

**TOUR 10 Konopiště Chateau**



Founded near his ancestral home Benešova around 1294 probably Prague Bishop Tobias of Benešova on the model of the French fortress, with cylindrical towers, a moat, four gates and a drawbridge. After extinction Benešovic Konopiště passed in 1327 to 275 years in the hands of the Sternberg. In 17 to 19 century.

In 1887 the castle was bought with the whole dominion of Lobkowitz Franz Ferdinand d'Este, successor to the 1896 Imperial throne.

The archduke had the castle rebuilt in the historicist style and its surroundings transformed into a landscaped park. The area of the former baroque gardens founded the Rose Garden with greenhouses. To lock placed its extensive collections, which gained both as a legacy from his Italian ancestors, partly own collecting activities.

Franz Ferdinand in June 1914 attended the maneuvers of the Austrian army in Bosnia and 28 June 1914 became, along with his wife Sophie in Sarajevo assassination in Sarajevo committed by Serbian anarchist Gavrilo Princip. A month after the assassination declared the Austrian Emperor Franz Josef I. war on Serbia.

**Entrance fee included.**

<b>PRICE / person</b>	35,- EUR
<b>Meeting point</b>	Prague Congress Centre (Entrance No. 10)
<b>Duration</b>	4 ½ hrs
<b>Lunch / Dinner</b>	-

	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>
Tour 10.8	October 8	9:00