

LOKET IS BUZZING WITH CULTURE!

Dear Locket visitors,
whether you visit our town during the high tourist season or at any other time of the year, you may look forward to an abundant offer of cultural events. Museums, galleries, and other cultural institutions invite you to visit them. Even though Locket is a small town in the Karlovy Vary Region, it is visited by hundreds of thousands of Czech and foreign visitors every year and its fame extends far beyond the region. In addition to the wide offer of events held by cultural institutions, the castle and the town organise traditional annual events to which you are cordially invited! The dates of the events for the current year can be found on the websites of the town and of the collaborating institutions.

BURGRAVE PŮTA'S MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL

You may experience the atmosphere of ancient times during the summer festival held not only at the castle as the centre stage of the event, but also in the square and alleys of the town of Locket. Knightly jousts, drolleries, jugglers, a craft fair, medieval music, dancing, and plenty of good food and drink will keep you and your children entertained throughout the weekend.



SUMMER



AUTUMN

MUSEUM AND MUSICIANS' NIGHT

Once a year, one evening and night in Locket are dedicated to music and history aficionados. The town resounds with music of various genres during concerts held not only in Locket pubs, at the castle, the library or the Town Assembly Hall, but also in the streets! There are also special tours of the town, its museums, and the castle. Admission to most of the concerts is free or voluntary.

SAINT WENCESLAS' VINTAGE

"When wine comes in, secrets come out." Everyone who visits the traditional October weekend event held at the castle and its extra mural settlement knows something about that. Selected wines from renowned Czech and Moravian winemakers flow in streams and there is always plenty of good food to satisfy all those with a dainty tooth. The unique atmosphere is complemented by a dulcimer band along with other musical and theatrical performances.



AUTUMN

SAINT MARTIN'S FEAST

The arrival of Saint Martin at Locket Castle will brighten up the gloomy November days! You can make the wait more pleasant with delicious food, because geese, ducks, cakes, wine, and other traditional St. Martin's Feast dishes will be waiting for you behind the castle walls. You will be surely delighted by the abundant cultural programme for both children and adults, including a lantern parade, children's creative workshops, and a magical trail leading through the castle.



AUTUMN

ERZGEBIRGE CHRISTMAS MARKET

During the second weekend in December, you will be able to experience the unique atmosphere of Advent in the castle and its extra mural settlement. Craftsmen will remind you of long-forgotten crafts from the Ore Mountains, you will revive Christmas customs, taste authentic cuisine from the Ore Mountains, listen to barrel-organ melodies, folk music, carols, and laugh at a theatre performance. You and your children will be enchanted by the festively decorated castle!



WINTER



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THE AMPHITEATER

www.loket.cz/kulturni-akce

Set in the romantic setting of the park below the castle of Locket the Natural Theater opened its first cultural season on **July 2, 1949** with *Antonín Dvořák* opera *Rusalka*. Until 1964 when the theater was closed due to declining attendance and lack of maintenance funds thousands of spectators attended the performance. The amphitheater was restored only after 1990 and today it hosts concerts of classical and contemporary music and operas, theater and film performances and other cultural events during the summer season.

EXPOSITION OF HISTORICAL CRAFTS IN THE BLACK TOWER

T. G. Masaryka 125 | www.hradloket.cz/en/cerna-vez

Originally a defence tower of the town fortification system, the Black Tower, offers an exposition of historical crafts in addition to fine views of the town and its surroundings. In the display cases, visitors can see a **collection of seals of Loket guilds, certificates of apprenticeship, guild books and orders** – ceramics, iron, and wooden exhibits. An exhibit worth noticing is a **scale dated to 1751** with carvings depicting the life of craftsmen and religious motifs.

EXPOSITION OF ARTISTIC BOOKBINDING AT THE LOKET MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

T. G. Masaryka 1 | +420 352 884 229 | www.mkloket.cz

The one-of-a-kind exposition presents a **unique collection of artistically bound books and objects made by leading Czech and foreign bookbinders**. It includes a functional **bookbinding workshop** where visitors may see the tools and instruments used by bookbinders. Throughout the year, you can also visit exhibitions dedicated to book culture, graphic design or fine art, as well as workshops. **Admission is free.**

GALLERY CAFÉ

T. G. Masaryka 32/36 | www.galerieloket.cz

The family art café is connected to an **art gallery and shop**. It offers products by **local and international artists**. Temporary exhibitions of **paintings and ceramic works of art are presented during the year as well as concerts and theater performances** for young and adult audiences. In the high season, concerts take place in the street in front of the café. In the summer months, you can enjoy a cup of good coffee in the courtyard, surrounded by art.

GALLERY ON THE RAMPARTS

T. G. Masaryka 589 | www.os456.cz/galerie

Permanent presentation of works of art by **contemporary artists and photographers located on the ramparts of the city fortifications**. The exhibition is accessible from several places – entrances to the fortifications can be found at the bridge (in front of the *Hotel Císař Ferdinand*), from *Sobotova* Street, from *Tyršovo* Square, behind the hotel at the *Hotel Bílý kůň*.

LOKET CASTLE

Zámecká 67 | +420 352 684 648, 606 112 242 | www.hradloket.cz/en/

The castle offers a visitor circuit which can be completed individually or with a guide. In individual exhibitions placed in 7 castle buildings you can see exhibits from the so-called **Locket collections** (furniture, wooden sculptures, paintings, porcelain, mineral collections, weapons, tin items, etc.). An impressive **exposition of torture** is installed in the dungeons area. All year round, the castle serves as the venue of a wide range of cultural and social events, with **their current offer available on the website of Locket Castle**.

CHURCH OF SAINT WENCESLAS

Kostelní 14/3

In addition to regular services, the church also organises concerts and other cultural events, which you can visit during, for example, **the Night of Churches, Christmas or Easter holidays or the Pilgrimage Festival of Saint Agnes of Bohemia**. The current programme is available on the website of the Locket parish and of the town of Locket.

TOWN ASSEMBLY HALL

Radniční 312 | +420 735 718 479 | www.dvoranaloket.cz

The building was built in 1895 for cultural and educational purposes. After many years of dilapidation, the building was completely reconstructed and has been serving the public since 2022. **The Basic School of Arts** may be found here and the contributory organisation **"Kulturní dům Dvorana, p.o."**. The dominant elements are the entrance hall and the main hall with a stage. **During the year, balls, theatre performances, concerts of classical, popular, and alternative music**, as well as other social events for children and adults are held here. The premises are also suitably equipped to host conferences, congresses, seminars, workshops, corporate, and other events.

MUSEUM OF SPA CUPS

Sobotova 10/2 | +420 603 148 531 | www.hotel-loket.cz/en/awards-loket

The family collection of the Lojín family contains more than 3 000 cups from the second half of the 18th century to 1945 and is constantly being expanded. It is the **most comprehensive set of porcelain spa cups in the world** intended for drinking mineral water from springs in *Karlovy Vary*. They are exhibited in five rooms with a total area of 480 m². Since 2011 the collection has been registered in the Czech version of the Guinness Book of Records.

MUSEUM OF SECRET ASSOCIATIONS

T. G. Masaryka 114 | +420 775 403 675

www.pensionloket.cz/muzeum-tajnych-spolku/

The museum offers a collection of more than **700 exhibits of secret associations** (Freemasons, Illuminati, Rosenkrucians, Skull and Bones and others). Rare ritual objects, including altar, personal belongings of members of the orders, valuable books, rank insignia and identification documents come mainly from Europe, America and Cuba. The collection collected for more than 50 years ranks among the world's unique.

MINIMUZEUM OF BREWERY

Sobotova 10/2 | +420 603 148 531 |

www.hotel-loket.cz/en/brewery-st-florian

The exhibition is a part of the family microbrewery of **St. Florian**. It is located in **Payer's house** – one of the oldest houses in the city. The three rooms show the **traditional production of barrels, malt processing, original bottling and also old machines used for beer production**. The entrance to the exposition is directly from the brewery restaurant in the basement of the *Hotel Císař Ferdinand* or from the brewery shop (Payer's House) on the square.

