

Brandýs nad Labem-Stará Boleslav, Central Bohemia, Czech Republic

Two towns split by the Elbe northeast of Prague — one a Habsburg Renaissance retreat, the other the spot where Bohemia's patron saint met his end in 935 AD. History runs deep in every cobblestone here.

Docked (river pier) Typical call: 6–8 hrs Czech Koruna (CZK) Czech

📌 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River mooring on the Elbe; an emerging, limited river-cruise stop with most access via Mělník or by road

Best For: History lovers, pilgrims, Habsburg architecture, day-trippers from Prague

Walk to center: ~10 min walk to Brandýs town square; Stará Boleslav a short walk across the bridge

Don't Miss: Basilica of St. Wenceslas in Stará Boleslav — Bohemia's oldest pilgrimage church

Getting around: **Taxi** 150–300 CZK (~€6–12) · **Rideshare** Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Brandýs nad Labem Castle** — This Gothic castle was transformed into a magnificent Renaissance chateau in the mid-16th century, famous for its sgraffito-decorated facades.
- **Stará Boleslav Pilgrimage Quarter** — Stará Boleslav is the most important pilgrimage site in Bohemia, marking the spot where Duke Wenceslas was murdered by his brother in 935 AD.
- **Jewish Cemetery & Synagogue** — One of the oldest Jewish cemeteries in Bohemia, with burials documented from after 1568, alongside a historic synagogue on Na Potoce Street.
- **Day Trip to Prague** — Some river itineraries position Brandýs as a Prague-area stop — the capital is roughly 22 km southwest.
- **Proboštská Lakes** — A cluster of recreational lakes on the outskirts of town, popular for swimming and windsurfing in summer and hosting open-air music events.

BEST WALKS

- **Brandýs to Stará Boleslav Pilgrimage Walk** 3.5 km · ~50 min · flat riverside path + bridge — From the river pier, follow the Elbe bank into Brandýs nad Labem and pass through Masarykovo Square to see the castle facade.
- **Brandýs Castle & Old Town Stroll** 1.5 km · ~25 min · flat town streets — A short loop from the bridge into the Brandýs old town, past the Renaissance castle facade and the Regional Museum Prague-East in the Arnoldinovský house on Masarykovo...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

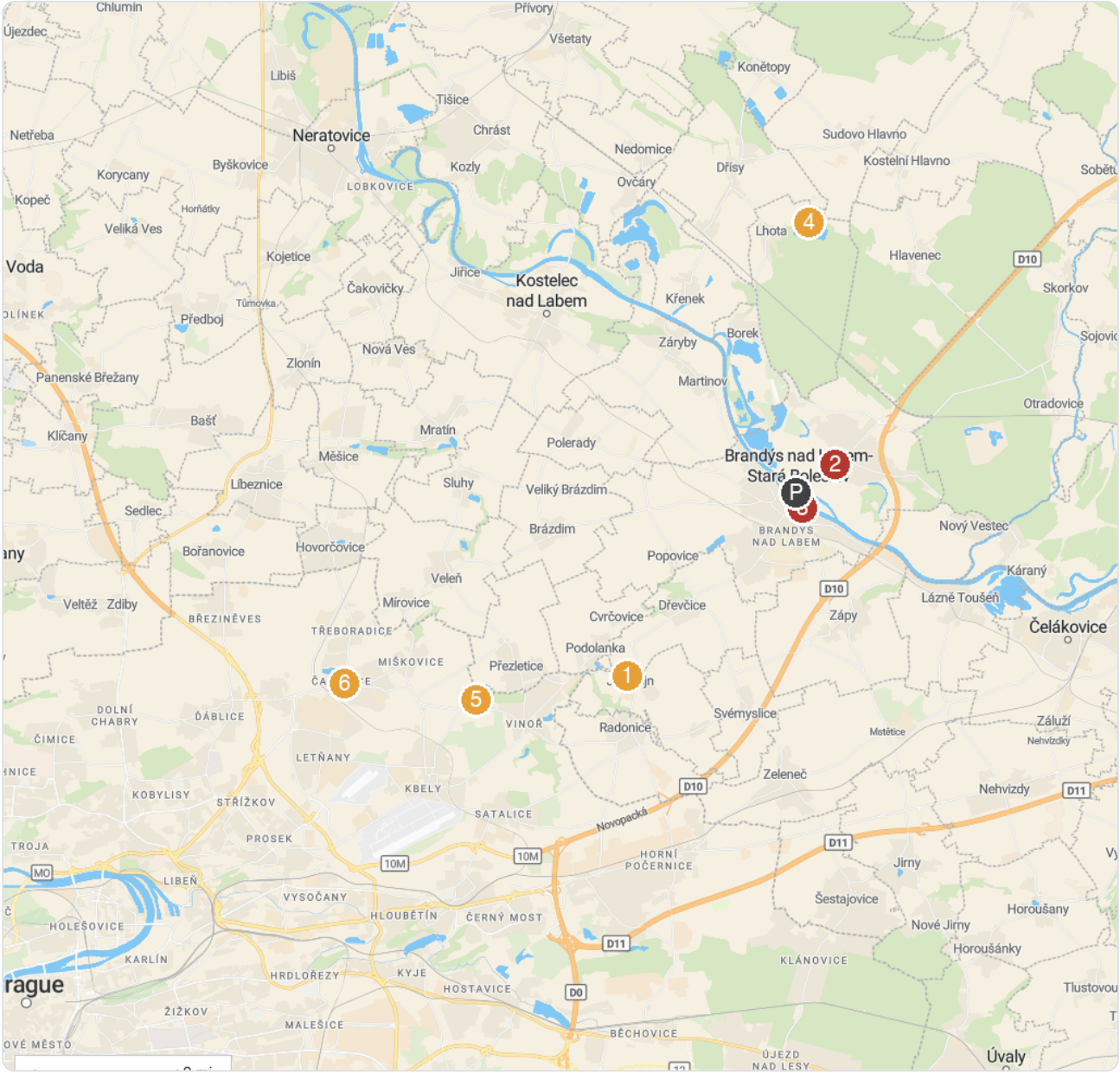
CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:08AM–7:55PM · Jun 4:50AM–9:13PM · Aug 5:50AM–8:19PM · Sep 6:37AM–7:14PM · Oct 7:23AM–6:09PM	
Apr	59°	40°	10d		
Jun	76°	57°	11d		
Aug	78°	60°	11d		
Sep	70°	53°	9d		
Oct	60°	46°	10d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring Czech Koruna (CZK). Small shops and cafés in both town centers may not accept cards — the pier area has no ATM, so draw cash before the cruise or in Brandýs town.
- Castle exterior is always visible; interior tours are seasonal. Check opening hours with your cruise director — the castle museum is not always open on short-notice calls.
- Pilgrimage traffic peaks in September. The annual Saint Wenceslas pilgrimage (late September) draws large crowds to Stará Boleslav — a wonderful atmosphere but expect limited restaurant seating.
- Prague is easily reachable independently. A taxi from the pier to Prague Old Town runs roughly 600–800 CZK (€25–35) each way. Agree on the price before you get in.
- Central Bohemia weather is variable. Pack a light layer — riverside conditions can be breezy even on warm summer days, and afternoon showers are common in June–August.

Brandýs nad Labem-Stará Boleslav, Central Bohemia, Czech Republic — Port Map

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1

Jenštejn

Historic castle ruin offering scenic views.
- 2

Basilica of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Important pilgrimage basilica, a significant religious site.
- 3

Zámek Brandýs nad Labem

Renaissance chateau with royal history and beautiful gardens.
- 4

Lake Lhota

Popular natural lake for swimming and relaxation.
- 5

The castle area Ctěnice

Historic chateau complex with museum, park, and restaurant.
- 6

Čakovice castle

Historic chateau, now a cultural and community center.
- P

Cruise port / terminal