

THE PARDUBICE REGION

Introduction to Pardubice

Pardubice is a city of around 100,000 inhabitants. It is situated in lowland in Eastern Bohemia on the banks of the rivers Labe and Chrudimka. Many people think it is a town of industry. When they come here, they are surprised. Pardubice is mainly a town of sport, culture and history.

History

The first written records of Pardubice are from the late 13th century when it was granted "town" status in 1340. In the late 15th century Pardubice was bought by the Pernštejn family, who began an extensive program of construction. They rebuilt the castle into the early renaissance chateau, which became their residence. The largest expansion of the city began in 1845 because of the beginning of railway traffic through Pardubice to Olomouc and Prague.

Sightseeing

The Old Town, the fascinating and attractive historical center of Pardubice, became an urban historic reservation site in the 1960's.

The dominant feature of the old town square, Pernštýnské náměstí, is the **Green Gate Tower** (60 metres high, 16th century). Other remarkable monuments are "**Jonas's House**" (Dům u Jonáše, 16th century) - the architectural jewel of the town, **Marian Plague Column** (17th century) and the imposing **neo-renaissance Town Hall** (19th century).

The lovely narrow cobbled streets for pedestrians lead across the little magic square **Forecastle** (Přihrádek) to **the early renaissance chateau** with beautiful green ramparts, which offer a great view of the old town.

You also shouldn't miss **St. Bartholomews Church** (16th century, late Gothic).



WATTSENGLISH IN PARDUBICE



Wattsenglish Ltd. Pardubice was founded in June 2009. The office is right in the centre of town, but at the same time there's a very relaxing atmosphere. We help the teachers to find reasonably priced accommodation which is situated close to the office.

Teachers are also provided with a company car.

The successful applicant will teach children in kindergartens and in primary schools in Pardubice. This position will allow you to put your teaching knowledge into practice and continue in the development of your teaching skills with **the Wattsenglish teacher training programme** and support.

The office is readily equipped with all the necessary facilities and resources for teaching and planning (free access to the Internet and email, copying and printing facilities, laminating and a place to study.)



Each classroom is suitably equipped to ensure a comfortable, safe and enjoyable experience for both the teacher and the children.



We're looking forward to meeting you soon.

LIVING AND TEACHING IN PARDUBICE

Wattsenglish teachers about Pardubice: Helen T. Scally

For a small city Pardubice is far from small in terms of what it has to offer, skiing in the winter, beer drinking on patios in the summer.

There are a huge range of restaurants to choose from including Mexican, Italian and an amazing Indian.

And of course there are some pretty good Czech restaurants too. There's a local cinema, swimming pool and a bowling alley, which is more than enough to keep you entertained:- but with Prague only 1 hour away by train you'll never be bored.

The prices of accommodation in Pardubice are approximately 7000 Kč a month for a one room flat with a separate kitchen and bathroom, referred to as a one-plus-one. Internet access is available upon request. We do help to find the right flat for our new teachers. For example one we had cost us 5200 CZK plus energy bill paid separately. Also our teachers in Pardubice get a company car plus 400 CZK for petrol.

The quality of life in Pardubice is enhanced by good educational opportunities, including the university, with its faculties of Transport, Economics & Administration, Arts & Philosophy, Chemical Engineering, and Restoration, and its institutes of Health Studies and Electrical Engineering & Informatics. Young musicians study at the

Pardubice Conservatory. Because it is a university town there is a large community of young English-speaking people.

Pardubice offers a relaxing time (pubs, music clubs, discos, music, film and theatre festivals. In Pardubice there are also branches of music clubs and other theatres where you can even find amateur foreign groups.

In Pardubice you can also find a variety of cultural activities (theatre, cinemas, museums, galleries, libraries), and shopping malls.

Library of Pardubice: British Council Pardubice

This library is located on Pernštýnské nám. 54, 531 08 Pardubice, www.britcentre-pardubice.cz Offers many books, studying materials,DVDs,CDs,newspapers and also friendly meetings for foreigners.

Cinemas,theatres:

Cinema city Pardubice

The bright new cinema built in 2009 is located in AFI Palace shopping mall which is situated in the town centre of Pardubice. The selection of films is wide with most foreign movies in the original version with Czech subtitles. Prices are usually 99 Kč per ticket, sometimes more for special features. More information on www.cinemacity.cz (in English)

Theatre in Pardubice

The historical theatre is located in U Divadla 50, close to the downtown. Performances are only available in Czech. Ticket prices range from 90 to 300 Kč.

Info about the programme at www.vcd.cz

Museum in Pardubice

The museum is located in Zamek 2, Pardubice, www.vcm.cz

You can find here many different historical expositions and displays. Open days TU-SU 10:00-18:00.

Restaurants, pubs

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

Around noon almost all the restaurants have a lunch time special offer at attractive prices (soup-15 Kč, main dish- 50-70 Kč). Mostly typical Czech food is served, for example dumplings, pork, cabbage, goulash and beef sirloin in sauce with dumplings.

Prices in restaurants:

Main dish.....80-200 Kč

Soup..... 15-30 Kč

Salad..... 15-90 Kč

Side dish.....20 Kč

The most typical Czech restaurant you can find in the town centre is:

PLZEŇKA - Pardubice - High quality original Pilsener beer with high standard meals. It's located in Smilova 386, 530 02 Pardubice. Wireless internet connection.

St. Patrick – Original Irish Pub, Pardubice
www.StPatrick.cz

One of the best Irish pubs in the Czech Republic with typical Irish cuisine and Irish beer and cider on tap, the pub is situated in Pardubice Anenská street.



Foreign cuisine:

Indian food: **GANGA** – It's located on Perštyňské náměstí 48, right on the old square

WWW: www.restauraceganga.cz

Mexican food: **La Cabana** – It's located in Štrossova 291, 530 02 Pardubice

Web: www.lacabana.cz

Vegetarian food shop BAZALKA located on the main street. www.spalda.cz

There are plenty of Italian Pizza restaurants. Take away service available in most of them.

The most famous music clubs are **Hany Bany** – www.hanybany.com and then Patapuf – on Pernštyňské square 117 - Cocktail, show & music bar.

Sport in Pardubice:

There are many possibilities for you to do. You can find gyms for body-building, fitness centres, swimming pools, an ice-rink and an indoor swimming pool. In-line skating facilities, climbing, horse riding and many others.

Pardubice is often called a town of sports. Mostly because of the **ice-hockey club** HC EATON PARDUBICE which won the Czech ice-hockey league 2010 due to our best goalkeeper Dominik Hašek (former NHL player) who was born in Pardubice and now is playing for his home town. The hockey stadium, right in the town centre, is often sold out and it's definitely worth going to see an ice-hockey match next season.





The second most popular sport is the **Pardubice steeple-chase**, held in Pardubice each year and having many foreign competitors. It's the oldest and most famous cross-country steeplechase in continental Europe.

Swimming pool:

You can find it close to the theatre. There is one swimming pool, the length is 50 metres. The entrance fee is about 50 CZK. The outdoor swimming pool is a part of it. Besides this you can go to Spa city called Lázně Bohdaneč where you have a pool with special warm water and all different relaxing treatments to take.

Sport Centre Hall:

The modern sport centre where you can find a climbing hall, tennis, spinning, gym, bowling and many others. www.cht-pce.cz

Tips for trips

Pardubice is right in the centre of the Czech Republic so it is the best location for travelling.

Castle Kuneticka Hora



The historical castle Kuneticka hora together with the golf resort are the most frequently visited places in Pardubice. The wild zoo is part of that castle. The annual music festival české hrady – „Czech castles“ takes place every summer. WWW.HRAD-KUNETICKAHORA.CZ

Lázně Bohdaneč (spa town which is reached within 20 min by bus from Pardubice coach station) <http://www.lazne.bohdanec.cz/cs/> is a picturesque, quickly growing spa town in the Labe river lowland near Pardubice. The first records of the town date



back to 1264.

The turn of the 15th century marked the boom of this quiet, mainly agricultural town, when the owner of Pardubice estate, Vilém of Pernstein, had an extensive network of more than 300 ponds built around Bohdaneč. These were water-fed by an artificial canal from the Labe river. The Opatovice canal, built between 1498 and 1514, is still used today, and it is an important technical monument.

Today's Lázně Bohdaneč is a quiet spa town with a wide range of quality services and lovely walks around.

Chateau Hrádek u Nechanic – reached by bus from Hradec Kralove, the 19th century romantic chateau build in the neogothic style as a representative manor for the Harrach Earls. The chateau is surrounded by a romantic park in the 19th century style with a golf resort and golf training centre and is the youngest chateau in the Czech Republic with amazing interiors and historical collections like furniture, amazing paintings, wallpapers, carpets etc.... The surrounding area is also ideal for walking and cycling.



Towns and places of interest worth visiting near Pardubice are:

Hradec Kralove (22 km)

A county town in Eastern Bohemia, it is a traditional center of culture with a rich history. Visitors will be attracted to the especially beautiful architecture and many cultural events throughout the year.

Dvůr Králové (50km)

The zoological garden was founded in 1946. Part of the classical zoo is an African safari where the visitors in designed safari buses can have a ride. The programme offered here is made to provide the whole day visit. The safari bus ride is included in the entrance fee and can be repeated.

Kutna Hora (44km)

The historic center of Kutna Hora, together with St.Barbora and the Church of Our Lady in Sedlec was entered into the UNESCO list.

Krkonose „Giant Mountains“ skiing resort Špindlerův Mlýn – Svatý Petr is easily connected by skibus from Pardubice within 90 minute drive.

The ski resort of Špindlerův Mlýn – Svatý Petr is the highest-quality resort in the Czech Republic. For this reason it also often holds a number of important sporting events. The resort features many downhill courses, cable railways and ski lifts, including the 4-seater cable railway. Snowboarders will enjoy the Snowpark with a halfpipe. The resort also offers skiing and snowboarding schools, bobsledding and sledding tracks, the option of evening skiing, and related services including service shops and rental shops.

Prague

Pardubice is located 80 km east of Prague and can be easily accessed by frequent buses and trains (every 30 min).

The price of trains to Prague is: to the main station.... 100 Kč (approximately)

Prices may vary slightly in accordance with peak travelling times.

More info on www.pis.cz