Otázka: Chomutov - My Town

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Basic information and geography

- Chomutov is a statutory town in the Usti Region in the Chomutov district.
- It is 22nd largest city in the Czech Republic (fifth in the region).
- It is located 49 km southwest of the city Ústí nad Labem near the border with Germany.
- It covers an area of 29 km2 and has a population of approximately 49,000.
- Chomutov lies on the river Chomutovka, at the foot of the Ore Mountains.
- The surface is mostly flat with some hills.

Industry

- After 1989, heavy industry declined and the city's environment improved significantly.
- Chomutov is today based as a tourist destination.
- Today near the city remain some mines with brown coal and power stations
 Tušimice and Prunéřov

Important places

There are historic monuments in the centre of the town:

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- Town hall
- Town tower
- 3 churches
- Statue in the middle of the square

Education

 You can find a lot of schools and kindergartens in Chomutov. We can count 14 kindergartens, 9 primary schools (basic schools), a special school, a grammar secondary school, a technical secondary school, a medical secondary school and a Business Academy.

Public transport

• In Chomutov is possible to travel by public transport around the town. You can use buses since 1995, trolley buses or travel by trains to other cities. There is 5 railway lines to Prague, Ústí nad Labem, Jirkov, Bärenstein and Cheb.

Entertainment and leisure time

There is many interesting places in the town.

- For example people can visit cinema, where they can enjoy nice movies, theatre
 with interesting performances or a local museum, that is full of interesting
 exhibitions.
- An important point of interest is the zoo. It is divided into three separate areas. There is a large Eurosafari, where you can go on a field trip by Safari Express, open-air museum Stará Ves, where there is a unique view of the life of our ancestors. The main one is, of course, the zoo itself. In the middle of a beautiful piece of nature you can see more than 160 species of animals.
- A magnet for visitors coming to the city is The Alum Lake. It was formed by flooding mines in which alum and sulphur were exploited. In summer, Sandy beaches and

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grassy banks make your vacation as pleasant as possible. You can swim, sunbathe or hire a boat.

- Sports fans definitely appreciate facilities like an athletic stadium, swimming pool or gyms. We have an ice hockey stadium and famous ice-hockey club – The Pirates.
- Sometimes it is possible to enjoy music festivals too. Other event is Chomutov festival, which is an April cultural event and offers workshops, theatre or library.

Notable people

- Jiří Žáček poet, writer and translator
- Petr Klíma ice hockey player
- Franz Josef von Gerstner mathematician
- Simona Kubová swimmer
- The mayor of the town is Marek Hrabáč since 2016. His office is in the town hall.

Tourist destinations near Chomutov

• Žatec (brewery), Klášterec nad Ohří (mineral water), Hasištejn (ruin), Red castle, Klášterec (museum), Nechranice dam, Bezruč valley...