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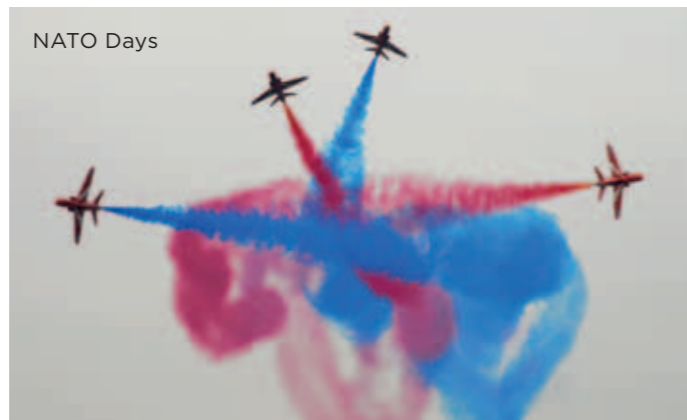
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September

NATO Days

The biggest Central European parade of NATO armed forces takes place at the Leoš Janáček Airport Ostrava in Mošnov. This magnificent demonstration of combat and rescue equipment as well as training of special army units from NATO countries is admired by thousands of visitors. The air show presenting combat and service aircrafts is also very popular. Admissions to the whole programme are free.
➔ www.dny-nato.cz

Popular Fair in Klimkovice

Popular fairs have been already organised in Klimkovice for several decades thus extending age-long tradition of annual markets. The market is still an attraction, but the organisers stress mainly the cultural programme taking place all day long in the town centre, until night hours. All visitors find something interesting there. The fair offers good refreshment, attractive activities for children, the annual District fair of small animals, an exhibition in St. Trinity Church, and rich programme featuring activities spanning from the Middle Ages to modern productions.
➔ www.mesto-klimkovice.cz

Spectaculo Interesse

Each odd year, at the turn of September and October, Ostrava hosts the largest international competition - the festival of puppet theatres, in the Czech Republic. It is organised by the Ostrava's Marionette Theatre that belongs to the top companies in Europe. Spectaculo Interesse regularly presents the high quality marionette performances from almost all over the world. Thanks to the festival, visitors could admire the arts of puppeteers not only from Europe, but also from Israel, Japan or Taiwan.
➔ www.dlo-ostrava.cz

Theatre Days without Barriers

This festival is annually organised by Marionette Theatre Ostrava. The focus is to enable disabled spectators to see theatre pieces. The first year was held in 2000 and the number of festival fans has been continuously growing ever since.
➔ www.dlo-ostrava.cz

Saint Wenceslas Musical Festival

This extraordinary festival of classical music has taken place at the time between the two important Czech holidays (the 28th of September and the 28th of October) since 2003. The Saint Wenceslas Musical Festival is held in the church premises of towns and municipalities in the Moravian-Silesian region, including Ostrava, and offers a number of concerts and dramaturgy projects.
➔ www.shf.cz

Ostrava Camera Eye

This festival focuses on cameramen's productions. The programme shows the production by Czech movie camera classics and visually interesting new foreign movies as well as pieces by young cameramen and students. A special part is also devoted to Ostrava.
➔ www.filmfestivalostrava.com

Třebovice Cake

This folklore festival is held regularly on the third weekend in September in the pleasant environment of Třebovice Park, in the Municipality of Ostrava-Třebovice. Visitors can see a diverse music and dancing programmes. Enjoy a wide spectrum of musical genres ranging from folklore, folk, country, bluegrass to more contemporary folk songs.
➔ www.trebovickykolac.com



October

International Festival of Outdoor Films

This itinerant exhibition focuses on outdoor sports and adventure, extreme, adrenalin, and travel movies. Apart from Ostrava, it is organised also in other cities of the Czech Republic. A rich accompanying programme in the form of exhibitions and discussions makes a part of the festival.
➔ www.mfof.cz

Techné

The festival of movies and television programs featuring technological and industrial sites with the focus on scientific cooperation and tourism is held at the Community House Poklad in Ostrava-Poruba. It presents interesting movies related to the industrial environment to spectators. The best competing movie is awarded with the main prize - Ostrava Venus.
➔ www.techne.cz

Industrial Traces

This international biennial festival is organised in many places of the Czech Republic. It obviously includes also the City of Ostrava that is famous for its industrial heritage. The rich programme does not present only technological sites in the city, but it offers also accompanying activities.
➔ www.industrialnistopy.cz

International Competition of Large Brass Orchestras Ostrava

The festival has gained a great prestige among our bands, but also in the whole Europe since its first year. Its endeavour is to turn the attention of music-loving public to the concerts featuring symphonic brass music. The festival is organised as a biennial event.
➔ www.dkmoas.cz

Fall in Klimkovice

The town of Klimkovice has organised presentations of amateur choirs almost without a break for several decades. They are big events for the local Choir Association in Klimkovice and a good opportunity to present also other choirs. The show is organised in the Klimkovice Sanatoria Colonnade, the noble character of which contributes to the event prestige.
➔ www.psklimkovice.cz

December

Harmony

This international festival of advent and Christmas customs, carols and crafts takes place in the last advent weekend at several locations in the Moravian-Silesian region. Its rich programme does not offer only concerts in attractive premises (churches, music halls, Stodolní Street, etc.) at the pre-Christmas time, but also parallel exhibitions, artistic crafts, movie performances and a solemn holy mass. The popular Christmas fair in Kozlovice is the part of it.
➔ www.souzneni-festival.cz

In the course of the year

Guided Tours

Information Service Ostrava organises interesting guided tours through the city and events on the lookout tower of the New City Hall throughout the year. The guided tours carry names like, for example, 'Ostrava - the city of indulgence', 'In steps of coffee aromas', 'Technical sites in Moravian Ostrava', and many others which are definitely worth a visit. The negotiation of 292 steps of the lookout tower could be also considered as an experience. The tours are in Czech, but you can speak also English, German or Polish on the viewing tower.
➔ www.ostravainfo.cz

Ostrava Jazz Night

The music festival Ostrava Jazz Night is divided into its spring and autumn parts. The audience is offered concerts by foreign jazz music interpreters. The event takes place mainly in the Ostrava's Club called Steamer (Klub Parník), but also in other places.
➔ www.klubparnik.cz

One event after another



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www.ostrava.cz
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The traditional high jump competitions are organised annually in the second half of January and they host top Czech and European athletes like, for example, the indoor vice-champion of 2009 Andrey Tereshin from Russia or the local Vítkovice athlete Jaroslav Bába. The meeting has become a part of the new high jump serial Czech High Jump Grand Prix in 2011.
www.highjump-grandprix.cz

New Year's Concert by Janáček Philharmonic Orchestra

The New Year's concert by Janáček's Philharmonic Ostrava always provides a pleasant beginning of the New Year to all lovers of classical music.
www.jfo.cz

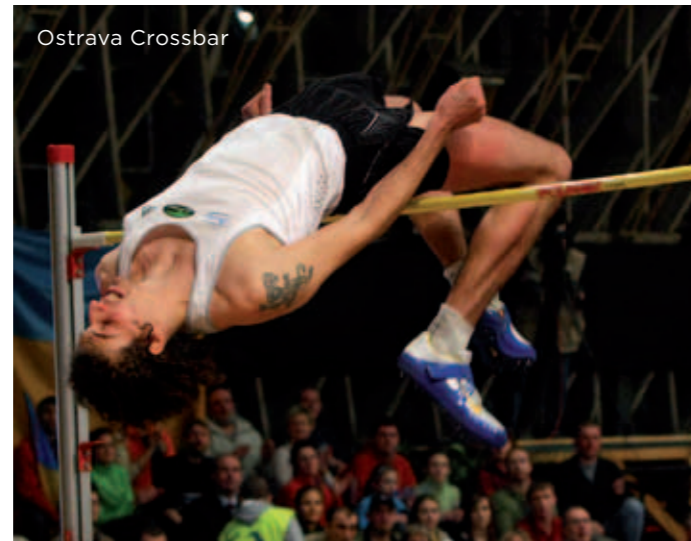
March

Irish Cultural Festival

Celebration of one of the most famous Irish cultural feasts, Saint Patrick's Day, attracts more and more people every year. It offers an interesting and abundant programme culminating with a concert in the Bonver Arena. Admissions to many events, including the concert, are free.
www.irishculturalfestival.com

One World

The international festival of documentaries related to human rights is organised in several Czech cities and Ostrava is among them. The festival features a rich programme of discussion evenings, exhibitions as well as concerts.
www.jedensvet.cz



Ostrava Crossbar



Janacek May

April

Ostrava Knight

This international chess festival is traditionally held within the premises of Community House in Ostrava. Selected matches by duelling chess players are lively commented in the Community House vestibule.
www.ostravskykonik.cz

Burning of Witches alias Philip and James Night

On the 30th of April, the traditional burning of witches is celebrated at the Silesian-Ostrava Castle. The programme does not include only 'burning of witches', but also concerts, a fair and other events. It is an amusement for the whole family.
www.slezskoostravskyhrad.cz

May

Janacek May

The festival, with its high programme and interpretation level, belongs to the most important music festivals in Europe. Every year, it attracts top soloists, chamber ensembles as well as big symphony orchestras from all over the world to Ostrava.
www.janackvmaj.cz

Chocolate Spike

A traditional celebration of youth athletics takes place at the Municipal Stadium in Ostrava-Vítkovice. All children as well as adult visitors can compete in non-traditional but easily performable disciplines. A complimentary ticket to the Golden Spike Ostrava is the reward for all.
www.ssk-vitkovice.cz

Golden Spike Ostrava

This world-famous athletic meeting has taken place since 1961. Each year, it attracts runners of distinguished names and the highest sporting level. The fastest man on the planet Usain Bolt, the high jumper Blanka Vlašić, or the javelin thrower Barbora Špotáková – all these athletes participated in the Golden Spike. Since 2010, the competition has become a part of the new IAAF serial World Challenge.
www.zlatatretra.cz

Museum Night in Ostrava

This event taking place in Ostrava is a part of the Museum Nights Festival organised countrywide. Museums, galleries and other cultural institutions open their doors to the public at the non traditional hours in the late afternoon and in the evenings. Rich exhibition and attendant programmes for all age groups accompany this event. Admissions to the participating institutions are free.
www.ostravskamuzejninoc.cz

June

LifeInLine Tour

This is a family festival of in-line skating for everyone in Ostrava featuring also professional competitions. The races taking place in the Municipality of Ostrava-Poruba are included not only in the Czech Cup, but also in the World Inline Cup. Grease your wheels! Prepare to start! Three, two...
www.lifeinline.cz



Golden Spike Ostrava

Ostrava Dance

The festival called Ostrava Dance is a parade of a contemporary dance and physical theatre which has been organised since 1998. The festival dramaturgy focuses on presentations of both Czech and foreign dance and theatre projects featuring contemporary dance and physical theatre pieces. Exhibitions, performances, seminars, workshops organised by performing dancers and choreographers make inseparable parts of the festival days.
www.tanecostrava.cz



Shakespeare Festival

July

Colours of Ostrava

The prestigious international musical festival Colours of Ostrava, featuring many well-known domestic and world bands, not only from the field of world music, is held each year in the centre of Ostrava, in the area of the Silesian-Ostrava Castle and in clubs in the Stodolní Street, but also in some other locations. The concerts are accompanied, among other events, with theatrical pieces and performances, cine-meetings and many other programmes. 'Colours' is one of the best musical events organised in the Czech Republic.
www.colours.cz

Shakespeare Festival

This theatrical festival presenting stage plays by the well-known English author has been organised since 2008 in the pleasant premises of the Silesian-Ostrava Castle. The festival takes place at the turn of July and August and it enjoys great popularity among spectators.
www.shakespeareova.cz

August

Ostrava Days

In each odd year, the Ostrava Centre of New Music holds an interesting festival of the contemporary classical music. When visiting this biennial festival, you can listen to musical compositions by contemporary world authors. In addition to the domestic Janáček's Philharmonic Orchestra and the chamber orchestra 'Ostravská banda', the festival regularly presents well-known musical ensembles from around the world. The festival presents also results of the three-week workshop organised in Ostrava and attended by students, composers and musicologists cooperating with prominent personalities of the contemporary music.
www.newmusicostrava.cz

Folklore without Borders

The festival history has begun in 1997. Someone could possibly say that this event does not belong to a big city, but rather to the countryside. In fact, however, there are about twenty ensembles devoted to the folk arts performing in Ostrava. The Ostrava's folklore has its distinguished form resulting from the city location between the two ethnographic areas – Lašsko and Silesia. In addition, the urban environment, which has formed during the last two centuries, features colourful ethnic backgrounds of its residents and that has created a specific culture present in traditions, songs and dances. The festival Folklore without Borders confronts the Ostrava's environment with the folklore developments worldwide. Ensembles, for example, from Taiwan, New Zealand, Russia, Poland, and other countries perform their arts directly in the city streets and squares. Admissions to all events are free.
www.folklorbezhranic.cz

International Jamboree of Mounted Police

Representatives of mounted police from all over the Czech Republic as well as from abroad meet in Ostrava every year in order to show their riding skills. The general public thus has an opportunity to become acquainted more closely with the work of officers and policemen on horsebacks. Three main disciplines – show jumping, mirror jumping and police show jumping, attract hundreds of onlookers each year.