

My area

Where is your town situated?

The town of Dobříš is situated in the region of Střední čechy, not too far away from Prague. You can get to Prague by a direct bus, which only takes about 40 minutes to complete the journey. Many people commute to Prague to go to school, work or spend their free time.



What is the history of your town?



The first written notice of Dobříš dates back to 1252, a legend says that the name Dobříš originated from a name of its founder, Dobřich. After that, it was simply a group of houses built around the chateau, which was used as a hunting location. During the 20th century, a glove factory was built in Dobříš, and thus the town grew in size.

Are there any legends about your town?

As I mentioned above, there is a legend which talks about the foundation of the town and its name. Other than that, there aren't any.

What is the climate/layout/population like?

The climate in Dobříš is generally normal central-european, we have not too cold winters and not too hot summers. Dobříš is laid out around the central town square, which is also the oldest part of the town. The main road connects the chateau and the town square. Towards the outer part of the town there are newer buildings, and there are still new houses being built. The population of Dobříš is about 9000 inhabitants, there are many children (we have 5 kindergartens, 3 primary schools and 3 highschoools) and also some elderly people, there are 2 elderly homes in Dobříš.



Is your town attractive for tourists? Where can they stay, eat?

I wouldn't take our town as a place swarmed by tourists, but we have some nice landmarks that make it worthwhile to visit our town and as it is, there are a few places more that suitable for an overnight stay. I will be sure to include some of the aforementioned places in the follow-up question.

Are there any historical buildings/important monuments/sights?



As you have read in the previous paragraph we sure have some places which are worth mentioning, there are even so many, that I'm certain, that I will miss some out, but don't worry, I'll take great care to list the most important here. First I'd like to briefly speak about the greatest historical building in our town, it simply has to be the Dobříš Chateau, with the accompanying Vargač castle, the second, or simply the older one, dates back as far as 7 centuries. There are also the English and the French park, which both lay alongside the Chateau. As far as sights go,

I'd like to highlight some of our ponds, which sure make for a great view.

Where can you relax/do sports?

The most important places in our town are based around doing sports, rather than relaxing. Sure, you can go walk in one of the parks, but I think that would be it.

We have plenty of sports facilities: 3 fitness centers, a block of tennis courts, an ice skating stadium, a football club with its 2 fields and also two gymnasiums.

What cultural places are there? (Theatre, cinema, gallery, exhibitions, concerts etc...)



To speak about cultural places, I'd like to begin with the House of Culture, near the Elementary Art School, where most of our cultural life takes place. I almost forgot to mention the Chateau, which hosts many of those events, such as concerts and exhibitions. There used to be a cinema, but it has been closed for more than 8 years now.

What means of transport are used? Do a lot of people commute to another place?

Lots of people drive their cars through Dobříš, especially in the morning when they come to school or work. Then the traffic gets really tough. You can go also by bus – there is a bus station right in the middle of our town square. There is also a railway station and you can even take a train to Prague. People are travelling a lot to Příbram and Prague to school or to work.



What are job opportunities? Do a lot of people commute to another place?



Dobříš used to be a big glove factory, so nearly everyone has worked there, but nowadays it is quite different. The glove factory is closed and people started to work on their own, or in bigger companies such as Bobcat or Energon. But most people are travelling for a good job to bigger cities (Prague or Příbram) or to Dobříš's surroundings.

Where do you spend your free time with your family/friends?

You can often see us just sitting with friends in some of Dobříš's cafés or pubs, but we are not that lazy all the time. Sometimes we go for a walk in the park or play some sports. There are many restaurants to go visit with our families.