



# Explore the bustling town

Various cultural and social events enliven the town throughout the year. Its pulse speeds up during the traditional Zemplín Fair and Folklore Festival with accompanying events. Fascinating displays of folklore ensembles and other dance and music groups fill the towns inhabitants with pride in their rich traditions and outstanding culture. Especially refreshing are interesting theatre performances which hand in hand with folklore dance and songs enrich all generations' awareness of the life cycle in this unique corner of our country.



**MICHALOVCE**  
srdce zemplína



## 1. OPEN AIR GALLERY

In 2002, in the centre of Michalovce, an Open-air Gallery was set-up by a fountain in the small park situated in front of the Town Hall. The gallery exhibits pictures, as well as large-scale photographs thematically related to the town's history and present time.



## 2. SPRING FAIR

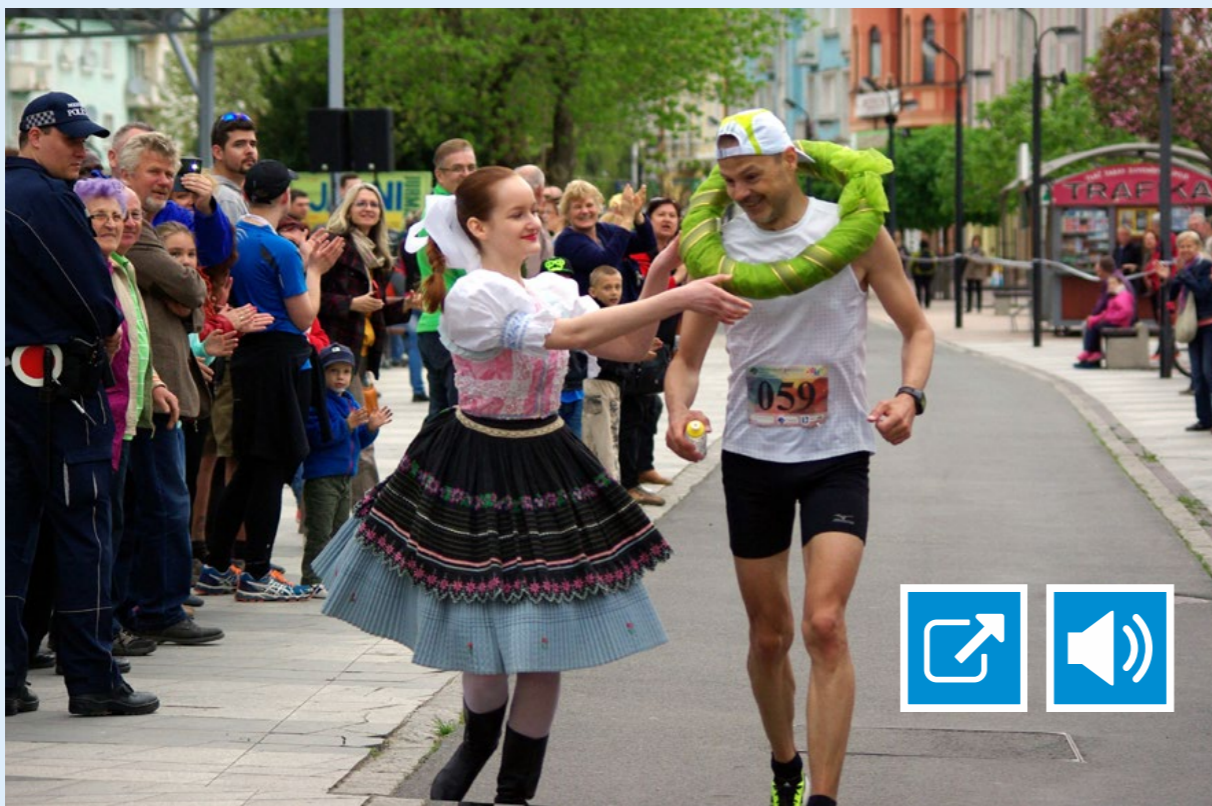
The Spring Fair takes place annually on April 30th and May 1st. Spring markets along with several complementary events including the traditional “raising of the maypole” is performed by the Zemplín folklore ensemble members in front of the Town Hall in the main square.





### 3. VIHORLAT MARATHON

The history of the Vihorlat Marathon (its course goes around the water reservoir Zemplínska šírava) dates back to 1984. It takes place annually on May 1st, with the start and finish in front of the Town Hall. The Michalovce Half-marathon, as well as the In-line skating Marathon are also organized.



### 4. MICHALOVCE SPRING PRIZE

Every year on May 1st, the Spring Prize of Michalovce, a traditional equestrian race in show jumping with various disciplines takes place. The first annual spring prize was organized in 2002.





## 5. MUSEUMS DAY

Every year in May, the Zemplín Museum in Michalovce in cooperation with the local self-government and other organizations and institutions annually organize Museum Day to commemorate the International Museum Day. The event is thematically focused on various historical periods.



## 6. THEATRE FESTIVAL

The mosaic of the summer cultural events is annually complemented by a unique international theatre festival „Michalovce boards“, where all the plays are performed in local dialects. The individual performances take place in various venues in Michalovce and its surroundings.





## 7. TRIBUTE TO THE TOWN DAY

The beginning of this event goes back to 2006. Its purpose is to introduce in an interesting way historical turning points, as well as the lives of important personages coming from the town, or somehow related with it. This event includes a ceremonial introduction of such personages into the Pantheon of Historical Personages.



## 8. ZEMPLÍN FOLKLORE ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCES

Since 1957, Zemplín Folklore Ensemble has been preserving the traditions of our predecessors - folklore music, songs, and dance. Its shows and premiere performances represent an inseparable part of the cultural and social life of the town.





## 9. ZEMPLÍN VETERAN CAR RUN

Several accompanying events forming a part of the historical vehicles parade - automobiles and motorcycles run inaugurated in 2005 - include a run through the pedestrian zone in the town centre, as well as a run around the town surroundings and various contests for spectators.



## 10. MICHALOVCE ORGAN

The name of the event holds a series of organ concerts given in the Roman Catholic Parish Church featuring domestic and foreign artists, which have been organized since 2007 under the auspices of the Municipal Cultural Centre in Michalovce.





## 11. ZEMPLÍN FOLKLORE FESTIVAL

Zemplín Celebrations - the international folklore song and dance festival has a long tradition. It has been organized since 1960 and takes place on the stage in the town centre annually on the third Sunday in August. The festival is enriched by various smaller accompanying events such as the traditional Zemplín Fair, as well as an alley of crafts, dancing a typical dance from Eastern Slovakia called Karička with attempts to set a record number of participants dancing simultaneously, and various gastronomic contests.



## 12. BIKERS' REUNION

The second month of summer holidays features inherently the International Bikers Reunion organized by The World of Motorbikes Magazine at Zemplínska Šírava water reservoir since 2002. The bikers' reunion belongs to the biggest events of its kind in Central Europe with its programme partly taking place in Michalovce.





## 13. MICHALOVCE FOR MICHAELS AND MICHELLES

A variety show dedicated to Michaels and Michelles livened up with various unconventional activities. The event includes attempt to set a world record in the maximum number of people named Michael, Michelle, or any variation of these names in other languages, gathered at one place.



## 14. TOWN WALKS

“Town walks” is an increasingly popular unconventional way of finding out about the history of Michalovce. They are thematically oriented sightseeing tours guided by a local historian around well-known, as well as lesser-known heritage sites in the town.





## 15. CHRISTMAS MARKETS

The tradition of Christmas markets in Michalovce dates back to 1992. In addition to seasonal shopping opportunities and refreshment they also offer rich cultural events featuring various Christmas traditions.



## 16. SPARKLING WINE CORK SHOOT-OFF

This unconventional contest takes place in front of the Town Hall on New Year's Eve. The winner is the one who shoots the sparkling wine cork the furthest.





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