Kroměříž
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Kroměříž (Czech pronunciation: [ˈkromɲɛřiːʃ]; 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

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.
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
- 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

Kroměříž is 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

- Kroměříž guide (http://www.kromeriz.biz/)