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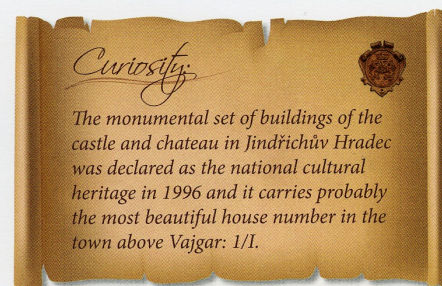
# State Castle and Chateau



*I have one comment to the life in a chateau...*

Oh, if I had just one comment! Such a unique place like the State Castle and Chateau in Jindřichův Hradec undoubtedly deserves many remarks immediately. Its area ranks it third position in the Czech Republic, right behind the Prague Castle and Chateau in Český Krumlov. In its depths there are hidden 300 rooms, which can be opened by approximately five hundred keys. Currently, the visitors can choose from three sightseeing routes in total. The route „A“ - Adam's Building - offers for example a portrait of Perchta from Rožmberk, the famous White Lady of this chateau estate. Extremely important artistic monument is the mural titled The Legend of St. George, which decorates one of the oldest rooms in the gothic palace, which is offered by the sightseeing route. „B“ - The Gothic Castle, as well as one of the best preserved

castle cuisines in our country - The Black Cuisine, where, according to the legends, the well known sweet mash for the poor was cooked. And finally the route „C“ - Apartments from 18th and 19th century will bring you real feast for your eyes in the form of visiting of the musical pavilion Rondel, which is rich in its gilded plastic decoration from 16th century. For its unique atmosphere, the State Castle and Chateau is an attractive place searched for important cultural and social events: The Town Day (July), Night Sightseeing of the Castle and Chateau with the White Lady (July, August), Opera at the Chateau (August), Advent and Christmas Fairs at the Chateau (December).



**For more information see:**

[www.zamek-jindrichuvhradec.eu](http://www.zamek-jindrichuvhradec.eu)

**Opening hours:**

The season lasts from 1st April to 31st October.

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## Museum of Cz. Army 1938



*Who are those soldiers?...*

The museum can be found at the State Castle and Chateau in J. Hradec (entrance from the gate by the accession to the 1st courtyard). It is dedicated to Cz. Army from September 1938. You can see the armament and uniforms of the Cz. Infantry, including the heavy machine gun in firing position. A part of it is historically equipped and armed model of the room of the customs office, which evokes the atmosphere of just finished fights, model of the bunker of the scale of 1:1 supplied with armament and internal equipment, equipped civil bombshelter and historical camp of soldiers. There is also an exhibition of exhibits, which the visitors may freely manipulate and explore in details. That will be definitely appreciated by the youngest visitors, who will have an opportunity to check a rifle, light machine gun, helmets, gas masks, they can try on a uniform and be photographed in it.



*Curiosity*



*In the museum, there is a selection of literature about Cz. army and Cz. fortification, which cannot be found in regular bookshops.*



**For more information see:**

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Season / Off-season

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## House of Tapestries



*Shine, Moon, shine, enlightened shall be my yarn..*

No fear, I won't be mistaken! The moonlight definitely belongs to the subheading. There is no doubt about the fact, that skilled hands of weavers had to work until late night quite frequently, so that the final tapestries would glorify Jindřichův Hradec worldwide at the beginning of 20th century. Particularly in 1910, Marie Hoppe Teinitzerová established her workshops for handcrafted weaving and restoration of tapestries. After more than one hundred years the unique handcrafting technique received dignified background in the reconstructed building of former chateau brewery. For visitors there is prepared an exposition of the Museum of Jindřichohradecko titled Life and Work of Marie Hoppe Teinitzerová, as well as the so-called live exposition, where skilled weavers let the visitors to unveil mysteries of making and restoration of tapestries. Families with children are welcomed. Several surprises wait for them on the playground and in the cinema. Curious visitors may also try weaving themselves.



*Marie H. Teinitzerová was the founder of manufactured weaved tapestry in Czechoslovakia. In 1925 she took part in the World Exhibition of Decorative Arts in Paris, where she won Grand Prix for the cycle of tapestries entitled „Crafts“ according to the proposal of F. Kysela. This great success started her international response.*



### For more information see:

[www.dumgobelinu.cz](http://www.dumgobelinu.cz)

### Opening hours:

Season / Off-season

April - October: daily with the exception of Mondays, opened 10:00 - 12:00, 13:00 - 17:00 hrs.  
Off season: possibility of a visit on the basis of agreement via phonecall.

December: opened week before the Advent  
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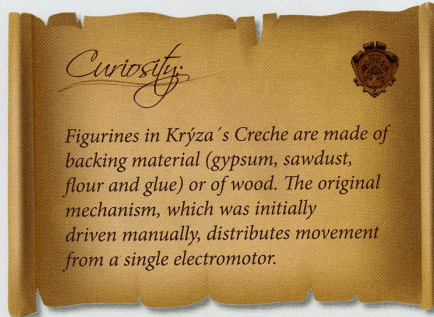


# Museum of Jindřichohradecko



*A little bit of history won't kill anyone...*

Right in two buildings, namely on Balbín's Square and in Štítná Street, resides the Museum of Jindřichohradecko with its history, which have been written since 1882. The majority of exhibitions is situated in the building of former Jesuit seminar on Balbín's square. Undoubtedly the most famous exhibit in the Museum of Jindřichohradecko is the largest mechanical folk creche in the world - Krýza's Creche, on which the author, local master hosier Tomáš Krýza, worked for more than 60 years. This unique work was rightly registered in the Guinness Book of Records. The creche contain 1398 figurines of people and animals, when 133 are movable. The museum also offers for example the exposition of painted sharpshooting targets and target weapons, a hall dedicated to famous opera singer Ema Destinová or exposition entitled Aviation Battle above Jindřichohradecko. In addition to the former Jesuit seminar, the Museum of Jindřichohradecko administers also the Minorites monastery with the Church of St. John the Baptist in Štítná Street, the municipal observation tower by the Provost Church of Assumption of Virgin Mary and the exposition of Marie Hoppe Teinitzerová in the House of Tapestries.



**i** For more information see:  
[www.mjh.cz](http://www.mjh.cz)

#### Opening hours:

Season / Off-season

#### Jezuit seminary

from 1st April to 6th January, daily with the exception of Mondays

June - August - daily

from 15th December to 6th January, daily  
8:30 - 12:00 and 13:00 - 17:00 hrs.

#### Minorite monastery - exhibitions

May - December, daily with the exception of Mondays

July - August - daily

9:00 - 12:00 and 13:00 - 16:00 hrs.

#### Church of St. John the Baptist

July - August - daily

9:00 - 12:00 and 13:00 - 16:00 hrs.

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# Museum of Photography and MOM



*I'd like to have your photo...*

Would you like to have it in golden or rather ordinary frame? You wouldn't have any troubles with the frame or with photographs in Jindřichův Hradec. Namely, in the town there resides the Museum of Photography and Modern Visual Media. The building of former Jesuit college, which went through extensive reconstruction for purposes of the museum, has become a meeting place for laical and professional public. In the collections there are represented works of leading local and foreign authors, as well as works of unknown photographers. Especially newcomers generations of photographers are very popular, and thematically focused photographic workshops the same.



## *Curiosity*



During the reconstruction of the building of the former Jezuit college there was, below almost fifty layers of paint, discovered a ceiling painting of dissection. That was a shocking surprise not only for the restorer Tomáš Svěda, but also for workers from the Historical Institute and the Faculty of Medicine. Namely, Jesuits had banned to treat the human body, so it was found out, that there was an absolute rarity of worldwide significance found in Jindřichův Hradec.



**For more information see:**

[www.mfmom.cz](http://www.mfmom.cz)

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April - June, October - November

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July - September 10:00 - 17:00 hrs.

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## Nežárecká Gate



*Once when I was walking through the Nežárecká Gate..*

There were many people looking at me... More precisely, through it. The Gate, formerly also called Linecká, has attracted the attention of inhabitants of the town and visitors until these days. It has preserved as the only one of the original three gates, which were part of the fortification of the town. The gate is decorated with a stone relief of the town emblem in the Renaissance cartouche on the Western side, at the end of 17th century the inner side of the gate was decorated with painted emblems by Jan Jiří Jáchym Slavata and his wife Marie Markéta

from Rappach. The original mediaeval gate consisting of two Gothic floors was expanded during the construction of adjacent building of the seminar on further late - Renaissance floor with key loopholes and saddle roof. In the beginning of 19th century there was originated an extension of triangular shield, to which there were placed faces of clock. In 1879 there were installed the tower clock by a watchmaker from Jindřichův Hradec Martin Rezek. The interior of Nežárecká Gate is not accessible, and its premises uses the Museum of Jindřichohradecko.



### *Curiosity*

For tearing down two of three town gates (Novoměstská and Rybnická), the former councilmen decided so with regard to a disastrous consequences of destructive fire in 1801. At the same time it also happened the backfilling of fortification walls between Novoměstské Square and the valley of the river Nežárka. Remnants of the fortifications reminds just only a circular bastion in Husovy Gardens, which was Classically modified later, and also the name Hradební Street. Houses, which stand here have their façades situated towards the direction from the former fortification into the city centre rather than into the park.



#### Opening hours:

Accessible without interior

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## 15th Meridian



*Overstep and make a wish...*

If there was a competition for the most famous line of Jindřichohradecko, the winner would certainly be the one, which can be found at the corner of the Probst Church of Assumption of the Virgin Mary in the town centre itself. Inapparent band made of cobbles does not bode anything special at the first sight, but still, it has been one of the greatest attractions of Jindřichohradecko for many years. That line marks the spot, which is intersected by the 15th Meridian of the Eastern longitude. No one knows when was the meridian marked by the church, i.e. when our ancestors put into the pavement the curb, which used to be there before actual design, nobody knows. The meridian can be defined as an imaginary line (circle) around the globe, which intersects both poles and the equator twice, so it must therefore precisely follow the North-Eastern direction. The 15th Meridian is located 15° in the Eastern direction from the Greenwich Meridian. It goes from the North Pole across the Northern Arctic Ocean, Europe, Africa, Atlantic Ocean, and Southern Ocean to the South Pole. The solar time of 15th Meridian is the Central European Time. With exaggeration, but also quite seriously, it shall be stated, that citizens of Jindřichův Hradec know the exact answer regarding the precise Central European Time. You will learn much more than just about the 15th Meridian at the František Nušl's Observatory, which has been resident in Jindřichův Hradec since 1961. Since 1. 2. 2000 the Observatory has been located by the House of Children and Youth in Jindřichův Hradec, where it has been staying to meet full satisfaction of the public till present time. In 2002 it was ceremonially named the Observatory of Prof. František Nušl, who was a significant scientist, pedagogue and native in Jindřichův Hradec. In June 2011 it celebrated its 50th anniversary. The Observatory offers regular opening hours for children and wide public, so you can spend time observing the space with telescopes or attending presentations and lectures in the projection hall. It also organizes the Days of Astronomy, observation of phenomena, school programmes to support education and excursions in summer camps and many more.

### *Curiosity*

*Due to modern technologies, in particular due to data from sufficient number of satellites, the experts have made the conclusion, that the marking of the 15th Meridian by the corner of the Church of Assumption of the Virgin Mary is inaccurate, as well as its direction - orientation according to points of the compass. Meridian really intersects Jindřichův Hradec, but it leads much closer to the river Nežárka, which even crosses it on the old path. Kind of a little paradoxically the 15th Meridian passes by 4 metres from the entrance into the F. Nušl's Observatory. As the only one in Czech Republic, and probably in Central Europe, it is situated on thus geographically and astronomically important position (the centre of the time zone) in the altitude of 496 m above the sea level. If the visitor oversteps the 15th Meridian in any place, he or she shall make a wish. Unchangeable remains the legend according to which such a wish fulfills in a year and a day.*



#### For more information see:

[www.hvezdarnajh.cz](http://www.hvezdarnajh.cz)

#### Opening hours:

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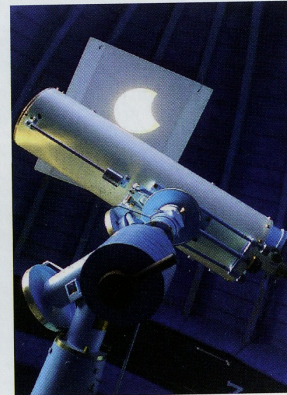
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# The Town Observation Tower



*The town at your fingertips...*

If your back are in pain because of intensive search for the 15th Meridian, you can go just a few metres further and by the Probst Church of Assumption of the Virgin Mary you can stretch your back and look up this time. At least for the moment. The Town Observation Tower will rise in front of your eyes. Its total height is 68,3 metres, when the dome is almost 24 metres. The orb at the top is 1,2 metres in diameter and the cross at the top is 5 metres high. The visitor who goes up the 153 stairs will have an opportunity to view the town from the height of 35,3 metres and will rise up to 513 metres above the sea level. It is worthy of it to go up to the gallery of the Town Observation Tower. The view that daredevils experience is certainly worthy of all the efforts.



## *Curiosity*

Hundreds of devotees have tried to conquer 153 stairs of the Town Observation Tower in the fastest possible time for many years. Competition entitled „Run up the Tower“ regularly takes place in May and on the occasion of the International Day of Museums it always has attention of the public.



### For more information see:

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Season / Off-season

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## Swimming Pool and Aquapark



*I swim and swim, but I don't know how...*

Maybe that you will tootle exactly this well known song when diving your body into one of indoor or outdoor pools in the water resort in the housing development Vajgar in Jindřichův Hradec. Indoor part offers closed children's swimming pools with attractions, 25 m long swimming pool and relaxation part, where you can find a toboggan, counterflow, massage jets and steam cabin. Complex services include Finnish, herbal and in-

fra sauna, fast food and a restaurant. Paddling pool is available for the youngest visitors of aquapark, when adults may use water attractions including counterflow, whirlpool massage, spouts and outdoor toboggan. Beach volleyball pitch belongs to whole area, the same like climbing frames for children and a large meadow suitable for sunbathing from where you have a nice view of the pond Vajgar and the historical part of the town.



**For more information see:**

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**Opening hours:**

September - June:

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July - August:

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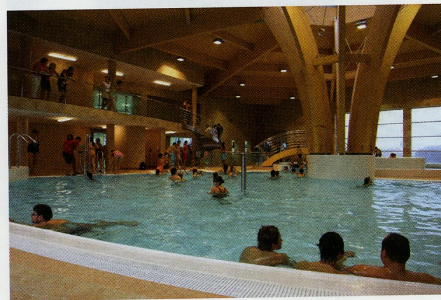
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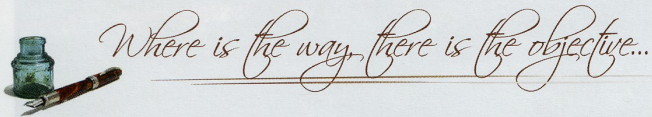


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## Narrow-Gauge Rails of Jindřichohradecko



760 mm! This is exactly the distance between rails, where the locomotives and wagons of Narrow-Gauge Rails of Jindřichohradecko go. The Northern line to Obrataň offers a lot of beautiful views of the landscape full of forests and sunny hillsides. The last station of the Southern rail is Nová Bystřice then, which is located 33 km from Jindřichův Hradec. The rail wanders through the landscape of the Czech Canada with its deep forests, ponds and boulders. In the summer passengers may enjoy the ride by a train driven by a historical steam locomotive. Narrow-Gauge Rails of Jindřichohradecko are not only unique technical monument, but also important transport device in the region.



### *Curiosity*



Both rails are bordered with picturesque railway stations and stops, where starts a thick web of tourist and cyclist trails. The most attractive stop is undoubtedly Kaproun on by the rail to Nová Bystřice. Just in this place was Jára Cimrman thrown out of the train for being a stowaway. In honour of this event there was placed a plaque in the station Kaproun and subsequently there was erected, or lets say rather laid, a statue. Members of the Theatre of Jára Cimrman participated on the ceremony.



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What I liked the most about Jindřichův Hradec....

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