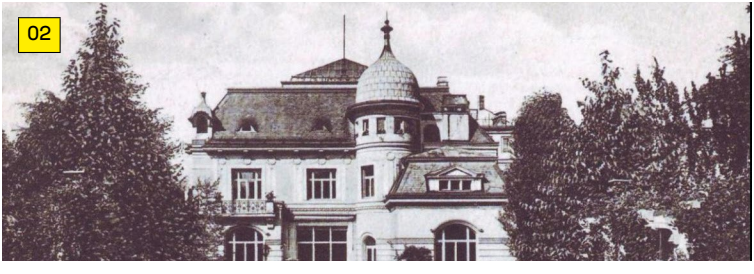
5 iconic Brno villas

The five villas you can visit in Brno are exceptional examples of single-family detached houses, representing the end of the 19th century, modernism and art nouveau from the early 20th century, and the interwar avant-garde.

Each of these villas arose from its own specific period, but more importantly the taste and financial resources of its owners. Three of the owners were entrepreneurs in the textile industry who used their homes also as a way to present themselves favourably; the architect Dušan Jurkovič and the builder Josef Arnold built houses for themselves.

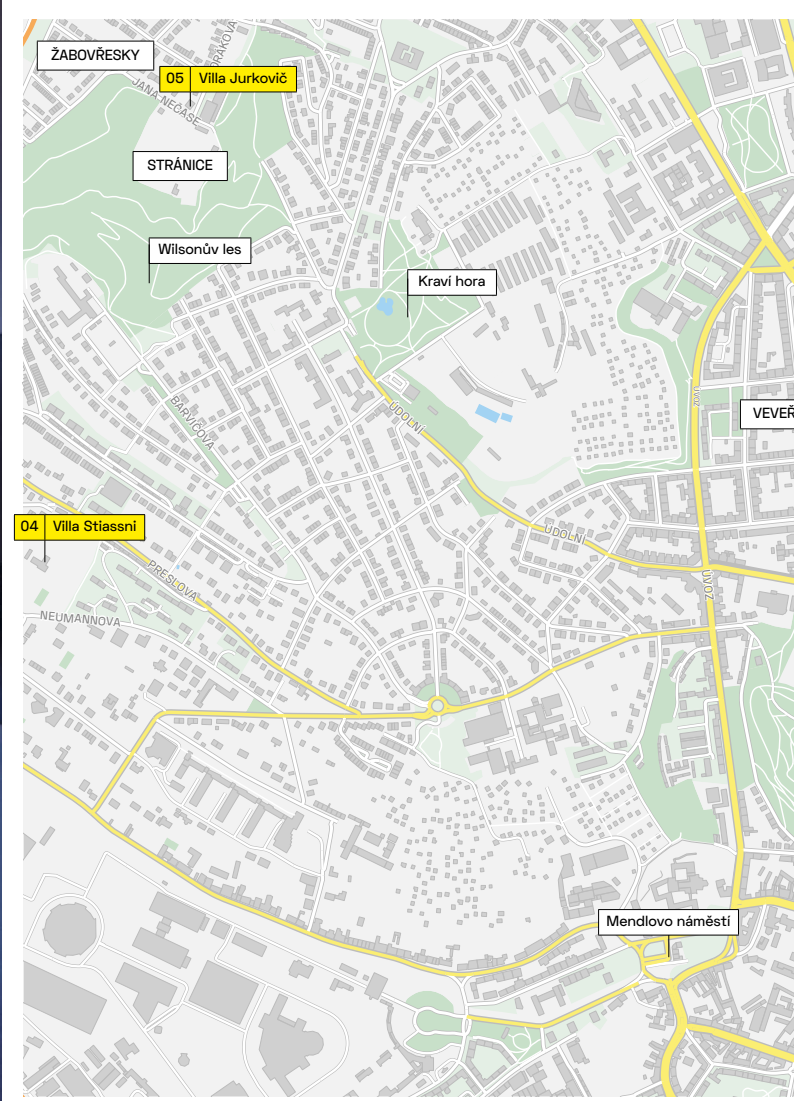
The leitmotif running through all of the buildings is the diversity of conceptions of modern family living. The families involved significant architects of the time, one from Vienna in the case of the Löw-Beer Villa, the German rising star Ludwig Mies van der Rohe for Villa Tugendhat, and the greatest Jewish architect from Brno in Ernst Wiesner for Villa Stiassni. Jurkovič's and Arnold's villas were designed by their owners.


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ŽABOVŘESKY
05 Villa Jurkovič
JANA NEČASE
STRÁNICE
Wilsonův les
Kraví hora
BARVIČOVA
ÚDOLNÍ
ÚDOLNÍ
VEVEŘ
04 Villa Stiassni
PRESLOVA
NEUMANNOVA
Mendlovo náměstí


ČERNÁ POLE
03 Villa Arnold
01 Villa Tugendhat
02 Villa Löw-Beer
Lužánky Park
Moravské náměstí
náměstí Svobody
BRNO-STŘED
Castle Špilberk
DROBNÉHO
ČERNOPOLNÍ
PIONÝRSKÁ
KOTLÁŘSKÁ
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VEVERÍ
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MLÁDÍ HORÁKOVE
ÚDOLNÍ
HUSOVA

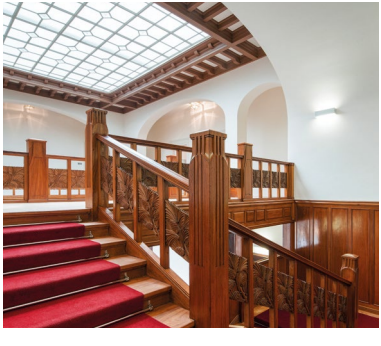
01	Villa Tugendhat
Černopolní 45	
March—October TUE—SUN 10AM—6PM November—February TUE—SUN 9AM—5PM	
Advance reservations required.	
www.vilatugendhat.cz	

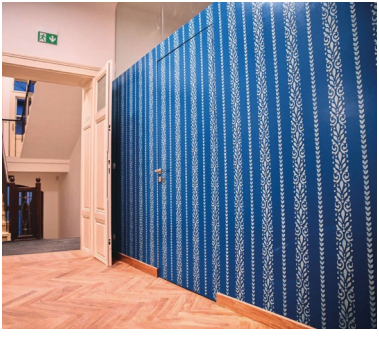
02	Villa Löw-Beer
Drobného 22	
TUE—SUN 10AM—6PM	
www.vilalowbeer.cz	

03	Villa Arnold
Drobného 26	
TUE—SUN 10AM—6PM	
www.arnoldovavila.cz	





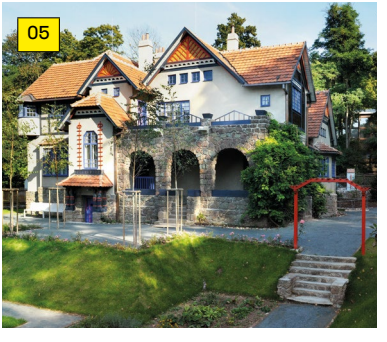




04	Villa Stiassni
Hroznová 14	
February—March MON, FRI, SAT, SUN 9AM—5PM April—October MON, FRI, SAT, SUN 10AM—6PM November—December MON, FRI, SAT, SUN 9AM—5PM	
www.vila-stiassni.cz	

05	Villa Jurkovič
Jana Nečase 2	
January—February SAT—SUN 10AM—12PM, 12.30PM—6PM March THU—SUN 10AM—12PM, 12.30PM—6PM April—October TUE—SUN 10AM—12PM, 12.30PM—6PM November THU—SUN 10AM—12PM, 12.30PM—6PM December SAT—SUN 10AM—12PM, 12.30PM—6PM	
www.moravska-galerie.cz	











LUDWIG MIES VAN DER ROHE (CONSTRUCTION 1929—1930)

Villa Tugendhat

Villa Tugendhat, designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, is considered to be an essential example of modern architecture and is therefore a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its uniqueness springs from its formal architectural purity, placement within a natural setting, intertwining spaces, technical and architectural design, and use of luxurious materials. A key role in the design was played by the architect's understanding of the commissioners, Greta and Fritz Tugendhat. They both came from German Jewish families in the textile industry. Their Jewish roots forced the owners to emigrate in 1938, and the villa was taken over by the Gestapo and then devastated by Soviet soldiers at the end the war. The villa was nationalized in 1950 and served as a dance school and then a rehabilitation centre for children. The building was first repaired during 1980—1985 and served as a ceremonial facility for the city. Since 1994, the villa has been operated by Muzeum města Brna (Brno City Museum), which opened it as the first monument of modern architecture in the Czech Republic. During 2010–2012, the villa underwent comprehensive monument restoration.







ALEXANDER NEUMANN, RUDOLF BAUMFELD (CONSTRUCTION 1903—1904)

Villa Löw-Beer

This impressive art nouveau villa was built for the factory owner Moritz Fuhrmann from 1903 to 1904 in Černá Pole, a colony of villas in Brno overlooking Lužánky Park. The design was entrusted to the technically innovative Viennese architect Alexander Neumann, who installed upper lighting in the central hall using an impressive skylight as well as a heating system with a heat exchanger. The building also excels in the quality of its artisanal craftsmanship.

In 1913, Alfred Löw-Beer, co-owner of the Moses Löw-Beer textile factory, bought the villa for his family. In the 1930s, the architect Rudolf Baumfeld modified the central hall. Alfred gave his daughter Greta, who had married Fritz Tugendhat, the upper part of the garden to build her own family house (see Villa Tugendhat). Following monument restoration, the villa now has the museum exhibition *Jews in Moravia. Villa and its inhabitants*. This house museum is administered by Muzeaum Brněnska (Museum of the Brno Region).



JOSEF ARNOLD (CONSTRUCTION 1862)

Villa Arnold

The second-oldest villa was built over several months in 1862 as part of a villa colony that was one of the oldest in Central Europe.

It was built by Josef Arnold, a leading Brno builder of the late 19th century, for his own use. We can still see his buildings in Brno today. Greta Tugendhat's aunt, Cecílie Hože, lived there and, with her husband Cornelius, substantially transformed the layout and interior of the Arnold Villa in an art nouveau style with elements of art deco. After World War II, the villa housed a nursery school.

After extensive renovations, the villa was reopened to the public in 2024 and, as a Centre of Dialogue, hosts many cultural events. It is home to the exhibition *The Legacy of the Past through the Passage of Time*, which has three parts: *Genius Loci*, *Josef Arnold and His House*, and *Jews in Brno*.



ERNST WIESNER (CONSTRUCTION 1927—1929)

Villa Stiassni

Villa Stiassni, known as a government villa, was opened to visitors after extensive renovations at the end of 2014. It was originally commissioned by textile industrialist Alfred Stiassni of Brno for his family. With his wife Hermine, he reached out to Ernst Wiesner, one of the most famous Brno architects. Although the villa exterior entirely matches individualist modernism, inside the family achieved a luxurious style almost like that of a chateau with impressive salons. You can find rich wood paneling, marble fireplaces, stucco decorations, and replica furniture made to order. The villa also includes an extensive terrace and a loggia opening to a garden larger than three hectares with a still-functional tennis court and pool. Nine years after moving in, the Jewish family had to flee the Nazis. After World War II, the villa began to serve a completely different purpose as luxurious accommodation for important state visits. It has housed such visitors as Edvard Beneš, Fidel Castro, the first President of Indonesia Sukarno, President of Egypt Gamal Abdel Nasser, and Bill Gates. The villa is administered by Národní památkový ústav (National Heritage Institute).



DUŠAN SAMO JURKOVIČ (CONSTRUCTION 1906)

Villa Jurkovič

Dušan Jurkovič confirmed his decision to stay in Brno by building a house for himself and his family in picturesque Žabovřesky. The location was not at all random: Žabovřesky was in sight of what was then the border of Brno, in the middle of a beautiful landscape with meanders of the Svratka River, in a community of predominantly Czech speakers. It seemed to be an ideal place to build an artists' colony modeled after the Darmstadt Artists' Colony by Opava-native Joseph Maria Olbrich or the Hohe Warte Artists' Colony by another famous Moravian native Josef Hoffamnn. Jurkovič did not manage to found an artists' colony, but his villa is still one of the top works of modernist architecture, inspired by British and Viennese works with elements of folk art. The villa underwent extensive renovations in 2011 and now offers visitors the chance to see exhibitions presenting Jurkovič's work in the Czech Republic and Slovakia and to experience the unconventional atmosphere of his house and garden. The building is administered by Moravská galerie v Brně (Moravian Gallery in Brno).



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