



Wenceslav III (1289–1306)

King of Hungary between 1301 and 1305, and King of Bohemia and Poland. He was murdered in Olomouc in 1306 before starting his campaign to invade his rival's territories in Poland. He was the last of the male Přemyslid rulers of Bohemia.

Matthias Corvinus (1443–1490)

King of Hungary and Croatia in 1458–1490. He visited Olomouc several times. He was elected King of Bohemia by the Czech Catholic Estates in Olomouc on May 3, 1469 but he was never crowned. In 1479, he signed the so called Treaty of Olomouc.



Maria Theresa (1717–1780)

The only female ruler of the Habsburg dominions and the last of the House of Habsburg. She visited Olomouc twice – in 1748 and then in 1754 she attended the consecration ceremony of the Holy Trinity Column, today's UNESCO site.



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791)

A prolific and influential composer and pianist of the classical era. He and his family took refuge in Olomouc during the Smallpox epidemic in Vienna in October and November 1767. He composed his Symphony No. 6 in F Major in Olomouc.



Marquis de Lafayette (1757–1834)

Marie-Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, a key figure in the French revolutions of 1789 and 1830. He fought for the United States in the American Revolutionary War as a close friend of George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, and Thomas Jefferson. He was imprisoned by the Austrians in Olomouc in 1794.



Mikhail Illarionovich Golenishchev-Kutuzov (1745–1813)

A field marshal of the Russian Empire. He spent a few days in Olomouc before the battle of Austerlitz in 1805 while the Russian army was camped outside the city.



Graf Joseph Radetzky von Radetz (1766–1858)

An Austrian field marshal and Czech nobleman, immortalised by Johann Strauss I's Radetzky March. He was appointed commander of the Olomouc fortress from 1829–1831.



Johann Gregor Mendel (1822–1884)

A founder of the modern science of genetics. From 1840–1843, he studied practical and theoretical philosophy and physics at the Philosophical Institute of the University of Olomouc, taking a year off because of illness. He also struggled financially to pay for his study.



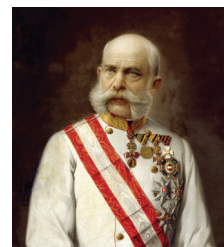
Ferdinand I (1793–1875)

Emperor of Austria, President of the German Confederation, King of Hungary, Croatia, and Bohemia. In 1848 while in Olomouc, against his will he was forced to relinquish the throne and he abdicated in favour of his nephew Franz Joseph I.



Franz Joseph I (1830–1916)

Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary, Croatia and Bohemia. He ascended the Austro-Hungarian throne in the Archbishop's Palace in Olomouc in 1848. He visited the city several times, mainly in connection with military manoeuvres.





Gustav Mahler (1860–1911)

The famous Austrian late-romantic composer, and one of the leading conductors of his generation. He was appointed conductor of the German public theatre orchestra in Olomouc in 1883.

Eliška Junková (1900–1994)

A Czechoslovakian automobile racer and one of the greatest female drivers in Grand Prix motor racing history. She was born in Olomouc as the sixth of eight children. In the 1920s, she competed in Bugatti cars and was the fastest woman in the world. As the only woman in the history of Grand Prix she was able to compete with the best male drivers of the time.

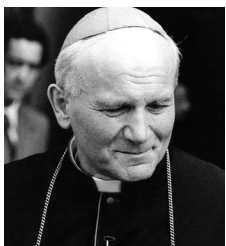


Eduard Konrad Zirm (1863–1944)

An Austrian ophthalmologist. He accepted a position at a hospital in Olomouc in 1882 where he performed the first successful human full-thickness corneal transplant on December 7, 1905.

Gustav Klimt (1862–1918)

An Austrian symbolist painter. He stayed and worked many times in the Olomouc villa of his friend, the banker, Otto Primavesi, who owned many of his paintings. Klimt painted portraits of Primavesi's wife, which is now in a private collection, and his daughter, which is in the collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.



John Paul II (Karol Józef Wojtyła) (1920–2005)

The most popular pope in the 20th century, in office from 1978–2005. During his numerous trips abroad, he canonized Jan Sarkander and Zdislava in Olomouc in May 1995.



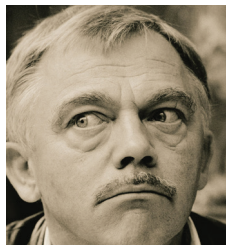
Karel Brückner (1939)

A former head coach of the Czech Republic's national football team and later the head coach of Austria. He is a native of Olomouc and a patriot. He took the Czech national team to the semi-finals of UEFA's Euro 2004 with attractive play.



Karel Kryl (1944–1994)

An iconic Moravian singer-songwriter and performer of many protest songs in which he identified and attacked the stupidity and inhumanity of the Communist and later also post-communist regime in his home country. His career began in Olomouc.



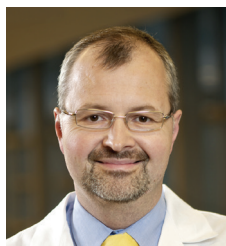
Jindřich Štreit (1946)

A Czech photographer and pedagogue known for his documentary photography. He concentrates on documenting rural life and the people of Czech villages. He is considered one of the most important exponents of Czech documentary photography. Štreit began taking photographs in 1964 during his studies at the Pedagogical Faculty of Palacký University Olomouc.



Bohdan Pomahač (1971)

A Czech plastic surgeon who, in 2011, led a team in the first full face transplant carried out in Boston in the United States. It was only the third such operation in the world. Pomahač studied at the Faculty of Medicine in Palacký University Olomouc.



Aleš Loprais (1980)

A Czech rally truck driver, born in Olomouc. Loprais has a long association with Tatra trucks and has been a frequent participant in the Dakar Rally, having also won the 2011 Silk Way Rally in the truck category. Loprais is a nephew of the highly successful Czech rally truck driver Karel Loprais.





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- 40 000–10 000 BC – the oldest settlement*
6 000 BC – continuous settlement
166–180 – Roman soldier camp
1019 – Olomouc was the major power centre with residence of the duke
1063 – bishopric restored
1077 – the arrival of the Benedictine monk order
1239 – Olomouc upgraded to a royal city
1306 – the murder of King Wenceslas III
1314 – privilege of the first (capital) town in Moravia
1422 – Olomouc minted its own coins
1573 – University founded in Olomouc
*1641 – the transfer of the Office of the Moravian capital
from Olomouc to Brno*
1642–1650 – looted town by the Swedish army
*1716–1754 – the Holy Trinity Column constructed
(now a UNESCO site)*
1767 – W. A. Mozart in Olomouc
1777 – bishopric upgraded to archbishopric
1841 – the arrival of the first train (route Vienna–Olomouc)
1845 – the departure of the first train to Prague
1905 – the first transplant in the world (corneal transplantation)
1997 – the most destructive flood in the history of the city
2001 – the Department of Geoinformatics established

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