

We will set out from Nový Jičín to the destination of our trip, to Vsetín, via the town of Valašské Meziříčí.

Vsetín is a prominent economic and cultural centre of East Moravia; a big part of the town is situated in the widened valley of Vsetínská Bečva and its tributaries.

Vsetín was first mentioned in writing in 1308, when it passed over from the property of the order of Knight Templars to be leased to Vok of Kravaře.

The most prominent dominant of the town is the building of the originally Renaissance castle dating back to the beginning of the 17th century, which is at the same time the oldest historical building in the town. Since 1948 the castle has been administered by the state and since 1964 it has been the seat of the District Museum Relating to National History and Geography of Vsetín. In the 1950s, due to a thoughtless placement of various state institutions, a considerable damage to the castle interior occurred. Therefore a general overhaul of the building had to be undertaken in 1963 – 1975. Nowadays, Vsetín castle is an important cultural and social centre of the town.

The townscape is complete with the buildings of the churches in the Upper Town: the Roman Catholic church of the Assumption of the Virgin (1689), which was originally designed to serve as a castle for Count Jiří of Illesháza, and two Protestant churches – an Empire church (1782-83) and a church of an Upper Congregation church – a Helvetian church without a tower (1827), which is also situated in the Upper Town.

Another sight of the cultural heritage is the baroque building of the old town hall, built in 1721 - 1723 (nowadays a gallery), and Maštaliska - a former seigniorial yard dating bark to 1710.

On the way to the castle – in Palackého Street, there is the building of the former Civic Savings Bank (1886), built by the master-builder Urbánek, with graffiti by Mikoláš Aleš.

The name of the town is also inseparably connected with the traditions of folk culture, which have been preserved by the ensembles of Wallachian songs and dances of Jasénka and Vsacan for many decades.

The dynamically developing town in the middle of Wallachian hills holds out its friendly expression to the tourists and its visitors in connection with the beauty of the surrounding countryside and mingling with the history as well as the modern present. Each visitor can pull it off and spend their free time or holiday pleasantly here or just peep in.



The Trip of Nový Jičín Vsetín









