



EXPERIENCE CENTRAL BOHEMIA

Beautiful, romantic and diverse, the Czech Republic's Central Bohemian Region offers the perfect getaway during the winter months

◆ IN WINTER, VISITORS TO the pleasant and diverse country of the Czech Republic can enjoy active tourism pursuits, immerse themselves in culture and history, tuck into amazing gastronomic experiences and relax in revitalising spa retreats. In particular, the Central Bohemian Region, which encircles the capital city of Prague, offers a perfect balance between the natural, rural atmosphere and dignified castles and châteaux of the country, and the urban delights and cultural and entertainment programmes of the city.

Winter sees the Central Bohemian Region at its most romantic; the sight of roofs, treetops, meadows, fields and

roads covered with a layer of soft, white snow is reminiscent of stories told around the fire and fairy stories of old.

The region is renowned for its rich and varied natural environment, and so it is little wonder that many Bohemian kings and noblemen of the past used to build their residences here, many of which are still open to tourists today. Take the time out to visit and admire any of these beautifully preserved castles and châteaux, which include Karlštejn, Křivoklát, Český Šternberk, Konopiště, and Kokořín, before sitting down to enjoy the best of traditional Czech cuisine and a warming glass of mulled wine at a cosy country restaurant.

Named on the UNESCO list of World Cultural Heritage sites in 1995, the medieval town of Kutná Hora remains one of the most significant sightseeing destinations in the region, not least because of its unique GASK gallery and the architectural gem that is St Barbara's Cathedral. Alternatively, if you simply want to relax and restore your strength, head to Poděbrady, a picturesque little spa town only one hour from Prague. Here, visitors can enjoy the beauty of a winter hunt, as the nearby hunting districts are home to wildlife including pheasants, hares, deer, stags, mouflon sheep and even wild boar.

The Central Bohemian Region is one of the most pleasant and

interesting areas of the Czech Republic all year round. However, it is during winter that it is at its most peaceful and tranquil; at which time it becomes an ideal destination for any holidaymaker, whether they are seeking an exciting, active vacation or simply a quiet and restful escape. Visit www.middleczech.cz for more information.

