

AE 2017, Seminar and excursion, 7 September 2017

Seminars and excursions are regularly organized on the third day of AE conferences as an optional event. Every year, the excursion is devoted to one of the topics globally named as "Technical skills of our predecessors and their influence on people and nature in the past and present time". The route of the excursion usually leads through remarkable country sceneries and technical and historical monuments. The payment of 30 EUR, which is independent of the conference fee, covers transport by a comfortable bus, a lunch in a good restaurant, entry fees, and hand-outs.

For AE 2017, the excursion will be devoted to one of the most remarkable architects - **Jan Blažej Santini** (born in Prague in 1677, died in Prague in 1723). In spite of his serious physical disability (partly paralyzed), he became one of the most important architects ever to have worked in central Europe. During his fruitful life he developed a unique architectural style known as Gothic Baroque. Santini enhanced the Baroque style by applying some Gothic features. Structures erected in Santini's Baroque Gothic style appear only in the Bohemian Lands; in other European countries they can be found only exceptionally.

<http://www.czechtourism.com/a/santini/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jan_Santini_Aichel

The excursion will start at Mariánská Týnice with an exposition named "Beauties of Baroque", devoted to the works of Jan B. Santini. Former Cistercian pilgrimage site Mariánská Týnice now hosts the Museum and Gallery of the North Pilsen Region. The church and surrounding buildings were built according to the plans by Santini.

<http://www.czechtourism.com/c/marianska-tynice-pilgrimage-church-of-annunciation-of-virgin-mary/>
<http://www.marianskatynice.cz/index.php?lang=english>

Next stop will be in Manětín, a small town in North Pilsen region with long history. The natural center of the town is the chateau built in the first half of the 18th century. Here, in the chateau restaurant, we will have a lunch followed by a short walk in the chateau garden.

<http://zamecka.webnode.cz/fotogalerie/>

Further way will lead around the castle in Nečtiny. The castle was built in the 17th century and later – half of the 19th century – was rebuilt in Neogothic Tudor-style. At present the castle is in the property of University of West Bohemia in Pilsen as a teaching and housing facility.

<http://wikimapia.org/10629057/Nečtiny-Castle>

Another short stop will be in Konstantinovy Lázně, a small spa specialized on treatment of cardiovascular diseases. The first mention of this spa town and its special mineral spring comes from early 16th century. We can make a short walk through the nice park and taste the special mineral water.

As the last stop we will visit the masterpiece of architecture – the cathedral in the center of The Kladruby Monastery, established in 1115. The cathedral, originally in Romanesque style, was several times rebuilt. The last rebuilt between 1713 and 1726 was conducted by Santini as the climax of his lifelong career.

<https://www.klaster-kladruby.cz/en>
<http://kladruby.euweb.cz/pages/jazyky/anglicky.htm>

TIMETABLE

UWB-FEL

8:30 departure

Maránská Týnice

9:20 - 11:30

Manětín

12:00 - 13:30

Konstantinovy Lázně

14:10 - 14:30

Kladruby

15:10 - 16:45

UWB-FEL

17:15 arrival

(cca. 150 km)

