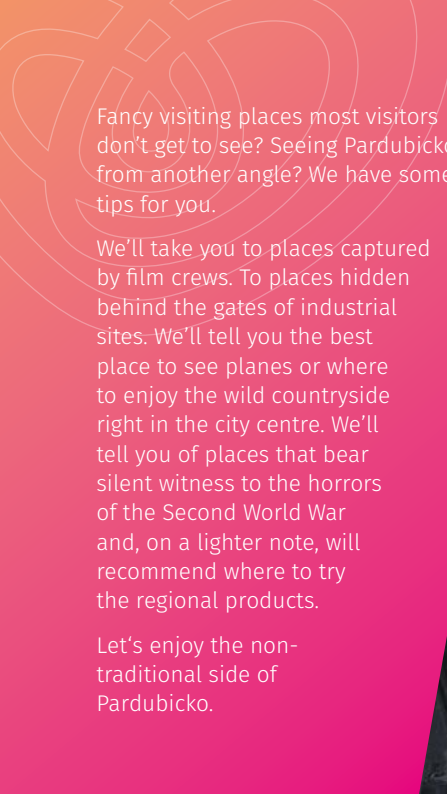




**Pardubicko**  
*Czech Gingerbread Heart*

# NON-TRADITIONAL PARDUBICKO

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Fancy visiting places most visitors don't get to see? Seeing Pardubicko from another angle? We have some tips for you.

We'll take you to places captured by film crews. To places hidden behind the gates of industrial sites. We'll tell you the best place to see planes or where to enjoy the wild countryside right in the city centre. We'll tell you of places that bear silent witness to the horrors of the Second World War and, on a lighter note, will recommend where to try the regional products.

Let's enjoy the non-traditional side of Pardubicko.



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# 1 IN THE LIMELIGHT



Crematorium



Where else to start except the setting of Juraj Herz's now iconic **The Cremator** (1968), starring Rudolf Hrušínský. This thrilling film was shot in the unique setting of the Pardubice **crematorium**, a post-war Rondocubist building by the architect Pavel Janák and the artist František Kysela from 1923. No film or architecture buff should miss this exceptional building. Pardubice Municipal

Pardubice cemetery



Services holds an Open Day every year, when you can also visit inside the crematorium. The crematorium site is open all year round.

Very close to the crematorium is Pardubice **cemetery**, where Czech Television shot scenes for Lenka Wimmerová's TV film **Insomnia** (2009).

Náměstí Republiky



Pardubice has attracted filmmakers many times. Jiří Krejčík's **A Higher Principle** (1960) shows **náměstí Republiky** and the functionalist **Grand Hotel**. Václav Vorlíček used Pardubice Staňkova **Elementary School** for his film **The Girl on the Broomstick** (1971). Footage has also been shot at Svítkov **speedway stadium**, where Stanislav Strnad filmed **Brother for All the Money** (1978). There is also the **racecourse**,

Příhrádek



where Jiří Hubač's serial **Good Water** (1982) was filmed. **Příhrádek** appeared in Antonín Moskalyk's cycle **Adventures in Criminology** (1989). One famous filmmaker who likes Pardubice is Jiří Strach. The city centre is shown in his film **Silver A** (2007), and **the hospital** and **Stone Villa** in **The Devil's Ruse** (2008).

Kunětická hora Castle



Scenes have been shot in the rest of Pardubicko, too. In 1955 the **Choltice nature reserve** was the setting for Karel Steklý's **Bagpiper of Strakonice**. **Kunětická hora castle** is now inseparably linked with Václav Vorlíček's children's TV serial **Arabela** (1979) and is gleefully known as the home of Rumburak. **The Church of St. Wenceslas and Leopold** in Kladruby nad Labem featured in František

Choltice Chateau



Filip's serial **Cirkus Humberto** (1988). Contemporary films include **Traders** (2013) by Petr Šmíd, who used **Choltice Chateau** as a set. On the north-western border of Pardubicko it is worth mentioning the bridge in the village of **Chýšť**, where Tomáš Bařina's crew filmed scenes for **A Novel for Men** (2010).

## 2 HIDDEN BEAUTIES



Synthesia a.s.



Opatovice nad Labem power station

Chvaletice power station



Industry is well developed in Pardubicko, so no wonder you come across industrial sites and engineering structures on a visit. But, you don't need to avoid them, in fact you could appreciate their unconventional beauty.

One example is the factory site in Semtín, **Synthesia a.s.**, from 1920. You can walk around the site and see it from a safe distance –

good start and finish points are the Rybitví, factory and Rybitví, rear gate bus stops.

Other landmarks in Pardubicko are power stations, such as the **Opatovice nad Labem** power station from 1959–60 and the more recent **Chvaletice** heat plant from 1973–79. You need to book if you want a tour, but the power stations are open to the public all year round.

Semín aqueduct



Přelouč small hydropower station



Automatic mills



Pardubice main station



Aviation Fair



Visually attractive and architecturally important is the **small hydropower plant in Přelouč**. This monumental plant on the Labe with its weir, lock and bridge dates back to 1923 and is definitely worth a visit. Other water buildings in Pardubicko include **Opatovice Canal**, an outstanding medi-aeval structure built to supply the many ponds, and its **two aqueducts**, Sezemice

and Semín. The 32 km-long watercourse flows from Opatovice to Lázně Bohdaneč.

One unique Pardubice landmark you really shouldn't miss is the **Winternitz Automatic Mills**, designed by Josef Gočár for the brothers Egon and Karel Winternitz. A year after it opened in 2013 the mill building and silos were listed as Czech national cultural monuments.

Other buildings worth a visit in Pardubice include the **train station** from 1958, one of the most important examples post-war functionalism. And, talking about transport, there's also **Pardubice airport**. Watching planes is a great attraction, especially when at **Dolíček** there are seats not far from the runway edge. This is perfect for aviation fans and aircraft photographers.

It is worth seeing the **former military area** around the Chrudimka, behind Pardubice hospital. The military training ground was closed to the public until 2003. Don't miss the ruined **weir**, which was blasted out in 1973, or the **two Kohn bridges** linking the banks of the Chrudimka.

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DARK  
HISTORY

VY KDOŽ JSTE  
 A KDEKOLI DALE  
 NIC NEBOLI VY  
 JMENÍ MUČED  
 JSOU JAKISTINY  
 ŽENA JSTE DOVE  
 SVÁ LIDSKÁ PRA

Zámeček memorial



Zámeček memorial site



The occupation, protectorate and World War II were tragic times for Pardubicko. From March 1939 Pardubicko, as an important industrial region, was supervised by the **Gestapo** – Oberlandrat Pardubice, which was soon joined by the **Aryan Labour Front**, a dangerous collaborators' organisation. Although not very large, this group was made up of extremely deceitful informers. Both the Gestapo and the

collaborators stirred up **domestic resistance** all over the region. The local resistance was strongly influenced by the **Silver A** airborne group. In Pardubicko this tumultuous time brought persecution, mass executions, deportations, but also raids by allied troops.

Trnová forest park



Jiří Potůček



Gestapa HQ (Oberlandrat)



Zámeček memorial



The members of **Silver A** sought refuge and assistance here when planning the assassination of Heydrich. Few people know that **Jiří Potůček** hid in the orchards in nearby Lázně Bohdaneč and used the Libuše transmitter to get messages to London. Two important places for the Pardubice resistance were the **Veselka hotel** and the **Pardubice – Trnová forest park**. In 2012 an educational trail was created,

**Pardubice on the Trail of Silver A** – the last journey of Alfréd Bartoš.

The resistance was also active in **Holicko**; in 1944 it met and hid members of the **Velký Josef** parachutist group. A memorial at the cemetery in Holice commemorates the uprising by locals and resistance members in May 1945.

Also linked to the tragic events of World War II is **Pardubice Zámeček** or **Larisch Villa** – a neo-renaissance building designed by František Schmoranz Sr. from 1885. After Heydrich's death the Gestapo began reprisals and **Zámeček** became the site of mass executions of the Czech resistance, including people from nearby **Ležáky**, which the Nazis wiped out on 24<sup>th</sup> June 1942. Ležáky

is now a national cultural monument. In December 1942 536 Jews were transported from Pardubice to concentration camps. In 1944 the city saw three raids by the British and US air forces, which bombed the local refinery and airport. The first raid was by the British RAF and the other two by the USAF.



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REGIONAL  
PRODUCTS

Pardubice gingerbread

Pernštejn beer



Kuněťice ice cream



It can also be a unique experience to try some regional products, which are high quality and produced locally in an environmentally-friendly manner. The mark guaranteeing a whole range of these products in Pardubicko is **PERNŠTEJN REGION regional product**. Over 20 manufactures have actively participated in the promotion of the region. If you fancy putting this mark to the

test, try some delicious Kuněťice ice cream, Korbáčiks and SejraKus steamed cheese, Pavel Janoš's Pardubice gingerbread, Sudličkova fruit spirits and liqueurs or some excellent Pernstein carp from Rybníční hospodářství. And if you want to take a Pernstein regional product home with you, it is not just snacks that are certified with this mark.

# 5 EXPERIENCE PARDUBICKO



Pardubice Steeplechase



Aviation Fair



Pardubice Wine Half-marathon



Pardubicko is known for its wide range of events. Traditional and more successful ones boast the title of “**Pardubičtí tahouni**”, and include the **Pardubice Steeplechase**, the **Golden Helmet**, **Pardubice Wine Half-marathon**, **Pardubice Aviation Fair**, the **Czech Open**, **Pernstein Night** and **Pardubice Pernstein Summer Cinema** and **Pardubice Music Spring**. However, we have a few tips from all over

Pardubicko for something more alternative or specific – worth mentioning are **Pardubice Sports Park** or **The National Stud Farm** in Kladruby nad Labem. Stud Farm is open all year and offers a range of interesting events and seminars about the breeding and use of Kladruber horses, including the **Rudolf Cup** and the **Hubert Ride**.

Czech Open



Golden Helmet



Pernstein Night



Pardubice Music Spring



Grand Festival of Laughter



Visit the **Bohdaneč Summer of Culture and Food** and **promenade concerts** in **Lázně Bohdaneč** for a real experience. For a slightly different genre, it's worth a visit to the **On the Road** benefit festival. Don't miss the **František Filipovský Prize awards** in Přebouč, the pride of the "town of dubbing", and if you're into sport, we recommend the **Iron Mountains Rally**.

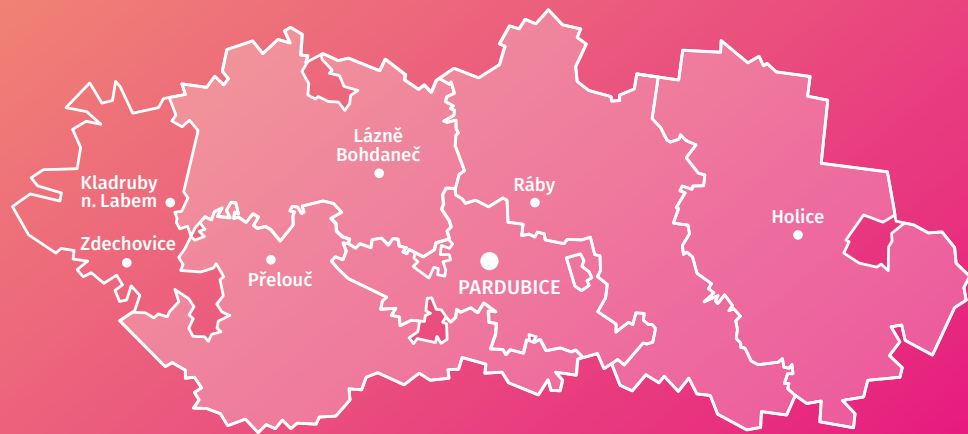
**Kunětická hora** offers **non-traditional tours** and it's also worth checking out the **Kunětice vinobraní festival**. **Holice** offers an **international meeting of amateur radio enthusiasts** and you can visit the African Museum during **Holub's Holice**. Numerous children's events are held at **Choltice Chateau** as well as the **Gingerbread Cottage in Ráby**.

If you're into regional products, don't miss the **Festival of Flavours, Scents and Crafts**. If you prefer historical, military and defensive security hardware, then **Retroměstečko** is the place for you. If sport is more your thing, try the unique atmosphere of **Pardubice on skates**.

A wide range of music can be heard all year round in Pardubice's legendary **Žlutý pes club**,

so don't worry that there's nothing to do of an evening if it's rainy or cold. And talking of culture in Pardubice, we have to mention **Divadlo 29**, a multi-genre cultural centre that promotes contemporary non-mainstream art. Visit Divadlo 29 for a concert, exhibition, workshop or lecture; it's well worth it.

## Tourist area Pardubicko



## Tourist Information Centers of Pardubicko

### **Turistické informační centrum Pardubice**

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