

Easter Trip 2025

Thursday

We traveled to Děčín without any issues, where the stunning Bohemian Switzerland awaited us—a landscape shaped by water and wind. An eventful time lay ahead, thoughtfully organized by Egon as part of the traditional Fontane 91 Easter trip. After storing our luggage, we immediately set off on a smaller hike to the famous Pravčická Gate, the largest natural sandstone bridge in Europe.



Friday



Strengthened by a hearty breakfast, we began our journey. Originally, we had planned to hike 19 kilometers with 840 meters of altitude gain, but in the end, we surpassed this with an additional 165 meters of elevation! Not even the rain could stop us. A special highlight was the fantastic cake baked by Egon himself. But above all, the captivating nature amazed us: majestic rock formations, the massive sandstone structures, and the steep walls. We climbed steep stairs, explored caves and rock slabs to experience the impressive sandstone formations up close. One particularly striking feature was the "Stone Mushroom" in the Tysá Walls—a true natural beauty.



Saturday

The weather was kind to us: dry and refreshed, we started the day after a cozy breakfast. By bus, we traveled to the starting point of our hike. Today's route took us along the border and back into Germany. We hiked on the Elbe Sandstone Forststeig trail and marveled at the gigantic Hercules Columns—a truly spectacular sight.

Sunday

Bright sunshine greeted us in the morning. After a quick breakfast, we traveled by bus towards our next adventure. The path led steeply uphill to a breathtaking viewpoint: Mariina Skála, also known as Marian Rock. From there, we continued over wooden steps and worn sandstone stairs to the Rudolfův Kámen (Rudolf Rock viewpoint). While some of the group relaxed there, others ventured even higher despite their fear of heights. The trail led over countless steps and narrow paths along the slope—culminating at the natural sandstone bridge "Small Pravčická Gate."

The impressive sandstone formations, fresh spring greenery, and colorful landscape left a lasting impression. Tired but happy, we decided to conclude the day with a cozy meal at a restaurant. With delicious food and good beer, we bid farewell to the weekend while waiting for the bus.

Monday

Of course, we also made the most of this holiday before returning home by train in the evening. We hiked around Děčín and admired the Elbe Valley from various viewpoints like Rose Lookout. Finally, we strolled through Děčín to enjoy a meal before heading to the train station.

