



Discover outstanding Fortified Heritage along the Bohemian and Saxon lower Elbe river

Section: Josefov - Dresden



European Cultural Route
Fortified Monuments

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Fortified Ideal City Terezín



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Austrian Emperor Joseph II.



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Fortified Monuments like Pearls on a String

One of the most wonderful cycling tracks leads along the largely untouched natural landscape of the Elbe river. From the Giant Mountains to the wadden sea, the Elbe river passes countless cultural sites.

Among these cultural sites, many important 'Fortified Monuments' are only perceived marginally and are still underestimated from their cultural experience value and information offer and services.

Especially during the Renaissance era, the Prussians, the Saxons but also Austria-Hungary left many fortresses of different kinds which were built along this strategically important waterway.

From Josefov towards Dresden

In its headwaters, the Elbe river passes the cultural landscape of Bohemia which was fortified by the Habsburg monarchy in a very outstanding way. Here, you will find the Fortified Ideal City in Josefov, the relicts of the formerly fortified town Hradec Králové, the fortified castle in Pardubice, medieval fortifications in Nymburg and also another Fortified Ideal City historically closely linked to Josefov in Terezín.

Further along the Elbe cycling track, from the foot of the Giant Mountains to the Elbe Sandstone Mountains, you will discover many other relicts of fortification construction art. In that region, cycle knights can conquer the mountain fortress on the Table Mountain near Königstein, the fortified castle Sonnenstein in Pirna and discover relicts of German's first bastion fortress under the Brühl's Terrace in Dresden.

Discover and experience the Elbe Fortifications full of life, culture and history!



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Fortified Castle Pardubice



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Fortified Ideal City Josefov (Josefstadt)

Monuments of Power - full of Life

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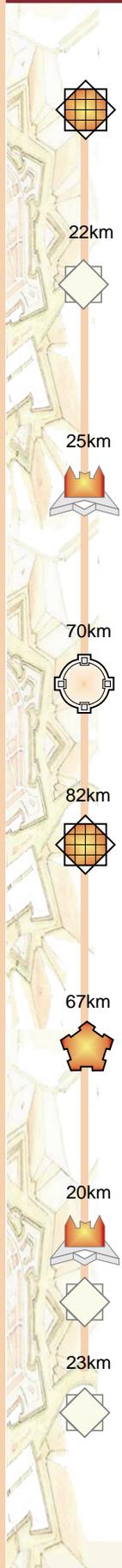


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<p>Josefov Fortified Ideal City</p> <p>22km</p>	<p>Discover rich history and mysterious places on a walk through the Fortified Ideal City Josefov. This outstanding type of fortification with huge bastions, massive walls and underground corridors was built in 1788 on the order emperor Joseph II. to protect the Austrian monarchy against Prussian invasions.</p> <p>www.pevnostjosefov.cz</p>
<p>Hradec Králové (Königgrätz) Formerly fortified town</p> <p>25km</p>	<p>Once being strengthened as a fortified town (1780-1788) by emperor Joseph II., Hradec Králové served in 1866 as a retreat the from the Prussians defeated Austrians in the 'Battle of Königgrätz'. Many fortification elements were removed later on. With the 'fortress walk' and the Museum of Eastern Bohemia, Hradec Králové offers two ways to reproduce the town's fortification history.</p> <p>www.kralovehradeckyregion.cz</p>
<p>Pardubice Fortified Castle</p> <p>70km</p>	<p>Get overwhelmed by one of the first fortified Renaissance Castles in Europe with four round bastions and massive walls outside the castle. Equally outstanding is the cultural center inside the castle with the East Bohemian Museum, many exhibitions, the splendid interior but also the various cultural events taking place.</p> <p>www.vcm.cz www.visitpardubice.cz</p>
<p>Nymburg Medieval fortification</p> <p>82km</p>	<p>In Nymburg, massive medieval fortification walls with six square bastions will welcome you visiting the historic center of the town. Enjoy a walk along the impressive walls which underwent a reconstruction from 1905 to 1909 following the plan of architect Ludvík Lábler.</p> <p>www.mesto-nymburg.cz</p>
<p>Terezín (Theresienstadt) Fortified Ideal City</p> <p>67km</p>	<p>At the same time when the Austrian emperor Joseph II. built Josefov, a twin town was built and named after empress Maria Theresia – the Fortified Ideal City Terezín. Discover the multistage bastion belt around the rectangular city structure on a walk through the town and learn more about the history of military town planning. Many memorials remember the Holocaust in Theresienstadt</p> <p>www.terezin.cz</p>
<p>Königstein Mountain fortress 15km</p> <p>20km</p>	<p>One of Europe's most impressive mountain fortresses, full of history, culture and entertainment, is located high above the Elbe valley. Discover the fortress which was mainly developed by Christian I., Elector of Saxony, from 1589 to 1597 and enjoy the wonderful panoramic view from the Table Mountain and the diverse tourist offers for youngster and adults.</p> <p>www.festung-koenigstein.de</p>
<p>Pirna Fortified Castle, formerly fortified town</p> <p>23km</p>	<p>Visit the lovingly restored medieval town centre of Pirna and the fortified castle Sonnenstein with impressive bastions throning high above the formerly fortified town. Castle tours as well as as tours on the bastions and defensive systems from the 18th century are especially popular among visitors.</p> <p>www.tourismus-pirna.de</p>
<p>Dresden Formerly fortified town</p>	<p>Discover relicts of German's first bastion fortress and other unexpected fortifications under the Brühl's Terrace in Dresden. Become a fortress expert during a visit of the Museum Fortress Dresden and 'fortify' yourself with a snack in the restaurant „Festungsmauern am Brühlschen Garten“.</p> <p>www.festung-dresden.de</p>



Model of town fortification of Hradec Králové in the Museum of Eastern Bohemia



Medieval fortification wall of Nymburg



Mountain Fortress Königstein



Fortified Castle Sonnenstein in Pirna



Guiding with City-Comandant in the Fortress Museum Dresden

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