

AE Seminars and excursions

Seminars and excursions are organized on the third conference day as an optional event. The excursions are focused on the topics globally named as "Technical skills of our predecessors and their influence on people and nature". Participants have the opportunity to see remarkable country sceneries and technical and historical monuments.

Details on the 2020 event (preliminary):

Our first stop will be at the castle Bečov with its unique exhibition of the reliquary of St. Maurus, which is one of the goldsmith's most valuable monuments in the Czech Republic. Also the Renaissance palace and Baroque chateau are worth seeing. More details are available at:

<https://www.zamek-becov.cz/en>.

After a short drive we will reach Bernard Farm where we will have a lunch in a well-known restaurant with its offer of typical Czech meals – see:

<https://www.statek-bernard.cz/>.

The next two stops will illustrate a very hot topic – the influence of coal-based energy production on environment. We will see a surface coal mine – very large and very deep – which is still active. In a short distance (approx. 10 km) is a former mine, inactive, recultivated according to the modern methods of the eradication of the mining consequences. Ugly, moon-like country has been converted into the big Medard Lake (4 by 1.5 km, 50 m deep) with clean water, surrounded by meadows and trees, a pleasant place for recreation. However, all that costs lots of money.

<https://www.turistika.cz/mista/jezero-medard-sokolovske-more/foto?id=729526>

The last stop will be in Mariánské Lázně (Marienbad), a famous spa with nice parks, natural mineral springs, and a variety of cultural events:

<https://www.marianskelazne.cz/en/about-city/>

The last drive will take us back to Pilsen.

Time-table (preliminary)

Plzeň - Bečov
8:00 9:00

Bečov - Královské Poříčí
12:00 12:30

Lake Medard - Mar. Lázně
14:00 16:00

Mar. Lázně - Plzeň
18:00 **19:00**