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with demand still exceeding supply. With low cost accommodation and restaurants in a country still outside Euroland, the price of a week's holiday here compares very favourably with the more traditional European golf destinations.

Karlstejn is a truly romantic location, with the golf on generally open hills overlooking the neo-gothic castle, begun in 1348, first finished by Holy Roman Emperor Charles IV, but updated over the intervening centuries, during which time it housed the Imperial regalia and Bohemian coronation jewels. So there's plenty of sightseeing for golf widow(er)s here, as well as in Prague. Karlstejn GC saw Bernhard Langer win the 1997 Czech Open, with a score of no less than 20 under par: you would be well pushed to achieve 5 under handicap, for just one round here.

Even closer to Prague is Beroun GC. The newest Czech course won't disappoint you, either. Opened in May 2009, this course is already remarkably mature and the lower holes in the valley (notably 8 and 11-16, rising up the hill) will stun autumn visitors as the trees turn.

The European Tour's new Moravia Silesia Open in late July reminds us that golf in the Czech Republic is a growth sport. Jisi Hlavats, the Aria's young and engaging general manager, is himself a golfer, keen to establish the hotel as a base for golf.

So, if you can harmonise your sport with a musical stay in Prague, you'll soon have your game in tune. We plan to cover more courses here: beat us to it! ■

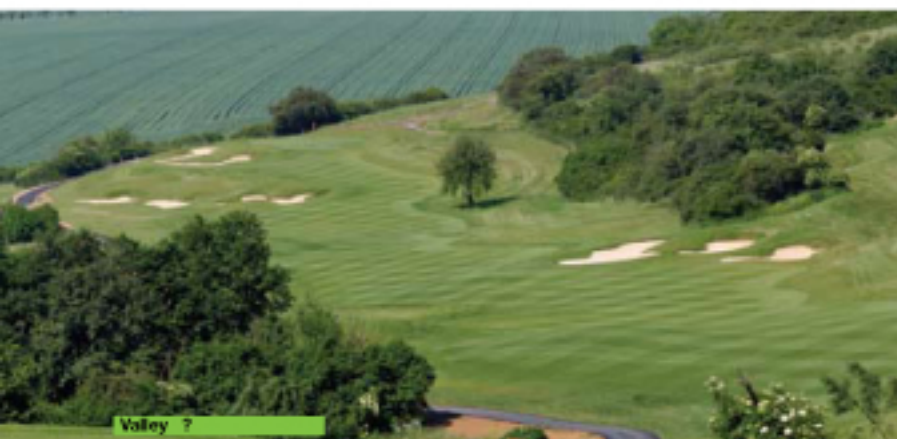


Karlstejn

Castle 15 315 4

What the experts say **Castle** ↗

Downland golf with some luxurious woody glade intermissions, set over a rolling saddle with stunning Bohemian forest views to the historic castle of Karlstejn. Two 9-hole loops run from the hilltop clubhouse, providing a fair test of golf, albeit over occasionally sloping fairways, with some meritable, occasionally well-bunkered holes. Several greens are raised, with undulations and/or tiers, sometimes angled against the line of play, others defended by water.



Valley ?

What the experts say **Valley** ↗

Very much more of the same, except that, if anything, the design of this newer 9 on the other side of the hill is superior: tighter holes and smaller greens.

	m	Par
Scorecard	19	303 4
	20	322 4
	21	187 3
	22	580 5
	23	403 4
	24	335 4
	25	188 3
	26	500 5
	27	410 4
	3298 36	
	3046 2776 2532	

Designers: Furber & Eremko (2007)

	m	Par	m	Par
Scorecard	1	458 5	10	374 4
	2	323 4	11	382 4
	3	109 3	12	162 3
	4	425 4	13	526 5
	5	398 4	14	198 3
	6	207 3	15	315 4
	7	487 5	16	351 4
	8	342 4	17	475 5
	9	340 4	18	394 4
	3167 36	3157 36		
		6324 72		
	5039	5316	4576	

Designers: Furber & Eremko (1993)

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✈ Prague: exit airport and follow motorway signs to Plzeň, which after some 5km take you onto the main Prague-Plzeň motorway (E50). After a further 10km, exit for, and follow signs to, Karlstejn, passing road to castle on r after entering edge of village. At end of village l (sign), over river and level crossing; club entrance on l, after approx 2.5km.

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