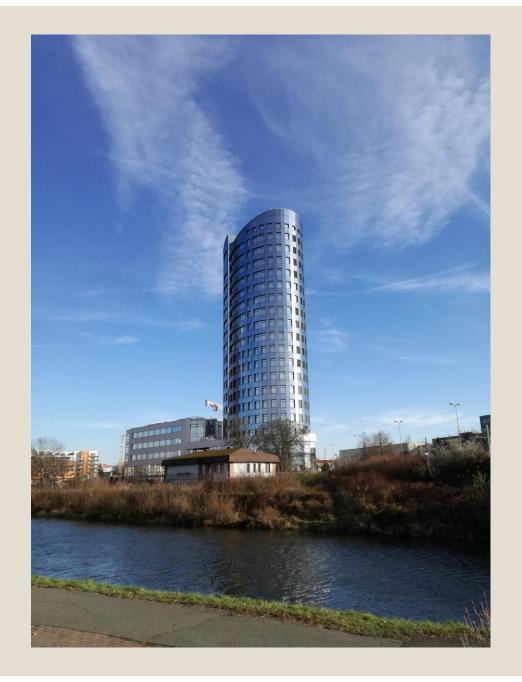


OLOMOUC CITY

Olomouc is a city in Moravia, in the east of the Czech Republic. Located on the Morava River, the city is the ecclesiastical metropolis and historical capital city of Moravia. Today it is an administrative centre of the Olomouc Region and sixth largest city in the Czech Republic. The city has about 100,000 residents, and its larger urban zone has a population of about 480,000 people.

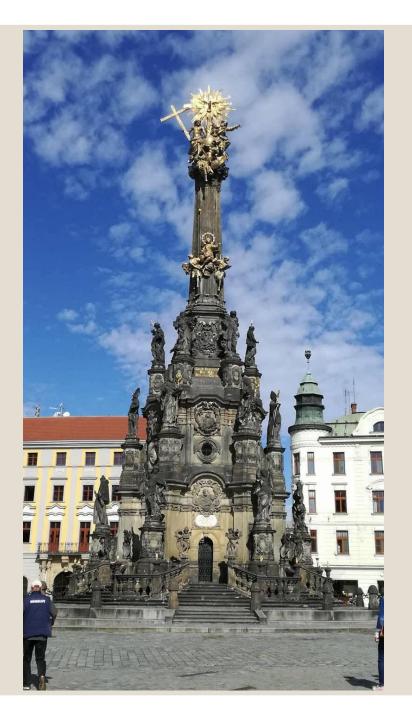




CITY MONUMENTS

Olomouc contains several large squares, the chief of which is adorned with the Holy Trinity Column, designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The column is 115 ft (35 m) high and was built between 1716 and 1754.





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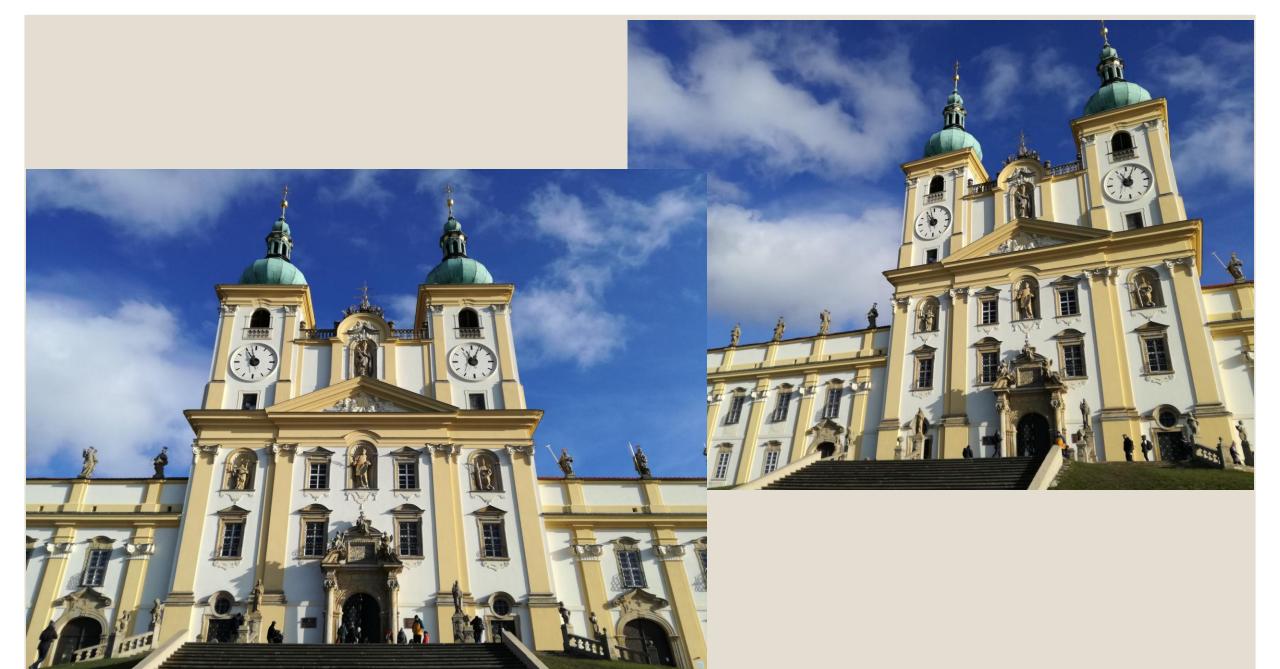
The city has numerous historic religious buildings. The most prominent church is Saint Wenceslas Cathedral founded before 1107 in the compound of the Olomouc Castle.





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The pilgrimage site Svatý Kopeček (The Holy Hill) is part of the city of Olomouc. On the place of the former chapel, a monumental Church of the Visitation of the Virgin Marygrew in the years 1669-1679 according to the plans of the architect G.P. Tencallo.



CHRISTMAS IN OLOMOUC

We regularly attend the ballet scenes of different theaters. This year, in the christmas time, we have visited the Moravian theatre. We have watched a performance of the Nutcracker, which we liked very much. In Olomouc every year are the christmas markets, on the square is a large christmas tree.

