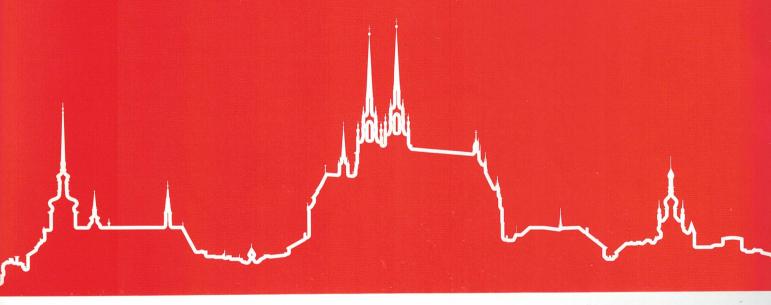


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Brno, with an estimated population of around 400,000 is the second largest city in the Czech Republic and is considered the historical centre of Moravia. Brno is a great location for exploring Europe, being within easy reach of capitals such as Prague, Vienna, Budapest and Bratislava, all of which are on major train and bus routes. In addition, this gives people travelling to Brno a selection of airports to choose from when booking tickets.

The atmosphere and life in Brno are deeply influenced by institutes of higher education. Six public Universities with their 100,000 students (the highest concentration of students of any city in the Czech Republic) contribute greatly to the vibrancy of the city and help enhance its reputation as being one of the country's most attractive places to study. Quite rightly, Brno has become known as the City of Universities.

The city is large enough to possess all the benefits of a major European centre, but small enough to retain its cosiness and charm. Its historical centre echoes that of Vienna, complete with cobblestoned pedestrian zones and fascinating architecture spanning from the Middle Ages to the present day. Brno is the

home town of the leading composer Leoš Janáček, the physicist Ernst Mach, the logician Kurt Gödel, and the founder of genetic science Johann Gregor Mendel, whose various monuments can be found around the city.

As a thriving intellectual, social and commercial centre, Brno enjoys a vibrant cultural scene and lively nightlife, including theatres, galleries, music clubs, pubs and cafés. The inhabitants of Brno are quickly becoming more and more multicultural, with a rich diversity of active expatriate communities. International restaurants have become the norm.

Southern Moravia, where Brno is located, is a flourishing region attractive to tourists due to its many important monuments and the wine routes which wind their way through its beautiful landscape; the region offers many outstanding opportunities for hiking, cycling, and skiing.

Many important European sports events are also held in Brno – the most famous being the Moto GP. Brno is also well known for football and ice hockey events.

Further interesting information on Brno can be obtained at www.brno.cz, www.czechtourism.cz







