

ACT LIKE A LOCAL WE'RE NOT THE KIDS FROM

THE MAIN SQUARE

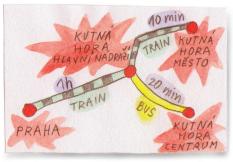
You'll never find us sitting in the cafés and restaurants on the main square. Even though various architectural styles are represented there, we sadly feel like it got stuck in time. Quite unlike the rest of the town, nothing progressive happens here. Take the first turn left or right and get out of there. The real magic is hidden in the narrow, crooked streets of the town.

WANNA SPEND THE NIGHT ?

Many locals feel like the town is cursed by Prague-based agencies that take confused foreigners on package tours. A bunch of people hop off the bus in the centre, run round the landmarks in an hour or two, hop back on and return to the capital. Why not spend the night and enjoy the local vibe instead? Don't worry about becoming sort of a local yourself.

LOCAL PRODUCTS

Even though we're a small town, we have our breweries and wineries and chocolate producers. Look around for Vinné sklepy Kutná Hora (W2) or Kutná Hora Beer - P (22). You can also find other tips for local products by just asking for them in cafés and restaurants



PRACTICAL INFO

FROM PRAGUE TO KUTNÁ HORA The easiest and quickest way to get here from our capital is to take a train from The Main Station (Hlavní nádraží). It'll take

TO THE CITY CENTER BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

you less than hour. The price is 110 CZK.

Kutná Hora's main train station is situated quite far from the centre. There are two options to get there: by bus or by train. Tickets are sold in the buses by the drivers and you don't need to stamp them. The price is 12 CZK. And then there's the train. Be careful: you can either buy a train ticket straight to Kutná Hora město (downtown) directly at the station that you set off from. This will cost 3 CZK more than the regular ticket to the Main Station. You can also buy it separately at the cash desk after you arrive to Kutná Hora for 12 CZK. Whatever option you choose, transfer to a yellow train that is usually waiting on the first platform when you arrive at The Main station, it goes to the downtown stop. If you want to visit the Ossuary first, we recommend the bus

OPENING HOURS

Large stores, supermarkets for instance, are closed during some public holidays. But usually you'll find one that's open until 20:00 or 21:00 on any day. It is similar with small grocery stores in the center, but Žabka located on the main square guarantees opening hours till 23:00 every day. Don't worry that you won't be able to get a beer during the late night hours, some of the pubs are open till morning. However, restaurants and cafés are usually closed by 22:00. On week days you can get a lunch menu for reduced price restaurants usually offer it between 11:00 and 14:00. Be careful about the opening hours of the landmarks: they vary according to the season. On the map we have focused on summer opening hours, but generally we recommend you to check it on www.kutnahora.cz

NO COFFEE WITH A CIGARETTE

Since 2017, smoking is prohibited in indoor public spaces

WE KNOW EACH OTHER

Don't get surprised if you're recognised when you visit some place for the second time. This is a small town. Go ahead and chat with the personnel if you're up for it - we know each other here and foreigners are a fresh breeze in our community.

BE CONSIDERATE

Locals typically complain that nothing happens in the town. And when something does, they complain again, usually about loudness. Try to be considerate and don't shout in the streets at night. Even though we totally get your lust for life, it may happen that some other locals don't share it. Join an indoor party in a pub or club or take your beer to one of the parks (24 and 25).

PICNICS!

We're quite used to chilling outside - and thanks to our ancestors we have plenty of places to do so. Large parks in the town centre, church stairs or the lawn in front of the cathedral are totally made for a rest from the buzz, rush and crowds. Everything important happened in this town hundreds of years ago: the monuments and their worshipful peace are all that's left. Please grab a beer and a sandwich and relax.



including all cafés, restaurants and bars - as well as at the public transport stops. Even if you see some locals breaking this law, don't risk ending up with a fine, there are better ways to spend your money!

EMERGENCIES

Knowing most of you don't speak Czech, in case of any emergency, call 112 for operators who speak English.

TIPPING

In the Czech Republic, the average tip is usually around 10 %of the bill. You aren't obliged to tip the waiter if you weren't satisfied, but keep in mind that tips aren't automatically included in the prices so if you liked the service, it's customary to reward it.

WISH YOU WERE HERE

Of course you share memories from Kutná Hora with you friends instantly via Facebook, Instagram or Snapchat. But why not try it the old-school way for once?! With a postcard! The souvenir shops sell stamps too, so no need to look for a post office.

SEE WHAT YOU CAME FOR

Barborská

Well, St. Barbara's cathedral is the queen of Kutná Hora's landmarks. She is the headliner of our line-up. Locals take this extraordinary and beautiful building a little bit for granted. However, it took centuries to build it. First construction works started during the 14th and originally the architects aimed to built it twice as long as it is today. The ambitious plans were scratched two hundred years later, when the town ran out of silver. The cathedral was conserved and later when Jesuits owned it, they redesigned it from a gothic to a baroque style. It got its current face at the beginning of the 20th century, when it was hed. It always made a beautiful background for our everyday lives and weekend hangouts. But we bet more young people secretely tried to climb it at night, than actually went inside. So our tip (apart from visiting its breathtaking interior, of course) is to simply chill outside, look around and enjoy yourself. There's something special about it. Daily 9–18

SHORT STOP FOR THE MUSICANS

Do you play the piano? Sit down for a while and play your favorite tune for locals who are passing by. Like several other places all around the country, Kutná Hora is also engaged in the project called Pianos on the Streets.

STILL A KID ?

Komenského nám. 41 Wanna learn something about our history? And do you enjoy teractive expositions as much as your younger siblings do? Visit Dačického dům. It explains the history of our town in an interactive and understandable way - via short animated vide os, puzzles, video mapping and colouring books, all waiting for you in a newly-renovated Baroque pearl. Daily 10-18

CLAUSTROPHOBIC TRIP UNDERGROUND Barborská 28

This town got famous and rich thanks to the silver mining industry. The Osel Mine enables you to experience the age of silver fever in a very tangible way - you'll visit the work space of miners in the Middle Ages. Whenever you see people

walking around the town in funny white tunics, they're a part of an excursion marching from the Czech Museum of Silver to the mine Tue-Sun 10-18

THE OLD MEETS THE NEW Barborská 51/51

The old meets the new. The Gallery of Central Bohemia is a modern art highlight of our town - it succesfully waters down the omnipresent medieval spirit. The permanent exhibition will provide you with an accurate introduction to the important Czech visual artists of the 20th century, the temporary exhibitions reflect current topics in art. Furthermore, GASK is located in the beautifully reco onstructed baroque building of the Jesuit College. Tue-Sun 10-18

C THE SWEETEST EXHIBITION Komenského náměstí 72/18

Only a few people know that Kutná Hora used to be an internationally recognized producer of chocolate in the first half of the 20th century. Like a lot of things in our country, this industry was also smothered by the nazi and communist regimes. In the Chocolate museum you learn more about this bitter story and taste sweet handmade products from all over the world. Daily 10-17

EAT

HONEST BEERHOUSE Česká 243/18

Kotor is a coastal town in Montenegro. We don't see any way how pub V Kotoru might be connected to it, however, let's say it's been a harbour for mostly older locals craving cold beer for years. Don't expect a hip and fancy brewery, this place is an

honest beerhouse. Mon-Fri 11-23, Sat 16-24 GIVE UP YOUR DIET

Na Sioně 329/4

Are you a donut fan? Kutná Hora is going international and has its own American bakery called, surprisingly, The American. Pretty cool for a small town. Its supernice owners established this pastry paradise just a couple of months ago after they came back from The United States. Their smiling faces always

convince you that peanut butter, cookies or ice cream sandwiches count for more in life than a beach body. Mon-Fri 11-17, Sat 10:30-16

YOU NEED A LATE NIGHT SNACK **7** Kollárova

They say that every road leads to Rome. But in Kutná Hora they all go to Bonema first. Wherever you go and whatever you drink, the hunger for kebab during the wee hours is a universal human need that unites people of all ages, subcultures and hobbies at this door. Best kebab in town? We have no idea, but it's definitely the only one open after midnight, so that's why it has an irreplaceable spot in our hearts Mon-Thu 10-23, Fri-Sat 10-03, Sun 12-23

LVTHE STOMACH

Havlíčkovo nám. 512/16

Čtyři sestry (Four sisters) broke the tradition of historical restaurants and brought some fresh air to Kutná Hora's dining scene. The omnipresent family-ness (already apparent in the name) always makes us feel like we belong. The talkative owner asks if we like the food so often that it feels like he's our own papa. And we do! They offer fancy meals not only for meat lovers, but also for vegans - quite special for a small town cuisine. Mon-Sun 11-22

11 TASTE BEER AND MEDIEVAL ATMOSPHERE Dačického nám. 15/10

Many grandparents had to give up their old coffee grinders, tea cannisters and tablewares to decorate V Ruthardce. It's a credible mixture of medieval and a century-ago-rural style, so after you finish your meal you'll have an urgent feeling that you have to hurry back home to feed your cattle. Luckily you can stay for dessert or one more beer from the special beer menu and relax in the fairytale-like garden in the heart of the historical center. Sun-Thu 12-23, Fri-Sat 12-01

OUR FAVORITE LOW COST

Jakubská 82/6

Not a wealthy traveller? What about 1 € per 1/4 of pizza?



Mini pizzeria Vita is a friendly place with authentic plastic tablecloth, furniture and fake flowers serving both pizza to take away and eat inside. They serve salvation for penniless students and a solution for low-cost travellers. Mon-Sat 10-20, Sun 11-19

OHOT WEATHER REFRESHMENT Jakubská 81/8

This ice cream shop in a picturesque street is the perfect example of the ice cream renaissance that has come to Czechia in recent years. They offer nontraditional flavours like basil with strawberries or sea buckthorn, yet nothing really bizarre Zmrzlinárna only offers take away and is only open during the

Daily 10–18, usually closed in winter



14 HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A HIPPIE? Jakubská 562

Have you ever gone through a hippie phase in your life? Blues café will definitely take you back there. An endless stock of rock'n'roll and bluesy LP's, your favourite 60s heroes on the walls and a long haired barkeeper who is a relentless critic of current politics and society. If you're lucky you'll meet local jazz musicians jamming there. If not, at least you can have a quiche, a baguette or a bowl of hot soup while listening to some John Mayall.

Mon 10–19, Tue-Thu 9–19, Fri-Sat 10–22, Sun 11:30–18

DRINK **1**5A MEDITATIVE REFUGE FOR FANTASY LOVERS

Havlíčkovo nám. 84 This shisha scented tea room is a meditative refuge for fantasy lovers. All regulars have read The Lord of the Rings at least three or four times and are usually playing boardgames. The hidden backyard in Dobrá na makes it an ideal target for your escapism goals. Daily 14-22

16 SMOOTH DESIGN IN HISTORICAL SURROUNDINGS Havlíčkovo nám. 572/9

The owners turned this very unfriendly narrow space into surprisingly cozy interior, which brings an architectural fresh air to our medieval city. In Café Havlíček vou can have a coffee from a Prague roastery Doubleshot' for a small-town price (not gonna happen in the capital, trust us) and enjoy indie music. Daily 10–18

17THE ULTIMATE MEETING POINT OF LOCAL INTELLECTUALS Dačického nám. 10/5

Kozí plácek launched a coffee revolution in the town by not offering an espresso. Instead you can choose between French press and the less-known vacuum pot. Thanks to a complicated system of glass tubes this method shifts the already complicated experience of coffee-making to real alchemy, we tell you. Kozí plácek also serves as the ultimate meeting point for local intellectuals. Maybe this is because it looks like a living room in a philosopher's house, although this one adds a view of St. Barbara's cathedral and the Jesuit College in our nistorical cent

Mon-Thu 11-20, Fri 11-22, Sat-Sun 10-22

18COZINESS OVERLOAD Komenského nám. 40/21

A heartwarming place with classy personnel who truly wear their aprons like tuxedos. This combination of "feels like home and damn elegant" makes Café 21 pretty unique. Th owners serve a great cappucino along with personal stories that will leave you nothing but cheerful. Also expect some fresh Czech graphic design on the walls, such as Jindřich Janíček. Mon–Sat 10–19, Sun 12–18

CLUB

SOMETHING FOR YOUR SUIT-UP DAYS Barborská 35/8

Barborská is here for your suit-up days. If you get tired of the omnipresent beer culture and you feel more like daiquiri, lounge music and lipstick, this is the place. The red walls might remind you of an old-school cabaret - you'll totally spend a Liza Minnelli / Michael York night in this bar. Mon-Thu 15-01, Fri-Sat 15-03



České Budějovice

HEE

Don't get confused by the name ess – there sure is some Irish spirit, but it's still very Czech too, especially on the menu. This cellar pub is a local classic, a safe haven where good beer and pickled camembert have been served for years. The jukebox provides guaranteed fun during the late hours, so if you're up for a personally curated party, go for it. Sun-Thu 18-03, Fri-Sat 18-05

BAR OUT OF TIME AND SPACE

Komenského nám. 39/19

Having a hard time coming up with an idea of how to describe this place, we assume No Name is really an appropriate name for this bar. Anyway, it's a local favorite for its friendly personnel, cheap drinks and table football. Sun-Thu 18–23, Fri–Sat 18–03

LOCAL CLASSIC WITH STEAM PUNK VIBES Havlíčkovo nám. 552

Whenever we go to the Pod s a pub, we'll find some of our friends playing table football or singing along to the jukebox. Usually open till late night hours, this rusty dive bar is a stronghold for Kutná Hora's youth, a witness to all the important plot twists in our lives. Mon-Sun 18-03

RELAX

CHILL-OUT AND RELAX Husova 18/61

A public sitting made out of pallets where you can have a rest, eat your snack or even grill something during the hot days. Grab a beer and visit Pa

FLOWER POWER AND A LAWN BED Barborská 24

This used to be just a very dodgy place behind the wall for us, with mess. Luckily the large g t College was recently turned into an oasis of peace and summer picnics. Don't spend money on an expensive lunch just bring a blanket and a sandwich!



n (Park under The Italian Court) is the perfect place for idle romantic souls. Cascades coming from the Italian court leading to the Vrchlice stream offer some rest while all the important landmarks like St. Barbara's cathedral or St. James Church look after you from the town

SHOP SMALL-TOWN HAUTE COUTURE Komenského náměstí 73

Secondhand U Sester Švecových used to cheer us up on our way home from school. There was always something we could spend our pocket money on. If you're into second-hand fashion and you enjoy giving unique pieces a new life, don't hesitate. Mon-Fri 10-17, Sat 9-11

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SEE **27** TOWN FROM BIRD'S-EYE VIEW Sedlec 35

Wanna see the town in panorama? Take a hike to the Lookout Tower. It peeps out of the forest on the Kaňk hill. Apart from the view you'll be rewarded with Czech venison meals for your is the best choice. We highly recommend it for lunch. They ofclimb, as restaurant Havirská bouda's services are available at the top of the tower. **Daily 10–18**

28 SCARY BEAUTY WE'VE VISITED SINCE KINDERGARTEN Zámecká

ary is said to be one of the scariest landmarks in the world. Oddly enough Kutná Hora's kids are totally resistant: artistic installations made of human bones from the age of the plague epidemic are nothing unusual to them. You might be little bit shocked, but it'll be worth it. Moreover the hybrid of gothic and baroque architecture is also very unique! Mon-Sat 8-18, Sun 9-18

29BAROQUE AND GOTIQUE MASHUP U Zastávky

J. Blažej Santini was a famous architect who created a style that is represented mainly in Czech architecture - Baroque Gothic. The Cathedral of the Assumption of Our Lady and Saint John the Baptist (maybe you have noticed we have two cathedrals in our town, pretty neat, isn't it?) are such typical amples of medieval coldness decorated with catholic pomp Mon-Sat 9-18, Sun 11-18



Sometimes it happens that when you get off the train in Kutná Hora, a tobacco smell hits you in the face. This comes from the nearby Philip Morris cigarette factory. If you're a fan ou can visit the Tobacco Museum there Tue-Sun 10-16, only from April to October

ARCHITECTURE

People usually know Kutná Hora for its medieval history and landmarks from those days. This "silver fever" trademark is a reason why modern architecture of the town is sometimes overlooked. Take a walk around 20th century buildings like Tyl's theatre (A), the neighbouring Puristic school (**B**) or the Cubistic cinema called Modrý kříž/Blue Cross (**C**). Don't forget to take a look around the residences of The first Czechoslovak Republic (**D**) and look out for the stylish house with a big head of a deer (E). However, some of these treasures ended up empty and uncared for - and we think they deserve our attention. Like the abandoned garden in the city center with a rusty gazebo (F), or the crumbling mill with a lonely light bulb in the arcade (G). The cherry on top? Kutná Hora's very own Mount Rushmore with the face of Jaroslav Vrchlický **(H)** - a famous Czech writer who was inspired by Kutná Hora's landscape – in rock.



If you happen to visit this part of town and you happen to be hungry, Restaurace Pašinka, that has been there for centuries with sauce and meat or schnitzels) to international cuisine. Mon-Thu 10-15, Fri 11-22, Sat 11-17, Sun 11-15

SHOP

CHEAP BUT FANCY BAKERY Kaňk 41

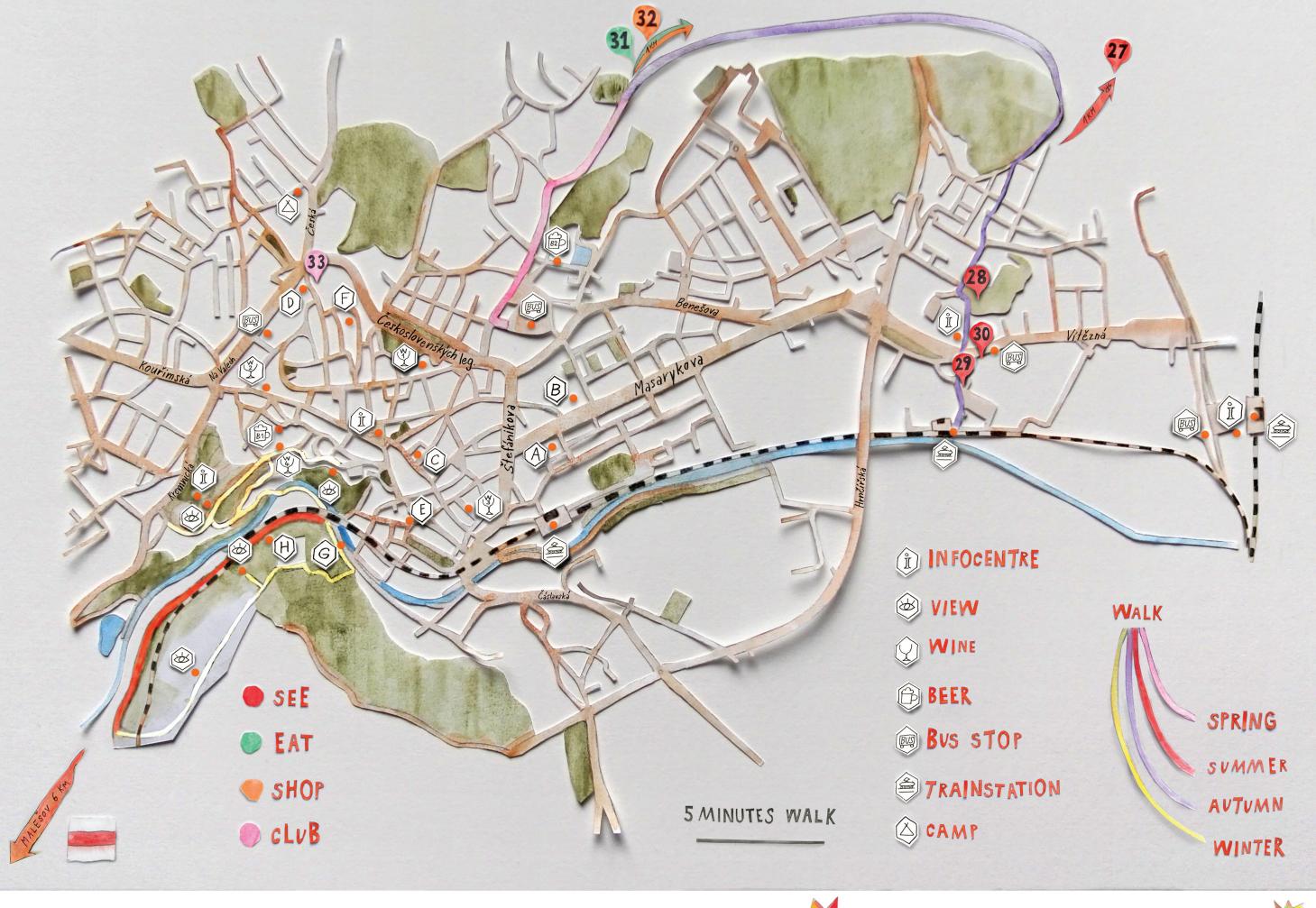
We've already mentioned that prague-quality products for small town prices have started appearing recently in Kutná Hora. This is also the case in Pekařství Na Kaňku/Kař ery, where you can buy fresh baked bread, rolls and sweet pastry that doesn't cost a fortune. For sweet buns you can pay about 20 CZK, for a piece of cake about 40 CZK. **Tue, Wed, Fri 13–17:30**





Česká 983 If you had a band in this town, your first gig would take place here. We all have memories from our high school years connected to this club. There is a big chance of hearing some local teen punk rock to sophisticated jazz during weekend nights, so if you're an adventurous music explorer, don't hesitate. If you're not lucky enough to catch emerging music stars 1 is still a nice place to have a beer and chat. Fri-Sat 18-04





AUTUMN

Enjoy autumn colours among the town's natural landmarks, visit the cliff on the Kaňk Hill and discover the periphery with its hidden treasures you won't find in guides like the lookout tower, Kaňk Bakery (32) and Na Pašince Restaurant (31). You can also follow the yellow tourist signs

WINTER

Kutná Hora is rich in viewpoints, so you can see the city center from many many angles. Take a walk around them - they range from historical official viewpoints in the city center to meadows outside of it. They are linked by the Royal Trail which is a favourite spot for young lovers and then... parents with pushchairs. If you're cold, grab some mulled wine from wine shop (W4) at Barborská street

CHRISTMAS FAIRS, MASSES AND CONCERTS (DECEMBER)

If you come before Christmas, check out what's happening in the churches and cathedrals. Sometimes you will find touching



Ζ Cellars (W1) or you can buy local wine at

(MARCH) Celebrate the spring equinox in the Cathedral of the Ass ption of Our Lady and

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EVENT

When spring finally comes, we rush to

barbecue outside and do picnics. Buy

sausages and beers in the supermarket

and take a walk to Kutná Hora's "stone-

the 30th April and enjoy a bonfire night called "burning witches" here.

henge". You can also join many people on

Saint John the Baptist (29). A single sun ray then creates a specific light and lots of people gather to watch the show.

FUNFAIR

Cotton candy and seesaws for lovers of the bizarre who are not afraid of crowds. Try a swan carousel, eat a langosh (deep fried dough with garlic, cheese and ketchup) and leave with oily hands, full bellies and nausea

Local bakers meet and sell their products in the town's streets.

www.facebook.com/cuk **OPERA WEEK (JUNE)** Famous operas in the Italian Court.

SUMMER

The Czech Republic has the best system of tourist signs in Europe, which serves as a perfect trip planner for summer From here follow the red route and discover hidden mills in the forest between Kutná Hora and Malešov, a village nearby where you can reward yourself with beer from a local brewery that was established by handy enthusiasts. Take the train back to town.

NTERNATIONAL **MUSIC FESTIVAL (JUNE)**

Well-known festival of mostly classical chamber music. www.mfkh.cz/en

THE ROYAL SILVERING (JUNE)

Historical reconstruction of what Wenceslaus IV did in Kutná Hora six hundred years ago. Even though it's far from attractive and too hyped for us, there's a sort of excitement about the fact that everyone's out and people are in the streets. Small town life, you know. www.stribreni.cz

CREEPY TEEPEE (JULY)

A festival of indie music that you haven't ever heard of, but you definitely will in the next few years. Parade of the weirdest outfits included. www.creepyteepee.org

KUTNÁ HORA SUMMER (JULY - AUGUST)

In summertime the offer at Kutná Hora main sights expands - with non-traditional guided tours (the Italian Court has costumed guides who role-play the story of the town instead of just telling it) and the possibility to visit places that are usually closed (like wine cellars).



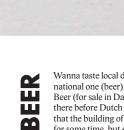
choir versions of Christmas carrols?

(SEPTEMBER) Festival of young poets. Even though you probably won't understand a word, come and support these guys who, apart from poems, always bring some good indie music with them. WINE HARVEST (SEPTEMBER)



like we do. PASTRY FESTIVAL

(MAY, DECEMBER)



Wine fans don't need to worry either! Wineries have been in the region since the 12th century. Nowadays you find one right in the center under the Jesuit College (5). You can order a degustation menu in Kutná Hora's Wine St. Barbara's wine shop (W2) or at Vinařství Žáček (W3) where they also sell other regional products

5 MINUTES OF HISTORY

At the end of the 13TH CENTURY, an enormous amount of silver was found in Kutná Hora. The current town was only a small village at that point. People were mining silver here until the 18TH CENTURY. By that time 2500 tons of pure silver was mined. That accounts for more than one third of all the silver, which was mined in the Middle Ages in Europe.

Thanks to the silver fever, the small and unknown Kutná Hora (roughly 300 inhabitants around the year **1300**) grew famous and attractive. In 1400, with 60,000 inhabitants, Kutná Hora became the second largest city in Bohemia (after Prague) and it was just a step away from becoming the capital.

As a result of a large coin and currency reform in Bohemia, Prague Groschen were introduced in 1300 and they were exsively made in Kutná Hora. Sometimes they are considered to be the ancestor of the Euro, since people could use them across the whole of Europe.

Construction on St. Barbara's Cathedral (1) started in 1388. But it wasn't completed until 1906 because of wars, religious conflicts and silver shortage.

The worldwide famous Bone-Church (28) in Kutná Hora is decorated with bones, and bones only. The remains of 50, -60,000 people are in there.

In **1471**, following Jiri of Podebrady's death, the new Czech king, Wladislaw of Jagilleo from Poland, was elected in the royal palace in Kutná Hora.

The Austrian emperor Franz Joseph I, visited Kutná Hora in 1906. He was heartily welcomed, but being too busy, e stayed for just 103 minutes.

In 1995 Kutná Hora and its historical centre was added to the UNESCO World Heritage list.

In 2018 the first USE-IT map was published