Welcome to Příbor – the birthplace of Sigmund Freud! We invite you to visit his family house. Freud’s family lived here in the years 1856 – 1859. The married couple Jákob and young Amálie Freud lived in one room on the first floor. They rented this room from the locksmith J. Zajíc. And in this small house – in one of the rooms – on 6 May 1856, Sigismund Schlomo Freud was born. As time went on, the house changed in appearance. First by reconstruction – this lasted only 5 months, January – May 2006 – this exceptional cultural monument again acquired the form of an urban house from the 2nd half of the 19th century.

Jákob Freud, a Jewish textile trader, was fully devoted to his business. His lovely and passionate wife was only 19 years old, and so their young son Sigi got to know his native town and its surroundings – meadows full of dandelions, fields, forests, the Lubina river – with his nursemaid Monika Zajícová. Although this lasted for only three years, it left an indelible trace in Sigmund. Sigmund Freud remembers the happy years living in Příbor in his memoirs.

"...Deep within me, covered over, there still lives that happy child from Freiberg, the first born son of a youthful mother, who had received the first indelible impressions from this air, from this soil."

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Nothing stops you from taking a short rest on the couch at the entrance to the family house. On the ground floor, where located among other items are the technical and social facilities of the house and the entrance to the courtyard spruced up with tiles, we invite you to a small, but cosy reception area. This serves as the cash desk and information centre. Before you have a look around, we provide everyone a receiver and earphones – the most modern guide system from Guide Port.

From the reception area, we enter the first room. We call is the audio hall. You will notice two things in this room. The walls are decorated by the original plaster with hand-painted template patterns and before you sit on the chairs, you will be surprised by the funny images by the famous Czech caricaturist, Vladimír Jiránek. There is one on each chair. And it isn’t by accident that Jiránek’s figure is reminiscent of the famous psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud. The drawn Doctor Freud and his voice will lead you through the entire exhibition. He will convince you that the motto of the exhibition “A joke is the most social spiritual achievement” is true.

But we are at the beginning of the exhibition and you are sitting on special chairs in the audio hall with comfortable earphones on, the receiver in your hand. Professor Freud invites you to watch a film in it, here everybody is enchanted he before you leave the hall, you may connect to the Internet to the S. Freud museums in Vienna and London, or have a look at photography of how the copper-coloured couch, the one you sat on briefly before entering the house, came to be.

You pass to the 1st floor up a wooden staircase with the earphones on. You find yourself in the library. Right here you will receive useful information about the work and legacy of Sigmund Freud. Have a look at his works in Czech and in foreign languages, older or new publications of books, the work of his students and followers. You will find out how much of an impact Freud had on life through his psychoanalysis. And there’s more! At the small cabinet, don’t be afraid to open all the drawers! They hide photographs from Freud’s life and the caricatures of Vl. Jiránek with citations from Professor Freud. Fascinating!!

Some believe Freud was born in the room next to the library. But we don’t know for certain. Today in this room you will see a collage and maps of Příbor from the period of Freud’s birth, photographs of Příbor churches and squares. While you are looking, Mr. Freud (in the earphones) recalls his lovely childhood, the dandelion meadow and streets where he played. And also on holidays at the home of the family friend, Ignác Fluss, where at 16, he first fell in love in Příbor.

At the end of the tour of the family house of Sigmund Freud, you will be presented with the vision and dreams of the city of Příbor – a prepared project of the S. Freud Centre in Příbor. Look around, the presentation of the Society of S. Freud in Příbor will bring you back to reality. Contemporary Příbor is shown to you – if you sit for a moment – through a documentary report from the gala opening of the family house on 27 May 2006.

And are you interested in Freud’s planet? – you can see it here on the computer.

What a wonderful life!