



800 YEARS OF HISTORY

It finally happened. After two decades of joint efforts by the Czech and German partners, the whole Erzgebirge/Krušnohoří Mining Region has been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. **A total of 22 sites are now waiting for your arrival**, 5 of which are located in the Czech Republic and 17 in Saxony. Trust us, they are worth the trip.

Eight centuries. That is how long mining has been going on in the Ore Mountains. The local landscape is teeming with history, with major sites such as mining facilities, metallurgical complexes, heaps, ditches, mining ponds or giant underground stopes. Silver, tin, iron, cobalt or even uranium and other ores were mined here.

The local technological inventions and innovations have affected the whole world and made the region famous far beyond its borders. Come here to soak up the atmosphere of honest and rough work, mountain lifestyle and wildlife. **The monuments, museums and mining towns of the Ore Mountains have their doors open.**

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THE BLATNÁ WATER DITCH

NATIONAL CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL MONUMENT

The water of life

The man-made ditch that enabled a mining revolution. This water management masterpiece from the 16th century is the largest mining water supply in the Czech part of the Ore Mountains and provided fuel for dozens of mining and associated operations. It still runs to this day.

Take a hike along its right bank and find out all about its function and history. You will come across waterflow regulating devices, dozens of gravel and sand traps or other technical elements that have survived for five centuries.

In 1980 it was declared a technical monument and in 2017 a national cultural monument. Its partial restoration was completed in 2001 and the whole ditch is currently undergoing a comprehensive refurbishment, so that it can be preserved for future generations.

