

OSTRAVA

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MINING HERITAGE

Ostrava used to be called "black" because of all the coal. But that's old news! Now, it's tourists exploring the mines, not miners. Nature's taken over the big hills of leftover rock (slag-heaps), and a few cool old factories are still around, making our city unique. Give Ostrava a chance – it's way more colourful and fun than its old nickname!

PEOPLE ARE "DISTINCTIVE"

They're not your average crowd. Everyone says they're "distinctive," but what does this even mean? It's simple: we say it like it is, no sugar-coating. We're all about keeping it real, even if it's a little too real sometimes.

SPEAK LIKE A LOCAL

Talk fast, keep it short and sweet. No need for fancy words - throw in some slang if you feel like it. We're all about getting stuff done, not small talk.

LEAVE FOR THE WEEKEND

On Fridays, when the clock strikes 5, Ostrava turns into a ghost town – everyone's hitting the road. But don't

MUSICAL OSTRAVA

Do you like jazz? Come to PARNIK (near 5)! Are you more into more modern music? Visit FABRIC DOCK, PROVOZ 42 or BARBAK 46. Or do you like folk music? Don't miss HELICONKA 61!

SPORTY OSTRAVA

Ostrava's all about football and hockey. Our team Bank is legendary, and we bleed for blue and white colours. We chant "Bank, we are with you, we will never leave you..." at every game, hoping it'll work some magic. And for hockey? We're loud and proud for the Vitkovice knights at their arena. Whether it was called a Palace of Culture and Sports or the Ostravar Arena, we're there, cheering non-stop!

THEATRES IN OSTRAVA

If you happen to understand a little Czech, don't miss the Ostrava theatre scene! To see the original plays Spínárka or The Leaning Church, go to the PETR BEZUČ THEATRE. Popular improvisers The Three Tigers are on a rampage at the MIR THEATRE in

1 COOL PARK. Park KOMENSKÉHO

SADY is a popular destination for sports, dog lovers, families with children and picnicking teens. In the middle, there is a Red Army monument and tennis court where our legend Ivan Lendl spent lots of time in the 70's.

2 DIFFERENT VIEW. Ostrava when they

their opinion about "black" Ostrava when they climb the 85m viewing tower, which gives a more nature-like panorama of trees, the nearby mountains and just the occasional factory. In the NEW CITY HALL you can also find a still working non-stop "paternoster" (elevator that moves slowly in a loop without stopping).

3 MINING HISTORY. DŮL MICHAL

(the Michal coal mine) is a national technical heritage site preserved in exactly the same way it was left when the workers went home after the last day of mining (2nd of June 1994). The ghosts of the past can be felt everywhere. Grab a beer at the traditional miner's pub 'U Cingra – not a lot of talking going on here, so just sit, drink and take in the history. You can take trolleybus no. 104 from the stop 'Most Plányň' to the last stop 'Michalčovice'.

4 HAVE A DRINK WITH STUDENTS.

MIRROR bar is close to the local universities, so no wonder it's packed with students here! Choose your favourite song in jukebox and enjoy beer from local breweries.

5 SPICY EXCURSION. The aromas of

Indian and Nepalese cuisine are so strong that they pull you straight down the stairs from the street into the restaurant, that's MAKALI. The food is amazing, the atmosphere is very nice and the prices are great even for students. Every weekday from 11 am to 3 pm you can indulge in their menu which contains a platter with every dish they offer!

6 INSTAGRAM STAR. Famous Czech

singer VERA ŠPINAROVÁ spent most of her life in Ostrava. Her tribute statue sparked controversy and it was considered to be removed. Fortunately, it wasn't and the singer's legacy continues in her songs and on the Instagram profile @co.le.dneska.u.spínárky.

7 SECOND-HAND BUT FIRST-CLASS.

Charity stores MOMENT are not some dark rooms with piles of old rags, but nice stylish interiors designed by local architects, displaying carefully selected pieces. Each of the stores donates all their money to a different charity. Even with only a few crowns in your pocket, you can not only make yourself happy, but also support charity for disabled children or school projects in Africa.

8 NAUGHTY WAFFLES. Craving a sweet

13 PARTY HARD. At IKARUS bar, no-

body cares about the time or your salary - the only thing that matters here is that you're having fun! It's a gay bar which is also famous thanks to its life-sized figurine of the mythical Icarus, which displays all the masculine details. Parties there last all night long, till 5 or 7 in the morning.



Tereza

LOCAL TIP 14 IMPRESSED BY SPECIALTY COFFEE?

Cafés downtown are bustling, but at ESSKO ESPRESSO BAR, you can visit multiple times a week and enjoy a different coffee each time. It stands on the concept of rotating specialty beans in the grinder, allowing you to taste a variety of coffees throughout the month.

15 BEST KEBAB. Kebab has flooded

Europe and we are no exception. TOČIM ŠÍŠKU is the best one in town. Local meat, specials and oyster mushroom as the vegan option. They often sell out before closing.

16 DRINK FAST. In the 2102 bar it literally

pays off to drink quickly. The prices of all drinks are damn low and the cheapest spots are around 20 CZK, but for every half hour spent here you will pay 49 CZK. It only depends on you how long and how much! This concept is unique in Czechia so why not give it a try?

17 FROM SLAUGHTER TO SPLENDOR.

Step into PLATO OSTRAVA, where old slaughterhouses have been transformed into a captivating art gallery. Designed by architect Robert Konečný, this space seamlessly blends history with modern art. Explore six dynamic exhibition halls, connected to a lush outdoor area. With amenities like a library, bistro, and cinema, Plato Ostrava offers more than just art – it's an immersive experience. Join one of their creative workshops and discover why this cultural hotspot has earned a spot among top 5 Europe's architectural elite 2024.

18 EL BAR ESPAÑOL. This place is one

of the first ever clubs here. Latino-style interior, Cuban cigars, typical tapas and nachos to nibble on. DESPERADO TEQUILA BAR is often a haven for many Erasmus students who want to enjoy an evening of dancing.



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On Fridays, when the clock strikes 5, Ostrava turns into a ghost town – everyone's hitting the road. But don't think we're avoiding each other, we're just swapping city views for cozy cabins, hike in the Beskydy Mountains, or chill by the water. Then, when Monday rolls around, we're all back, buzzing with weekend stories to share.

THREE EXCLAMATION MARKS!!!

Ostrava's triple exclamation marks (!!!) are a big deal here. They make some people super happy and others, well, not so much. But they're all over the place (from T-shirts to garbage trucks), so you might as well get on board with the fans. It's the only city logo you can text: OSTRAVA!!!

HAVE A DRINK WITH US!

Back in the day in the Austrian Empire, Ostrava was the go-to spot for a good drink, earning it the nickname "Booze city." Now, it's packed with pubs where you can sip on everything. Try local faves like *fernet* (a bitter herbal spirit) or *zelená* (green and minty-tasting) – brace for a wild night! Plus, cool cafés are popping up everywhere, with bartistas showing off their skills. Craving coffee or seeking a post-party boost? Ostrava's café scene has your back!

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Spínarka or The Leaning Church, go to the PETR BEZUČKŮ THEATRE. Popular improvisers The Three Tigers are on a rampage at the MIR THEATRE in Vítkovice. The stages of the NATIONAL THEATRE OF MORAVIA-SILESIA as well as smaller theatres such as the ARENA or the STUDIO G can be found in the city centre. Sometimes, these theatres introduce plays in foreign language.

ACTIVE OSTRAVA

Ostrava is alive with contemporary Czech and international themes in the PAVT CENTRE. FIDUCIA is an antique shop and also an independent club supporting the city's vibrant culture and events.

YOU MAY KNOW US...

Which famous people hail from Ostrava? Ivan Lendl won 8 tennis Grand Slams in the 80's, Milan Baroš was a world-known football striker who played for Liverpool and Galatasaray Istanbul. The composer Leoš Janáček was born in Hukvaldy and has a statue in Ostrava. The birthplace of Sigmund Freud is the town of Příbor close to Ostrava.

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8 NAUGHTY WAFFLES

Craving a sweet deal that ain't for the prudish? DYCKYDICKS got waffles that'll make your grandma blush (but secretly order one herself). Top your choice of Freud-approved fun with whatever you fancy or grab a pink latte. Either way, your Instagram is gonna explode like a confetti cannon after a visit to DYCKYDICKS!

9 RETRO CHILL OUT

Originally it was an apartment, and then KAVARNA DANIEL was turned into a retro 1930s-style coffee shop on the second floor of an Art Nouveau style building. During summer months, you can enjoy the rooftop terrace.

10 BYE BYE MEOW

Cat café, ČAUKY MNAUKY CAFE, which will excite every cat lover and also those who want to enjoy coffee, let's say, "differently". You can pet and admire the cats every day from 2 pm to 7 pm.

11 DRESS TO IMPRESS

Street artist Sanca displays and sells her own clothing line in the CITY FOLKLORE showroom. Buy a T-shirt from the "Forever Frack" collection (Forever Brat) or zero waste jacket from scraps from other collections.

12 SUSTAINABLE VEGANS, UNITE!

DHABA BEAS is a vegan and vegetarian buffet. Your time comes at 7 pm with a 30 % discount, then 60 % for takeaways from 7:45 pm so nothing is wasted! Bonus? Open all week.



and you must pass into the inner block from the main street to get in. Cozy interior.

HIPSTER CAFE. KMAŘI is your perfectly odd place for an evening drink. It attracts mainly students and artsy people, has *cunru* *must* on the menu

20 HUNGARIAN SPECIALITY

Langos is a well-known Hungarian deep fried delicacy and a typical meal in BO BISIRO. It is traditionally served with ketchup, garlic and cheese but can come with anything from chicken to Nutella to cabbage. Also on the menu? Pastries, soup, beer, coffee, and all-day breakfast!

21 FEELING LOST?

Come and share your experiences, chat with expats, enjoy the community events, or simply visit OSTRAVA EXPAT CENTRE. Grab something to eat and to drink in zero-waste shop BEZ OBALU and attend one of the regular Music Clubs or summer Hiking trips around Ostrava!

22 THE HOUSE OF ART

Gustav Klimt's painting *Judit* is the pride of the GALLERY OF FINE ART IN OSTRAVA. The small gallery exhibits European art, architecture or students' works of the local faculty of art. A dignified extension of the red brick building has been delayed for years because of financial shortfalls. If art isn't your thing, you can still visit the gallery café BULVAR which turns into a bar during the late afternoon.



23 CHOCOLATE HEAVEN

Tired of drinking coffee? Grab a cup of hot chocolate! AZTECMAN has dark, milk and white hot chocolate and sometimes a hazelnut special. Try their pralines and chocolate bars to make your day even sweeter.

24 OUTDOOR ART

Just like the cuckoo hides its eggs in the nests of other birds, the art platform KUKACKA ("Cuckoo") places contemporary pieces of art into ordinary urban locations. One of the most original installations is certainly a miniature building on the top of a street lamp. You find it right next to the footbridge at Forum Nova Karolina shopping centre, which leads to the train station. Just look down from the footbridge as you cross it.

25 RECYCLED KAROLINA

In the past a stinking factory, now a renovated building called TROJHALL (Triple Hall) with a sports hall and a roofed square, which is kinda hidden behind the shopping centre. Next door building ORGANICA - sustainable building for the future offers not only offices and restaurant, but also famous Ostrava café COKAFE.

26 OSTRAVICA'S NEW SYMBOL

The former fashion and department store



Ostravica-TEXTILIA is reclaiming glory. The building was decaying, it is now renovated also with famous Since autumn 2016, this Ostrava's new face - MADONA. In reality, the facade is named Meredith and was by her friend, American street artist Westergard, in a record-breaking

27 ALL IN ONE

In the beautiful building of student dormitory Palace there are five places to let taste buds. Start with a Wienname EATNAM, take a meal in the GUJrant François, dish from purely pig greudiens in FORKYS or pipe in the CZECH HOOKAH CLUB. The yard of the dorm is a nice setting for a picnic. Nearby TROUBLE C great coffee and desserts offers a room for study or work.

LOCAL RUN WITH ARTS Explore o construct CAMPUS dedicate both Arts



Centre

Bustling with life during the day, often empty in the evenings and at weekends. The city centre is going through some fundamental changes. Part of its life was first sucked into the clubland of Stodolní Street, and then the rest disappeared into the Nová Karolína shopping centre. But the centre is beginning to wake up nowadays, with the creation of new venues and street events. Let's hope people put their money where their mouth is!

Little Copenhagen

Stodolní as Ostrava's main party street? That's the past. LITTLE COPENHAGEN is the first place to send any visitor these days. Want to experience city like a real local? DOCK and PROVOZ have great vibes and are always pleasantly crowded. The wine cellar close by is also often full and the comedy club on the 2nd floor above Dock is the fancy option. There are also a bistro with focaccia and ice cream (KŘUPAVÝ FRANK) and a nice restaurant called BABEŤL. The street Havlíčkovo nábřeží closes off once a month for a local market.

Heavy industry art walk

In the first half of the 20th century, heavy industry and coal mining made their mark on the centre of the city. Houses were copiously decorated with reliefs or life-sized statues of miners celebrating their proud profession. So look upwards and take a tour of Ostrava's past carved into stone.

- I Statues of Miners and Furnacemen (1926) on the Elektra Palace.
- II Statue of Industry (1921) on the Prosperita Palace
- III Statues of a Miner and a Foundryman on the Moravanka building (1923-4)
- IV A sculptural group called Mining (1927) on a corner house in Zámecká Street
- V Statue of a Machinist and Blacksmith (1911-12) on one of the old Masaryk square.
- VI Reliefs of Work in the Mine (1923) in Přivozská Street
- VII Statues of Coke Plant Workers, a Miner and a Mining Carpenter (1928-29) on 30. dubna Street at the headquarters of the Czech mining company OKD
- VIII The Creation of Coal (1940) again on the OKD building, this time on the Prokeš Square side
- IX Free-standing sculpture of a Miner (1939)
- X Statues of Mining, Metallurgy and other professions (1930) at the New City Hall.

36 HISTORY OF OSTRAVA. The OSTRAVSKÉ MUZEUM, a museum of local history, resides in the former city hall. While you're there, don't miss the chance to go to the top of the tower. When it gets dark, the background of the illuminated clock gives you a perfect chance to perform shadow theatre for the whole square below.

37 CZECH DESIGNERS SHOP. TV IDENTITY, the first concept store in Ostrava, is a tasteful and pleasant shop where young Czech designers offer their original pieces (mostly jewelry or clothing). Get an original present or souvenir of the city.

38 THE HOOKAH PARTY. How about a board game with friends and a good pipe to go with it? RYNEK - HOOKAH & CHILL is right in the centre and the atmosphere is really relaxed. Just go up to the first floor, but don't forget to take your shoes off! We also recommend trying their great toasts with cheddar sauce.

39 MINICINEMA. Searing at you from the walls and the drinks menu, your every move will be followed by the faces of actors and characters from classic movies in MINIKINO KAVARNA. Here, you find two movies each day or special film festivals in an intimate screening room and dozens of drinks behind the bar.

40 TREATS FROM THE BESKYDY MOUNTAINS. MLEČNÝ BAR NAPROTI is a social business selling snacks made from local products from Ostrava surroundings - milk, cottage cheese, butter and yoghurt. The design is minimal, the staff helpful. You can also "pre-pay and stare" a cup of coffee for the next guest.

covered there, with a brick on its chest and spare change in its mouth. Historians think this might have been a serious anti-rampire protection measure. Behind the church is the FAKSKA ZAHRADA (garden), which is a great place to relax in the middle of the city.

42 COFFEE, BEER, FOOD & PARTY. Grab something good in DOCK, go sit outside like locals and absorb the atmosphere of Ostrava's river bank. The cherry on top is the music selection, which somehow always suits the situation - whether you drop by for a cup of coffee in the afternoon, or whether you feel like partying till the early morning. Nearby, the alternative and independent PROVOZ is a "culture factory" run by young enthusiasts keen to support emerging artists. For more tips from this street check the bubble "Little Copenhagen".

43 A BRIDGE TO HISTORY. The MILLOŠ STOKRA BRIDGE connects two historic parts of Ostrava with a strong steel arch. It was named after a local hero who was shot by the Nazis after he saved the Red Army's liberation of Ostrava. This event is commemorated by Tank No. 051, the first one to cross the bridge to the Silesian part of Ostrava. Today it looks over the bridge from the monument next to the river.

44 SMOULDERING HILL. A volcano in the city centre? Yes, that's one way to call our EMA SLAG-HEAP. A slag-heap is a hill made from the waste material from a coal mine. Nowadays they are an important part of the unique landscape of our city and a popular destination for Sunday outings. Follow the yellow-marked hiking trail from the Sýkora Bridge and experience the pungent smell of the slag-heap in the sun to admire the



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LOCAL TIP **RUN WITH A VIEW.** Explore our freshly constructed CITY CAMPUS featuring dedicated buildings for both Arts and Sports.

OSTRAVICA-TEXTILIA is reclaiming its faded glory. The building was decaying for years but it is now renovated also with famous unique stairs! Since autumn 2016, this Ostrava gem has had a new face - MADOVA. In reality, the gift on the facade is named Mercedith and was placed there by her friend, American street artist Nils Westergard, in a record-breaking weekend.

ALL IN ONE. In the beautiful renovated building of student dormitory Campus Palace there are five places to tempt your tastebuds. Start with a Vietnamese cuisine at EATNAM, take a meal in the GUEST Restaurant Francis, dish from purely plant-based ingredients in FORKYS or pipe enjoyment at the CZECH HOOKAH CLUB. The cool courtyard of the dorm is a nice setting if you go for take-away. Nearby TROUBLE CAFE with great coffee and desserts offers also quiet room for study or work.

Insider tip: Ascend the outdoor staircase to discover the rooftop running track offering stunning views.

SUMMER CHILL. Experience a full day of outdoor chill at PAULON, former shipping container. Grab a lounge or bring a blanket and enjoy concerts, BBQs, and outdoor cinema during the summer. Just a stone's throw away, you'll also discover a community garden with a Beatles-themed insect house.

AHOY OSTRAVA. Have you seen the canoe slalom gates in the city centre? We have them on the Ostravice river! And what's more, you can use them too! Borrow a canoe, kayak or small boat at LODENICE or just enjoy the sailor-style restaurant & café and summer vibes.

A DIFFERENT CASTLE. Most castles are built on hills. But not the SILESIAN OSTRAVA CASTLE (Sieszkostavsky hrad). It lies just over the river from the city centre, along a path leading to the Erna slag-heap. It nearly sunk without a trace in 1954 due to coal mining under it, and it was close to being demolished, but thankfully it was rescued and now it's a venue for cultural events and exhibitions.

PUPPET CLOCK. The ASTRONOMICAL CLOCK on the Puppet Theatre building does not tell you what time it is. It contains only the symbol of the sky with the stars, but three doors hide six wooden fairy-tale characters. We're not telling you which, you'll find out every even hour between 8:00 and 20:00.

PURE CREATIVITY. If you don't want to wear fast-fashion pieces or you wish to impress other people with a unique accessory, drop by at CYRK. Here you can find clothes, accessories and jewellery by Czech designers with skillful hands and creative minds.

BUTTERFLY PARADISE. Did you know that butterflies live only 2 to 4 weeks? At PAPILONIA, you'll learn much more about these creatures. Come visit the tropical island in the heart of Ostrava. Perfect Instagram spot guaranteed.

A GRAND OLD LADY OF CULTURE. Follow up a spiral staircase to the first floor of an Art Nouveau building where STARA ARENA connects theatre, cinema and café. The house from the Reisz family has a long tradition of growing and sometimes dying of Ostrava's culture.

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TOURIST OFFICES At train stations (Hlavní nádraží, Svinov), the Gong (24), the tower of the New City Hall (2) or near the Gallery of Graphic Arts (22).

BIKESHARING Download the NextBike app, find a bike with it, unlock it and ride anywhere. First 15 minutes for free, next 30 minutes for 25 CZK.

TO THE AIRPORT Take a train to Mošnov Ostrava Airport or a bus from the central bus station (UAN) near Nová Karolina (24) near Nová Karolina (24).

PUBLIC TRANSPORT Do you have a bank card? Then transport is sorted! On all buses, trains and trolleybuses you will find yellow terminals. Just tap your bank card, smart watch or a digital wallet card and you can ride. Check out the connections in the MojeDPO or IDOS app. Fun fact: Ostrava was the second city in Europe (after London) to have paperless public transport!

BEYOND OSTRAVA The National Company of Czech Railways will take you to every corner of the Moravian-Silesian Region - from the Jeseníky Mountains to the Beskids. Additionally you can rent a bike, e-bike or scooter through the CDBike service (www.cd.cz/cdbike) and explore the wider surroundings of Ostrava!

DOUBLEDÉCKER Whoever catches it will be rewarded with unusual views for the price of a regular ticket. In the summer it runs on the line 88 to Dolní Vítkovice.

NEED A BED? There is no youth hostel in Ostrava. Try Couchsurfing, Airbnb or student halls of residence. The residence rents out the free rooms during the summer months. (kolje.osu.eu, vsb.cz/ubytovani/en)

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5 minutes of history

20,000 years ago The first use of coal in human history! Long before the Industrial Revolution, prehistoric hunters used coal on the Landek Hill (check point 49).

1267 Ostrava was born! The first written mention of today's so-called Moravian Ostrava. At that time, the municipality was given the status of a city.

1763 The first discovery of so-called „black gold“ (coal) in Ostrava, which caused a significant transformation of the city. Future development of Ostrava is very closely connected to this date.

1828 Breaking point. The rapid growth of the agglomeration started with the founding of ironworks in the village of Vítkovice. This is the birthdate of the industrial character of the city.

1924 Seven Moravian municipalities were united. This step meant the creation of one of the biggest cities in Czechoslovakia – the so-called Great Ostrava.

1944 Ostrava was tragically bombed as a Nazi occupied industrial city by the Allies during World War 2. Over 400 people died and up to this day there are visible empty lots in the city center. There is a plaque on the crossing of Zámecká and Dlouhá streets.

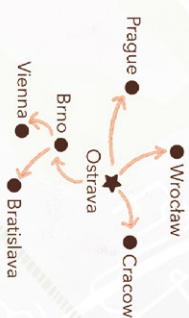
1950 Ostrava became the centre of the mining business, the production of steel and other branches of heavy industry. At that time the city was called „the town of coal and iron“ or „the steel heart of the republic.“

1994 Globalisation hits Ostrava. Mining does not pay off anymore. The last coal trolley driven from the Odeř pit in Přívoz ended more than two centuries of active mining business in Ostrava.

1998 The blast furnace of Vítkovice was extinguished. Sad news for generations who have dedicated their lives working there. Good news for the environment!

2012 How to use the old industrial ground? The 1st phase of revitalization of the Dolní Vítkovice area and the new city centre was completed. Industrial heritage begins to be protected instead of destroyed. The brownfield is used differently, modern museums and events in an old environment are the main attraction.

Where to next?



Mariánské Hory

Jump off the tram at the Mariánské, the former workers' cottages of at Nowadays this is a residential district but also some beautifully preserve interesting streets are Bendlova or famous for its chestnut avenue and also hop on a shared bike at church ride along the bike path all the way.

Vítkovice

The industrial district noise from the iron smelter (from no. see red-brick houses, secret niches and unique atmosphere cottages. The four can be seen in the style chateau, hidden halls on Výstavní's

Alexandria

ALEXANDRIA-LOD is the Saturday party spot. Located quite far outside the city center, taxis get busy bringing people to and from the party. The restaurant offers lunch menus and pizza during the day.

Socialist Realism
A bombastic architectural style typical of 1950s Czechoslovakia. With an emphasis on grandeur, glorification of miners and good communist families. Sculptures and murals full of hammers and sickles. Check out the legendary VZŮK (Towers) with their unique decorations. Go down the street to get to OBLOUK (Arch) which was intended to be the grand triumphal entrance into the "New Ostrava". Inspiration for the architects came from St. Petersburg in Russia.



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45 JANA, I LOVE YOU! Over 500 kg of paint from construction and industrial waste were used for the ambitious street art piece by Ostrava artist Bogy, which now adorns a retaining wall above the Bazaly stadium. The artwork, both hated and loved, extends up the hill overlooking the city. The original love confession graffiti addressed to an unknown girl "Jana, I love you!" remains a part of it. Go check also a viewpoint above the stadium (sunset time is recommended!).

46 YOUR CLASSIC PUB. Let's not over-complicate things! NA PLYNÁRNĚ has good beer, billiard, darts, karaoke and friendly prices. People naturally flock here on weekends and also weekdays!

47 ONCE UPON A TIME. Take bus no. 34 or 56 from the 'Křižkova' stop to LANDEK PARK (stop 'Hornické muzeum'). This is where the prehistoric statuette known as the Venus of Petřkovice was found. Don't be afraid of going underground during the tour of the Anselm coal mine, where you will learn about the hard lives of miners and important parts of Ostrava's history. Go for a walk around the grounds and take a look at the mining machinery or do some sports. If you get hungry, visit Bistr'Open and get a homemade burger prepared with local ingredients.

clients. Or try traditional Czech cuisine in the pub HARENDÁ U BARBORKY.

48 AVIARY BETWEEN HOUSES. The outdoor BIRDHOUSE (AVIARY) in the shape of a castle is a reminder of Ostrava's mining tradition. In the past, a canary used to be part of every mining family - they served as methane 'detectors' in mines. When oxygen was running low, they passed out first and that was a sign for the humans to get out fast. Today, the aviary is home of budgerigars, doves, canaries and other birds (according to season).

49 BEER PARADISE. KURNIK ŠOPA ("Dammitt") is an out-of-the-way but very lively pub serving beers mainly from small breweries. With that, have some *tlacinka* (fried cheese) and *uzipeneč* (pickled sausage with onions in sweet-sour water). There is a second branch of the pub in the city centre too.

50 ART DECO VILLA. Built in the 1920s, this opulent villa is a testament to the success of Mr. Grossmann, the famous Ostrava architect. It also saw his tragic death 10 years later due to the financial crisis. Tours RÚ-SUN. The garden can be accessed for free if you ring the bell.

and from the party, the restaurant offers lunch menus and pizza during the day.

51 STUDENT'S PARTY CLUBS.

Looking for a p-p-p-party during the week? Look no further - just go to the USB - Technical University of Ostrava dormitories. It's always lively in clubs VRTULE, T2, KLAUD or MINICOLF. Themed parties, pub quizzes, table football tournaments or mingling in the summer - experience Ostrava's student life!

52 FOREST PARK WITH PUB. A piece of serene nature not far from the city. Ideal to walk, have a grill party or just have a chat with your friends and a guitar around a campfire. To reach the MYSLIVNA pub (meaning "hunting lodge"), get off at the 'K Myslivně' stop, go down the street with the same name and then into the street 'V Zahradách'. Or be adventurous and walk across a field, starting at the USB - Technical University of Ostrava dormitories.

LOCAL TIP 53 TROPIC BREEZE. The largest outdoor water park pool in Central Europe! We call it "KOUPALIŠTĚ VŘESINA" (water park Vřesina) and it is located in Poruba.

Have fun here with the water and relax just the way you want. The great summer vibes that rival the beaches on the seashore! From recommended ordering a cocktail Beach Bar. And don't forget - you Ostrava, so you can get here by call by number 5. Enjoy!

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Bratislava

Mariánské
Hory

Jump off the tram at the Mariánské náměstí stop - stroll around the former workers' cottages of an old coal mine. Nowadays this is a residential district with plenty of businesses, but also some beautifully preserved architecture. The most interesting streets are Bendlova or also Stevarenska, once famous for its chestnut avenue and junk shops. But you can also hop on a shared bike at church Marie Panny Královny and ride along the bike path all the way downtown!

Vitkovice

The industrial district of Ostrava full of noise from the ironworks. Get off at Mlýnské náměstí (tram no. 2 from the city centre) to see red-brick houses, look through all the secret niches and get a lungful of the unique atmosphere of the old workers' cottages. The former wealth of this district can be seen in the Rothschild's Empire-style chateau, hidden among the factory halls on Výstavní Street.

Andria - LOB is the day party spot. Located at outside the city center, it's busy bringing people to the party. The restaurant offers lunch menus every day during the day.

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Local Dictionary

HAVE SOME FUN, HAVE A LOCAL TEACH YOU HOW TO SAY THESE!

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| Bullshit | → chujovina | Good bye | → Na shledanou [na sheda noh] |
| Group of friends | → družba | Pub | → Hospoda [hospoda] |
| Hello | → ahoj | Beer | → Pivo [pivo] |
| Idiot | → ošp | Cheers! | → Na zdraví! [nazdravje] |
| Never mind | → chuj s tym | One more beer! | → Ještě jedno! [jeshtje jedno] |
| Condom | → ošacka | Please | → Prosím [proseem] |
| To rain | → luhat | Thank you | → Děkuji / díky [dyekoyni / dyetky] |
| Swimming pool | → koupaliště | Can I pay? | → Zaplatím! [zaplatyem] |
| That's nice! | → fajn | How much is...? | → Kolik stojí...? [kolik stoyce] |

OSTRAVA LIVES!

"Czech out" how busy Ostrava gets during the year

COLOURS OF OSTRAVA

A four-day multi-genre music festival has become an integral part of Ostrava's scene, so don't miss it if you're here during the summer. It evolved from a small festival with only a few stages on Stodolní Street to become a major music event in Europe. It's held in the awesome industrial Dolní Vitkovice area. A few weeks earlier the streets in the centre burst into life with the accompanying event - Art&Life Festival on the Streets, which is completely FREE! (mid-July).

BEATS FOR LOVE

This electronic music festival in Dolní Vitkovice surpassed Colours thanks to its unprecedented dynamism. It attracts a younger audience and rides the wave of immense popularity of DJs, dance music, and techno across Europe (July).

OTHER MUSIC FESTIVALS

Student festival Majáles (May), rock **Michalfest** at the Michal coal mine complex (June), metal **Ostrava in Flames** (August), and popular **Štěkova Open** (July).

FILM FESTIVALS

Movie-lovers can enjoy many film festivals during the year: the Nordic **SCANDI Film Festival** (January), the festival of human rights documentaries **One World** (March), the **International Film Festival** (May), the **Festival of Outdoor Films** (September), and the **French Movie Festival** (November).

STREET FESTIVALS

The Ostrava Compoze (May) is a family festival enticing regional musicians, local gastronomic businesses, and activities for children. **The Whimsical Festivities of Ostravice** (June) captivate with a competition showcasing unconventional vessels on the river bridge by the local embankment next to Sýkrovský Bridge. The Circus and Street Theatre Festival **Cirkulium** (June) attracts audiences of all ages. The great neighborhood celebration **Experience Ostrava Differently** (September) offers a flea market, dance, workshops, and other events.

DOV - The lower Vitkovice Area

his own club **HELLCONKA**, where he not only hosts his own concerts (usually sold out), but also invites theatre troops and other performers. **THE VYSOKÁ PEC no. 1** (blast furnace - place where the iron is made) is close by. Take the lift to the top, where you can listen to an audio guide about iron production and grab another coffee in the glass **BOLT TOWER** café on the top. **Furthermore**, learning and fun are combined in the two parts of **THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTRE**. The smaller one (also called **U6**) has been designed to honour the legacy of Jules Verne and his adventure books. Immerse in discoveries, experiments, mistakes... and test how a steam machine and other inventions work. The larger and newer part of the centre



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the famous roasting shop "The Barn" in
Berlin, but don't hesitate to try the home-
made lemonades, soups and raw desserts
either. The best spots are by the window
with the view of passing trams.

55 GOOD KARMA FOR FREE.

Come and taste the magic of RUB Poruba café
- a place where great coffee meets fashion trea-
sures and artistic inspiration! Explore this
sanctuary on the street corner where every cup
of coffee and every piece of fabric has its own
story. You'll find more than just beverages
here: discover recycled and upcycled clothing
and accessories from a social business.
Upstairs in the café, you can also enjoy an exhi-
bition showcasing local talents.

56 HIDDEN SORELA TREASURE.

Since
1961, the centre of social gatherings in Poruba
was the surrounding of cultural centre
POKLAD (translated as a Treasure). For a
long time in 21st century, the building was in a
deplorable condition but in 2021 was
reopened with a new coat in a typical
Poruba's sorela style. Nowadays, you can take
advantage of local restaurant, bar, concert
place, cinema or amphitheatre.

57 COFFEE ON THE BALCONY WITH A COGGI.

One door opens directly
into two businesses. Downstairs, shop in the
packaging-free store with local food.
BIOKOSKY. Then have coffee and dessert at
EF-KAFE upstairs. Among the tables, look for
a black and white coggi. In summer we highly
recommend to choose a table on the balcony
for great view of the Alšovo square!

LOCAL TIP 58 THE PASSAGE GALLERY.

The
constantly open exhibi-
tion space GALERIE
DUKLA lies in the
passage of the former
cinema. Besides art it
allows you to explore the construction of

59 OPEN SANDWICH HEAVEN.

Poruba suburb on the historic photos or just
sit and watch the city pass by.
MLEČNÁ IDELNÁ AŠTA serves open
sandwiches (*obloženy chleby*) - slices of
white bread spread with combinations of
mayonnaise-based salads and hand-bottled
egg, cheese, ham or salami. Super unhealthy,
super good. Cash only.

60 POKE BOWLS.

POKE BO has, as the
name suggests, poke bowls with fresh ingre-
dients. The healthiest bowls come with
salmon, tuna, shrimp and tofu (vegan). Secret
tip! Their franchise in Poruba has more
seating inside and a ramen!

61 THE HLUBINA COAL MINE.

is a
miniature city quarter filled with culture,
fun and industrial history. Start the
morning with a little workout on the
TENDON HLUBINA climbing wall right
under the old coal mining tower. Have
breakfast, a café or snack at COKAFE where
the locals spend their working time. Enjoy
the night in BRICKHOUSE music club
which brings hip-hop, rock, pop and metal
to Ostrava. Local legend and singer-
songwriter Jarek Nohavica has built here

DOV

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mistakes... and test how a
steam machine and other
inventions work. The larger
and newer part of the centre
(you can't miss its modern
mirror glass building) also has
its own botanical garden and
cinema!

64 After that, all that's left

is to visit the huge hall called
THE GONG. It's a concert and
theatre auditorium, which was
created by converting a
former gasholder. The Gong
art gallery is located in the
same building, as well as the
craft bakery PIZZA CHLEBA
DOV with Napoli style pizza.

65 You can also visit

FUTUREUM - former wagon
tippler and the coal-grinding
mill which was transformed
into a great gallery. Finish
your tour of DOV in National
Agriculture Museum which is
beautiful not only outside but
also inside! The whole
Vitkovice area is a popular
venue for various musical
festivals, the largest of which
is called Colours of Ostrava.
Have fun amidst the pipes and
factory halls, and soak up the
industrial atmosphere.

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NATO DAYS

The biggest display of military
hardware in Central Europe, held at the
nearby airport in Mošnov. Free entry! (end of
September).

FOOD FESTIVAL

Come to POJEZ test and
enjoy the best of local cuisine in an exciting
outdoor atmosphere! Discover dozens of stalls
and food trucks offering traditional specialties
and gourmet dishes. Let yourself be captivated
by great music and live cooking at the festival
that awakens all senses! Free entry (May).

MEAT DESIGN OSTRAVA

Ostrava has its
very own design week with Czech, Slovak,
Polish and other European designers and
brands. Held in the Dohň Vitkovice area (end
of November).

SPORT EVENTS

Ostrava is the Czech sports
capital. In May and June there are The Golden
Spike in athletics and The Ostrava Beach Pro.
We host Davis Cup and WTA tournaments. Ice
hockey world and volleyball European
championships have been held multiple times
across the years. Bank Ostrava is the only club
in Czechia to have produced two Champions
League winners - Baroš and Jankulovski!
Vitkovice play ice hockey matches in the unique
Palace of Culture and Sports.