



Hidden Gems for Families

...Mariánské Lázně is not just about mineral springs

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At OREA Hotels we always do our best for your stay to be an unforgettable experience from the very first until the very last minute. So, we would like to show you the best known places in Mariánské Lázně and its vicinity as well as the local “Hidden Gems”, which are usually not included in many guide books. Our tips range from typical spa-style relaxation at the local mineral springs to entertaining adventures for both children and adults to sports and cultural activities.

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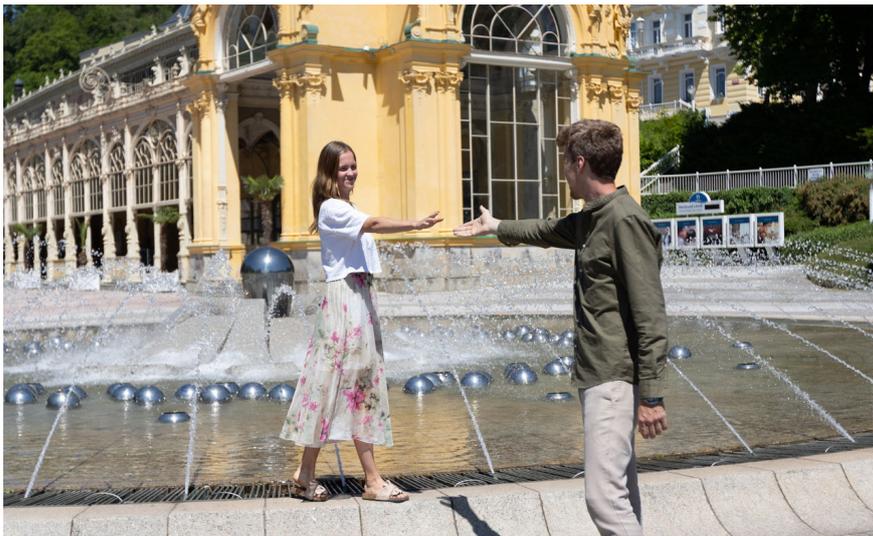
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THE SPA COLONNADE WITH THE SINGING FOUNTAIN

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The Singing Fountain is definitely one of the main attractions of Mariánské Lázně. Along with the Main Colonnade and Cross Spring (Křížový pramen) Pavilion, it belongs among the town's most important sights. From April until the end of October, on every odd hour, visitors can have a unique experience of seeing it dance to classical music. Near the fountain you can also visit the Karolina Spring Colonnade, Ambrose Springs, the Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, Goethe Square (Goethovo náměstí) and the Municipal Museum.



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PRELATE SPRING NATURE PARK

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Visit this picturesque place where the park gradually merges into a forest and which is bordered by a brook and two ponds. While children can have fun in the water world full of brooks, overflows and water wheels, adults can try the ropes course or just be carried away by the magic of the place and relax.

For all age groups, especially for railroad fans, there is a large wooden train station where they can try the job of an engine driver or become a passenger. If you are hungry you can use one of the fire rings to roast sausages.

The youngest children are guaranteed to have fun with the children's ropeway, playground, climbing frames, a dry tube slide, Indian totem, climbing pyramid with a slide, amphitheatre, clay cave and wooden bear. All of these amusements are made from natural materials.

3 FERDINAND SPRING

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Take a nice walk from the OREA Spa Hotel Cristal through a park with a playground, sandpit, slide and rope climbing frame. There is a conveniently situated café with outside seating, from which you can easily watch your children.

If you continue walking along the brook, you will get to the colonnade with what is probably the most famous spring of Mariánské Lázně, Ferdinand Spring. It is surrounded by beautiful parks, designed by renowned landscape architect Václav Skalník, with colourful flowers, bushes and trees.

The trails goes on along the brook to Rudolph Spring. In the upper part of the park, near the level crossing, your children can have fun taking part in the “Colourful Journey” project, which is full of games and tasks.

At the end of the trail you can get refreshed, have some fun and adventure or simply relax in Prelate Spring Nature Park.



4 MARIÁNSKÉ LÁZNĚ GOLF CLUB

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The eighteen-hole course of the Mariánské Lázně Golf Club is a typical example of a classic Scottish or Irish golf course.

It was ceremoniously opened by English King Edward VII on 21 August 1905 and is situated in the foothills of Slavkovský les. Thanks to the local coniferous forests, even on hot days you can play in a pleasant place, which also offers beautiful views of the surrounding landscape.

5 LIDO OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL

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Lido outdoor swimming pool is situated in the middle of a forest, about two kilometres from the town centre. It is a great place for water lovers: there is a sandy and grassy beach, boat and paddle boat hire, badminton, football tennis and volleyball courts, table tennis tables, deckchairs, refreshment stall, changing cubicles and showers. Parking is available free of charge.

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BOHEMINIUM PARK CABLE CAR

Website



Apart from miniatures of Czech historical sights, this park also includes a large playground as well as a restaurant and a soft serve ice-cream place. Animal lovers are sure to enjoy the permanent exhibition of mini animals, such as horses, sheep and goats.

You can also get there by car; there is a spacious car park for visitors. However, riding the oldest cable car in the Czech Republic is an unforgettable experience both for adults and children. Besides the cable car, you will definitely enjoy the fairy-tale park with sculptures of a gingerbread house, dragon, Prince Bajaja and the mythical Krakonoš (Rübezahl) himself. The nearby Boheminiium Park is not only the fourth largest miniature park in Europe but also the most frequented sight of the Karlovy Vary Region. You can look forward to seeing miniatures of the most famous Czech landmarks in one place. The park is open all year round regardless of the weather or public holidays.



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HVOZD GAME PARK AND HAMELIKA OBSERVATION TOWER

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Not far from Boheminiium Park, just a bit farther down the road, there is a game park called Hvozď, which is a home to beautiful fallow deer, does and stags. Thanks to the convenient high seat outside the game park, you can watch the animals without them being subjected to any stress at all.

If you go on down the hill, you will get a view of Koliba ski slope and a little bit farther from there, there is an observation tower, Hamelika, from which you can see a part of Český les with Dyleň Mountain.

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FOREST SPRING, LASKA CHAPEL, AND GEOLOGICAL PARK

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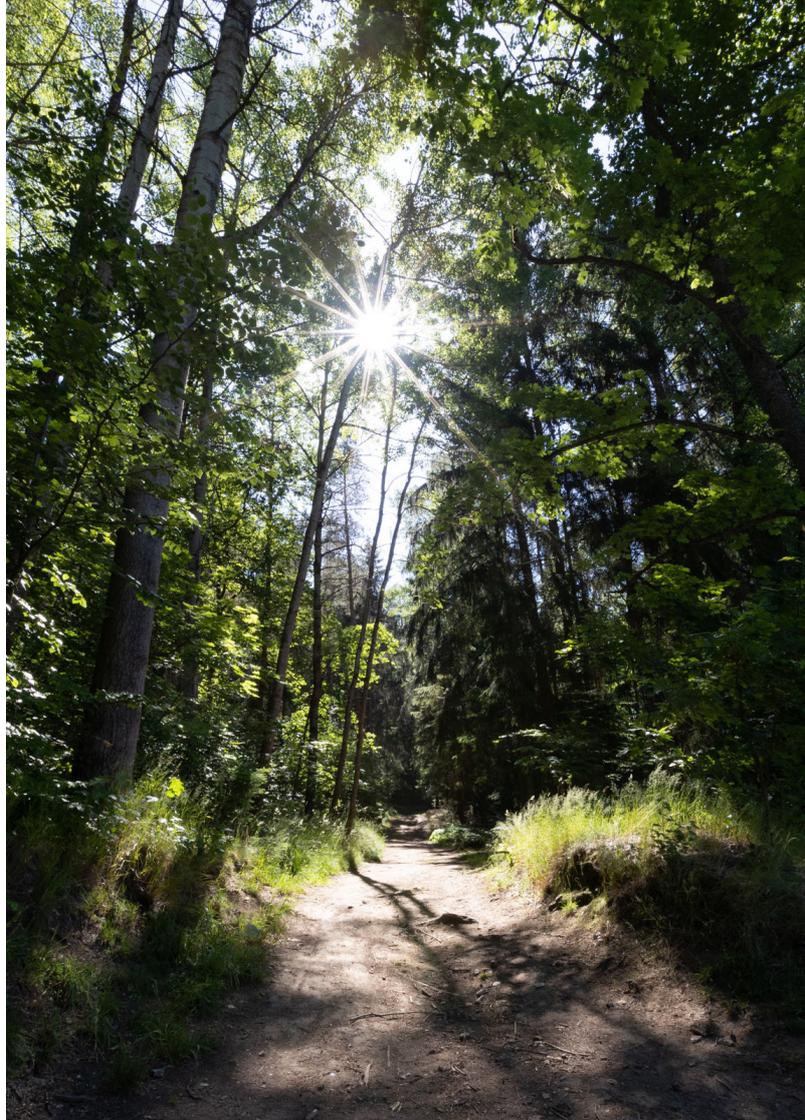


Forest Spring is situated in the park behind the theatre. Its mineral water, when inhaled or gargled, is beneficial to the airways and to the digestive tract. Near the spring you can see the sculptural group of Goethe and the Muse as well as Václav Beneš Třebízský memorial stone. The local music pavilion with the sculptural group of the Three Graces, which is used as a music venue in summer, is also worth seeing.

Laska Chapel is situated in the forest, near the entrance to the Geological Park.

The nature trail through the Geological Park is focused on the geological structure and the plant communities of Slavkovský les.

There is an outdoor exhibition of familiar as well as rare rocks from different locations in Slavkovský les and you can learn about the geological history of the Karlovy Vary Region. The trail ends at the Municipal Museum and Singing Fountain.



9 CHIP & PUTT PUBLIC GOLF COURSE

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Near Mariánské Lázně Golf Club there is a nine-hole course which is suitable for beginners who would like to learn this interesting game. Cast aside all prejudice and come and see what it is like to feel the joy of playing golf. Those who only want to watch will definitely have a good time on the sunlit terrace with a bar, which offers a great view of the whole golf course. You can hire golf clubs and get some advice on the basics of the technique.

10 KLADSKÁ NATURE TRAIL

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North of Mariánské Lázně you can see one of the most beautiful places around the city of Cheb. It consists of Kladská Pond and Hunting Lodge, which are situated in the very heart of Slavkovský les Protected Landscape Area.

Walking along the boardwalks offering views of the water surface and the surrounding landscape, you will perfectly clear your head and get rid of everyday stress. All along the boardwalk you can see animal tracks or leaf impressions, which are interesting for both children and adults. The small romantic pavilion at the smaller pond can also be used as a perfect base for observing fish and wild ducks.

11 LÁZNĚ KYNŽVART

Website



The undisputed prominent feature of Lázně Kynžvart is the classicist palace with a large English park and a spa specialising in treating children; but adults are treated here as well. In the spa part of the town there are many playgrounds, several mineral springs, pavilions, a colonnade, a well-maintained park, and cafés where you can have a good time.

The aforementioned prominent feature, Kynžvart Palace, surrounded by gardens and golf courses, is situated in the lower part of the spa. You can also visit the nearby romantic Holy Cross Chapel, whose romantic atmosphere makes it the perfect place for weddings.





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SMRAĎOCH NATURE RESERVE

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Smraďoch (Stinky) Nature Reserve owes its unflattering and untraditional name to the typical smell of the hydrogen sulphide that rises from the depths of the earth there and resembles the smell of rotten eggs. However, it is rewarding to visit this unique location, through which you can walk along a short, easy and wheelchair accessible nature trail, where you can learn about the local rare plant species and unique small geysers. You can make your trip longer and hike along a well-marked trail to the spring of the well-known mineral water called “Farská kyselka.” It is situated about a kilometre away. Farská kyselka is located at the highest altitude of all the mineral springs in Slavkovský les Protected landscape Area.

You can use the car park on the edge of the forest, near the beginning of Smraďoch nature trail.

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FRANTIŠKOVY LÁZNĚ

Website



Aquaforum map



Františkovy Lázně is a picturesque spa town in which the romantic atmosphere of the early 20th century has been preserved. The local parks are perfect places for quiet walks with the sounds of classical music being heard from the colonnades. Due to its unique atmosphere, the spa is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Active individuals can visit the local Aquaforum, which is a water park with swimming pools, a wellness centre, saunas, water slide and other amusements. If you want to relax, there is an outdoor garden with deckchairs. The vicinity of Františkovy Lázně also offers many other interesting places, such as Soos Nature Reserve. In this reserve you can see peat bogs with small ponds, mineral springs, a nature trail, geological park and prehistoric animals museum.



Where to go by train?

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TRACKLESS TOURIST TRAIN IN MARIÁNSKÉ LÁZNĚ

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In the summer you can take a sightseeing trackless train ride through Mariánské Lázně. In good weather, the train runs every day from mid-April to mid-October. The popular ride takes about 40 minutes.

You can get on at Info CUP Vital (100 metres from the OREA Spa Hotel Bohemia) at 11am, 12 noon, and 2, 3 and 4pm.

Route: Info CUP Vital – towards Mírové náměstí – Třebízského – Hotel Harmonie – Hotel Střelnice – Chopinova – Goethovo náměstí – Karlovarská třída – Koliba – Dusíková – Reitenbergerova – Poštovní – Info CUP Vital

Note: The ride always starts and finishes at Info CUP Vital. You can get on and off at Hotel Harmonie and Koliba. The whole ride takes about 40 minutes.

At Koliba you can change to the funicular which goes to the Krakonoš Hotel and Boheminiium Miniature Park.



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BEČOV NAD TEPLOU

Website



Come and see one of the most precious historical artefacts of European importance, whose value almost matches that of the Czech crown jewels: St. Maurus reliquary. It is exhibited in the castle of Bečov nad Teplou and is one of the best preserved reliquaries in the Czech Republic. There are two special tours for children, who can also spend time in a playing area with a slide and sandpit.

Visiting Bečov, you should definitely not miss the local botanical garden. It is a large park situated outside the castle area, on the opposite side of the river. It boasts an environmental centre with a year-round classroom, outdoor playground, the first Czech via ferrata focused on rock vegetation, nature trails, Korunní Pond with beaches and boats, a campground and a shop.

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CHEB

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Cheb offers a true rarity to its visitors. This special place is called Špalíček (Lump) and it consists of eleven burgher houses huddled together and divided by a narrow lane. You should also visit Cheb Castle with its Black Tower and the Museum in the former Municipal House.

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LOKET

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The town of Loket stretches along a distinct promontory with a beautiful Romanesque castle, which is the most frequented local historical sight. Under the castle you can visit the late-Gothic Saint Wenceslas Church, refashioned into Baroque style, and a bit farther away the Baroque Holy Trinity Column in the main square.

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The romantic area below the castle includes a unique natural amphitheatre where, under the mysterious castle in the background, various cultural events, such as theatre and opera performances, concerts and festivals, take place. If you walk farther along the river to the park, your children will get the reward of a natural playground, where children of all age groups can have fun.

How about hiring a canoe, raft or kayak and go down the Ohře River to Karlovy Vary? Loket has several boat hire places, so you can treat yourselves to a family adventure on the river flowing through forests and rocks.

18 CHODOVÁ PLANÁ – CHODOVAR FAMILY BREWERY

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Are you a beer fan? If so, the beer spa at the brewery in Chodová Planá is the right destination for you. This original spa therapy combines the beneficial effects of hot mineral water, dark bath beer, dried herbs and classic and special massages.

The beautiful historical area of the brewery is a popular tourist place. It includes an attractive restaurant situated in a part of the rock labyrinth of the brewery cellars, a small brewery museum, the U Sládka Wellness Hotel, and a restaurant and a “beerrarium” in the historical malthouse building.

19 KARLOVY VARY

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The city of Karlovy Vary needs no introduction. The most famous spa town, founded by Charles IV, is visited by thousands of tourists from all over the world annually. Its luxurious historical buildings and adjacent colonnades as well as its hotels under preservation order will simply enchant you. In Karlovy Vary there are about eighty thermal springs, the famous of which, Karlovarské vřídlo, is the hottest thermal spring in the Czech Republic. It is situated in Vřídelní kolonáda (Thermal Spring Colonnade) in the city centre.

Tips for trips: Motýlí dům (Butterfly House), Vánoční dům (Christmas House), Svatošské skály (Svatoš Rocks), Diana observation tower, Linhart Reserve, Meandr Park.



