

# PLZEŇ

A photograph of a grand, multi-story building with a prominent corner tower and a smaller turret, set against a clear sky and surrounded by lush green trees and bushes. The building is constructed from light-colored stone or brick with intricate architectural details, including arched windows and decorative moldings. The corner tower features a dark, conical roof and a small balcony. The overall scene is bright and sunny, with vibrant green foliage in the foreground and background.

## ATTRACTIONS GUIDE

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## 1. Introduction: About Pilsen

**Plzeň** (Czech pronunciation: [ˈpl.zɛɲ]), also called **Pilsen** in English and German, is a city in western Bohemia in the Czech Republic, it was founded in 1295 by King Wenceslaus II of Bohemia. Pilsen is situated about 90 kilometers (56 miles) west from Prague (the Capital City), and it is the fourth most populous city in the Czech Republic, the central European Country. [Read how to get easily to Pilsen here »](#)

Pilsen lies at the confluence of **4 rivers**: Úhlava, Úslava, Radbuza and Mže. They stream to the fifth river called Berounka, which continues from Plzeň to Prague.

Plzeň made a huge progress during last years. It is amazing to observe how the former industrial city has changed its face. Plzeň used to be a grey and sad city during communist time with mostly people working in heavy machinery: Škoda Works.

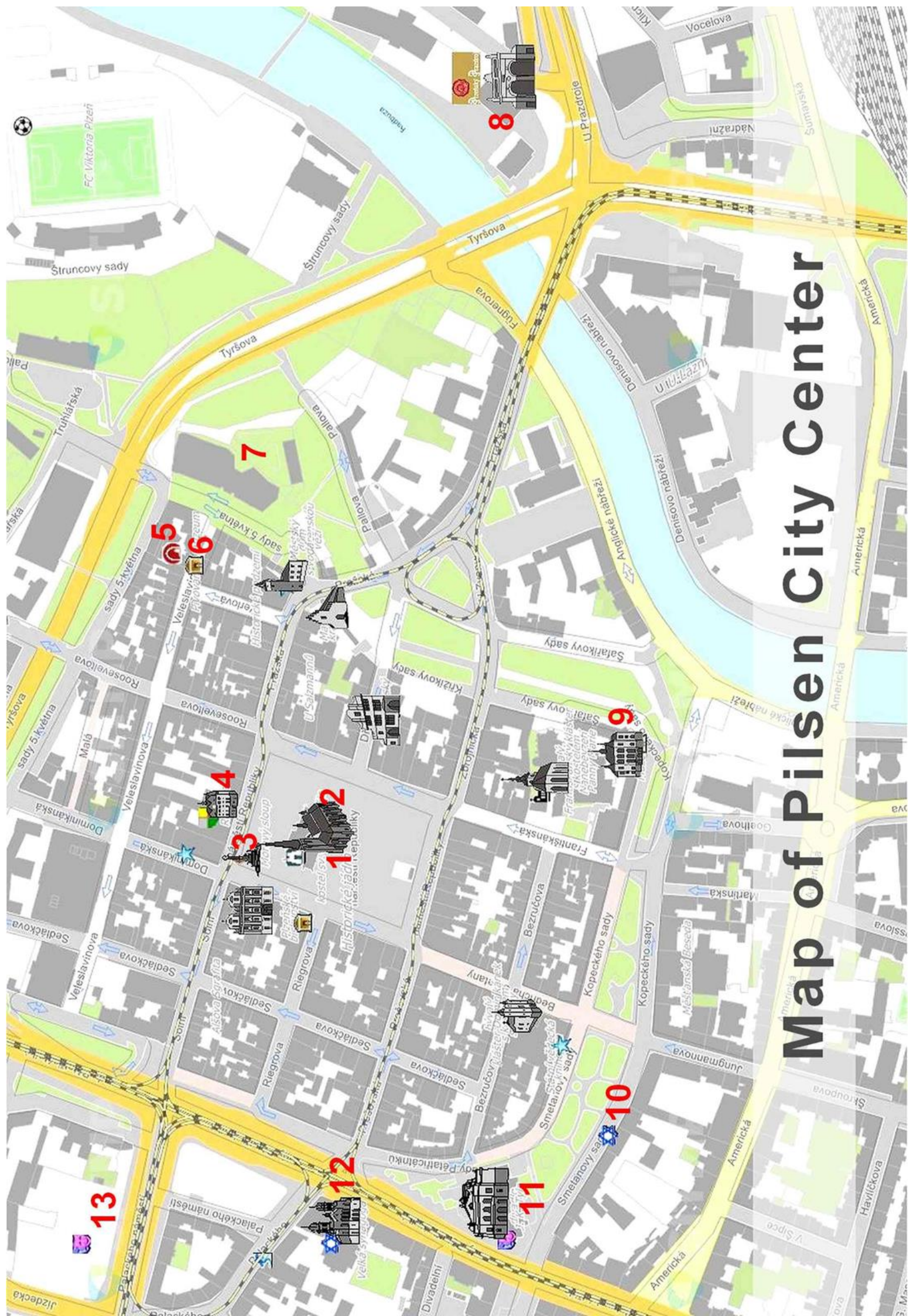
After the **Velvet Revolution** and a fall of communism in 1989 many houses were returned to their original owners, who started to reconstruct their properties, the municipality takes care about Pilsen monuments, sights, parks, streets and public transport and Plzeň is getting more and more visitors each year. [Read more about Pilsen here »](#)

Plzeň is especially famous for its [beer](#) (Pilsner Urquell), exported worldwide, and the visit of Pilsner Urquell Brewery is also the most popular Pilsen attraction.

But Plzeň can offer its visitors much more than just the beer. The long and rich history is visible on every step. We bring you an overview of **main Pilsen attractions** for adults and kids, which you should not miss during your stay in Plzeň.



# Map of Pilsen City Center



## 2. Main tourist attractions in Pilsen

All of the historical sightseeing places are located within one area of the Pilsen city center. Therefore, all the attractions can be visited on foot.



### 1. Cathedral of St. Bartholomew

The Gothic St. Bartholomew's Cathedral dominates Republic Square, the main square in Pilsen. The church tower is the tallest tower (102,26 m) in the Czech Republic and it offers its visitors an amazing view to the Pilsen Region by the nice weather.

Opening hours of the Church:

From April to September: Wednesday – Saturday, 10.00 am-4:00 pm

From October to December: Wednesday – Friday, 10.00 am-4:00 pm

The tower is open daily 10 am – 6 pm, the entry fee is 2 EUR for adults and 1 EUR for kids (6-15 years old).



### 2. The Little Angel

Touch it and whisper a wish. The little angel is placed on small grid at the rear side of the St. Bartholomew's Cathedral. You will recognize it very easily among others golden angels: the magical one is smaller and lighter as everybody touches it.



### 3. Marian (Plague) Column

St. Mary's plague column with the Baroque replica of Pilsen Madonna on the top is situated in the north-west part of the Republic Square and it dates back to 1681.

It was commissioned by the Plzeň burgesses as an expression of thanks that, in 1680, the city had been saved from the plague.

The statues on the balustrade and plinth date to 1714 and represent St. Bartholomew, St. Wenceslas, St. Frantisek Xaversky, St. Ruzena, St. Antonin, St. Roch, St. Barbora and St. Florian.

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## 4. Renaissance City Hall



The Renaissance city hall was built according to plans drawn by an Italian architect, Giovanni de Statio, between 1554 and 1559, and ranks among the most beautiful town halls in Bohemia. You can find a 3D model of the city's historical center in the vestibule.

Náměstí Republiky 1, Plzeň  
Open daily: 8 am – 6 pm, free entry

## 5. Historical Underground



The history of unique labyrinth of underground corridors, cellars and wells began early in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. Discover the secrets of Pilsen underground and learn about the history of Plzeň city.

Veleslavinova 6, Plzeň  
For info about opening hours and fees visit: [www.plzenskepodzemi.cz/en](http://www.plzenskepodzemi.cz/en)

## 6. Brewery museum



The same entrance as the Historical underground has also the Brewery museum. The visit of the Brewery museum will take you through the story of Pilsner world famous beer. In the atmosphere of the Middle Ages you will learn how beer is brewed, how to serve and drink it. You can even taste Pilsner Uguell, of course if you are older than 18.

Open:  
October – March: daily 10 am – 5 pm  
April – September: daily 10 am – 7 pm  
[www.prazdrojvisit.cz/en/tours/brewery-museum-tour/](http://www.prazdrojvisit.cz/en/tours/brewery-museum-tour/)

## 7. Millstream



The former millstream called in the Czech language “Mlýnská strouha” is a small lake in the City Centre. This romantic place is very popular among local people, children and of course tourists. You can take a break during your walk through the city, just sit on the bank, observe the life around or have a coffee or lunch in cafes and restaurants close to the water.

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## 8. Pilsner Urquell Brewery

If you want to visit the world famous Pilsner Urquell Brewery, you can go from Mlýnská strouha along Pallova street, through the underpass under the four-lane road, take right and go along the street and finally take the bridge over the river. The main entry to the Brewery is in front of you.

The brewery is a goal of tourists from all over the world.

U Prazdroje 7, Plzeň

Open daily 8 am – 5 pm (April – September until 6 pm)

Web page: [www.prazdrojvisit.cz/en/](http://www.prazdrojvisit.cz/en/)



## 9. Westbohemian museum

The West Bohemia Museum, with a collection of more than 2 million items, is one of the largest museums in the Czech Republic. The museum's unique exhibits include a rare European collection of arms from the 14th–17th century and an Art Nouveau library with valuable first editions.

Kopeckého sady 2, Plzeň

Open Tu- Su: 10 am – 6 pm

Entry fee: 2,3 / 1,3 EUR



## 10. Old synagogue

The oldest Jewish sight in the city of Pilsen was reconstructed recently. It is situated in one of the internal blocks of houses near the city centre and therefore it is quite easy to miss it without noticing. This impressive place offers also an exhibition with the topic of history of Jewish people in the Pilsen region, their traditions and habits.

Smetanovy sady 5, Plzeň

Open: April - October, Sun - Fri 10 am – 6 pm, entry fee 2,5 EUR



## 11. J.K. Tyl Theatre

The main theatre in Plzeň was built in the neo-renaissance style between 1899–1902. The JK Tyl Theatre has four artistic companies that produce about 600 shows per year, offering drama, opera, operetta, musical and ballet.

Smetanovy Sady 16, Plzeň

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## 12. Great synagogue

The third largest synagogue in the World provides evidence of the existence of rich Jewish community in the city before the World War II and its complete destruction in the Holocaust. Recently it has been reconstructed and thanks to its amazing acoustic properties it is often used for concerts.

Sady Pětařicátníků 7-9, Plzeň

Open: April - October, Sun - Fri 10 am – 6 pm, entry fee 2,7 / 2 EUR



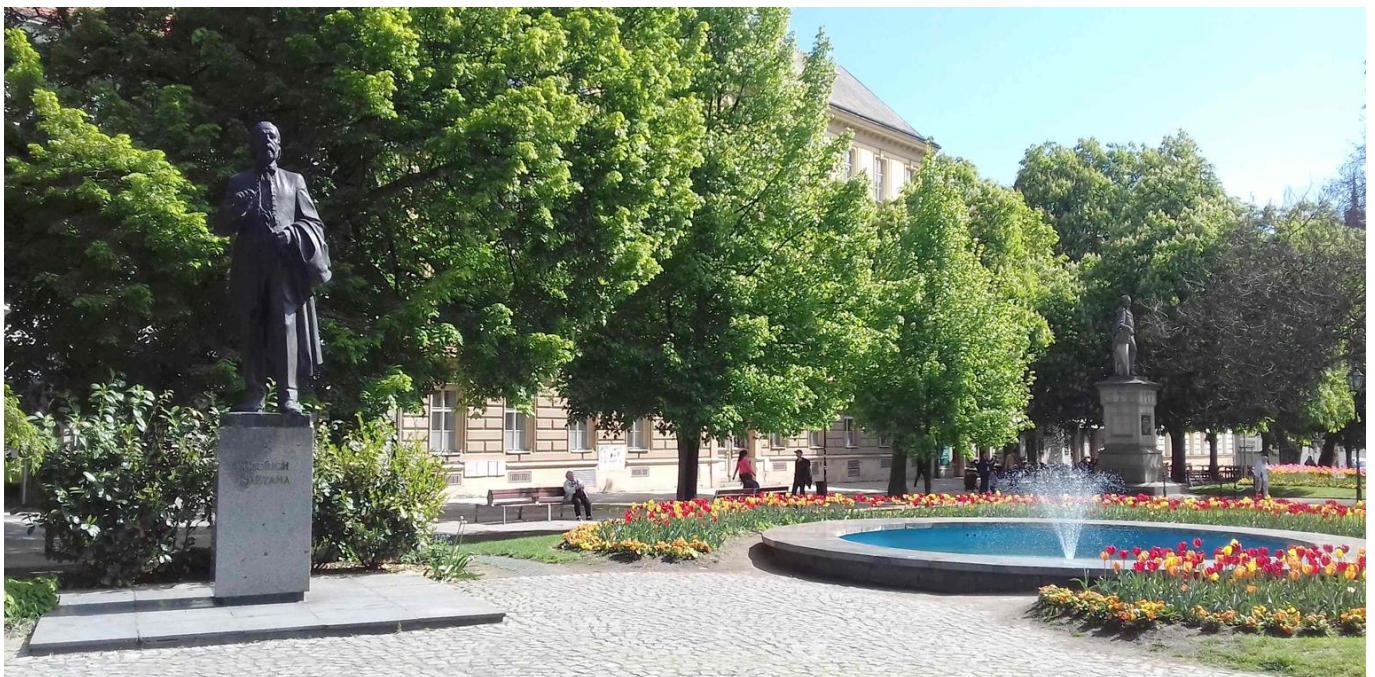
## 13. New Theatre

The new theatre was open in September 2014. The front facade made of cast concrete with the 'bubble' perforation gives the final touch to the modern character of this unparalleled building. The front elevation weighs more than hundred tones and is designed to become a theatrical object itself, a kind of plastic reinterpretation of the decorative theatre curtain.

Palackého náměstí 30, Plzeň

All Pilsen attractions including many photos and videos you will find on our website:

[21 unique Pilsen attractions and sightseeing places that no traveler should miss](#)



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## 3. Pilsner Beer

Is there any more famous beer than the Pilsner beer? This golden drink manufactured from the special local Czech ingredients as: Pilsen's soft water, red hops from Žatec, malt and special brewer's yeast attracts thousands to Plzeň of tourists each year.

**Pilsner Urquell** is the biggest producer of beer in the Czech Republic and Pilsner Urquell tour is according to TripAdvisor one of the world's best tourist attractions.

The world-famous 12° bottom-fermented Pilsner Urquell is produced in the traditional way since 1842, when it was first brewed by Josef Groll.

### The brewery tour

The Pilsner Urquell tour in the Pilsen brewery offers its visitors the opportunity to get to know the history of the legendary Pilsner Urquell lager.

Visitors will see authentic parts of the brewery where the original Pilsner beer has been made since 1842 and will visit the modern bottling plant, which has a capacity of 120,000 bottles per hour, a unique exposition of materials and both the historic and current brewing houses of Pilsner Urquell.

The guided tour takes 100 minutes and you will learn about the ingredients from which Pilsner Urquell beer is brewed and about the unique process of brewing this legendary beer.



The tour finishes in the brewery cellars by tasting of unpasteurized and non-filtered Pilsner Urquell 12° beer straight from the barrel.

The tour in English language takes place three times a day, so it is better to book tickets in advance online.

[Read more about Pilsner Urquell Brewery and other top breweries in Pilsen here >>](#)



### [Pilsen Sightseeing tour + Pilsner Brewery tour including Lunch and beer tasting](#)

**Duration:** 5 hours 30 minutes

**Price includes:**

- ✓ 2-course lunch
- ✓ Entrance fees
- ✓ Local guide
- ✓ Beer glass (exclusive souvenir gift)

From US\$59

**BOOK NOW**

## 4. Fun attractions not only for children



### Pilsen ZOO

Would you like to know if you run faster than cheetah? Do you want to make a selfie with giraffe or visit an underground shelter from World War II?

Then it is the right time to visit Zoological and Botanical Garden in Plzeň. More than 1300 kinds of animals live in this second largest ZOO in the Czech Republic.

You will find here not only exotic animals but also a farm called Lüftnerka with domestic animals as horses, goats, sheep, pigs, geese etc.

Please, don't entry with dogs.

Address: Pod Vinicemi 9, Plzeň  
Main entrance: GPS: 49° 45' 27.85'' N; 13° 21' 35.90''  
Web page: <http://www.zooplzen.cz/>

Open daily: 9 am – 5 pm (April – October: 8 am - 7 pm)  
Phone: +420 378 038 325  
Entry fee in the main season: about USD 6.5 for adults / USD 5 reduced entrance fee  
Entry fee November – March: about USD 4.5 for adults / USD 3 reduced entrance fee  
For family (2+2): USD 22.5 / 14 (except of main season)

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### Dinopark

DinoPark offers tens of models of prehistoric animals in their original size and performing authentic sounds. The largest model of the park is a gigantic Apatosaurus which is 23 meters long. The DinoPark also features a paleontological playground for children and a 3D cinema: the multi-entry to 3D cinema is included in the DinoPark ticket.

The DinoPark is located close to the upper entrance to the ZOO, if you buy a ticket which covers both ZOO and Dinopark you will get a discount.

Address: Nad Zoo 1, Plzeň  
GPS: 49°45'36.377"N, 13°21'27.21"E  
Phone: +420 378 774 636  
<http://plzen.dinopark.cz/en/uvod-dinopark-zoo-plzen>  
Open: April - October 8 am – 6 pm  
Entry fee: USD 5.5 for adults / USD 3.6 for kids 3-15



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## Techmania Science Center with 3D Planetarium

Techmania is located in a building of former Škoda works. Now the building is reconstructed and lives its second life. It hosts interactive exhibitions on a total area of 7500m<sup>2</sup>.

Techmania is place where nobody get bored: it provides a fun and education for the whole family. By very popular and experimental way you will learn more than in physics lessons, you can try your own experiments, do your own research, drive to Earth's core and do other amazing things.

### Planetarium

is a part of the Techmania Science Center. It is located in separate building in front of Techmania. Thanks to the modern technologies the Pilsen 3D planetarium ranks among the best facilities of its kind in Europe.

Address: U Planetária 1, Plzeň

GPS: 49°44'20.7869"N, 13°21'44.702"E

<http://techmania.cz/>

Open: Mo-Fr: 8.30 am – 5 pm, Sa: 10 am – 7 pm, Su: 10 am - 6 pm

Entry fee: about USD 7.3 for Techmania including Planetarium, family ticket for 4 persons: USD 27



[Other awesome things to in Pilsen you will find here >>](#)

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## 5. Do you need an accommodation in Plzeň?

Then check more than 60 properties in Plzeň through [Booking.com](https://www.booking.com), which is the most popular portal offering accommodation in the Czech Republic.



- ✓ Book now, pay later
- ✓ Best price guarantee
- ✓ From US\$30

[BOOK NOW](#)

Looking for a hotel near Pilsen old town or Pilsner Urquell Brewery? Would you like to know which hotel suits your needs best? Then read our [review of Pilsen hotels here »](#)

## 6. Good Luck and Bon Voyage

Thank you for downloading and reading **Plzeň Attractions Guide**.

These were the most popular Pilsen attractions, sights and monuments which are worth of visit.

Of course there is much more to see and do in Pilsen, this was just a short introduction. Did you get inspired for the visit to Pilsen or do you already plan your trip? What kind of information do you miss about Plzeň?

I hope you've learned something new in this guide, and that the guide will help you to enjoy your visit of Plzeň. If you liked it please give us [Like on our Facebook page](#). Thank you very much.

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I wish you a happy and save journey to Pilsen Czech Republic!



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