

We will set out from Nový Jičín to the destination of our trip, the village of Kunín, via Šenov near Nový Jičín.

Šenov near Nový Jičín, an autonomous village since 1994, was founded at the end of the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Beautiful nature surroundings are its assets. The oldest part of the village culture heritage is St. Martin's Church, dating back to the turn of the 14<sup>th</sup> century. There are numerous opportunities of enjoyment of sport in the form of tennis courts, a football pitch, a volleyball court and also a beach volleyball court.

From Šenov near Nový Jičín we will proceed further on to Kunín, a village 4 km far from Nový Jičín.

Kunín is situated on both banks of the Jičínka River. It was founded at the end of the 13th century. At the end of the 18th century the village flourished greatly under the administration of Countess Marie Walburga of Truchsess-Zeil. The countess established here a school for youth, the only one of its kind in Europe, which was attended also by František Palacký. Currently Kunín ranks among modern villages with a preserved nature background, through which the international cycle path of Moravian Gate passes.

The most prominent sight in the village is Kunín Castle, which belongs to the most valuable baroque castles in the whole Moravia.

Kunín Castle was built for the counts of Harrach by the famous Viennese architect, Johann Lucas von Hildebrandt, in 1726 – 1734. The castle was designed rather as a small country manor house and a place of rest than an object of demonstration of power and of stock representation.

Since 2000 the castle has been extensively restored and the original castle collections have been returning into it.

The visiting hours of the castle are in the months of April and October: Sa, Su and holidays: 9:00-16:00 From May to September the castle is open to the public Tu-Su+holidays 9:00-17:00

Within the scope of the tour (I and II floor + the castle attic) you can see for example the Guest Rooms, bedrooms and classrooms of the castle school with furnishings and Empire murals, the Castle Picture Gallery, the Hunting Room, the Ladies' Room, the Big Dining Room, and the Music and Dance Room. Along the church corridor you will get to the Big Hall with Renaissance portraits of the members of the prominent stock of Hohenems, to the Tea Room and to the Yellow Room with original Empire murals and furnishings. The tour ends with a visit of the castle attic with a unique baroque chimney system.



## The Trip of Nový Jičín Kunín









