

## **A Brief History of Vratimov, Czech Republic**

Vratimov was founded in the second half of the 13th century during colonization of the Tišín district.

The foundation of Vratimov is connected with colonization activities done by Jan Barut, feudal lord from the old aristocratic family of Barut, originally from Lusatia.

Character of the village has changed much throughout centuries. The major change was construction of a pulp mill (80s of the 19th century) and development of industry in nearby Ostrava.

On 13 October 1936 Vratimov became a market town and in 1960 Vratimov was declared a town.

The area of the present town of Vratimov is 14.2 km<sup>2</sup>. Therefore, it ranks among the middle-size municipalities in the district of Frýdek-Místek.

The town consists of two parts: Vratimov itself (5,536 people) and Horní Datynì (1,003 people).

Vratimov is just south of Ostrava in the northeast corner of the Czech Republic.