

Sušice Town

This former Royal town spreads along the banks of the River Otava in the foothills of the Svatobor peak. Due to its location, Sušice is often called “the Gateway to the Šumava Mountains”, and it is an ideal starting point for visiting the central parts of the Šumava.

Rich in history and outdoor activities, Sušice is a sought after holiday place throughout the year.

There is plenty to engage both sports enthusiasts and lovers of culture and history. Families with children will also find plenty to do.

There is a lot to experience in Sušice. So do come and visit this picturesque town where each generation will find just what they need.



Sušice Square



Chapel of the Guardian Angel



Town Hall



Historical Sights

There are many historical sights to be visited in the ancient town of Sušice. The **Chapel of the Guardian Angel** on top of the Stráž Peak towers over the town and one cannot miss it.

The town square boasts many precious, historical houses, including the **oldest landmark in the town**, a stone plaque commemorating the construction of the town walls in 1322. The plaque is located in the **Town Hall** situated right in the middle of the square. There is a 30.5 m high **observation tower** in the Town Hall, offering a bird’s eye view over the town.

The **Šumava Museum** features many interesting exhibitions, including one on the history of **match production** which made Sušice famous worldwide.

Šumava Museum

náměstí Svobody 40,
342 01 Sušice

Permanent exhibitions:

History of the Town, Glass Making in the Šumava, Production of Matches in Sušice, The Largest Working Match in the World, The Tin Treasure of Sušice, The Capuchin Library, Mid -19th century Town Interior.

Sušice Mechanical Crib: models of important buildings in the town and the surroundings, showcasing traditional Šumava crafts.



Sušice Mechanical Crib



Svatobor Observation Tower

A 31.6 m high stone observation tower with 182 steps towers over the town on a wooded peak of Svatobor at 854 m above sea level. The observation tower offers wonderful **circular views over the Šumava** and inland. There is a chalet offering refreshments and, if need be, you can also stay there overnight. Lovers of adrenalin sports should not miss out on going downhill on all-terrain scooters.

Other observation places round Sušice:

- **Stráž peak** (552 m above sea level) with the Chapel of the Guardian Angel
- **Žižka Peak** (618 m above sea level) featuring a Chalice built to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the death of Jan Žižka (28.10.1924)
- **Old Water Tower** on the Svatobor Peak (557 m a.s.l.)
- „**Lovely Lookout**“ place – near the Kalovy Peak (727 m a.s.l.)



Svatobor Observation Tower

Šumava Museum



Sušice Cobweb



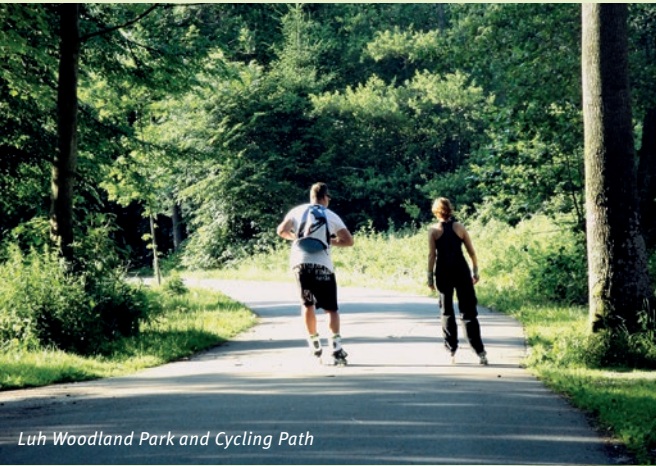
To learn more about Sušice, follow the „Sušice Cobweb“. The eight educational trails will take you through the town and its surroundings. You will see the town from many different angles – as a Royal town rich in history and cultural landmarks but also as a modern town featuring beautiful architecture from the 20th century. You will see a Sušice which was once the cradle of match production but also a town that supported the Hussite movement. The Stations of the Cross will offer you an opportunity to rest and ponder. There is also a trail along the River Otava where you can go wild with your kids. This network of circa 20 km of walks is marked with the sign of a cobweb. Each walk has its own colour. If you are of a competitive nature, you might enjoy joining the **tourist competition „SUŠICE COBWEB WANDERING“**.

Playing with Animals

A nature trail for the little ones in the Luh Woodland Park focuses on the animals living in our woods. The information boards feature colourful pictures and there are also large wooden statues of the animals. The nature trail is 1 km long, there are 5 stops and it is barrier free.

Luh Woodland Park

This popular outdoor place is located right next to the town centre. From spring to autumn people come here to fish, cycle and practice in-line skating; in summer people enjoy swimming and sunbathing along the River Otava or in the municipal swimming pool, and in winter there is cross-country skiing to be enjoyed. All in all, the park offers whole year round relaxation. There are two nature trails running through the Park, the Otava Cycling Route, and the park also features two large children’s playgrounds with good facilities.



Luh Woodland Park and Cycling Path

Santos River Island

The island of Santos is located in the Luh Woodland Park, between the River Otava and the Mlýnský Stream. The municipal woodland park was renovated in 2012-2013 thanks to the Fund for Revitalisation Changes. The **large modern playground** is extremely popular with children, whilst their parents enjoy **refreshments** in the local café. There is a **skittle alley** near the playground. At one end of the island, you will find an **outdoor swimming area with changing rooms**, and at



Children's Playground at Santos



Santos Island

the other end you will find a **belfry made by a sculptor, Václav Fiala**. The bell on the belfry is dedicated to a well-known healer, František Ferda. The island boasts more of Václav Fiala’s artwork – a **pavilion for listening to the silence**, and a **pavilion to observe the sky**. Santos was awarded the title “Park of 2014” by the professional community. The island buzzes with activity, particularly in the summer.



Václav Fiala's Belfry and Pavilion



Pool at Santos

Sports

Do you fancy stretching your muscles but also having a place to relax afterwards? Sušice might be the right place for you.

A wonderful sports complex has been built close to the town centre, featuring a **modern indoor swimming pool**, a **winter stadium**, a climbing wall, a modern athletic stadium with a tartan track, a football pitch with an artificial grass surface and modern lighting, volleyball and tennis courts, in-line and cycling track, OffPark – a high rope course and adrenalin park, a network of routes for walkers, runners and cyclists, a playground for children, a modern concrete skatepark and last but not least, the Otava Recreation Park – an outdoor swimming pool.



Swimming Pool

Volšovská 444, 342 01 Sušice



Sušice Swimming Pool

The swimming pool offers several excellent attractions. A **waterslide with light and sound effects and a time clock** so you can have a race with your mates. A separate, **25 m long swimming pool** has designated lanes for swimming and features a **river current system**. The children can enjoy a **pool with a wild river effect** in any weather, or the **paddling pool**, and the parents can rest in one of the **Jacuzzi pools**. There is a **Finnish sauna** and a traditional **steam room**. This is a wonderful opportunity to rejuvenate your body and forget about everyday

worries, taking a sauna, enjoying the outdoor cooling area and the pleasant relaxation area. There is also a **gym**, and a **spinning and fitness centre**.



The Otava Park Recreation Centre

Enjoy water sports on a hot summer's day in the **municipal swimming pool** located in the pleasant surroundings of the Luh Woodland Park. There are various **water attractions for children**, **sunbathing areas**, and **pitches for beach volleyball**, a **children’s playground** and newly reconstructed facilities.



Winter stadium – winter/summer operation

Volšovská 444, 342 01 Sušice

Winter opening times from October to March – ice area: Ice skating for the public and special designated hours for families with children, ice hockey competitions and training, ice hockey training sessions, hobby hockey league, figure skating.

Summer opening times from April to September – a multi-function sports surface:

In-line skating for the public, tennis, indoor football, football tennis, basketball, volleyball, handball, in-line hockey.



Winter Stadium – Multi-function surface



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Climbing wall

The winter stadium offers a 9 m high climbing wall with 11 routes which test both experienced climbers and beginners. Climbing equipment can be borrowed on site. Complete beginners can have a go at climbing with an instructor present.



Climbing Wall

The Otava Cycling Route

The Otava Cycling Route starts in Modrava and ends at Zvíkovské Podhradí. The total route is 166 km long. The Sušice route is only 11 km and takes you through a wonderful wooded landscape along the Otava River, through **the municipal sports and relaxation centre** and its wide array of entertainment for everyone, and the historical town centre. The good quality asphalt surface is much appreciated by **in-line skaters**. In winter, the route, which is maintained throughout the year, is open to **cross-country skiers**.

OffPark

Na Fužernách – Fužerna Hotel, 342 01 Sušice

The outdoor centre on the banks of the River Otava offers a wide range of sports and leisure activities. Why not try the **high rope course** with 34 obstacles and a course 6 to 9 metres above the ground, the downhill ride on all-terrain scooters from the Svatobor Peak or rafting on the Otava? For the little ones, there is a rope course with 14 obstacles and a climbing wall to enjoy.



Canoeists

The gold bearing **River Otava** is formed when two Šumava rivers, the Vydra and Křemelná meet at Čeňkova Pila. The river flows through some wonderful scenery and picturesque historical towns such as Sušice, Horažďovice, Strakonice and Písek. It joins the River Vltava just below the Zvíkov Castle. The Otava is one of the most popular rivers with canoeists as they can enjoy practically all of its 113 km long course. For more experienced canoeists, the section from Čeňkova Pila to Sušice (in spring) is the most interesting one as the river is wild, offering lots of excitement and adrenalin moments. However, from Sušice onwards, the river opens up to even less experienced canoeists. Even if you do not have a canoe, but would like to have a go, you can take advantage of the various rental places where you can arrange a one day or several day long trips down the Otava.



Rope Course for Children



Offpark – all-terrain scooters



Otava Cycling Path

Culture

Culture enthusiasts will not go short in Sušice. There is a **cinema** to be enjoyed and **several exhibitions**. Many interesting events are organised by the town throughout the year.

Farmers' Market



Cinema

Příkopy 178, 342 01 Sušice

The Sušice cinema puts on at least one show a day, including 3D films, film festivals, live transmission of ballets, theatre performances and concerts. The new building is also used as a concert and theatre hall. There are lectures, discussion panels and other events organised on a regular basis. The **cinema café**, offers refreshments, but also organised talk shows, chamber performances and discussions.



Sušice Cineman

Exhibitions and Galleries

There are many venues exhibiting various genres of art in the town where you can both delight your eyes and feed your soul. The offer is wide and you are bound to find something you enjoy.



Galerie Sirkus
Příkopy 178, 342 01 Sušice

Exhibition space in the Town Hall
nám. Svobody 138,
342 01 Sušice

Exhibition space in the Šumava Museum
nám. Svobody 40,
342 01 Sušice

Sokolovna Centre of Culture

T. G. Masaryka 120, 342 01 Sušice

This building has been here for 100 years and it is still going strong! Dances, concerts and theatre performances are organised in the Sokolovna Centre. There is a music club in the basement, featuring regular music performances of different genres.

Puppet Theatre

T. G. Masaryka 120, 342 01 Sušice

The Hus Hall, a part of the Sokolovna Centre, features puppet shows for the little ones every Friday from October to March. The puppet ensemble was established in 1920 and it is the longest performing puppet theatre in Western Bohemia.



Sokolovna Building



Smetana Hall in the Grammar School Building

Františka Procházky 324, 342 01 Sušice

In 1949 the school chapel was converted into a **concert hall**. The historic premises have fantastic acoustics and they are often used not only for classical music concerts, but also „non-classical“ music concerts, theatre performances and various social events.

Community Centre „Káčko“

Klostermannova 1330, 342 01 Sušice

The centre was built in 2012 and it houses an **After School Club**, a **multi-function hall** and an **outdoor amphitheatre** for various social events. It also houses the **municipal library**, a reading room and offers **Internet access** to the public.



Community Centre „Káčko“



The town with much to offer

