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723 m
The highest table top mountain in CZ

The most frequent cycle route in the CR

300 m
The deepest sandstone canyon in Europe

150 m
The largest via ferrata complex in the CR

26,5 m
The largest sandstone arch in Europe

292 m
The longest castle drive in Europe

65 %
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Elbe canyon

The Elbe river canyon is the deepest sandstone canyon in Europe. With walls reaching heights of 300 meters, it has become a popular destination among rock climbers from across the globe. There are great views of the canyon from the surface of the river as well as from numerous scenic outlooks. The loveliest of these is Belveder, the oldest renovated viewpoint in Bohemian Switzerland.

Tisá rocks www.tisa.cz

Standing among the cliffs at Tiské stěny is like being in a fairy tale. This fantastic landscape lies at the edge of the Elbe Sandstones in the village of Tisá. The "cliff city," as the site is known among locals, surprises visitors with weird shapes resembling animals, figures, and faces. Marked trails covered with fine, white sand, lead through the site, cutting an unforgettable contrast between heaven and earth.

Elbe cycling trail www.idecin.cz

Děčín lies at the junction of three major bike trails. The best known and most traveled is the Elbe Cycle Route, which follows the Elbe River. In the Czech Republic it is marked as route 2, and it is also part of the international EuroVelo 7. The trail runs along the Elbe canyon and cuts through the center of town, crossing the Baroque old town bridge and passing under the massive castle bluff.

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Děčín is an ideal spot for hikers of all stripes. Whether you're looking for a romantic walk or a family daytrip, you'll find a trail to suit you here. There are two wooded parks in town, both great for short rambles or as starting points for longer hikes.

Castle www.zamekdecin.cz

Over the centuries Děčín Castle has welcomed many prominent guests, from European monarchs to world-renowned artists. Modern visitors can explore the castle's private chambers, nurseries, and salons and enjoy the beauty of its Baroque stables, rose garden, and Church of the Assumption of the Holy Cross.

Cruising www.idecin.cz

The River Elbe lends itself to day tripping on cruise boats or rafts, where the canyon can be enjoyed from the water's surface. Cruises can be combined with hiking or cycling trips. The Elbe Cycle Route (bike route 2) follows the riverside and bikes can be taken aboard cruise boats or conveyed to raft debarking points. There's also the option of continuing by boat into Saxony to see destinations across the border.

Pravčická brána arch www.pbrana.cz

Pravčická brána is one of the most stunning natural formations in Bohemian Switzerland and has become a symbol of the region. Its magnificent size is even more imposing viewed from up close. Parking is available in the village of Mezní Louka with a 6 km hike along sandstone bluffs. Or visitors can choose the shorter, but steeper, hike up from the village of Hřensko.

ZOO www.zoodecin.cz

Situated on the wooded slope of Shepherds Bluff, Děčín Zoo offers a unique experience. The facility is home to roughly 450 animals of more than 150 species. Its primary focus is on rare and lesser-known animal species. To zoological garden belongs the exposition Paradise Islands in the centre of the town, too.

Děčínský Sněžník viewpoint

No visit to Děčín would be complete without a stop at Děčínský Sněžník, one of Bohemia's oldest surviving observation towers, which rises atop the highest table mountain in the country. Sněžník (723 m above sea level) enchants with a magical view of the Lusatian Mountains and Bohemian-Saxon Switzerland.

Hřensko gorges www.en.hrensko.net

In the heart of Bohemian Switzerland National Park, visitors can take a boat through Edmund Gorge and Wild Gorge. The way from Hřensko leads under overhanging bluffs, through tunnels, and along narrow shelves. Each punt is expertly handled by a guide who also narrates the trip, describing both living and fossilized inhabitants of the gorges.

Via ferrata www.idecin.cz

Děčín is the only town in Bohemia with a via ferrata in its center. Visitors can choose from a total of 16 anchored trails leading up from the banks of the River Elbe to the cliff-top restaurant on Shepherds Bluff. During their hour-long ascent, climbers can enjoy fascinating views of the river, the castle, and the town. Panoramas that were once the exclusive purview of veteran rock-climbers are now available to the whole family.