

HANZELKA AND ZIKMUND

Jiří Hanzelka and Miroslav Zikmund were two friends who dreamed of seeing the world together. They planned and prepared for years, little knowing that the politics of the time would stand in the way of their adventurous dreams.



Jiří Hanzelka and Miroslav Zikmund were university friends during the 1930s in what was then called Czechoslovakia. They both loved the idea of travel and hatched a plan called 'The 5 Project', referring to the five continents they wanted to visit. They wanted to leave as soon as possible but Nazi occupation during the Second World War (1939-1945) had put a stop to that. Not wanting to waste any time, the pair planned thoroughly during the war - including learning many languages.