



## Bohemian Paradise Geopark The Museum of the Bohemian Paradise

Turnov is located 90 km north-east of Prague. Museum has been collecting documents about the cultural and historical development of the region. Rich collections comprise archaeology, ethnology, mineralogy, history, arts and archives materials. What makes the Turnov Museum go beyond the ranks of other regional museums is its specialization in documentation, working and collection of precious stones.



The main Museum building in Turnov



Dlsk Farm



Agate



the painting by Mikoláš Aleš, called  
The Defeat of the Saxons at Hrubá  
Skála

The Museum was founded in 1886. Historical exhibits, monuments of arts and guilds, archaeological findings and the municipal archives materials formed the base of the collections. Permanent exhibitions of mineralogy, history, living nature, Turnov stone working and ethnography were made accessible to the

visitors in the year 1963. The Museum of the Bohemian Paradise belongs to the oldest museums of the regional type in the Czech Republic. At the beginning, the collecting activities focused on archaeology, history and ethnography. These collections formed the basis of the regional national history and geography centre. The current specialization of the Turnov Museum in the documentation and presentation of the precious stones deposits and the history of stone cutting and jewellery making stemmed from the collections of geology, mineralogy, precious stones working and jewellery making that date back to the 30s of the last century. In these areas, the Museum currently owns a collection of European dimensions and corresponding exhibits. The expansion of the specialised collecting areas is supported by the present activities of the Museum, such as the cooperation with art schools, organization of international jewellery making symposia oriented at the development of relations with the contemporary world works, international scientific conferences, foreign expeditions, exhibitions both in the Czech Republic and abroad and precious stones trade days. Through this programme, the Museum of the Bohemian Paradise reaches not only beyond the regional boundaries but also beyond the borders of the Czech Republic. Ensuring the archaeological conservation care in the region is of the same importance.

In the recent years, the Museum has been one of the main organizers of cultural activities and feasts in the region.

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