

Dear Readers,

allow me to present you with this modest contribution to the knowledge of our land. For thousands of years its landscape was shaped primarily by human agricultural endeavors, relatively recently these were joined by industrial manufacturing, mining of raw materials, building of extensive settlements, communication lines and dams.

From our forebears we have inherited an environment shaped by human hands, a primarily cultivated landscape, in which we find a quantity of nature's islands and islets, original or long unaltered so that they often appear to us as a picture of ages past.

Here we will speak of the countryside, of a way of life still in touch with nature, we will walk the earth and pause in spots that are rather less famed. The countryside and its renewal, country life today, traditional architecture, care of the cultural heritage is without doubt a European theme.

This book is not an exhaustive guide, on the opposite. It is selective and subjective. We have chosen examples of regions, natural beauties, regional elements, buildings, products and subjects, which together are related to the location, we will travel through selected regions and micro-regions whose taste and aroma is typical for a selected region.

We use abbreviations, hints, we suddenly jump elsewhere and to another topic. We want to inspire you to set out on a trip to become acquainted with a place, get more information, buy books, maps, guides, or at least turn on the computer and use the Internet.








The world architectural and natural monuments of our land are surrounded by wondrous trifles. Our present memory of ages, feeling of home, our joy and doubts, our pride and abundance.

In the header to each region the reader will find a brief outline. In the extreme brevity of that written text, we offer all thinking and the reasons and contexts of the current form of Czech agriculture.

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