



We will set out from Nový Jičín to the destination of our trip, the town of Fulnek.

The town of Fulnek is situated northwest of the town of Nový Jičín in the area of one of the branches of the so-called Amber Path, which used to link the Mediterranean and the Baltic in ancient times. Fulnek is well-known as the place of work of John Amos Comenius in 1618 to 1621.

The most distinctive dominant of the town is the castle. The original Gothic castle from the end of the 13th century was rebuilt by Václav Bruntálský of Vrbno in the second half of the 17th century. At the beginning of the 19th century the castle got its final shape. After a fire in 1801 just the east wing and the castle tower were renovated and the lower terraced building was built.

The most prominent baroque sight is the parish church of the Holy Trinity, built after the architect Mikuláš Thalher's designs in 1750-1760. The interior is decorated with frescos by Josef Ignác Sadler. The parish church is part of the premises of the former monastery of Augustinian-canons, who were called to come to Fulnek in 1389. The church is linked to the square with a unique early baroque staircase.

John Amos Comenius's Memorial in Fulnek is part of the national culture heritage; it is situated in the building of the Brethren's congregation, which was established in 1484; just a couple of years later the congregation's house of prayer was built. In 1618-1621 John Amos Comenius worked here as its administrator. After the Brethren had been expelled, the building of the community was converted into a granary, later on into a hospital. Currently there is an educational exposition devoted to John Amos Comenius's separate life periods.

In Fulnek we will find quite a number of loose baroque sculptures. Your attention will surely be captured by the sculptural group of the Holy Trinity in the middle of the square by an Olomouc sculptor, Jan Václav Sturmer. The work was created in 1718 as a symbol of thanks for prevention of plague. In the square there is also a fountain with a statue of St. Jan Sarkander by an unknown sculptor, probably from Olomouc.

Komenský's Square with originally Renaissance houses and baroque facades suffered during the war events in May 1945. The renovation of the square was entrusted to the architect Z. Sedláček in 1948. The dominant of the square is the town hall tower dating back to 1610.

The Franciscan Cloister stands still only thanks to a great effort of several Fulnek citizens; it was built in 1674-1683. The current state of the cloister, whose part used to be even some valuable pictures by Felix Ivo Leicher, is critical.

The town is surrounded by woods and in the western direction from the town the natural park of the Odry Hills spreads out. Fulnek is a junction of marked cycle paths, e.g. the long distance cycle path of Kravaňsko. Along the cycle paths you can set off on an outing to the surrounding woods or you can visit the Odry Hills. Furthermore, several marked hiking trails start at Fulnek; one of the trails forms a walking circle in a nearby wood called Silver Hill.

The Trip of Nový Jičín Fulnek

