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Pacov lies at 1,600ft-plus elevation between Pelhřimov and Tábor near the Bohemian-Moravian Highlands–Southern Bohemia border. Stražiště Hill (elev 2,440ft) undeniably dominates the surrounding countryside through which Trnávka Creek flows. The 15th meridian east – also known as the primary axis of Central European Time – goes right through Pacov

The town history goes back to the late 13th century. Pacov accommodated a considerable number of sights throughout its 700-plus-year history. The original castle has almost completely disappeared after being rebuilt as a Renaissance chateau, later converted to an 18th century monastery and later still to a manor house. Today it houses the town council, Antonín Sova History Museum, public library, and Tourist Information Centre.

There are two main churches, the Gothic Church of St. Michael and the Abbey Church of St. Wenceslas (open to the public as a gallery during summer holidays only). The Baroque religious architecture is represented by the St. Barbara funeral chapel



and the St. Anne Chapel near a former spa. A synagogue and a cemetery featuring the local Jewish history exhibition commemorate Pacov's Jewish residents.

The notable Czech poet Antonín Sova (1864–1928) is currently the best-known Pacov native. Sova's childhood home, to which he often returned, has been a constant source of inspiration for him. Today his works and accompanying memorabilia can be seen in the museum.

In the early 1900s Pacov has also made international bike racing history when in 1905 and 1906 a classification race to appoint the Austrian racing team – whose winners were guaranteed to compete for the International Cup – took place at the so-called Pacov Circuit. The tournament's crucial race too was held at the Pacov Circuit on July 8, 1906, and eventually won by Eduard Nikodém. Today these events are commemorated in Pacov by the local history museum exhibition, a plaque

on the façade of Panská Restaurant, the yearly Vintage Bike Championship, and a permanent single-track vehicle exhibition at the nearby Kámen Castle.