

Abstract

This bachelor's thesis deals with the subject of the spa in Františkovy Lázně and Luhačovice in the years 1913–1923. In the first chapters of the theoretical part, the history of the spa from ancient times to the present is briefly described. Subsequently, the characteristics and development of each city are specified, as well as the treatment methods and healing springs. The empirical part focuses on the spa guests. The main objective was to determine, on the basis of archival sources and using a comparative method, whether there are differences in the number of visitors to Františkovy Lázně and Luhačovice in terms of the origin or gender of the international and domestic visitors. The socio-political events of that time, especially the First World War, the collapse of Austria-Hungary, and the coup d'état that led to the creation of Czechoslovakia, played a key role. It was found that these events influenced not only the development of the spa industry but also its clientele.

Keywords

Spa, attendance, Františkovy Lázně, Luhačovice, first half of the 20th Century