# Excursion tips close to Maxovo Království

#### <u> The Borek Rocks – Borecké skály</u>

The jewel of Bohemian Paradise - the Borek Rocks - is located less than 400 metres from our accommodation.

On the way to this natural beauty, you will pass by a fallow deer park - a fantastic attraction for everyone. You can also stop at the Čechův lookout, offering beautiful vistas of the Trosky Castle. You will pass a carved turtle statue on your right side along the way to the viewpoint. Moreover, there is another viewpoint called the Book (Kniha).

#### Wooden bell tower in Rovensko pod Troskami – Dřevěná zvonice

The wooden bell tower in Rovensko pod Troskami houses the only bells in the world turned upside down and set in motion by pedalling.

### The Rock Town of Hrubá Skála – Hruboskalské skalní město

The area known as the Rock Town of Hrubá Skála is situated between the Wallenstein (Valdštejn) and Hrubá Skála castles near Turnov in Bohemian Paradise. The legendary rock town invites both professional and amateur climbers to explore more than 400 towers, with the highest towers reaching up to 50 metres.

### Hrubá Skála Castle – Zámek Hrubá skála

The Hrubá Skála Chateau Hotel is a romantic chateau perched on a sandstone cliff about 6 km southeast of Turnov. From the courtyard and the lookout tower, you can enjoy a beautiful vista of the Rock Town.

#### Trosky Castle - the symbol of Bohemian Paradise – Hrad Trosky

Almost everyone knows the monumental silhouette of Trosky, one of the landmarks of Bohemian Paradise. And yet - did you know there are unexplored, mysterious tunnels beneath Panna and Baba, sheltering even more enigmatic contents? You can refresh yourself directly in the castle or the tourist cottage under Trosky.

### Ponds in the Podtrosecké valley – Rybníky v Podtroseckém údolí

There is a system of eight ponds in the canyon-like valleys below Trosky Castle: Věžák, Nebák, Vidlák, Krčák, Hrůdka, Rokytnický, Dolský and Podsemín ponds. They are surrounded mainly by romantic sandstone rocks.

### Via ferrata Water Gate – Via Ferrata Vodní brána

It is a publicly accessible and free climbing trail over difficult rocky terrain, secured by a steel rope, similar to modern via ferrata in Austria and Italy.

## Wallenstein Castle – the oldest castle in Bohemian Paradise – Hrad Valdštejn

Wallenstein is the oldest castle in Bohemian Paradise. It is also the second oldest accessible monument in Bohemia due to its picturesque location within the sandstone rocks. It has become a popular tourist destination in Bohemian Paradise and the third most popular attraction in the Liberec Region.

#### A rock fortress in Bohemian Paradise – Drábské světničky

Drábské světničky ranks among the most sought-after places in Bohemian Paradise, mainly because of the panoramic view of the surrounding countryside. The inner areas of the former castle have been closed for a long time. However, it is still possible to walk through the site following the red and blue trails and explore the surroundings with natural rock views.

### Vranov Castle – Pantheon – Hrad Vranov

The rock castle of Vranov, nowadays known as the Pantheon, rises on a steep cliff above the Jizera River, about 8 km from Turnov, on the Malá Skála. With a length of almost 400 metres, it is considered the most complicated rock castle in Bohemia.

## Friedstein Castle – Hrad Frýdštejn

The castle ruins of Frýdštejn are located in the village of Frýdštejn near Malá Skála. The castle is dominated by a large tower erected on the highest sandstone rock, from where you can see the whole valley. The tower is 15 metres high, 9 metres in diameter, and the walls are 2 metres thick.

### Sychrov Castle - the seat of the Rohan noble family - Hrad Sychrov

You know the neo-Gothic Sychrov Castle, originally the residence of the French Rohan noble family, from various fairy tales such as Goldilocks and The Immortal Aunt. The castle offers 3 guided tours, night tours, falconry demonstrations, and concerts.

### Kost Castle in Bohemian Paradise – Hrad Kost

Kost Castle belongs among the best preserved, most important and latest medieval castles in the Czech Republic. The castle is located about 18 km from the town of Jičín in the protected landscape area of Bohemian Paradise.

## Romantic Plakánek Valley – Romantické údolí Plakánek

Kost Castle is nestled in a picturesque valley. The Plakánek and Prokop valleys are embedded in sandstone rocks and shrouded in legends. Thanks to its name, the Plakánek Valley, in particular, has inspired many chroniclers to write incredible stories.

# Besedice Rocks- a labyrinth of romantic sandstone rocks in Bohemian Paradise – Besedické skály

You can explore the secret prayer room of the Bohemian Brothers and discover beautiful views of Besedice Rocks. You can walk through the rock mazes of Kalich and Chléviště. The Besedice Rocks Nature Trail in the Bohemian Paradise focuses on geology and features ten information boards.

## Kopic's homestead - rock reliefs – Kopicův statek

Kopic's homestead is a unique timbered homestead on a short branch of the route between Hrubá skála and Wallenstein (Valdštejn) near the village of Kacanovy. A signposted tour leads from the farmhouse and takes you through a sandstone valley with rock reliefs that were made between 1940 and 1978. Figures from Czech history, accompanied by verses, were carved into the rocks in the open air.

### Dlask's homestead near Turnov – Dlaskův statek

A characteristic and rarely preserved example of folk architecture from the Jizera region. The former freedmen's manor and a bailiff's house were built in the picturesque valley of the Jizera River in 1716. It represents one of the most beautiful and, at the same time, most outstanding examples of timbered architecture in the Czech countryside.

### New nature trail in Prachov Rocks- Prachovské skály

The original trail, which wound between the rock formations, had become outdated over time and no longer fulfilled its function. Therefore, the Czech Association of Nature Conservationists members decided to develop a new nature trail in Prachov Rocks.

### Dolomite caves in Bozkov - caves full of quartz and water – Bozkovské jeskyně

The caves consist of two relatively separate systems of cave passages and halls, interconnected by trenches and a long adit when they were made accessible to the public. The caves are permanently flooded with water in their lowest parts, creating underground lakes - the largest in Bohemia.