

Self-Guided Excursion to Castle Karlštejn

Morning/Early Afternoon

Karlštejn, i.e. Charles' Stone Castle, is the most famous castle in the Czech Republic. The fairy-tale perfect castle was founded by King Charles IV in 1348 to guard his royal treasures. It's massive towers and walls are spread out over a series of rocky peaks above the Berounka River and commands striking views of the surrounding hills. The castle is located about 45 minutes from Prague, and is reached by a train trip through a scenic river valley. From the train station you take a winding path up a hill, which is lined by shops, restaurants, and stands selling traditional Czech snacks, making the trip to the castle half the fun.

Included: Detailed travel directions for a stress free train trip to Karlštejn Castle. **Not Included:** Round trip train fare (about \$8), tour of castle interior (about \$8-16).



Self Guided Tour of Prague's New Town

Late Afternoon/Evening

TOP SITES: WENCESLAS SQUARE, MUNICIPAL HOUSE, SHOPPING ON NA PŘÍKOPĚ STREET

Despite being nearly 700 years old, the New Town (Nové Město) is the youngest of the original five independent towns that made up Medieval Prague. In one sense however, the New Town is new. In the late 19th century much of the New Town was demolished and rebuilt, giving it a distinctly different look and feel than the Old Town. Today, the heart of New Town is still one of the three original central markets around which it was planned - Wenceslas Square (Vaclavské Náměstí). The square, which could also be described as a wide boulevard, is the commercial center of Prague, and is busy nearly 24-hours a day. In the New Town you will find a great variety of shops, restaurants, nightspots, and pubs, as well as churches, cultural sites, museums. You can also visit one of the world's most beautiful art-nouveau buildings - the Municipal House.

Included: Travel directions, tips, and information on the area. Map marked with attractions, restaurants, and other points of interest in the area.

