

BRNO

# Footprints of Brno Legends in the City Center



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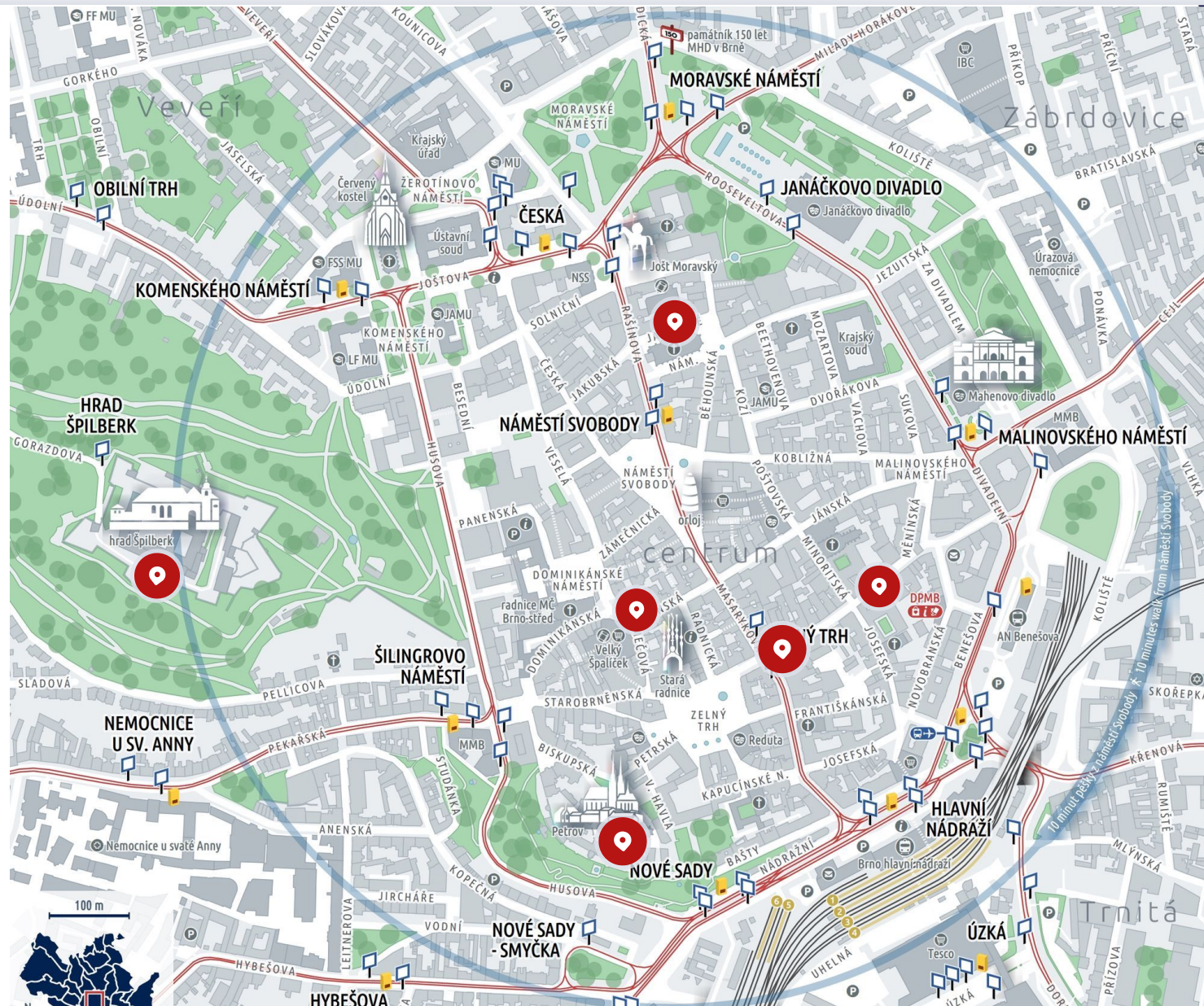
# Brno Center Map



- Saint James (Svatý Jakub)
- Old Town Hall
- Green Market (Zelný trh)
- Špilberk
- Capuchin Crypt (Kapucínská krypta)
- Petrov

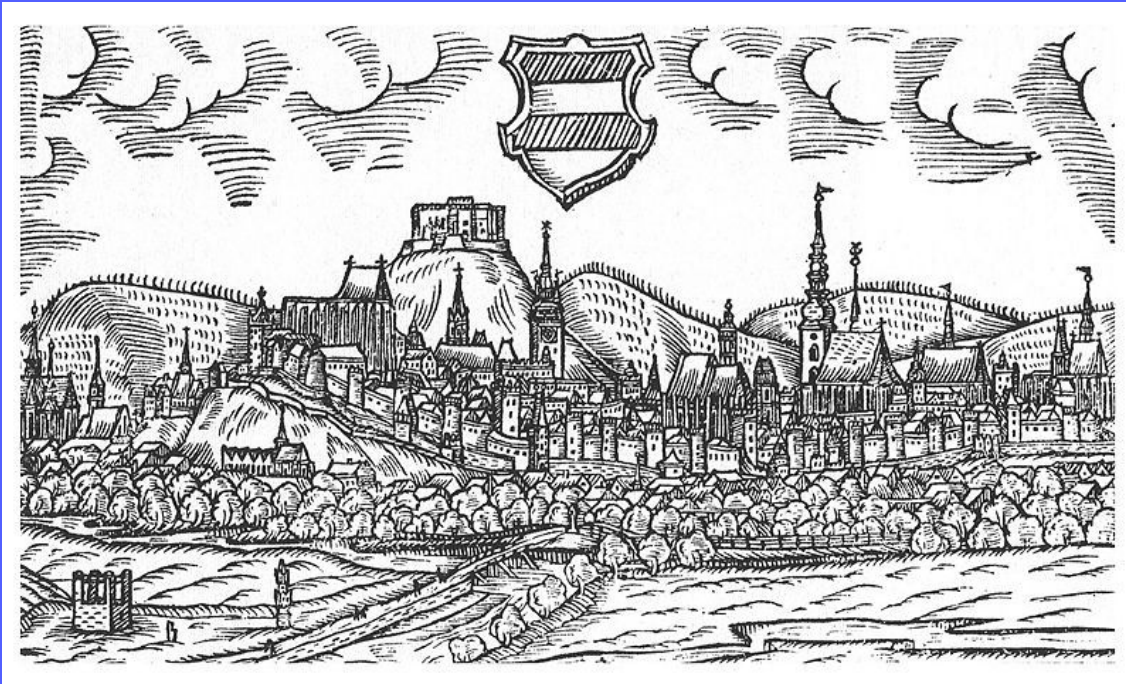


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# Brno

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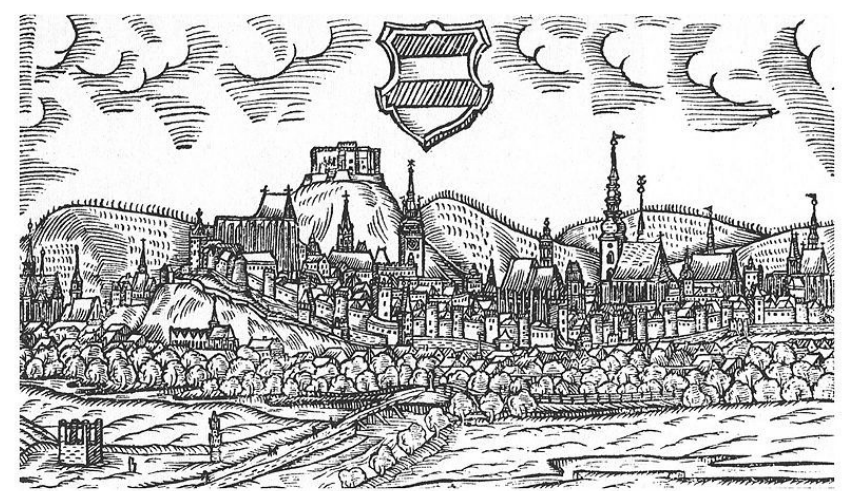
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- 380 thousand inhabitants
- University City
- Cultural Center
- Tourist Attractions

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## Why Brno?



There are several versions that try to explain where the name of the town originated. In one of them we can read that:

"The name Brno derives from the settlement that was situated on the ford over the river Svatava. This settlement is said to have been there since the year 1000. However, the name has even older origins that have not yet been fully explained. The oldest documented names are Brnen, Brvnn, Brnno and Brin. The Latin name of the town was Bruna, the Germans referred to it as Brünn. The first written records of the city can be found in the Chronicle of Cosmas, and in its glory days it was referred to as the royal capital. In modern history, Brno bore several official names as the provincial capital and regional capital."

Source: PamatkyBrno.cz



## How was it then?



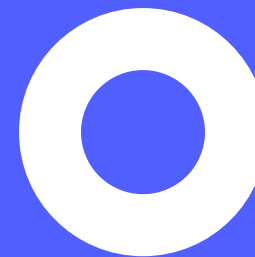
Researchers who study the origin of the name are looking for inspiration in the places where the original settlement stood. It was located on a very wet and muddy site with wetlands nearby. The root should therefore be the Old Czech word /brnije/, which means dirt, mud or clay. After all, these "muddy" conditions are also evidenced by other parts of the town - Hlinky (clay), Žabovřesky (frogs) or Komárov (mosquitoes), Řečkovice (rivulets) and Mokrá Hora (wet mountain). Another version connects Brno with the castle founded by Prince Břetislav. It stood perhaps somewhere between the ford over the Svatka River and Mendel Square, or perhaps also on top of Petrov. The castle was built later than the mentioned settlement. Another hypothesis mentions "a Forest with 7 Wells" /German: Brunnen/ - i.e. Brünen, Brunn, but this connection is considered rather disproven. Source: PamatkyBrno.cz





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# The Brno Dragon

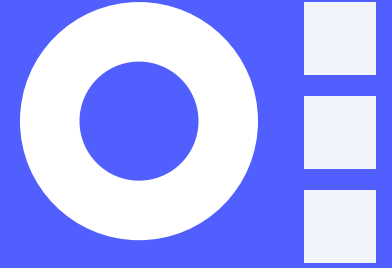


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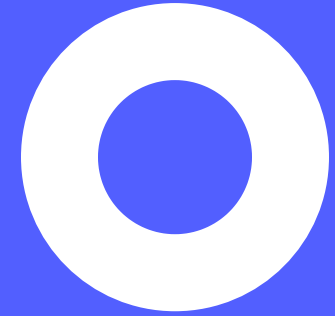
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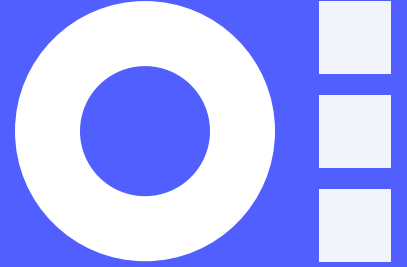


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# The Treacherous Town Councillor



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# The Green Market Treasure

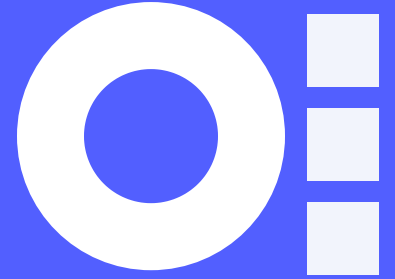


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# The Petrov Legend



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# Baron Trenck



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# The Bakers from Bystřice

