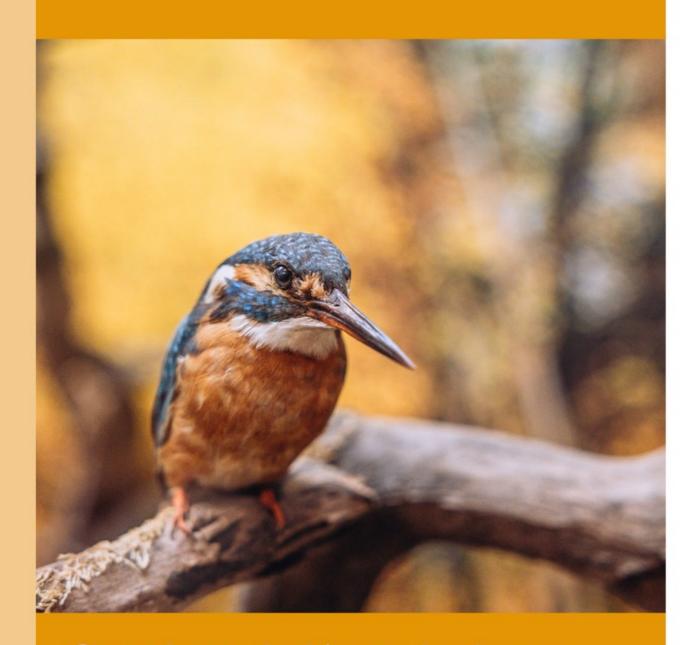
# NOVÉ MĚSTO NAD METUJÍ MUNICIPAL MUSEUM



Get to know the history, landscape and traditions of the Nové Město nad Metují region and a long estabilished wristwatch brand PRIM.

#### **History of the Museum**

Building No. 1226 was added to the artillery bastion in the 16th century. In the 19th and 20th centuries, after changing many owners, it became the seat of the district boarding house and later the town archives. The building was then renovated and the Museum was opened on October 28, 1995. Over the years,



the exhibitions depicting the history, crafts and nature of the region were gradually renewed and the Museum's herb garden with a view of the Metuje River valley and the underlying bedrock was made accessible to the general public.



### Nativity Scene Related to the Town and Its Inhabitants

Woodcarver Jarmila Haldová s long-standing project presents a picturesque panorama of the square filled with more than a hundred personalities of Nové Město nad Metují. Figures of painters (Vladimír Suchánek, Vladimír Rocman), castle owners (the Bartons of Dobenín), as well as a number of traditional professions headed by a night watchman and a printer can be seen here. Every year, more figures sponsored by the families of the patriots of Nové Město are added.

## PRIM – A Watchmaking Legend

The famous Czechoslovak wrist watches have been manufactured in Nové Město nad Metují for more than 70 years. One of them was also gifted to the US President Barack Obama and another one was worn by František Venclovský when he first swam across the English Channel. In the museum, you can see the rare Ing. Libor Hovorka's collection of watches which includes the oldest (Spartak), the largest and the smallest watches manufactured by PRIM.



#### **Playful Education**

How to build a town in the Renaissance style? How did a visit to this place influence the lives of composer Bedřich Smetana and architect Dušan Jurkovič? You will learn this on guided tours with the "animated" figure of the founder Jan Černčický of Kácov. The tours, with the right amount of impassionate point of view, are intended not only for schools, but also for groups of seniors and other people interested in historical pearls. Visitors to the Museum can also visit an interactive hall named the Town of Watches on the same floor as the tourist information center which is open year-round.





#### Where to find us:

Na Zadomí 1226, 549 01 Nové Město nad Metují

#### Would you like to book a group tour or an education?

Telefon: 491 472 119

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#### We are here for you year round!

May through September

Tue-Sun 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. / We are closed on Mondays

October through April

Tue-Sat 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. / We are closed on Sundays and Mondays

Lunch break: 12:00-12:30

### What is currently on display?

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