

Moravian symbols

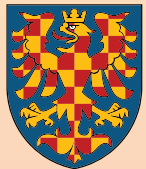
Flag of Moravia

is based on heraldic colours of the land of Moravia, yellow (gold) and red, that were accepted by the parliament of land of Moravia in the year 1848. In last decades, the form of the flag with added coat of arms of Moravia has prevailed so it can be easily distinguished from the other similar flags.



Coat of Arms of Moravia

The original coat of arms of Moravia is charged with white-red chequered eagle, but the colours were augmented (upgraded) to yellow-red in 1462. Over the centuries, both of the versions were used. In the 19th century, the yellow-red eagle prevailed, but after the creation of the Republic of Czechoslovakia the white-red version was added to the state coat of arms. Today, both of the versions are used on many occasions.



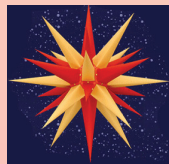
Moravian anthem

Moravia has never had an official anthem, but there are several songs that serve as an unofficial anthem. For example the song **Moravo, Moravo** (*Moravia, Moravia*) by Ludvík Dietrich and also the song **Jsem Moravan** (*I am a Moravian*) by Václav Novotný or the religious song **Bože, cos ráčil** (*Oh God, You willed*).



Moravian star

Although this Christmas symbol has the adjective "Moravian" it is much better known, for example, in Saxony and in other regions where descendants of emigrants from Moravia live. Nowadays, the Moravian star starts to appear in the country of origin, in Moravia.



About Moravia

The Czech Republic consists of three historic lands - Bohemia, Moravia and a part of Silesia. However, the current state organization does not respect them. Although Moravia almost always represented an individual unit of particular state entities, it is now divided into seven regions that fit neither to its historical, nor the natural border.



The Czech Republic is often incorrectly confused with Bohemia, even by people from Bohemia (in Czech called Čechy). However, this region represents only the western part of Czech Republic.

Language

The Czech language is officially used in the whole Czech Republic, but there are specific dialects in Moravia and Silesia.

Geography

Most of the waters of Moravia flow to the South to the Danube river and its countryside comprised the natural corridor from the South to the North, following the route of ancient Amber Road. Despite that, Bohemia is surrounded by mountains and its waters (and traditional orientation) flow to the North-West.

History

The most well-known state in Moravian history was the Moravian Empire in the 9th century. For most of the Middle Ages and Modern Age, Moravia existed as a separate land of the Lands of the Bohemian Crown, Holy Roman Empire or the Austrian Empire.

Are you interested?

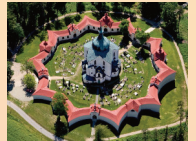
Can you find, how to say Moravia in you language?

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Moravië Morawa Morawy Моравія モラヴィア
Moravie **Morava** Morawijo Моравія 모라바
Moràvia Morvaország Moravska மொர்வா மொராவிয়া
Moravia Moravija موراویا מוראביה
Moràvia Μοραβία Moravya מורהן Morabya
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What can I visit in Moravia?

There are many places of interests in Moravia but seven of them are the part of world heritage UNESCO.

Zelená Hora - Pilgrimage Church of Saint John of Nepomuk near **Žďár nad Sázavou** is still amazing up to now.



Telč - historic baroque town centre and Renaissance **castle** are a favourite place of film makers.

Lednice-Valtice Cultural Landscape - a complex of palaces and pavillons are set to a large English park.



Kroměříž - Castle and Gardens served as summer seat of Olomouc arcibishops.

Brno - a functionalist **Villa Tugendhat** is a jewel of modern architecture.

Olomouc - The Holy Trinity Column dominates the centre of the former Moravian capital.

Třebíč - St. Procopius' Basilica from 13th century and exceptionally well-preserved **Jewish Quarter**, the only UNESCO Jewish monument outside Israel.

Don't miss the intangible Heritage of UNESCO! The ancient **Ride of the Kings** is performed by a young boy in women dress, the **Slovácko Verbuňk** symbolizes the dance of recruiters.



Moravská národní obec

(Moravian national community)



Who are we?

We are a community of inhabitants and friends of Moravia, who are interested in its history, culture and traditions. We want a bright future for our country with rich history.

What are our goals?

Moravia has always been an autonomous land and it do not deserve to be removed from the map. We support efforts to restore land institutions that will work within the natural Moravian borders.

What do we do?

We process specialized materials on questions about Moravia, we organize marches focused on local history, discussion meetings with experts or patriotic parades, e. g. Moravian Days ("Den za Moravu"). We have members and local communities in all regions of Moravia, we participate in local events. We fly the flag of Moravia (and not only on occasion of the feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius). And we are not alone. The flag of Moravia appears at many town halls, at sport events and so on.

I like it, i support it! What can I do for Moravia?

Tell your friends, you were in Moravia. Help us to spread the glory of Moravia. And enjoy your stay here!



more at
www.zamoravu.eu

Did you know that...

Moravia existed as an **autonomous land** since the end of 12th century continuously until 1948, when it was liquidated by the communist regime.



The **Moravian Pact** of 1905 was a progressive document and it served as a **constitution model** for many countries.

Moravian towns like Dačice, Slavonice, Svitavy, Moravská Třebová or Jevíčko are currently included to the **Bohemian regions**, often against the will of its inhabitants.

The schoolbook of Moravian history came out in 2012 as a first one after more than one hundred years. More at www.ucimeomorave.cz (in Czech language only)



The **silver and red eagle** on the Moravian coat of arms was **upgraded to gold** and red one many centuries ago, but **both of the variants** have been used since then.

Famous world-known persons as Jan Amos Komenský, Johann Gregor Mendel, Sigmund Freud, Ernst Mach, Leoš Janáček, Tomáš Baťa or Viktor Kaplan **come from Moravia**.

There are **7 monuments of UNESCO** in Moravia, which represents one of their highest concentration in the world.

In the 16th and at the beginning of the 17th century, Moravia was well-known as the **land of religious freedom**, while elsewhere in Europe raged religious wars.

Moravian-Bohemian border had been changing only minimally for the centuries. However, **it overlaps** with the current regional border only **in a few kilometres**.

How is the word Morava (i.e. Moravia) written in **Glagolitic**, the oldest Moravian script.



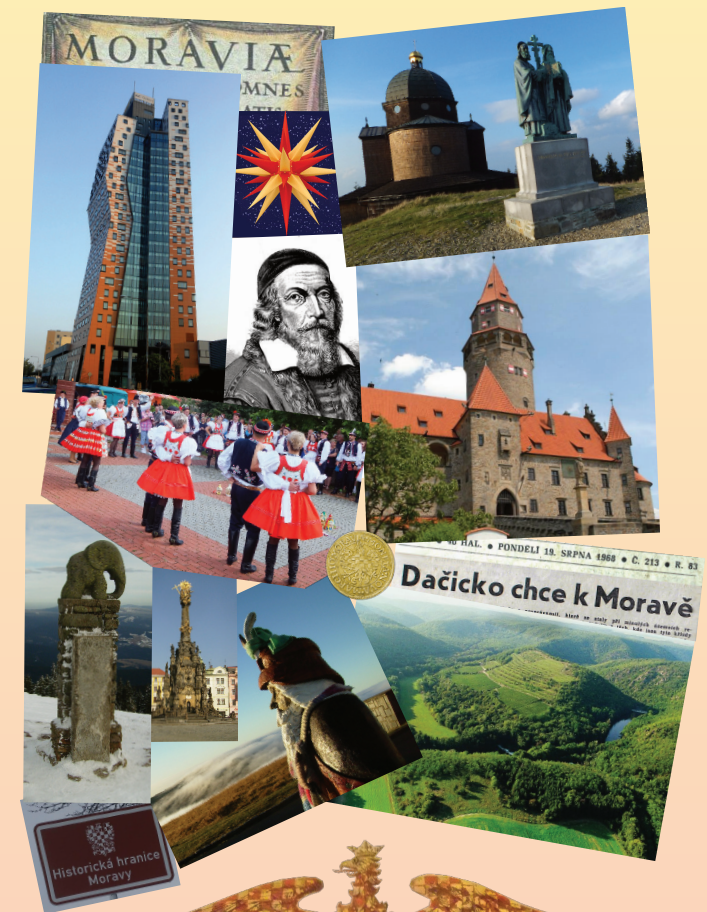
Moravia

„Moravia is a fascinating land even because it both exists and does not exist...“

Jan Skácel, Moravian poet

Just east of Czechia? Or even "east of Bohemia"?

No, this is Moravia, the land with thousand years of history. The land that has future.



MORAVIA



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