



↑ The unique Baroque and Renaissance gables on houses surrounding the town square date to the 16<sup>th</sup> century.



← Telč is a regular venue for a variety of summer and winter festivals as well as concerts and theatrical performances.

## Telč – A UNESCO World Heritage Site

The town of Telč lies on the border of three territories – Moravia, Bohemia and Austria – in the southern part of the Bohemian-Moravian Highlands. Telč is first mentioned in historical sources dating to 1366. The first houses were built on the town square during the 14<sup>th</sup> century; however, the first stone buildings only appeared following the fire of 1386, gradually replacing the original early Gothic architecture. The town prospered most during the second half of the 16<sup>th</sup> century under the leadership of Zachariáš of Hradec. It was he who summoned Italian builders, plasterers and masons to renovate both the castle and the town square. Individual houses were thus decorated with various forms of sgraffito, including the well-known letter patterns, and rustic work. The multi-storey houses with Renaissance gables and arcades surround the Telč square to this day.

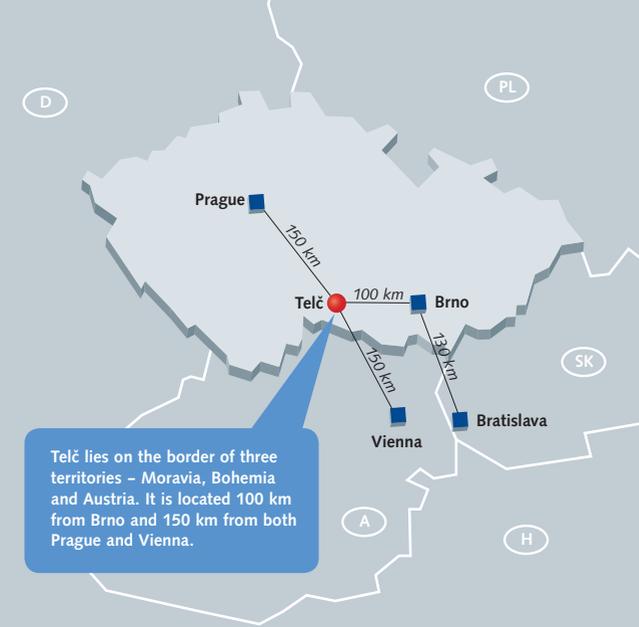
The Renaissance château, the lookout towers of the Church of the Holy Spirit and St. James as well as eleven other churches and chapels are among some of the other sights well worth visiting. Thanks to the value of its historical monuments and the uniquely preserved town square, the town has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1992.

See the Telč website for a complete list of cultural events: [www.telc-etc.cz](http://www.telc-etc.cz).

## Jesuit College

The UCT resides in a complex formerly occupied by the Jesuit College in Telč. The foundation stone of the college building was laid in 1651 and construction of the three-wing two-storey edifice, positioned around an irregular courtyard, was finalized by 1655. The monumental structure stands out among the surrounding buildings both in terms of size and its simple, even austere appearance. A pharmacy was added in 1657 and a printer's shop several years later. Following the dissolution of the Jesuit order in 1773, the building was handed over to the state and – four years later – to the army, who used the site as barracks. A girls' burgher school was established on the premises in 1883 and subsequently replaced by a vocational secondary school in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The complex was acquired by Masaryk University in 2002.

It is the second largest compound in Telč, surpassed only by the nearby château grounds. The original façades have not been preserved save for the entrance portal dating to 1654. The current state of the complex is the result of several more or less extensive structural modifications. Possibly the most vehement of the renovations took place at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century when Václav Hübschmann – also credited with the sgraffito on the side frontage – renovated the existing façades. The open arcade, preserved merely along the ground floor of one of the wings, was probably originally much more extensive. On the other hand, the interiors are all virtually intact.



Telč lies on the border of three territories – Moravia, Bohemia and Austria. It is located 100 km from Brno and 150 km from both Prague and Vienna.

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↑ The library and information centre provide an excellent study environment.

↓ The barrel vaulted lecture hall, dating to the 17<sup>th</sup> century, is perhaps the most attractive UCT space.



↑ Lecture rooms are equipped with computers and modern audiovisual technology.

← The ground floor spaces feature the original vaulted ceilings of the former Jesuit College.



↗ A total of 72 beds are available in both student housing and hotel rooms.

↓ The maximum capacity of the entire complex is 600 people.



## University Centre Telč

The former Jesuit College was first utilized for educational purposes in 2002; University Centre Telč (UCT) was established three years later. Following extensive renovation in the 2009 to 2011 period, the UCT was able to move its activities to the newly restored complex.

The resulting modern integrated compound forms a state-of-the-art facility essential for the study-related and educational programmes organized by Masaryk University.

The entire renovation was carried out with the support of the European Economic Area (EEA) and Norway Grants. At the time, the project formed the most extensive undertaking of its kind in the Czech Republic: the renovation expenses amounted to a total of 145 million CZK; 85 % of the overall funds were provided by Norway.

As a result, over 5,000 m<sup>2</sup> of floor space were either renovated or newly developed and adapted to serve as lecture rooms, classrooms and offices for academic staff. In addition, the complex now also includes accommodation facilities as well as a library and counselling and information centre. Lecture rooms have been newly equipped with cutting-edge audiovisual and information technology. A new café and canteen are located on the ground floor.

## Central European Centre for Cultural Heritage

The Centre provides facilities for projects and events beyond the scope of educational activities at Masaryk University. The university has thus launched a collaborative project with the Institute of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics AS CR: the Central European Centre for Cultural Heritage. The inter-regional platform is open to new partners interested in promoting cultural heritage.

## University Centre Telč Activities

- > Masaryk University degree programmes
- > Central European Centre for Cultural Heritage
- > Cultural activities, social events, exhibitions
- > Commercial services: conference organization, rental of premises
- > Library and information centre
- > Café, canteen, accommodation



## University Centre Telč

Located in the picturesque town of Telč, the university centre serves as both educational and cultural hub. The centre was established by Masaryk University in the former Jesuit College complex.

The carefully renovated historical compound constitutes an excellent environment for the implementation of higher education: the lecture rooms, office spaces, library, café and accommodation facilities are all filled with a unique atmosphere.