

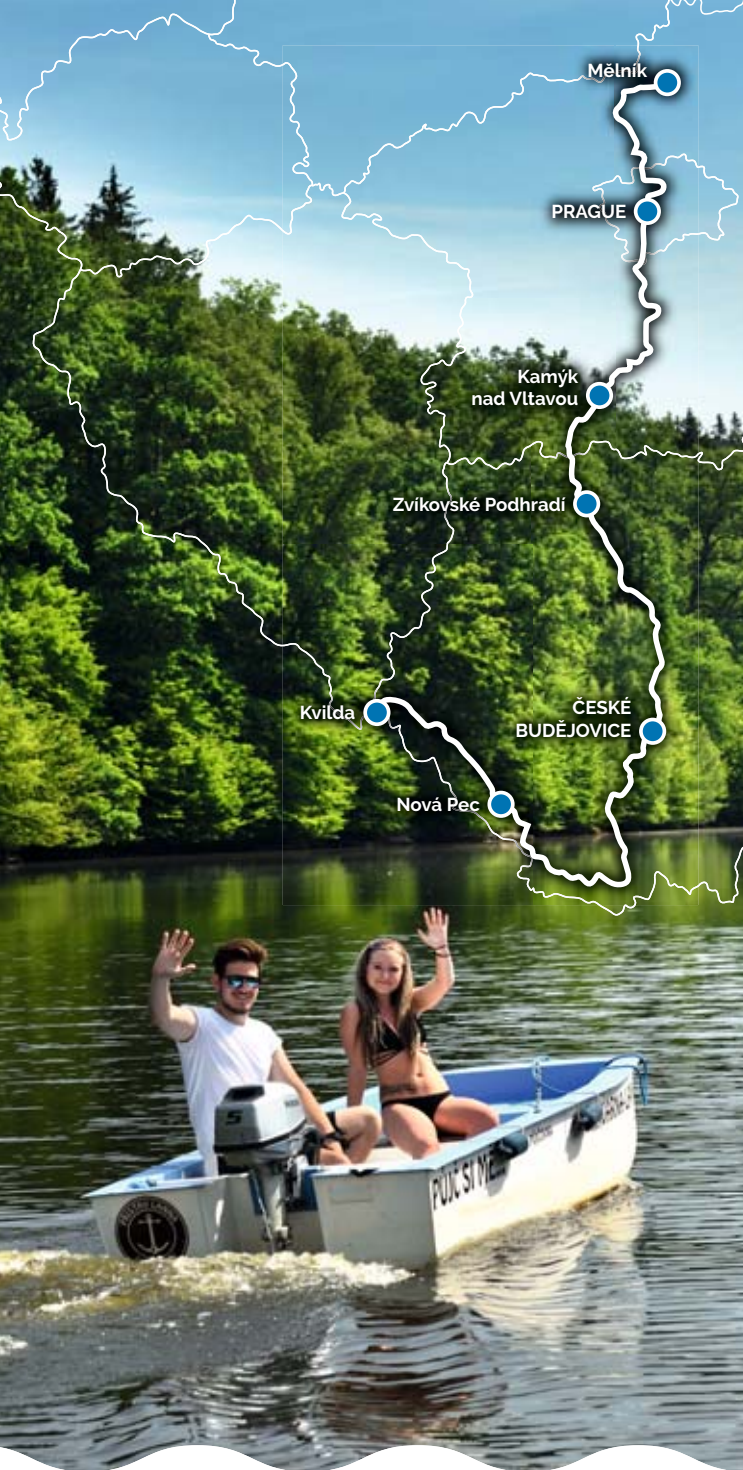


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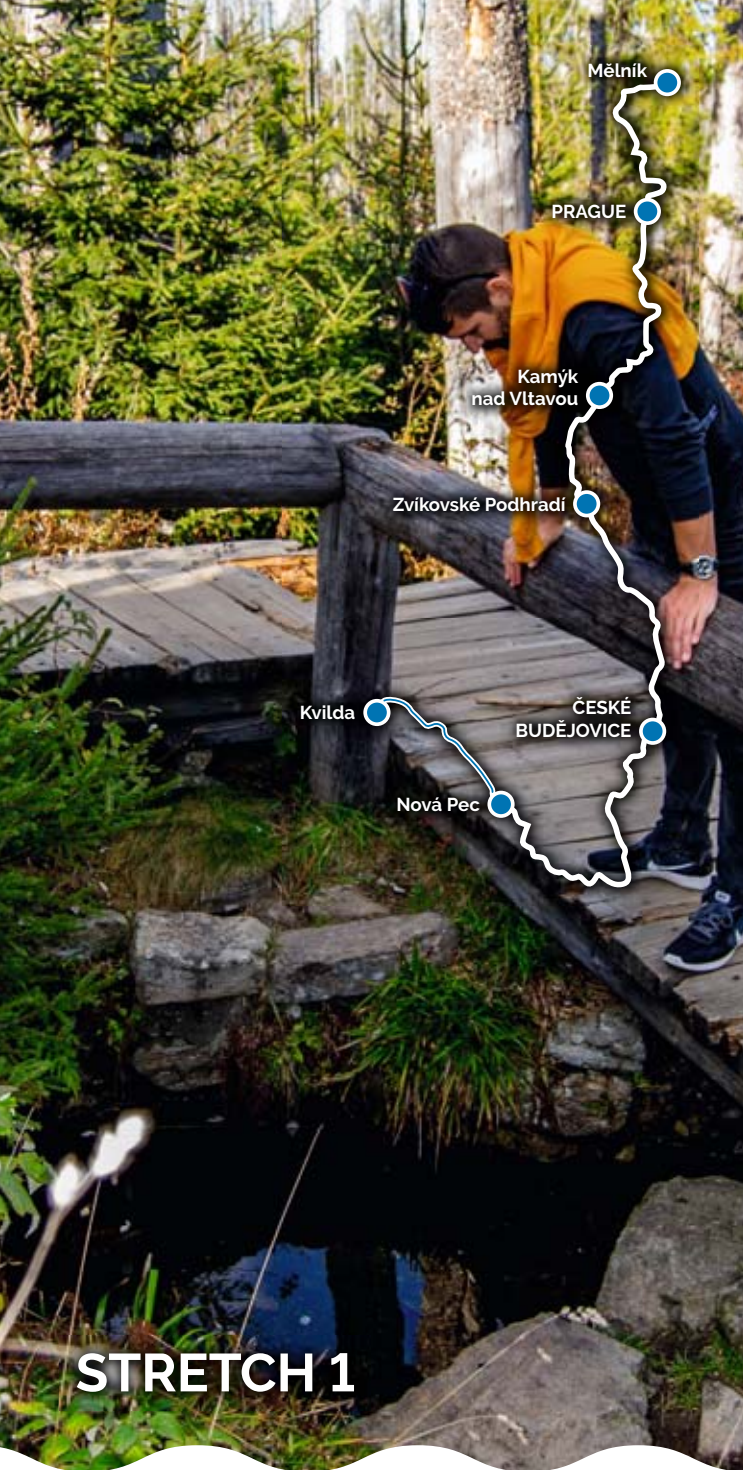


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The Vltava is the national river, connecting individual regions and various activities. The Vltava is not just water flowing in it, but also the activities around it, for hikers, bikers or skiers. The Vltava river offers year-round universal enjoyment of free time. Each section is characteristic and has great potential to appeal to anyone. Everyone can find something and discover new places. From the Vltava spring at Kvilda in Šumava to the confluence with Labe in Mělník it is over 430 kilometres of adventure, you just need to make a choice.

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- 6 Prague > Mělník

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STRETCH 1

Kvilda (Bučina) > Nová Pec

Kvilda (Bučina–Vltava spring) > Lenora > Soumarský most > Nová Pec (beginning of Lipno reservoir)

The first stretch includes the birth of the river Vltava in Southern Bohemia. It flows from the place, where the river starts to make sounds, growing in strength all the way to the beginning of Lipno reservoir. The Vltava flows through the beautiful countryside of Šumava National Park, where its navigability is limited. From the springs it is braided with marked trails for bikers and hikers, which are unique in this stretch. Visitors shouldn't miss the National Park visitors' centre, the Vltava spring, or the village Lenora, renown for the bread baked in the public oven.



OUR TIP

Salt Golden trail Festival in Prachatice, annually the last weekend in June.

Baking in municipal oven in Lenora, annually from April to December.

Floating timber on the Schwarzenberg channel, annually from May to September.



STRETCH 2

Nová Pec > České Budějovice

Nová Pec (beginning of the Lipno reservoir)
> Český Krumlov > Zlatá Koruna
> České Budějovice (city limit)

The second stretch of the Vltava is one of the busiest in Southern Bohemia, at least from the water tourism perspective. You can traverse the entire Lipno reservoir and Čertovy proudy (Devil's streams) as well, or ride the best known stretch through Český Krumlov. The city, listed by UNESCO, offers another dimension from the river surface. Through several weirs, boaters can reach České Budějovice, where a boat takes people on regular guided tours of the Vltava-Malše confluence. The landscape around the Lipno reservoir is ideal for tourism and winter activities as well.



OUR TIP

Balloon fiesta in Frymburk,
annually in September.

Five-petalled Rose Festival in Český Krumlov,
annually in June.

Boršov Markets,
annually once a month from March to December.



STRETCH 3

České Budějovice > Zvíkovské Podhradí

České Budějovice > Hluboká nad Vltavou > Týn nad Vltavou > Zvíkovské Podhradí (beginning of Orlik reservoir)

The water transport starts on the third stretch. Near the centre of České Budějovice you can take guided boat tours. Regular lines travel the lower course, all the way from Hluboká nad Vltavou to Týn nad Vltavou. You can see boats here, but also paddleboards, houseboats and pedal boats. A beautiful bike trail runs along the river, frequented not only by bikers, but skaters and hikers as well. The historic centres of České Budějovice, Hluboká nad Vltavou and Týn nad Vltavou, famous for the Moldavite semi-precious stones, are worth visiting.



OUR TIP

Muses on the water in České Budějovice, annually the first week in July.

Fishing Festival in Hluboká nad Vltavou, regularly on 28 October.

Fishing of ponds managed by Rybářství Hluboká, annually from September to November.

Zvíkov Theatre Summer, annually in July and August.



STRETCH 4

Zvíkovské Podhradí > Kamýk nad Vltavou

Zvíkovské Podhradí > Orlík > Kamýk nad Vltavou

The fourth stretch, especially the Orlík reservoir, connects the regions of Southern Bohemia and Central Bohemia. The water in the Vltava is regulated here and used for recreation. Motor boats, sailboats, pleasure boats or leisure and sports crafts, such as water scooters and boats with water skiers, sail along the Orlík reservoir. The landscape around it is full of camping grounds and beautiful views. You cannot miss the spots majestically towering over the reservoir: castles Orlík and Zvíkov, or the horseshoe view near Solenice.



OUR TIP

South-bohemian Festival in Kovářov, annually the end of May and beginning of June.

Milevsko Masquerade, annually in March.

Puppets meet Music in Mirovice, annually during the summer.

Flower Show in Čemelice, every odd year in August.



STRETCH 5

Kamýk nad Vltavou > Prague

Kamýk nad Vltavou > Živohošť > Slapy > Štěchovice
> Vrané nad Vltavou > Prague

The fifth stretch starts downstream of Kamýk nad Vltavou with beautiful meanders of the Vltava, where water starts to accumulate in the Slapy reservoir. It also meets the biking trail Eurovelo 7 there. This recreational area of Central Bohemia is full of camping grounds and offers space for rental marinas and house boats. From here the Vltava flows to Prague, beneath Vyšehrad Castle, through Čertovka, to the Charles Bridge. If the tourists miss anything at the Slapy reservoir, they can catch up in Prague, offering scenic boat tours, pleasure cruises, pedal boats and rowing.



OUR TIP

Easter Festival in Jílovské Museum,
annually on Easter Saturday.

Antonín Dvořák Music Festival in Příbram,
annually in the end of April/beginning of May.

Festival of Queen Johanka in Rožmitál p. Tremšínem,
annually in June.

Kebule's Autumn of Dragons in Nová Živohošť,
annually in September.



STRETCH 6

Prague > Mělník

Prague (downstream from the city) > Kralupy nad Vltavou > Mělník (confluence with Labe)

The last stretch closed by the experience of several kilometres, starts in Prague and ends at the confluence with Labe in Mělník. This region offers original scenic boat cruises, during which the visitors can enjoy the view of the surrounding countryside. Along the route visitors can admire the castle in Nelahozeves. Just before the confluence the boats must navigate coupled lock in Hořín, a technical landmark. We cannot leave the castle in Mělník out, offering a view of the confluence of the Vltava and Labe.



OUR TIP

Wine Night in Mělník,
annually in April.

Okoš with Juice,
annually in June.

Vintage Car Swarm in Lobeč,
annually in June.

Tasting in Mělník,
annually in August.



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