



Sokolský Hill

- 5 - 8 p.m. Competitions for children with the House of Children and Youth of Karlovy Vary
- 5 - 8 p.m. Jumping castle, Airbrush tattooing (free of charge)
- 5.30 p.m. Theatre "Airplane" - a fairytale "Explorers in the Forest"
- 6.30 p.m. Mask contests
- 7.00 p.m. "Angel voices" under the direction of Mgr. Štěpánka Steinová, Antonín Dvořák Primary School of Arts
- 8.26 p.m. Lighting of the bonfire**
- 8.30 p.m. KABÁT Revival Pilsen
- The entire afternoon programme is hosted by Tereza Švecová.

SPA SEASON OPENING

- 1 May - 3 May** Craft fair - Smetana Park, daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- 1 May - 3 May** Children's workshops - Smetana Park, Friday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., weekend from 10.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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EXHIBITIONS

Karlovy Vary Museum

- 9 a.m. - noon Aspects of Nature - Alexander von Humboldt's vision
- 12.30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Alexander von Humboldt (1769-1859) belonged among the most significant scientists of his time. His general and interdisciplinary view of nature, humans, and society remains exceptionally relevant to this day. For more than 60 years, Professor Dr. Wolfgang-Hagen Hein was collecting documents related to the personality of Alexander von Humboldt. Thanks to this, the largest private collection of its kind was created and it has been accessible to the public and experts at the Berlin City Museum since 2003. After successful exhibitions in Germany, France, the USA, and Peru, visitors to the Karlovy Vary Museum will also have a unique opportunity to get acquainted with Alexander von Humboldt's life and work. The exhibition is bilingual, in Czech and English.
(admission fee CZK 70, reduced admission CZK 50)

Becher's Villa Interactive Gallery

- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Wasser - Zeichen / Water - Sign
This Czech-German exhibition project presents the works of German artist Georg L. Fieger and invites you to discover the motif of water as a bridge between cultures. An intimate premiere of the exhibition took place in Selb, and now you can immerse yourselves into its more extensive version in Karlovy Vary. (admission fee CZK 80, reduced admission CZK 40)

Karlovy Vary Gallery of Arts

- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Roman Franta - Outside / Inside
The first retrospective exhibition of distinctive Czech painter Roman Franta offers you a unique opportunity to go through his work from his student beginnings up to now. You will see the famous series of insect paintings, which brought him a nomination for the Jindřich Chaloupecký Award, and in addition, brand-new "landscape" portraits. The exhibition is colourful, playful, and surprising - an ideal opportunity to find your own way to contemporary arts. (admission fee CZK 80, reduced admission CZK 40)
- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Exhibition "Seven Decades / Karlovy Vary Gallery of Arts (1953 - 2023)"
Strike out a journey through time across seventy years of Czech art. This permanent exhibition, created on occasion of the gallery's anniversary, presents the best of its 20th-century collections - from icons of Czech modern art to prominent contemporary figures. You will encounter works by authors whose names you may know, but whose paintings can still be able to surprise you even today.
(admission fee CZK 80, reduced admission CZK 40)

Imperial Spa

- 1 May Imperial Glass
Opening of the glass exhibition. The exhibition will feature works of Lukáš Jabůrek, Josef Dvořák, Michal Kožený, Vítězslav Mahovský and Jaromír Smutný. Jaroslav Mádle (Nižbor Glassworks) will present as a guest artist.
- 2 May Street Theatre of Viktor Braunreiter: The Secrets of the Imperial Spa
- 3 May The Heart
A ballet performance, a dance drama inspired by a true story

Chateau Tower

- 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. The Great Spa Towns of Europe Exhibition
The exhibition presents 11 famous European spa towns from 7 countries, which were jointly inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in July 2021. (admission fee CZK 50, reduced admission CZK 25)

Stará louka Street, an Open Space in front of the Karlovy Vary Municipal Gallery

- Global for 5 years
An outdoor exhibition dedicated to the 5th anniversary of the inscription of Karlovy Vary on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

FRIDAY, 1 MAY 2026

T.G. Masaryk Avenue and Smetana Park

- 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Barrel organist
- 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Craft fair
- 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Children's creative workshops open for all interested kids
- 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. "Angel voices" under the direction of Mgr. Štěpánka Steinová
- 3.30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Vanua2
- 6 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. Monkey Business

An Open Space in front of Thermal Spa Hotel

2 p.m. - 10 p.m. Thermal Beer & Grill Fest

Mill Colonnade

2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Cantate Carlsbad 2026

An international choir festival, the programme will feature two choirs from the Czech Republic, one choir from Switzerland, and three choirs from Germany.

Dvořák Park

5 p.m. Mácha's May (free of charge)

Imperial Spa

6.30 p.m. Gala Evening with City and Honorary Citizenship Award Ceremony
(The event is for invited guests only.)

SATURDAY, 2 MAY 2026

An Open Space in front of Thermal Spa Hotel

9.55 a.m. A festive parade heading towards the Mill Colonnade
(majorettes, brass music, period costumes)

11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Thermal Beer & Grill Fest

Thermal Spa Hotel Riverbank

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mattoni Grand Drink, 13th year of the World Championship
in mixing non-alcoholic drinks

Mill Colonnade

10.15 a.m. Opening Ceremony of the Blessing of the Springs
(the Madam Mayor's speech, fanfare)

11 a.m. Municipal Band from Kynšperk nad Ohří

12.30 a.m. Riccio Quartetto

2 p.m. KARLOVARKA Brass Band

3.30 p.m. Arrival of the Charles IV's procession

4 p.m. Girl's Saxophone Orchestra from Luhačovice

St Mary Magdalene Church

11 a.m. Ceremonial mass

Park Colonnade

11 a.m. - 12.30 a.m. Dyleň Ensemble of Songs and Dances

Market Colonnade

11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Spolek panstva na tvrzi Žiželevs
(The Club of the Lords of the Žiželevs Stronghold)
a parade in period Biedermeier costumes and 19th century historic dance

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10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Barrel organist

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Craft fair

10.30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Children's creative workshops open for all interested kids

11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Falconer and birds of prey

12.45 a.m. - 1 p.m. Performance of the Milites Flag and Drum Group

- 1.45 p.m. - 2.15 p.m. K'Veen: Queen Live Experience
- 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Kalandr and Revival Band
- 4 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. Historic encampment of Charles IV - a demonstration of a historic encampment and arms, with a possibility of taking photos with the knights and ladies
- 4 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. Charles IV's Feast - knights, jugglers, dancers, and theatre actors will show their art to King Charles IV and his court
- 6.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. P.S. Iveta (Šárka Vaňková & Fredy Bittner Band) the greatest hits of Iveta Bartošová
- 8 p.m. - 9.15 p.m. Ray Wilson & Band: Genesis Classic

Elisabeth Spa

- 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Open House Day
Come and explore the history, present, and future of balneology in Karlovy Vary. During this day, you will have an opportunity to visit a display dedicated to the spa's history, tour the spa premises, and try out selected spa treatments.

Charles IV Park

- 11.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. Imperial Picnic
Come spend a pleasant afternoon in the newly revitalized Charles IV Gardens in the style of an imperial picnic. The event will feature themed refreshments, pleasant music, and period activities set against a backdrop inspired by Karlovy Vary's spa tradition. Visitors are welcome to bring their own picnic gear, food, and drinks. Picnic blankets will be available for rent on site, and you can purchase themed "Imperial Refreshments" and drinks from the Pinkie Boys. Live music by JazzCo. Period costumes are welcome.
- 3 p.m. **Beginning of the Charles IV's procession**
Procession route: Charles IV Park, Festivalový Bridge, Mírové Square, Stará louka Street, Tržiště, Lázeňská Street, Mlýnské nábřeží Street, Dvořák Park, Spa Hotel Thermal, Poštovní Bridge, Smetana Park

Husovka Theatre

- 6 p.m. Mácha's May (free of charge)

Karlovy Vary Municipal Theatre

- 6 p.m. A Deep Wrinkle
Thespian Jiří Suchý will soon celebrate his 95th birthday, and the Karlovy Vary Primary School and Primary School of Arts have decided to commemorate, together with the audience, the remarkable work created by him in collaboration with Jiří Šlitr and Ferdinand Havlík. This new performance combining four artistic fields aims to pay tribute to the Semafor Theatre, the history of which continues to resonate across generations to this day. (admission fee CZK 150, CZK 120, CZK 100)

SUNDAY, 3 MAY 2026

T. G. Masaryk Avenue and Smetana Park

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Craft fair

10.30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Children's creative workshops open for all interested kids

10.30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free attractions for children - jumping castle, face painting, live animals from the Animal Centre of the House of Children and Youth in Karlovy Vary, skill stations and a lucky prize for everybody who conquers all skill stations.

12.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. Legrácka, the Clown

2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Fontána Dance Studio

3.45 p.m. - 5.20 p.m. Thom Artway

5.50 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. Monika Bagárová

Mill Colonnade

2 p.m. Jiří Štrunc's Collegium Vocale

St Linhart Premises

3 p.m. 10th Sinatra Festival (free of charge)

PROGRAMME CHANGES RESERVED!