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**Spa Architecture in the Sudetes Mountains
– the Spa Tourism Incentive**

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The Spa Architecture of the Sudetes region preserves its own specific and recognizable character, distinguishable from anything that can be seen in the other parts of the country. What makes it so easily discernible, are the specific balneology and spa structures – buildings designed specifically for the health care related activities, such as: spa houses, natural treatment and mud-bath facilities, drinking and walking halls – which all contribute to the cultural identity of the region. The balneological spa buildings hold a tourism potential and are capable to generate a significant tourist traffic – due to their historical and cultural features. Majority of the Sudetes historic spa buildings had been raised at the turn of the 19th and 20th century. Being designed by the eminent architects of the time, they are defined by their high aesthetic, historical and cultural values.

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