



PRACTICAL INFORMATION



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GENERALLY

For every student the opportunity to study abroad contributes to their personal and professional growth by developing their interpersonal relations, enlarging their knowledge of different cultures, learning styles and workplaces and last but not least improving their foreign language skills. Moreover it allows them to become independent and stand on their own two feet.

MLADÁ BOLESLAV

Mladá Boleslav lies 50 km north-west from Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic. Is located on the perimeter of one of the most beautiful areas known as the Bohemian Paradise, which is a tourist area with many castles, chateaus, ruins and view-towers and other places of interest.

The town has a history older than a thousand years. After the second half of 10th century prince Boleslav II founded on the junction of the Jizera and Klenice a Castle, under which a plantation was established with market rights and with a church of st. Vitus. To its own development undoubtedly contributed replacement of Mladá Boleslav to a large table land in the vicinity of the Castle, where the medieval town was established and gradually developed.

Mladá Boleslav is a regional town whose recent history is strongly connected with the car industry. According to the last census, 44,000 inhabitants live here and one third of them are employees of Škoda Auto a.s.

ŠKODA AUTO A.S.

Few car companies can claim more than 100 years of continuous history. Our company is considered to be the third oldest in the world after Ford and Benz. In 1895 a bookseller V. Klement and a mechanic V. Laurin established a workroom for repairing bicycles. Four years later they constructed their first motorbike and in 1905 the first car was released under the name Laurin and Klement. In the period between the two world wars the company went through a tumultuous development, especially in 1925, when it became the part of the Škoda company. After the Second World War the state was unwilling to invest monetary funds into Czech Business. In 1989 the Velvet Revolution swept communism from power, which resulted in a change of government. The following year the opportunity for innovation was opened and new business contacts were established. Essential reconstruction required financing and experience. A few large car companies put forward their plans and solutions. The best solution came from The Volkswagen Group and after its acceptance the corporation had 100 percent ownership. You can find more info at www.skoda-auto.cz .

PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR LIVING IN MLADÁ BOLESLAV

ACCOMMODATION/DORMITORIES

Škoda Auto University makes arrangement for the students in the UNO hostel in Mladá Boleslav. The rooms are fully equipped, the kitchen is available. The price for our students amounts to 100 euro per month. The wi-fi internet connection is also available for 150 CZK per month, the internet and free wi-fi is, however, available at the university campus. There is a bus stop and main railway station nearby, the campus is in the walking distance (1.5 km approximately).

In addition if students are interested in hiring a private room or a flat, the school will pass on all available information and contacts. The price varies in accordance to size and facilities however it is usually higher than the cost of the hostel.

Prices of accommodation:

If you decide not to accept accommodation through the school, you can rent a flat. The prices in Mladá Boleslav are about 7500 CZK a month for a one room flat with a separate kitchen and bathroom, referred to as a one-plus-one.

MEALS

Students of the University may purchase one full-course meal per day during the working week at the Škoda Auto cafeteria located directly in the education centre Na Karmeli. The price is dependent on the chosen dishes and ranges from 15 to 60 CZK per main dish. Meals are prepared on Škoda Auto premises by Eurest.

Prices of basic groceries:

1 litre of milk.....	12 CZK
Bread.....	15-40 CZK
500g butter.....	25 CZK
Spreadable cheese	20 CZK
100 g of eidam cheese	20 CZK
100g of salami	20 CZK
10 eggs.....	25 CZK

Fruit*

1 kilogram apples	10-30 CZK/kg
1 kilogram bananas	10-30 CZK/kg
1 kilogram oranges	10-30 CZK/kg

* Prices vary according to season

Vegetables*

1 kilogram of potatoes.....10-15 CZK/kg

1 kilogram of onions.....10-15 CZK/kg

1 kilogram of carrots.....10-20 CZK/kg

SCHOOL LOCATION, PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The education centre Na Karmeli is situated in the historical part of the town. There are good public transport services from the main bus and railway stations (see map 1). The school is also easily reachable by car (see map 2), and there is a car park near the university.

TRANSPORT

To travel around the town, you can use the public bus network. The price of one ticket for a student is 8 CZK. Alternatively you can buy a chip card for 120 CZK. The card is empty on purchase, but can be charged with credit. The average cost per ride is 7 CZK and you can change between buses for 45 minutes with no additional charge. The card is available at the bus station and you can charge it there or at the information centre in Železná Street.

If you want to travel around the Czech Republic, you can turn use the bus or train. Travelling by bus is cheaper and more reliable as trains are often delayed.

The price of bus to Prague is:

- to Černý most.....60 CZK (approximately)
(last metro stop in the direction of Mladá Boleslav on the yellow line)
- to Florenc..... 70 CZK (approximately)
(close to the city centre on the yellow and red metro lines)

The price of train to Prague is: to the main station.... 100 CZK (approximately)

Prices may vary slightly in accordance with peak travelling times.

For times, routes and exact prices visit www.idos.cz (which is available in Czech, English and German). This website is also useful for planning journeys to other destinations around the Czech Republic. Alternatively a complete timetable of all trains can be purchased from most train stations for about 70 CZK.

The best way to get around Prague is by metro. At the metro entrance be sure to stamp your ticket in the machine otherwise it is invalid and you will be liable for a fine as ticket inspectors regularly patrol metro stations. The price of a short trip (max. five stops only on one line) is 18 CZK, for a one hour trip it is 26 CZK and for an all day ticket it is 100 CZK. You can change lines with the last two tickets, providing it is within the designated time period. Please also note that you may also have to purchase a ticket for large luggage.

More information (in Czech, English and German) about the Prague Integrated Transport System is available on <http://dpp.cz/>.

TELEPHONING

In the Czech Republic there are 3 operators offering their service: 02 www.cz.o2.com, T-Mobile <http://t-mobile.cz/Web/Default.aspx> and Vodafone www.vodafone.cz. (The pages of all operators are also in English.) Every operator offers a huge amount of rates and plans from which you can definitely choose the right one for you. Then in specialized shops you can buy a simcard which can be used immediately. The price of a simcard is 200 CZK. The price for one minute is 7 CZK and the price for one text message is 1,50 CZK, depending on the plan. In Mlada Boleslav you can find a mobile seller on Václava Klementa Street by the bus station or in the Olympia and Bondy shopping centres.

INTERNET

You will find free access in the study room (mediatéka) or in the computer classroom in the university building. If you want to have internet connection in your room at the UNO, please ask the Erasmus co-ordinators office from the University for help (e.g. Iva Bělohradská).

LIBRARIES

Library Škoda Auto VŠ:

The library is situated on the university campus. It is possible to borrow a large number of lecture notes (university mimeographs) and textbooks. All of them are free for our students.

Technical Library Škoda Auto

The library is located in the factory in the building V2 not far from gates 1 and 3. In the library it is possible to borrow a wide variety of literature mainly including specific technical, and language textbooks.

Library of Mladá Boleslav

This library is located on Václava Klementa Street below Česká Spořitelna. Students have to pay an annual fee of 120 CZK. It is possible to borrow books for a 6 week period. If you need them for longer, it is necessary to extend the loan period. If don't, you will have to pay a fine.

More info on www.kmmb.cz (in Czech, English and German)

MAP OF MLADÁ BOLESLAV AND IMPORTANT PLACES

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|  Škoda Auto Vysoká škola a.s.
Budova vysoké školy a sídlo Studentké unie Škoda |  Kaufland
U stadionu 1276, 293 01 Mladá Boleslav II Zelená |
|  Penzion UNO
Oficiální kolej ŠAVŠ http://uno.mbfirmy.cz/ |  Muzeum - Škoda Auto
Škoda Auto Muzeum Václava Klementa 294 293 60 |
|  Bondy centrum
http://www.bondy-centrum.eu tř. Václava Klementa |  OMV Jičínská I. čerpací stanice |
|  Cinestar
http://www.cinestar.cz/flash/index.aspx Bondy |  OMV Jičínská II |
|  Nemocnice / Hospital
http://www.klaudianovanemocnice.cz/ V. Klementa |  Shell Mladá Boleslav |
|  Olympie MB - shopping
http://www.olympia-mb.cz/ Jičínská 1350/III 293 01 |  Muzeum / Castle
http://www.muzeum-mb.cz/ Muzeum |
|  mcdonald's |  Olympia Centrum - Bowling
Zábavní komplex Olympia Centrum Krátká 905 |
|  KFC
http://www.bondy-centrum.eu/ Bondy centrum tř. |  Škoda 8. brána |
|  RESTAURACE KOLIBA
Na Stěpánce 1184 293 01 Mladá Boleslav tel: +420 |  Škoda 1. brána |
|  Městské divadlo Mladá Boleslav
http://www.mdmb.cz/index.php Palackého 263, 293 |  Technická knihovna
Průchod přes 1. bránu |
|  McDonald's
Jičínská 1350, 293 01 Mladá Boleslav III (Olympia) |  Mladá Boleslav - Hlavní nádraží
Hlavní vlakové nádraží |
|  Interspar Jičínská |  Mladá Boleslav - město
Nádraží město |
|  Albert Hypermarket
http://www.olympia-mb.cz/ Jičínská 1350/III 293 01 |  Autobusové nádraží |
|  Lidl
Adresa: Jičínská 1369, 293 01 Mladá Boleslav III | |
|  Billa
tř. Václava Klementa 1459, 293 01 Mladá Boleslav II | |

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PENZION UNO

<http://uno.mbfirmy.cz/>

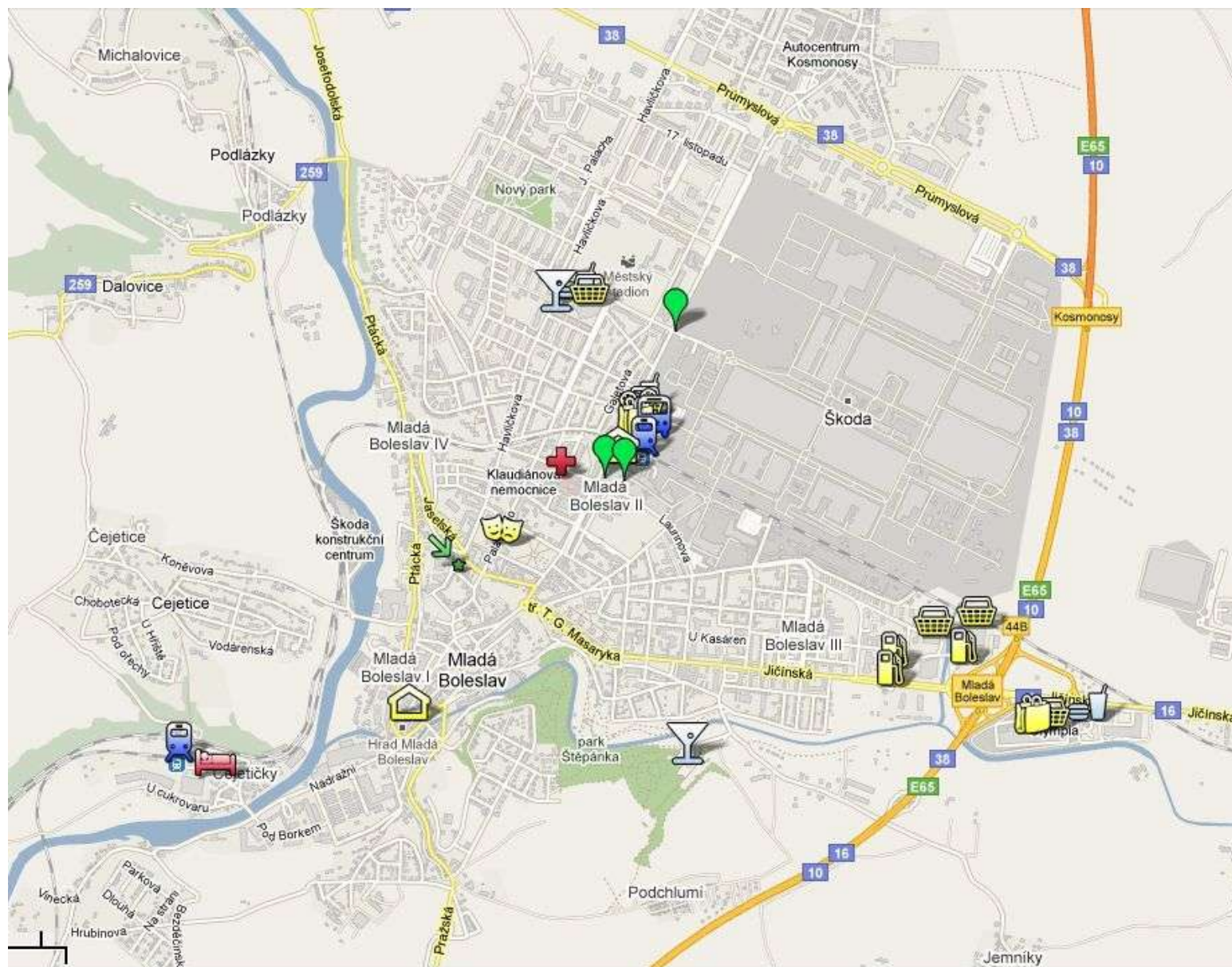
HOSPITAL

Address:

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Tel.: +420 326 74 21 11

<http://www.klaudianovanemocnice.cz/>



More on:

<http://maps.google.cz/maps/ms?hl=cs&q=mapa+mlad%C3%A1+boleslav&ie=UTF8&hq=&hnear=Mlad%C3%A1+Boleslav&gl=cz&ei=ltCTLH6B87vOaGirMYM&ved=0CBkQ8gEwAA&oe=UTF8&msa=0&msid=103952549650818161265.00046145c82ee20ef8ce5>

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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ENTERTAINMENT CINEMAS, THEATRES

CineStar

It is the biggest cinema in Mladá Boleslav. It is located in Bondy centrum. The selection of the films is wide with most foreign movies in the original version with Czech subtitles. Prices are usually 99 CZK per ticket, sometimes more for special features.

More info on <http://www.cinestar.cz/flash/prog.aspx?kino=7> (only in Czech)

Cultural Centre Svět (Kinokavárna Svět)

It is situated in Tylova Street and has limited number of seats (88). The movies are only shown on Mondays and Thursdays. The movies that are shown are usually independent or art house, from a wide variety of countries, in the original language versions with Czech subtitles. It is suitable for the more discerning cinema goer. Prices are 50 CZK per ticket.

If you are a film buff then you can become a member of the film club. It screens films every second Thursday from 8 p.m. You can become a member of the film club for 50 CZK a year. Membership entitles you to discounts to film club movies and other events.

Theatre in Mladá Boleslav

The historical theatre is located in Palackého Street. Performances are only available in Czech. Ticket prices range from 90 to 300 CZK.

Info about programme is on www.divadlo.cz/mdmb.

Theatre Novanta na dlani

The theatre is located in Debř n. Jizerou. It is a newly-established theatre which has its own trademark plays (mainly comedies). Performances are only in Czech. In the summer months concerts are held in the open-air.

Prices of tickets are from 60 CZK

More info on <http://nadlani.mb-net.cz>

Dům Kultury (Culture House)

It is situated in Dukelská Street. Social events and balls are regularly held there.

More info on www.barad.cz/dkomb (in English and Czech language)

CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT IN PRAGUE

Prague is the capital of the Czech Republic. It is one of the most beautiful cities and its historical monuments are worth seeing. We recommend that you make a trip to Karlův most (Charles Bridge), Hradčany (Prague's Castle), Petřín, Orloj (the astrological clock), Staroměstská radnice (Old Town Hall) Václavské náměstí (Wenceslas' Square). More info on www.pis.cz (in many languages).

If you want to go shopping, Prague is the right choice. Right on the edge of town there is the huge shopping centre Černý most. There is a direct bus connection please see www.idos.cz for timetables.

National Theatre

It was established in 1868 and you can find it in Národní třída. You can see operas, plays, dramas or ballets. You can find programme on www.narodni-divadlo.cz (in English and German).

Karlín Theatre

As the name suggest, this theatre is situated in Karlín. Musical Theatre Karlín is after the State Opera Prague's second biggest theatre. In its repertoire there are a few world-famous musicals. Prices of tickets are 180-700 CZK. Info here on www.hdk.cz (only in Czech).

Village Cinemas

This multi-cinema is situated near the shopping centre Černý most. A great number of movies are screened in several halls. Foreign films are screened in the original version with Czech subtitles. You can find the programme on www.villagecinemas.cz (also in English) The price of the ticket for students is 99 CZK (Monday-Friday) and 119 CZK (Saturday-Sunday). The best way how to get there is by bus www.idos.cz .

O2 Arena

It is the most modern multi-functional arena in Europe. Concerts, musicals, circuses, presentations, dance shows and sporting matches all take place here.

O2 Arena is situated in the north-eastern part of Prague in Ocelářská Street. You can find detailed info here on www.o2arena.cz.

SPORT IN MLADÁ BOLESLAV

Mladá Boleslav offers relatively many sporting activities. You can find gyms for body-building, fitness centres, swimming pools, an ice-rink and an in-door swimming pool.

If you like sport, there is a possibility to play floor ball every week on Wednesday from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Other sports must have the consent of the Apprentice Training Centre (6 th Gate Škoda Auto). If you want to play hockey, owning a hockey-stick is an advantage but not necessary. However, in-door shoes are necessary. There are facilities for showering at the centre.

Sport Centre Sparing

Sport Centre Sparing is a highly modern sport hall with an impressive architectural solution. It is situated in Radoučská Street. Sparing is equipped with three tennis courts with an artificial surface, two squash courts, one badminton court and a bowling lane. Two tennis courts are also available in an inflatable hall with a clay surface. Part of the attractive environment is a cosy snack bar.

Public Baths

We have 2 bathing establishments in Mladá Boleslav. The first one is situated in close proximity to the shopping zone and the second one is in Kosmonosy.

Swimming pool

You can find it in Výstaviště next to the theatre. There is one swimming pool, length is 25 metres. The entrance fee for 75 minutes is 50 CZK.

In case that this swimming pool isn't enough, you can go to the near-by towns of Jičín or Liberec.

Aqua-centre Jičín

30 kilometres from Jičín is an aqua-centre that offers a few swimming-pools, a roller-coaster, whirlpools, a sauna, a solarium and a lot more attractions. You can find it in Revoluční Street.

<http://www.sport-jicin.cz/aquacentrum/> .

Aquapark Liberec

If you want to find a lot of amusement and fun, then this is the right thing for you. You can find swimming pools, unique adrenalin space bowl for the brave, water, romantic caves, unique aquariums with sea life, whirlpools, waterworks, geysers, water and under-water massages, relaxing zones and bars for refreshment. On sunny days they offer a large terrace for sunbathing with views of the tower Ještěd. You will find specific information on www.centrumbabylon.cz (in many languages).

Swimming pool in Liberec

Swimming pools, 107 metres long roller coaster, whirlpools, steam rooms, wellness centre, aerobics, spinning, swimming tuition and scuba-diving and swimming for toddlers. The centre is for active form of relaxation with refreshment, parking by the object, location not far from the city centre. Entrance fee is 40 CZK. <http://www.bazen-info.cz/>

RESTAURANTS, PUBS

In Mladá Boleslav there are a lot of restaurants which offer a large selection of Czech and international Cuisine to suit all tastes.

Around noon nearly all the restaurants offer lunch time specials at attractive prices (soup-15 CZK, main dish- 50-70 CZK). Mostly typical Czech food is served, for example dumplings, pork, cabbage, goulash and sirloin sauce with dumplings.

Prices in restaurants:

Main dish.....80-200 CZK
Soup.....15-30 CZK
Salad.....15-90 CZK
Side dish.....20 CZK

Start

This restaurant is among the cheaper restaurants. However, you will have a great meal here for a reasonable price. This restaurant is situated on U Station street not far from the store Kaufland.

Sportovka

This popular student restaurant and bar is located on Jana Palacha Street and also shows a wide range of sporting events.

Nevada

You can have prepared meals, dinners, snacks, Czech and foreign cuisine, fish, poultry, pork, beef, salads and soup.

Giovanni's pizzeria

You can find it behind the Forum cinema. It offers Italian cuisine, pizza, salads, pasta. Pizzas are from 100 CZK.

Gája

This food outlet is located in the Old Town Square and is suitable for vegetarians and for those who have decided to lead a healthy lifestyle. Meat is not served here.

TIPS TO TRIPS

HISTORICAL MONUMENTS IN MLADÁ BOLESLAV

Mladá Boleslav's Castle (Mladoboleslavský hrad)

The town Mladá Boleslav has a history older than a thousand years. After the second half of 10th century prince Boleslav II founded on the junction of the Jizera with Klenice a Castle, under which a plantation was established with market rights and with a Church of St. Vitus. To its own development undoubtedly contributed replacement of Mladá Boleslav to a large table land in the vicinity of the castle, where the medieval town was established and gradually developed. Lords of Michalovice became its owners, settled in nearby castle, on the opposite bank of Jizera, from which the characteristic ruin Putna with its leaning cylindrical tower remains.

Church of St.Havel (Kostel Sv. Havla)

Originally it was built in the cemetery in the late Gothic style in 1539. The arcade was finished in about 1600. In the second third of 18th century it was changed into the Baroque style. Closed down in the 1950s, nowadays it is being reconstructed for the Sbor Českobratrské církve evangelické (The Council of Czech Brotherhood Evangelical-Church) Inside there are Renaissance and Baroque tombstones from the original cemetery.

Templ (Císařský dům- Caesar)

Late Gothic town-palace, built in 1488-1493 by Mayor Jan Císař of Hliník. Nowadays it is used mostly for exhibitions.

Town Hall (Radnice)

A renaissance building from 1554-1559, apparently built by M.Borgorelli. The face of the building is adorned with graffito decorations with scenes from the Old and New Testament with figures of apostles and saints. The final wings and reconstruction was finished in the second half of 19th century and in 1939-1941.

The Council of Czech brotherhood of Evangelic Church (Sbor Jednoty bratrské)

Just like every town Mladá Boleslav has had periods of prosperity and decline. The town came to the attention of the whole Czech kingdom from the end of 15th to the beginning of 17th century when it became the centre for the Council of the Czech Brotherhood. The impact of this Czech reformist movement is evident in education, book printing, architecture and the overall high level of social life of the town. In Brotherly Rome, as Mladá Boleslav was called at the time, bishops and other important functionaries of the council. Religious and specific books were printed at the printing house of Mikuláš Klaudián, the author of first printed map book of the Czech land in 1518. Brotherhood schools educated many intellectuals who went away from there to European universities. The town also experienced the costly reconstruction of the castle in a renaissance style. The new town hall and monumental Brotherhood Council developed from 1554.

Škoda Auto Muzeum

The Museum is not far from the bus station. You have the unique possibility to see the development of cars of the famous Czech motor car company. Set off back to 19th century in time, get in touch with your own history and finally imagine the possible future. If somebody constructed a time machine, then travelling by it would remind them of a visit to Škoda Auto Muzeum.

THE SURROUNDINGS OF MLADÁ BOLESLAV

Michalovická Putna

More info on <http://vcervinka.superhosting.cz/michalovice/michalovice.htm>

Zvířetice

More info on <http://www.paladix.cz/clanky/zviretice.html>

BOHEMIAN PARADISE (ČESKÝ RÁJ)

The territory marked off by an almost triangular shape between Mladá Boleslav-Turnov-Jičín is rich in both natural wonders and historical monuments. It is a suitable place for hiking -the area with deep woods, picturesque meadows, brooks and ponds often hidden in deep valleys and gulleys. The rock towers, castles, chateaus, pictorial villages are a paradise for both walking and motorized tourists. Recently it has become a paradise for cyclists. The tourists are attracted by castles Trosky, Kost, Valdštejn, Zvířetice, Valečov, Drábské světničky, Michalovická Putna or chateaus in Mnichovo Hradiště, Hrubá skála, Sychrov and Hrubý Rohozec. You can find a lot of places for having a rest and refreshment on your way.

More info on <http://www.cesky-raj.info/>

KOST

The castle of Kost belongs among the most well-preserved castles. It stands in a flat countryside at a height of 274 metres, above Plakánek valley between two ponds, White and Black, by which the surroundings of castle could be drowned and changed into an inapproachable swamp. It consists of two parts - the area in front of the castle and the castle.

Opening time:

April and October: Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays 9:00-11:30a.m. and 1-3:30p.m.

May-June: daily, except Mondays 8:00-11.30a.m. and 1-4:30p.m.

July-August: daily 8:00a.m.-6:00p.m.

September: daily except Mondays 9:00-11:30a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m.

Time of sight-seeing: 50 minutes

Entrance fee: 80 CZK

More info on <http://www.hrady.cz/index.php?OID=179>

VALEČOV

The largest rocky castle in Bohemian Paradise 4 km east from Mnichovo Hradiště, laid in three separate sand-stone rock blocks. The first time it was mentioned was in 1324 but it acquired the existing range during the Hussite wars. At their conclusion in 1439 as one of the main bastions of Hussite Orphan army it was burned down. It is possible to take a view of the well-maintained ruin with a guide, go on sightseeing tour among figurines of the former owners of the castle and the Hussite leader Jan Žižka or see the wrought iron castle door from about 1600s. In the area below the castle there are about 50 rocky caves of which half used to be inhabited in the past, the last one until 1892. The rest of them served as storerooms and workrooms. For example there was a blacksmith's and a bakery. Below the castle there was an amphitheatre, where each holiday valečovské kulturní léto (Valečov Cultural summer) takes place. Regular concerts are usually held in July and August every second Friday evening. Entry to the castle is free. More info o <http://www.hrady.cz/?OID=315>

VALDŠTEJN

More info on www.hrad-valdstejn.cz

Zámek Mnichovo Hradiště(Mnichovo Hradiště Castle):

More info on <http://www.pruvodce.com/mnichovohradiste/>

MÁCHŮV KRAJ (MÁCHA'S LANDSCAPE)

It is a very interesting area from a touristic point of view bounded by the towns Mladá Boleslav and Kosmonosy-Česká Lípa-Ralsko. Around Máchovo jezero (Lake Mácha) and Bezděz you will find deep woods with mysterious hollows near Hradany village and Kuřivody.

BEZDĚZ

More info on <http://www.pruvodce.com/bezdez/>

MÁCHOVO JEZERO

More info on <http://www.machovojezero.cz>