

Kroměříž

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Kroměříž (Czech pronunciation: [ˈkrɔmpɛɾiːʃ]; German: *Kremsier*, Polish: *Kromieryż*) is a Moravian town in the Zlín Region of the Czech Republic. The town's main landmark is the Baroque Kroměříž Bishop's Palace, where some scenes from *Amadeus* and *Immortal Beloved* were filmed. The Gardens and Castle at Kroměříž were added to the list of World Heritage Sites in 1998.

The city's National Museum is home to *The Flaying of Marsyas*, a late painting by Titian.

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History



Bruno von Schauenburg, bishop of Olomouc.

The settlement, inhabited by Slavs since at least the 7th century, was founded in 1260 by Bruno von Schauenburg, bishop of Olomouc. Bruno chose Kroměříž to become his see and he also made his castle the centre of his dominion, which consisted of more than 60 vassals from all over Moravia. Kroměříž is referred to as a market village in a document by Přemysl Otakar II from 1256, but by 1266 it was already referred to as a town.

Bruno established what was to become the famous Archbishop's Palace. The town was badly damaged in the Thirty Years' War, was plundered twice by Swedish troops (1643 and 1645), and after this the Black Death took its toll on the population. Bishop Karl II von Liechtenstein-Kastelkorn rebuilt the city and the palace after that war. The Constitutive Imperial Congress sat in Kroměříž in 1848.

Kroměříž

Town



Flag



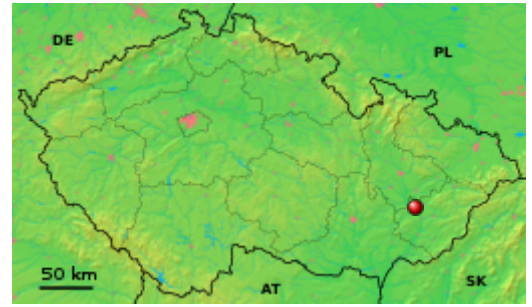
Coat of arms

Nickname: *Athens of Hanakia*

Country	 Czech Republic
Region	Zlín
District	Kroměříž
Commune	Kroměříž
River	Morava
Elevation	201 m (659 ft)
Coordinates	49°17′56″N 17°23′35″E﻿ / ﻿49.29889°N 17.39306°E﻿ / 49.29889; 17.39306
Area	50.97 km ² (19.68 sq mi)
Population	29,035 (2015-01-01)
Density	570/km ² (1,476/sq mi)
Founded	1260
Mayor	Jaroslav Němec
Timezone	CET (UTC+1)
 - summer (DST)	CEST (UTC+2)
Postal code	767 01 - 767 04; 767 07

UNESCO World Heritage Site

Name	Gardens and Castle at Kroměříž
Year	1998 (#22)
Number	860 (http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/860)
Region	Europe and North America
Criteria	ii, iv



Location in the Czech Republic

Wikimedia Commons: Kroměříž

Statistics: statnisprava.cz (<http://www.statnisprava.cz/ebe/ciselniky.nsf/i/588296>)

Website: www.mesto-kromeriz.cz (<http://www.mesto-kromeriz.cz/>)

Notable people

- Heinrich Ignaz Biber (1644–1704), composer and violinist
- Miloslav Gajdoš, (born 1948), composer and double bassist
- Gabriela Gunčíková (born 1993), singer
- Jaroslav Koutecký (1922–2005), chemist
- Karel Kryl, (1944-1994), musician
- Jan Milíč z Kroměříže (died 1374), ideal predecessor of Jan Hus; initiated the practice of preaching in the Czech language in Prague.
- Martin Miller, (1899–1969), actor
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jan_Rypka, (1886-1968), orientalist, translator, professor of Iranology and Turkology at Charles University, Prague.
- Pepča Stejskal (born 1945) graphic designer, poet, surrealist
- Ludvík Svoboda, army general and president
- Václav Talich (1883–1961), conductor
- Patrik Vrbovský (born 1977), rapper, singer



Heinrich Biber in 1681

Kroměříž is also a birthplace of Max Švabinský (born 17 September 1873; died 10 February 1962), one of the most important Czech painters of the last century. A permanent exhibition called Max Švabinský Memorial can be seen in the Museum of Kroměříž Region (Czech: *Muzeum Kroměřížska*), located in the lower part of Big Square (*Velké náměstí*), near the entrance to the Bishop's Palace (Gallery - Titian's Marsyas).

Twin towns — sister cities

Kroměříž is twinned with:

- Châteaudun, France
- Nitra, Slovakia
- Krems an der Donau, Austria
- Piekary Śląskie, Poland
- Râmnicu Vâlcea, Romania

External links

- Official website (<http://www.mesto-kromeriz.cz/lang/default.asp?lang=uk>)
- Kroměříž guide (<http://www.kromeriz.biz/>)