

## **Lomnice nad Popelkou**

### **Geography**

Lomnice nad Popelkou is a small town located in Liberec region. It is about 100km far from the capital of Czech Republic – Prague.

It lies 478 meters above sea level and has 6,000 inhabitants. The name Popelka comes from a little river Popelka.

### **A place to visit**

The town and ski resort located in the attractive area of the mountain Tábora (678 m) in the wide valley of the river's Cinderella on the border of the Bohemian Paradise and Giant invites visitors to stay.

Thanks to the integration into the European Geopark Czech Paradise and registration in UNESCO, Lomnice region attracts international attention.

### **History**

Earliest mention about this town was found in Dalimil chronicle of the year 1232nd in the early 19th century. There began a traditional production of famous biscuits, waffles and "kulatky".

The present

Typical for the city and surroundings are folk architecture, which can be seen in urban reservation Charles. There are also timbered houses and wooden bell tower. Historical, religious and cultural monuments are know as well.

The picturesque surroundings of the city is equipped by a dense network of hiking trails, ski terrain and cycling routs. The routs are leading in many interesting tourist destinations like tower, restaurant, or seasonal information center on Mount Tábora, the ruins of castles Kumburk and Bradlec or Smetana outlook tower.

Currently, the city offers its visitors rich sports and cultural activities.

### **Culture**

Cultural buildings include Tyl Theatre, Cinema, Castle, City Museum and Gallery and Puppet Theatre.

The castle

The castle was built in the 16th century in Baroque style. Currently the ground floor housed Cultural and Information Centre and City Library. On the first floor we can find a large hall in which it held various exhibitions, concerts, talks, social events and balls, as well as a lounge with bar and puppet theatre. Gazebo in the courtyard of the Chateau are also used for various musical productions. Below the building, there is a beautiful and mysterious dungeons.

The museum

The museum has a mineralogical, ethnographic and naturalistic exposure and monuments dedicated to the poet and Nobel Prize winner Jaroslav Seifert and J.J. Fucik - Lomnice historian. On the second floor of the museum is exhibit a permanent gallery of paintings of artists of Lomnice and surrounding areas. Among the six decades of paintings are works by V. Komárek, Fr. Jiroudek, O. Oplt, J. Kabrt, Fr. Patocka, V. Bergra, J. Jíra, J. Klápště, N. Sucharda and many others.

### Sports

For sport lovers the town offers sports hall, ice rink, summer pool, climbing wall, ski resort in Popelky, Sporting airport, Swimming pool and Spa.

In the sport hall, visitors can enjoy playing squash, basketball, hockey, indoor football or tennis.

### References

<http://www.lomnicenadpopelkou.cz/>