



# SLAVKOV U BRNA – AUSTERLITZ

SMALL TOWN WITH BIG HISTORY

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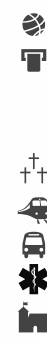
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### **1** *Exhibition Austerlitz – small town with big history*

One cannot visit Slavkov and not learn the details of one of the most significant battles in Europe. In the premises of the former stables, there is a modern multimedia exhibition, which will not only provide you with facts and contexts, but let you experience the history literally with your own skin. The exhibition is suitable for all – children, history enthusiasts, wheelchair users and seniors.



### **2** *Church of the Resurrection of Christ*

You won't see this kind of architectural gem just anywhere! The unique classicist church was built in the years 1786–1789 by Václav Antonín Kounic (Wenzel Anton von Kaunitz). When working on the front portal, the Viennese court architect Ferdinand Hetzendorf of Hohenberg was inspired by the Madeleine Church in Paris. And please don't stop at enjoying the exterior – it would be best if you visit one of the numerous concerts held in the church.



### **3** *Town hall*

The Renaissance building is one of the oldest landmark of the town. Have you tried to find the construction year on its facade? Although it has served for centuries primarily as the headquarters of the town government, it was also a place of suffering. To this day there is a prison cell, which the wretched prisoners left from their last trip to the executioner's hill, which was situated on the Justice peak between Křenovice and Slavkov.



### **4** *Community center Bonaparte*

The Bonaparte community center is located on the spot where the two houses used to stand. The current building is from the early 20th century when it hosted a bank. Today, there you will find club rooms, a theater hall and a restaurant.



## 5 Manor house

The building no. 89 on the square is a very valuable Renaissance house with a Gothic core decorated in Classicist style. It is first mentioned as early as 1570. Originally there used to be a town brewery and a distillery. Later, there used to be military headquarters, a notary, and until the 1920s, an estate office.



## 6 The synagogue

Unfortunately, today you won't see the original Jewish synagogue from the 16th century. The decaying building was demolished in the 19th century and rebuilt in a new Neo-Romanesque style in 1858. Today, the synagogue serves as a funeral hall.



## 7 The Kaunitz tomb

Here is the burial place of the most important representatives of the Kaunitz family — the original owners of the local manor and the chateau. In one of the seven coffins there are also the remains of Václav Antonín Kounic (Wenzel Anton von Kaunitz), the chancellor of four Habsburg rulers. The cemetery Chapel of St. John the Baptist probably stands where a hospital built in the 13th century by the Order of German Knights used to stand. The present church dates back to 1743.



## 8 Town walls

The original fortification system, which was built during the 14th and 15th centuries, was made up of a stone wall about seven meters high, supplemented with a walkway and embrasures. Four gates led to the town. The remains of the fortifications reach an average height of about four meters, they are made of stone blocks and are preserved especially in the section near the cemetery, the chateau garden and Zborovská street.





### **9** *Jewish Cemetery*

The Jewish burial ground belongs to the yet undiscovered treasures of the town. It is 1.5 kilometers north of the town on a sloping terrain under the chapel of St. Urbanus – in one of the serpentine leading to Rousínov. There are more than 350 tombstones there. If you want to visit the cemetery, contact our information center.



### **10** *Sports facility, stadium*

Slavkov is a town rich not only in history, but also in sports. This is evidenced by the state-of-the-art athletic and football stadium surrounded by tennis courts, a nearby beach volleyball area or an internationally recognized golf course. For more information on the use of the stadium and sports facilities visit [www.slavkov.cz](http://www.slavkov.cz).



### **11** *Swimming pool*

The town swimming pool is one of the few in the area that is 50 meters long. It is equipped for use by families with children as well as professional swimmers; its beach volleyball court and other attractions make it one of the most sought-after summer destinations in the region.



### **12** *Golf resort Austerlitz*

This course takes pride in holding several superlatives – it is one of most interesting, difficult and beautiful courses in the Czech Republic. Its eighteen cups in a unique environment attract professional and enthusiast players throughout the year. The 6-cup golf course located in the chateau park is suitable for beginners who want to try out whether they would enjoy this sport...





### 13 Chateau park and alley



Have one of the most beautiful walks in Slavkov in the chateau park and adjacent baroque alleys. The trees that will surround you has been growing here for centuries. On the way, you can admire more than two-hundred-year-old sculptures. Can you spot all 64 of them? (Do not forget to look inside the chateau.)



### 14 The Cross Path



If you are looking for a spiritual walk through nature, we recommend visiting the St. Urbanus' hill in the northern part of town. Fourteen column shrines built in 2012 flank the path – hence the Cross Path. The scenes from Christ's last journey were painted by the painter Milivoj Husák. If you leave Palacký Square, follow the **green tourist trail**. You will arrive on the hill with a beautiful view in less than an hour.



### 15 Pond



You can also explore the southeast direction along the large pond and the Litava River. An eight-hectare reservoir formerly used by the local sugar refinery can be found on the way to the train station. You can combine the walk with a visit to the Slavkov Brewery.



### 16 Chapel of St. Urbanus (362 m a.s.l.)



Northwest of the town, on a slope that had been covered with vineyards until the end of the 19th century, there is a chapel dedicated to St. Urbanus, patron of winemakers and fruit and vegetable growers. According to the charter, the chapel built in 1712 was designed by Domenico Martinelli of Lucca, the architect of the Slavkov Chateau. In 1805, it served as a guard-house for the French soldiers who watched the advance of the Allied Russian-Austrian army stretching from Olomouc to Brno.