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Pilsen

Pilsen is the centre of West Bohemia and was founded by the Wenceslaw II. With population of about 170 000 inhabitants it is probably the 4th largest city in the Czech Republic. Pilsen is situated at the confluence of four rivers – the Radbuza, the Úhlava, the Úslava, and the Mže.

Pilsen has a mild belt. In winter, the temperatures drop below freezing. In the summer the temperature is around 40 degrees Celsius. The beginning of spring is a very cold in the morning, but in the afternoon is around 15 to 20 degrees.

Pilsen is a centre of academic, business, and cultural life for the western part of the Czech Republic. The University of West Bohemia in Plzeň is well known for its School of Law, School of Mechanical Engineering and School of Applied Science in particular.

The Škoda company has now only two main company: First – Škoda Transportation, which is producing locomotives, underground trans and tram and second – Škoda Power, which is producing turbines

Pilsen also has the biggest distillery Stock in the Czech Republic. Pilsen is also known for the beer Gambrinus and Pilsner Urquell.

Pilsen is too known for hockey club – HC Škoda Pilsen and football club – FC Viktoria Pilsen.

In Pilsen is a lot to do in free time. We can go to the cinemas, which are in the shopping center Plaza or the Olympia shopping center. Also we can go to the J. K. TYL Theater or to the Chamber Theater, but there are also many smaller theaters, such as the Alfa. Also we can go to the Škodaland, which is a sport komplex. Or we can go to the parks, f.e. in Bory is a big park called "Borský Park". Or if you are a fan of hockey or football, and FC Viktoria Pilsen or HC Škoda Pilsen just playing the game, you can go look at it.

The most popular sights of Pilsen are the Gothic St. Bartholomew's Cathedral, whose tower has 102 metres and is the highest in the Czech Republic. Another popular sights is the Renaissance Town Hall and the Moorish Revival Freat Synagogue, which is the second largest synagogue in Europe. A popular tourist attraction is the Plzeňský Prazdroj brewery tour where visitor can discover the history of beer. Pilsen has been selected to be a European Capital of Culture in 2015.

I think that Pilsen is a nice city and if I was foreigner, I would visit it. Also I would like to live here. I currently live about 30 kilometres away from Pilsen, I commute to school, the journey lasts about 1 hour and 20 minutes, which is too long for me.