

# CZECH HISTORIC GARDENS



## A special centennial tour

June 20 – 29 / October 3 – 12, 2018



Wallenstein Garden in Prague



L&T Chmelar Herb Garden  
at Valtice Chateau

## A 10-day tour to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Czechoslovakia in 1918.

To benefit Friends of Czech Greenways programs.

**Our tour will explore the works of landscape architecture inherited from the old Austro-Hungarian Monarchy to later developments including the new designs at the forefront of sustainability. This includes buildings and landscapes that were preserved and nominated as UNESCO World Heritage Sites through the efforts of the World Monuments Fund.**



Archbishop Palace and Gardens in Kroměříž

Our tour will be led by the *Friends of Czech Greenways* President, Stefan Yarabek. He is a highly regarded Landscape Architect who has been involved in Historical and Ecological Landscape Revitalization projects throughout the Czech Republic since 1989.

Stefan will provide a comprehensive journey through time as he discusses the threads of the uniquely rich tapestry that comprises the Czech Republic's diverse landscape.

Special access to exciting historic and ecological sites will be enhanced by contributions from carefully selected citizens, historians, landscape architects, horticulturists, vintners, educators and students, chateau and garden managers.

For more information or to register contact:



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Partner tour operator



# Join us!

We will stroll through royal gardens, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, parks, picturesque vineyards and trails along the former Iron Curtain. We will relax under the *trees of freedom* planted by locals in historic times of the country.

## Where will you go?

Our journey will begin with relaxing in the Weinviertel, in Austria. You will be welcomed with an introductory tour dinner, explore vineyards and have time to enjoy the spa.

We'll depart the Weinviertel region visiting the historic Tulln Gardens. We will cross the former Iron Curtain into Valtice, Czech Republic, to reach a grand vista at the border pavilion remembering Austro-Hungarian Empire.

From there, we will survey the largest man-made landscape in Europe, the Lednice-Valtice Estate and Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We'll tour the largest collection of North American trees outside of North America in Lednice. We will also appreciate the legacy of the Bauer Brothers, celebrated botanic artists born in the 18th Century in Valtice. You will be treated to a behind the scenes tour of our award winning Lu & Tíre Chmelar Herb Garden.

We'll spend several nights in the picturesque town of Mikulov, once home to Rabbi Loew, Golem's legendary creator.

Our paths will trace the prehistoric Venus of Věstonice in the Pálava Hills, UNESCO Biosphere, and the march of the X Roman Legion during the Marcomannic Wars of 166-180 AD.



Lednice park

We'll climb the lookout tower of the Minaret in Lednice Park, the tallest Islamic structure in Europe, taste the delicious Moravian wines and relax in the fragrant herb garden in Valtice.

On to Brno, Moravia's storied capital, and marvel at the clean lines of the functionalist Villa Tugendhat, Mies van der Rohe's masterpiece. Our travels will catapult us through the 1805 Austerlitz battle field on to

the sites of magnificent UNESCO MONUMENT Baroque chateaus and gardens. We will visit the homes of composer Bedřich Smetana and Art Deco artist Alphonse Mucha on the way to magical Prague.

We will revel in the mysteries of Praha tracing the steps of Antonín Dvořák, Franz Kafka, Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk and Václav Havel, stroll in the magnificent gardens and parks, and be amazed by the diversity and synergy of architectural styles.

## What will you do?

We will be able to TRAVEL BY bike, hike, horse or a canoe or just be lazily transported in a comfortable air-conditioned motor bus. We will plant trees and visit some amazing private houses and gardens.

No excursion through the Czech culture would be complete without traditional music and dance performances, sampling of delicious Moravian wines in the vintners' cellars and the enjoying the finest beer in the world.

## Where will you stay?

Accommodations are carefully selected pensions and luxurious hotels. Our meals will reflect the best standards of culinary excellence which focus upon local food and the Czech cultural heritage.

**Price \$ 3,995 land only** (\$ 840 single supplement)  
\$250 tax deductible donation. Minimum 10 persons.

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Petřín look-out tower in Prague

**This price includes:**

- \* Professional bilingual guide – Barbora Hammond
- \* 9 x Accommodation in selected hotels and pensions
- \* Support van
- \* Buffet breakfast
- \* 3 x Picnic lunch
- \* 9 x Dinners
- \* Luggage transfer
- \* 5 x local garden guide/ expert
- \* Private guided tours at chateaux, castles, museums and other select attractions

**Minimum number of participants:** 10 persons