



Synagogue

Děčín synagogue was built in 1906–1907 by Podmokly's Jewish community in a faux Oriental style with striking Beaux Arts details. The State District Archives occupied the building from 1965 until 1996. The building has now been restored to Děčín's Jewish community.



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Děčín Museum

The district museum occupies a former hunting lodge (1735). From the latter 18th century, the complex housed the Thun estate administration and new wings were added for this purpose in the early 19th century. The Děčín District Museum has had its home here since 1953.



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Děčín landmarks

Set in a romantic landscape, Děčín has plenty to see. While its main landmark is the castle, with its rich history and impressive setting, the city has many secrets and interesting places to explore.



Děčín Castle

This majestic guardian of the Elbe valley is surrounded by gardens and parkland. Over the centuries it has attracted an impressive roster of visitors, including crowned heads of state and famous artists. It was here, for instance, that Frédéric Chopin debuted his Waltz in A-flat major, the Děčín waltz. Today, visitors can explore the castle's private quarters, visit the nursery, and take in exquisite views from its ballrooms. They can admire the architecture of its Baroque stable, rose garden, and Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. And children can enjoy interactive tours led by the Black Knight or the Lady of the Castle.

Castle gardens

The castle grounds are the pride of the city. The rose garden features exquisite Baroque architecture and the terraced southern garden was once renowned for its orchids, camellias, and other tropical plants. Here in 1852, for the first time in continental Europe, the world's largest known water lily, *Victoria amazonica*, was coaxed into bloom. The suspension footbridge on the castle grounds, the oldest of its kind in the country, is a technical landmark.

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Church of the Holy Cross

The Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (erected 1687–1691) is a stunning example of Baroque architecture. A covered passageway runs the length of the Long Drive, connecting the castle rose garden to a private gallery in the church below. Frescos (1790–1791) by Josef Kramolín adorn the church interior. Both church and passageway are open to visitors as part of the castle's Baroque Treasures tour.

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Old Town bridge

Originally this lovely Renaissance bridge (1564–1569) was adorned with a single stone obelisk, which is now on view at the district museum. In 1714 a sculpture by Michal Brokoff of Bohemia's patron saints Wenceslaus, Vitus and John of Nepomuk, was added.



Chapel of St. John of Nepomuk

This Neo-Gothic chapel stands on the site of an older Baroque structure from 1723. The Thun–Hohenstein family acquired it in 1822 as their family crypt. They engaged Viennese architect Friedrich Schmidt to design a new chapel and the project was entrusted to Josef Mocker. In 2023, the chapel is open June 25–26, July 30–31, August 27–28, and September 24–25 from 1pm to 6pm. Tours may be arranged at other times by telephone (see below).

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