



Kaskáda

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GOLF AND WINE...

...THROUGH THE WINE REGION OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

There are those regions where you can see at first glance that the life there is connected with the grapevine and wine. One such region is South Moravia, a hospitable land of wine, natural beauty and traditional culture.

The south of Moravia, with its largest city of Brno, is a seemingly inconspicuous area that nevertheless houses many historic monuments of great value. The most valuable of these can be found on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

So what is there for a golf tourist seeking other attractions after his or her regular round of golf? We have a hot tip for you: wine! South Moravia is famous for its wine cultivation; wine was brought there by the Roman legions as early as in the 3rd century. Seven hundred years ago, South Moravian wines were an integral part of the celebration feasts of the Czech kings, and the tradition of Moravian viniculture has continued without interruption to this day.

A trail of uncommon tastes and smells

A few years ago, wine came into fashion in the Czech lands, when even many traditional beer drinkers switched over to wine. The consumption of wine rose, and winegrowers responded: they now grow and produce not only regular wines but also high-quality and more expensive wines, as well as real specialties – ice wine and straw wine. The south of Moravia is not as sunny as France or Italy, and thus the region is better suited for white wines, especially Veltlin green. In the more sunny locations, however, blue grapes also are grown for red wines.



Where to go for wine?

Modern times have brought new bicycling opportunities to South Moravia. Following the model of other European countries, wine tracks began to be introduced. Today, a network of more than 1,000 kilometres of marked and well-maintained cycling tracks is here, meandering along the vineyards and wine cellars and criss-crossing the region. Cycling through the hospitable countryside and



Slavkov–Austerlitz

paying a visit now and again to some of the hundreds of wine cellars to taste the local wine has become a favourite activity for thousands of cyclists. The backbone track is called Greenways Moravian Wine Track. It is 285 kilometres long and connects seven out of ten wine sub-regions, encompassing 70 wine-growing villages. Together with the Prague–Vienna Greenway, the track is among the most popular in central Europe.

GOLF?

Moravian wines may collect prizes in Czech as well as international competitions, but golf in South Moravia, too, is highly respected. Brno inhabitants take great pride in the four golf courses around Brno. **Slavkov–Austerlitz** is a championship golf course of the Scottish type – no trees, high difficulty, relatively hilly, with waving grasses, thick roughs and perfectly maintained fairways.

Important links

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South. Moravian Reg. info:	www.jizni-morava.cz
Golf courses info:	www.austerlitz-golf-resort.cz www.golfbrno.cz www.sokrates-golf.cz www.grb.cz
Moravian Wine Region info:	www.wineofczechrepublic.cz

It is closely followed by the recently completed **Kaskáda** golf course, which is located 10 km north of Brno. Kaskáda is really taking off. It is a very popular golf course, attracting many companies to organise tournaments there. It has characteristics similar to Austerlitz, but the course is nonetheless unique with its roughs of tall grass and few trees. It is difficult, challenging and beautiful. For most of the year, green fairways contrast with strips of golden grass, creating a beautiful scenery. The course comprises 27 holes, with three 9-hole equivalent courses that can be freely combined. Even during tournaments, there is always space for recreational players.

Sokrates Golf Club Kořenec. This beautiful golf course is located 55 kilometres north-east of Brno, in a woody setting at an altitude of 700 metres above sea level. It is ideally immersed in the countryside, full of groves, blueberry bushes, and small lakes bordered with reeds. Anyone can play here; the course is not tricky. The clubhouse, made from large wooden beams, has received several architecture awards. On most days, it provides a magnificent view of the distant hills of the Czech-Moravian Highlands, across the Boskovice lowlands. The fourth golf course is quite unlike anything you have seen before. It is located in the middle of the Brno **Automotodrom**. It is a nine-hole course, around which racing motorcycles or cars circle every day. The course is not of the highest quality, but the fairways are bordered by hundred-year old trees, they are physically demanding but nice, and each hole is wholly unique. Perhaps every Brno golfer has started out here. Visiting golfers speak most often about this course when they get home (if taken there by Brno people), as the experience is truly unique.

Discover the magic of Moravia. Discover a new experience from your holiday in the Czech Republic!