**At the end of the summer, Liberec (Czechia) will be lit up by the unique Crystal Valley Week 2023 glass festival.**

**For the second year in a row, it will bring a week full of art, music and entertainment to the town below Ještěd, while presenting Crystal Valley artists in one place. A brand that presents the history and present of glass, jewellery and jewellery-making from all corners of the Liberec Region.**

The Crystal Valley Week will be a real experience for Czech and foreign tourists and residents of the organising region. The large summer glass festival will allow them to work with luminous glass together with glass artists directly on the streets of the town, but they will also be able to refine glass by grinding it together with a master glassmaker or create jewellery.

"I believe that last year we established a new tradition for the glass festival. For the second time, we will offer residents and tourists throughout the city both glass installations and exhibitions, as well as, for example, the opportunity to buy glass, jewellery and glass ornaments from local producers. The Glass Festival will also take place in unusual and surprising locations. This will make the visitors' experience even more exciting," recommends Květa Vinklátová, Deputy Minister of Culture, Heritage Care and Tourism of the Liberec Region, when visiting the Crystal Valley Week.

The festival will feature seven interesting exhibitions, a PechaKucha Night on the theme of glass, free rides on the Crystal Tram through the city, guided tours of the newly renovated historic Liebieg Palace building and its historic crystal chandeliers, a two-day sales exhibition of jewellery and costume jewellery in the modern glass building of the Regional Science Library, a larger-than-life glass puppet walking through the city, a performance of glass music and other programmes.

"During the last week of August, glass in many forms will be seen literally at every turn in the city under Jested, even in very unexpected places. While last year glass flamingos beautified the Liberec zoo, this year's festival attracts visitors to the oldest botanical garden in the Czech Republic. Visitors will see fragile glass with floral motifs installed directly among rare plants," - says David Pastva on behalf of the organisers.

Another unusual and this time inaccessible place that will belong to glass and fashion in Liberec is the tram depot of the municipal transport company. It is among the trams that it will be possible to admire on the catwalk the works of the leading Czech designer Liběna Rochová, who will present her collection Inside 23. She will bring not only her textile creations, but also works in metallurgical glass.

The festival will begin on 28 August 2023 with the opening of the NAHUTI exhibition at the normally inaccessible Café Pošta, where five renowned glass masters will present their works. They will be Petr Kuchta, Miroslav Liederhaus, Petr Novotný, Jiří Pačinek and Martin Štefánek. Three of them have also invited their talented sons to participate in the exhibition. Glass in the café will be complemented by another multimedia exhibition on glass-making for the film A Knives out Mystery: Glass Onion.

A detailed festival schedule can be found at [www.crystalvalleyweek.cz](http://www.crystalvalleyweek.cz) or on the [Visit Crystal Valley Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/visitcrystalvalley/) page.

Crystal Valley is an area of unique worldwide concentration and diversity of glass, jewellery, stone and stoneware production. Crystal Valley relies on excellent traditional craftsmanship and the craftsmanship of local people, which it showcases to the public.

The Crystal Valley brand is presented by the Liberec Region Regional Development Agency as a major attraction for locals and tourists from the Czech Republic and abroad. The region is a popular tourist area, so thousands of visitors go there every year for nature and sport, but above all it has a unique position in the world of artistic glass, jewellery and jewellery products. There are more than 160 glass, jewellery and jewellery companies, craftsmen, museums and schools throughout the Liberec region, all of which should be popular tourist destinations. The aim is to support traditional producers, but also to show their work to visitors from a different point of view, from as close as possible, so to speak, at their fingertips.

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