

## Underground in Znojmo

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Historical Underground in Znojmo was developed in the 14th century and ranks among the largest labyrinths in Central Europe. Ventilation shafts, smoke-flues and wells of the intricate underground system of tunnels are still admired by its visitors. The tunnel is estimated to be about 27 kilometres long and constructed through more than four floors under the historical centre of the city of Znojmo. The Subterranean Complex's original purpose was a cellar for agricultural products and wine. Such storage was an integral part of each house. In wartimes tunnels served as indivisible strategic part of the city fort system. However, the fact that there are no plans of tunnels in the city archives is very surprising. Extremely intricate system in

**Description:** both horizontal and vertical directions supports the premise of its usage during wartimes. Dewatering system was violated by gradual siltation of the underground area after the Second World War. It was caused by the removal of ruins of which the most visible impact was demonstrated by the city communication accidents at the beginning of the 60s. Therefore a far reaching research and sanitation was begun in 1963. The Subterranean Complex's main aim is to serve its visitors nowadays. A visitor tour that is estimated to be 800 metres long starts at the Slepíčí trh and ends in the Obroková street. The route was extended in 2009 by the exposition "Mysterious Underground" that includes alchemist laboratory, alive rocks, bats, elves or dungeons and is accompanied by special audiovisual light show.

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**Opening hours:** October - April: Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. May, June, September daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. July and August daily 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tours start according to a timetable that can be found at the ticket office. The tour takes about 60 minutes. Last admission 1 hour before the closing time.