

Go golfing in the Czech Republic

The Czech Republic is the most developed golf destination in Central and Eastern Europe and it is easy to reach. The Czech golf tradition goes back more than 100 years and there are now close to 100 golf courses around the country. When you add high quality accommodation, fantastic Czech cuisine and the world renowned Czech beer you have the makings of a great golfing holiday. Plenty of novelties are in the pipeline for the 2014 season and are just waiting to be discovered.



Golf in the Czech Republic has a rich heritage. The country's first golf course was opened in Mariánské Lázně in 1905. A year earlier the first golf club was formed in nearby Karlovy Vary. Golf really began to grow in popularity in the 1990's. The Czech Republic has come a long way since then and is now a much sought-after destination among professional, amateur and recreational golfers.

World's top golfers compete in tournaments in the Czech Republic

Reflecting its growing stature in the game, the Czech Republic has become a regular venue for prestigious golf tournaments. Prosper Golf Resort Čeladná in north Moravia has hosted The Czech Open on the European Tour on several occasions. A European Senior Tour event has been played at the Casa Serena golf course near Kutna Hora since 2008. The Raiffeisenbank Prague Golf Masters was played at the Albatross Golf Resort near Prague in 2011 and 2012 and at the Golf Park Plzeň – Dýšina in 2013. A European Challenge Tour event, the D+D Real Czech Challenge Open, was staged at the Kuntická Hora in 2013.

After a three year hiatus, the European Tour will again be played in the Czech Republic. Now the tournament moves to the Albatross Golf Resort.

A full starting field of 156 players is expected. The stars of the tournament should be Miguel Angel Jimenez, Nicolas Colsaerts and John Daly, and Bernhard Langer and Peter Hanson, as winners during previous years, may also show up. D+D Real Czech Masters takes place at the superb Albatross Golf Resort from August 21-24,
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Great golfing holiday

The number of golf courses in the Czech Republic keeps growing and the country always has something new to offer golfers. Golfers who choose the Czech Republic for their golf holiday will appreciate high quality accommodation available close to the courses as well as other facilities providing pleasant relaxation after a busy sporting day.

Travelling golfers will be delighted to hear that Czech golf courses are most frequently found in the vicinity of the big cities, which makes them easy to reach. Albatross Golf Resort is just 30 minutes away from the capital city of Prague, Golf Resort Brno Kaskada is close to the largest Moravian city of Brno and the 36-hole Prosper Golf Resort Čeladna is just a short drive away from Ostrava in north Moravia. These three courses were rated the best in the Czech Republic by the prestigious American magazine Golf Digest last year. There are ten golf courses, including six 18-hole courses, in the West-Bohemian spa triangle formed by Karlovy Vary, Mariánské Lázně and Františkovy Lázně. Among the most famous courses are Golf Resort Karlovy Vary, Royal Golf Club Mariánské Lázně and Astoria Golf Resort Cihelny.

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Golf & Spa Resort Konopiště: excellent facilities and singular beauty

One of the most beautiful golf resorts in the Czech Republic is situated 40km from Prague and it is the largest golf resort in the Czech Republic. Two 18-hole championship courses and a 9-hole public course accessible to players without a Green Card are naturally incorporated into the rolling landscape surrounded by woods and interwoven with many water hazards and bunkers.

In the heart of the golf resort, which was built in cooperation with the PGAE association, you will find the chateau hotel, a golf shop and equipment rental facilities. Gastronomy services, focused especially on



traditional Czech, as well as European cuisines, are ensured by two restaurants. You can unwind after golf with a tour of Konopiště Castle.

Directly in the castle part of the hotel you will find conference premises which are suitable for both corporate and private events. In March 2013 a new 2000 square metre wellness centre opened in the heart of the resort. It features outdoor and indoor swimming pools, saunas, Jacuzzis, fitness and gym area and much more. There are numerous spa treatments available at the wellness centre, including massages, inhalations, baths and wraps, to help guests complete the full rejuvenation.
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