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foreword

Welcome to the 2024 Annual Edition of Irish Golf Review Magazine, Ireland's longest established Golf Publication launched in 1996 and with Irish Golf World Newspaper continues to serve the golfing market both at home and abroad in both print and digital format each year.

In this edition we salute the winning Solheim and Ryder Cup European teams who with their Junior compatriots delivered a clean sweep across all four matches.

Leona Maguire was a leading light throughout the 3 days at Finca Cortesin for captain Suzann Pettersen including a 4&3 victory over Rose Zhang, while Rory McIlroy and Shane Lowry were to the forefront at Marco Simone Golf & Country Club on Sunday contributing 1.5 points.

For Rory McIlroy, 2023 brought no further major championships however at the time of writing was World Number 2 and had secured his 5th Race to Dubai series. On current form the long wait for another Major Championship is still very possible starting at Augusta National next April.

Inside this Edition we have an extensive International Golf Travel section in which we feature the stunning Algarve region of Portugal, Lisboa & Estoril, Cyprus, an island populated by a wonderful array of courses, plus a selection of golfing delights within the ever popular Spain.

Closer to home we explore a selection of great golf courses and accommodation providers throughout the Island of Ireland. There is so much to appreciate about Golf in Ireland and we are blessed as a nation with some of the finest links and parkland courses. Whether you are reading this publication at home or abroad make Golf in Ireland part of your plans for 2024. You won't be disappointed.

Thanks to the team at Irish Golf Review & Irish Golf World and our many positive influences around the world for all their support in 2023.

Wishing all our readers, contributors, and advertisers a Happy New Year and all the best for 2024.

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KPMG WOMEN'S IRISH OPEN CONFIRMED FOR CARTON HOUSE FOR 2024

The KPMG Women's Irish Open has announced Carton House, Fairmont as their August 2024 tournament venue.

Nestled in the heart of County Kildare, Carton House, Fairmont's 5-star resort boasts two championship courses – the Montgomerie and the O'Meara. The KPMG Women's Irish Open will be played on the iconic O'Meara course.

Speaking at KPMG Women's Irish Open at Dromoland Castle, Martin Mangan, General Manager of Carton House, Fairmont said: "I know I speak for everyone here at Carton House, a Fairmont Managed Hotel, when I say we are delighted to host the 2024 KPMG Women's Irish Open. With two magnificent Championship Golf Courses here at Carton House, golf is at the heart of the estate and a huge attraction for guests from here and overseas.

"It's a great privilege to host the 2024 KPMG Women's Irish Open and our Director of Golf, Liam McCool, along with the fantastic greenkeepers will have the O'Meara course looking its very best and ready for a fantastic weekend of golf, welcoming the best golfers from Ireland and around the world."

Since its reincarnation in 2022, the KPMG Women's Irish Open has quickly become one of the most highly anticipated events in the Ladies European Tour and has been described by Leona Maguire as "feeling like a Major tournament".

Cian Branagan, Tournament Director of the KPMG Women's Irish Open and CEO of Forefront Sports said: "Carton House, Fairmont is an incredible venue and I'm really excited for the 2024 KPMG Women's Irish Open to take place there. The O'Meara course is the

perfect challenge for the Ladies European Tour stars and the team has already been fantastic to work with. We look forward to a successful 2024 Championship as we move to the Leinster region with our title partners, KPMG."

Mark Nolan of Dromoland Castle said: "I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Carton House for being selected as the next hosts of the KPMG Women's Irish Open. This announcement marks a momentous occasion for women's golf in Ireland, and we couldn't be prouder to pass the torch to Carton House, which comes after two successful years of hosting the Women's Irish Open at Dromoland Castle and reintroducing the event to the LET calendar after a 10-year absence.

"I know that Carton House will provide an outstanding platform for the world's best golfers to compete and inspire a new generation of athletes. We wish Carton House and all those involved in organising the KPMG Women's Irish Open every success as they embark on this next chapter. May this tournament enjoy a long and prosperous future, further solidifying its place in the Irish sporting calendar."

To secure your tickets and keep up to date with the latest player announcements for the KPMG Women's Irish Open, please visit www.kpmgwomensirishopen.ie

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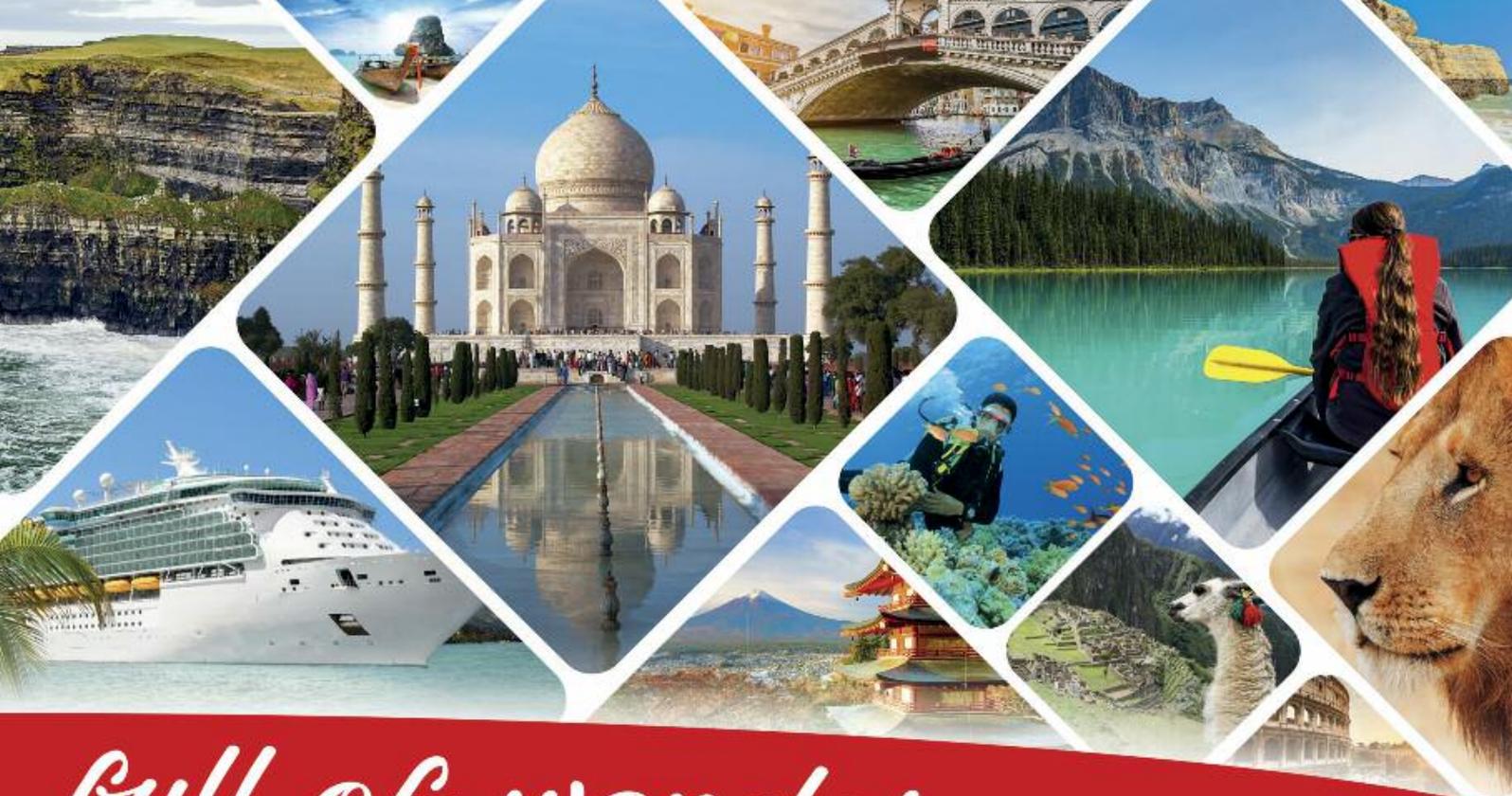
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HOLIDAY WORLD SHOW 2024

Fore! The Holiday World Show is back for 2024 at the RDS Dublin, running from January 26th through to 28th.

For players at all levels, exclusive holiday packages offer unique, tailored experiences, handpicked by golfing experts. Golfing getaway specialists will be on-hand at Holiday World Show to offer advice, answer any queries and help you choose the location and package that is right for you. Get your golfing partners ready, and tee off with this preview of some of the packages on offer for you in the RDS this January.

PORTUGAL

With year round sunshine and excellent off-season access through Faro airport, the Algarve region in southern Portugal is famous for its world-class golf courses offering a mix of challenging championship courses and stunning coastal views with Vilamoura, Quinta do Lago, and Vale do Lobo all familiar to Irish golfers. Overall 31 of Portugal's 75 golf courses are in the Algarve.

Elsewhere in Portugal the Porto region offers five fantastic courses such as Vidago Palace Golf Course, Amarante Golf Course, and Estela Golf Club.

Estela Golf Course is just 15 minutes from Porto Airport, where Atlantic sea breezes test players' skills, making each stroke a memorable moment. The course also offers personalised lessons with experienced instructor Luis Cameira, allowing players to enhance their skills.

Axis Golf Ponte de Lima founded in 1995, is located about 70 km from Porto airport, an 18-hole course with a par 71 across 6005 metres, famously offering hilly holes, the first 9 being hilly and the second nine level.

Golfers can enjoy fantastic views over the Lima valley and experience the charm of the Minho countryside. Nearby accommodation options include the AXIS Ponte de Lima Golf Resort Hotel and The Manor House "Casa do Anquião". Nearby facilities include horse riding and other activities.

Memorable golf opportunities in the Lisbon region include Villa Real, Penha Longa, Troia Golf, and Oitavos Dunes. Lisbon's proximity to the capital city and its airport adds to its appeal, allowing golfers to combine their sporting adventures with cultural experiences.

The beautiful island of Madeira hosts remarkable golf courses such as Palheiro Golf and Santo da Serra, two exceptional courses known for their breath-taking mountain and ocean views.

SOUTH AFRICA

Golf in South Africa offers a range of experiences, from wildlife encounters to championship courses amidst stunning natural landscapes and a winter favourite for Irish golfers.

Leopard Creek Country Club near the Kruger National Park offers stunning wildlife views, including sightings of elephants and hippos, along with a challenging Gary Player-designed course.

Pearl Valley Golf Estate in the heart of the Cape Winelands, is a championship course designed by Jack Nicklaus. It combines picturesque views of surrounding vineyards with challenging water hazards and well-

manicured fairways.

Fancourt Golf Estate in George, Western Cape stands out as a premier golf resort in South Africa featuring three world-class courses, including the highly acclaimed links course.

Durban Country Club along the Indian Ocean coastline is one of South Africa's oldest and most prestigious golf courses, renowned for its scenic beauty, it offers challenging fairways, lush vegetation, and breath-taking views with its signature, the par-five third hole particularly renowned for its difficulty.

SPAIN

Spain is the leading golf destination in Europe with more than 430 golf courses and the second worldwide, with Irish golfers making up approximately 10pc of the total market.

So familiar and popular is Spain in the Irish market that golfers refer to the Costa del Sol as the Costa del Golf, with many returning to play the courses year after year, availing of the sunshine and excellent low season access through the many gateway airports.

The sun-soaked region of Andalucía, wrapped along the south coast, is home to over 100 golf courses spread across its eight provinces, with Malaga and Cadiz having the highest concentration of courses. It is not just the golfers but their partners and companions who return to enjoy the sunshine and the activities. There is lots to do when the last hole has been played: fine dining, relaxing and basking in the warmth.

Costa Blanca, Benidorm, Alicante, València province, Valencia city and Castellón are areas where anyone can enjoy a good game of golf 365 days a year. The sunshine and inspiring Mediterranean light and its 600 kilometres of coastline make the Region of Valencia the ideal place not



Parador de El Saler (Spain)



Aphrodite Hills (Cyprus)

just for golfers, but also for their companions. All can enjoy the cultural offerings, beaches and food in a varied destination.

Parador de El Saler, designed by the famous Javier Arana, is situated within the Albufera Natural Park near Valencia, Spain and offers a unique playing experience, with beautiful views of the Mediterranean Sea and the surrounding protected marshlands. The facility hosts a world-class golf course that has consistently ranked among the top golfing destinations in Europe.

The course itself is challenging yet fair, spread over 6,042 metres with strategically placed hazards and undulating fairways that provide golfers with an exciting game and features a variety of landscapes, including pine forests, sand dunes, and rolling fairways. Golfers can expect a test of skill and precision, especially with the prevailing sea winds adding an extra challenge. The facility also includes a practice area where golfers can warm up before their round, as well as a well-appointed clubhouse that offers amenities and services for golfers.

Mount Wolseley in Carlow features an 18-hole championship golf course that offers a challenging yet enjoyable experience for golfers of all skill levels within easy reach of the capital city, Dublin. The course is known for its well-maintained fairways, manicured greens, and strategic bunkering. The resort provides a modern clubhouse, a pro shop for equipment and apparel, practice areas, and professional golf tuition. Golf packages at Mount Wolseley include accommodations at the hotel, access to the spa, dining options, and tee times at the championship course. Additionally, there are options for group outings, tournaments, and corporate events, making it an ideal destination for golf enthusiasts and larger groups alike.

Castlerosse Park Resort in Killarney, Co. Kerry hosts a 9 Hole Golf Club, Par 36 Parkland course, providing a truly unique golfing experience with breath-taking views across Lough Leane and the majestic mountain peaks of the MacGillycuddy Reeks, as well as some more peaceful and untouched areas of parkland. A combination of a range of longer, more

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Representatives from various courses in Spain will be available at the show to meet with Irish golfers, wannabe golfers, or just those who like sunshine, and advise them of their options.

CYPRUS

Cyprus offers a diverse range of golf courses that cater to different skill levels and preferences. The nine courses vary from challenging championship-grade courses to more relaxed resort-style layouts - PGA National at Aphrodite Hills, Minthis, Secret Valley, Elea, Nicosia, Vikla, Limassol, JSGC Dhekelia, JSGC Episkopi.

The Mediterranean climate of Cyprus ensures that golf enthusiasts can enjoy the sport year-round. Golfers in Cyprus are treated to breath-taking views while playing. Many courses are set amidst picturesque landscapes, such as coastal areas, rolling hills, and lush greenery, providing a visually captivating experience. Amenities include well-maintained courses, modern clubhouses, professional golf academies, pro shops, and top-notch amenities like restaurants, spas, and accommodation for those looking for a complete golfing retreat.

IRELAND

They come from all over the world to play in our own Irish courses and hotels, and they will be represented at the show. There are 494 golf courses in Ireland of which a quarter are links course, one quarter of the total of links course in the world.

challenging holes as well as rewarding, shorter risk holes, makes this course perfect for all skill levels. Guests can stay in purpose-built golf lodges for a minimum of two nights, up to a full week. These two-storey lodges enjoy a prime location overlooking the Castlerosse Golf Club with stunning views of the lake & mountains.

Special, tailored offers are updated regularly, and the best ones will be found at Holiday World Show Dublin in the RDS Simonscourt from Friday 26th to Sunday 28th January 2024.



Mount Wolseley (Ireland)

COSTA BRAVA SEEKS SHARE OF \$814.6 BILLION GLOBAL WELLNESS TOURISM MARKET

A premier destination for the wellness-conscious golfer, Costa Brava aims to capitalise on the significant growth opportunity the market is expecting to see between 2023 to 2030.

Torremirona Golf & Spa Resort



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With the global wellness tourism market projecting a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 12.42% between 2023 and 2030*, Costa Brava seeks to secure its share of the sector's \$814.6 billion opportunity and cement its status as the definitive haven for avid golfers in the pursuit of wellbeing.

With 45% of global consumers looking for relaxation and wellbeing in their next travel destination – the second most potent motivator, surpassed only by the need for escapism, according to a 2022 YouGov poll**, Spain's north-eastern corner is already attracting discerning golfers wanting to improve their mental and physical health, with restorative and rejuvenating travel experiences.

Located between the foothills of the Pyrenees to the north and the Mediterranean Sea to the east, Costa Brava seamlessly marries the realms of golf and wellness, boasting a collection of world-class courses and luxury hotels, alongside rejuvenating wellness amenities that go beyond the traditional golfing holiday.

AMONG ITS OFFERINGS ARE:

Camiral Golf & Wellness: Spain's No.1 golf resort boasts two championship courses complemented by extensive practice facilities and a state-of-the-art Wellness Centre, where golfers can indulge in the latest technology-led treatments - from oxygen chambers to invigorating Cryotherapy akin to those found at specialist clinics and elite athletic facilities - alongside more traditional therapies, including holistic massages, vitamin infusions, nutrition plans and personalised detox programmes, for a fully-personalised healing escape.

Peralada Resort: Combining tradition with modernity, the 5* resort features an 18-hole course where views of the surrounding vineyards and the imposing Pyrenees Mountain range provide guests with nature's tonic for stress relief. Golfers aiming to elevate their emotional wellbeing can savour the pleasures of vinotherapy at Hotel Peralada Wine Spa, where unique wine-infused treatments and grape seed oil massages harness the healing properties of wine grapes.

Torremirona Golf & Spa Resort: Golfers opting for the Alt Empordà fairways, can benefit from a stay at the 4* Torremirona Relais Hotel where the Dubhé Spa offers wellness experiences above and beyond traditional spa treatments that combine jacuzzi, sauna, hammams, massages and bi-thermal showers with therapies that ensure a perfect golf and wellbeing stay.

In addition to the region's golf resorts, Costa Brava boasts a number of luxury hotels with wellness-focused amenities that cater to those seeking rejuvenation and complete relaxation:

Mas de Torrent Hotel & Spa: As one of the leading hotels in the region, this elegant retreat in Girona boasts the 600m² MasSpa, a sophisticated space integrated with the environment. Designed for holistic care, it features its own heated pool, treatment rooms, dry sauna and hammam, water circuit, fitness area and designated rooms for activities such as yoga, meditation or Pilates.

Hotel Santa Marta: Gracefully situated along the Lloret de Mar coastline, Hotel Santa Marta offers a luxury wellness spa with heated and cold-water pools, sauna, Turkish bath, chromotherapy showers, jacuzzi, a Swedish sauna and massage rooms with professionals specialising in various therapeutic disciplines using only natural and organic products.

Park Hotel San Jorge: Perched on the Cap Roig cliffs overlooking the Mediterranean Sea, the 4* hotel offers a unique wellness retreat amidst nature's beauty. Its essSpa, features an infinity pool with panoramic sea views, state-of-the-art fitness centre and an array of pampering treatments that blend wellness, art, nature and sensory experiences with a wide variety of therapeutic rituals.

Beyond golf and wellness, travellers can embrace an active approach to exploring Costa Brava by discovering the region's unique cultural heritage and wealth of outdoor activities such as hiking, trail running and cycling amid eight natural parks and 300 days of sunshine per year.

Whether you are an avid golfer seeking new challenges, starting your wellness journey or simply wanting to unwind amidst Spain's serene landscapes, Costa Brava promises world-class golf alongside health and wellness experiences that will harmonise body, mind and soul.

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AROEIRA GOLF LISBON

Aroeira Golf Courses, one of the most famous names in Portuguese golf, has been rewarded for a significant period of recent investment.



Nicknamed the ‘Wentworth of Lisbon’ by many observers and nestled amid tranquil natural pine forest, the iconic venue – which sits 25km south of Lisbon – rose from 100th place to number 36 in National Club Golfer magazine’s updated list of the ‘Top 100 Resorts in Continental Europe’.

In addition to offering two acclaimed 18-hole golf courses – Aroeira Pines Classic, a two-time venue of the Portuguese Open, and Aroeira Challenge – the resort also features the chic Aroeira Lisbon Hotel, one of the Portuguese capital’s newest accommodation options.

Justine Board, resorts editor for National Club Golfer magazine, said: “The overall experience at Aroeira has come on leaps and bounds since the last Top 100 European Resort rankings were published. The two golf courses here have always been fantastic challenges and enjoyable tests of golf, but so much has improved away from the courses in recent years.

“The addition of the Aroeira Lisbon Hotel, just a stone’s throw from the golf club, has transformed Aroeira into a bona fide “stay and play” option for golfers visiting the Lisbon area and the resort’s location is a real strength, close to both the beach and the city. We also saw big improvements in the Aroeira clubhouse, as well as in other areas all around the resort, which have seen Aroeira make the biggest move of any resort in this year’s rankings.”

As well as improving the clubhouse facilities, the management team at Aroeira has invested heavily in its golf courses to ensure members and guests enjoy the best golfing experience and playing conditions possible, with further improvements planned for the future.

Alexandra Gonçalves, commercial director for Aroeira Golf Courses, said: “We are delighted to see Aroeira make such a big leap up these new rankings. A lot of hard work has gone into improving the overall package for visiting golfers since National Club Golfer last visited us, and climbing 64 places shows how much progress we’ve made. The introduction of the Aroeira Lisbon Hotel in 2019, followed by the more recent addition of new hotel partners in the Lisbon area, has transformed the experience we can offer golfers, and we look forward to seeing more and more; head to Lisbon to try our courses in the future.”

For more details about the stay-and-play packages available at Aroeira, please email : booking@orizontegolf.com or visit <https://aroeiragolf.com>

PORTMARNOCK PARTNERS WITH AZALEA TO DRIVE EUROPEAN GROWTH

Portmarnock Hotel & Golf Links, the luxury golf and lifestyle venue nestled on Dublin’s links-rich north-east coast, has partnered with leading PR and marketing specialists Azalea, to help build its reputation across the UK and Europe.

Tucked away in a quiet corner of ‘The Velvet Strand’ – one of Ireland’s most prominent stretches of uninterrupted coastline that serves up stunning views out to Lambay Island and the Howth Peninsula – the historic site was once the family home of the Jameson dynasty.

Under the ownership of the Sandman Hotel Group since 2019, the venue has undergone an extensive refurbishment programme, including a complete elevation of its 18-hole golf course – which reopened this summer – to bring the layout up to championship links standard.

The new partnership will see Azalea activate media and marketing campaigns across the UK and mainland Europe, and to cement Portmarnock Hotel & Golf Links as central to Dublin’s ‘stay-and-play’ golf offering.

Azalea partner and director, Sean Noble, said: “The elevation of the historic links provides Ireland with a much-needed ‘new’ championship experience on the country’s east coast.

“At a time of a well-documented increase in global golf participation, we are excited to be partnering with Portmarnock Hotel & Golf Links to spread this message to new and established markets.”

Director of golf at Portmarnock Hotel & Golf Links, Paul McCanny, said: “We appointed Azalea based on their excellent reputation and experience in highlighting golf and lifestyle destinations to a wide audience. We believe we have created something special here and look forward to seeing our story being told across Europe and beyond.

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RORY WINS RACE TO DUBAI

Rory McIlroy fired an ominous warning to his DP World Tour rivals as he insisted he has at least another ten years left at the very top after winning his fifth Harry Vardon Trophy.

The Northern Irishman won the 2023 Race to Dubai with a week to spare in a season that has seen him win two Rolex Series events, secure three top tens in Major Championships and miss just one cut on the DP World Tour.

Adding to his victories in 2012, 2014, 2015 and 2022, he is now third on the all-time list, just one short of the late, great Seve Ballesteros and three behind the record of Colin Montgomerie.

And the 34-year-old insists he has no intention of slowing down as he looks to add to his five Rankings titles, 16 DP World Tour wins and four Major Championships.

"I've still got a little bit left in the tank," he said after his final round at the DP World Tour Championship. "I think I've still got a good eight to ten years left in me where I can play at the top, top level.

"I'd like to think that I'm going to challenge, at least try to get past Seve and then sort of try to get past Monty as well. But it's certainly a goal of mine for the rest of my career to do something like that. It would mean a lot to me.

"I think it shows my consistency year-to-year. I think over the last ten years, I think I've won eight season-long titles between America and between here, so it just shows my level of consistency.

"I said to Harry (Diamond, caddie) on the last green, there's a few guys that are able to beat me sort of one week or the next week but I don't think there's a lot of people that can beat me throughout the entire season.

"It's just about trying to be a little more clinical when I get to those weeks where I have chances to win.

"Overall, it's been another really solid year. Stroke average has been great and I've played really good golf, really consistent. Hopefully more of the same going into next year and beyond."



Rory McIlroy

Photo : Sportsfile/Ramsey Cardy

McIlroy's January victory at the Hero Dubai Desert Classic was his first Rolex Series win since the blue riband events started in 2017 and he followed it up with a win in his next Rolex Series start at the Genesis Scottish Open. Hopes will be high that a major championship can be added in 2024.

COUNTDOWN IS ON TO RYDER CUP 2027

Tourism Ireland and Adare Manor tee up Ryder Cup 2027 in Rome.



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Tourism Ireland arranged for Irish golfer Brendan Lawlor – the number two disability golfer in the world – to be a 'Golf Ireland Ambassador' on the Ireland stand, each day of the Ryder Cup. The stand had a chipping game and putting simulator and also offered visitors the opportunity to have their photo taken in front of a green screen simulating the 2027 venue.

Siobhan McManamy, Tourism Ireland's Director of Markets, said: "Our presence at this weekend's Ryder Cup 2023 in Rome was a wonderful opportunity to highlight Adare Manor, the island of Ireland and our world-class golf and, of course, the fact that Ireland will host the Ryder Cup in 2027.

"We're delighted that one of the most prestigious sporting events in the world is coming to Adare. It promises to be a really wonderful sporting occasion, which will undoubtedly bring significant exposure globally for Ireland as a golf destination. Tourism Ireland is undertaking an extensive programme of promotions around the world to leverage the tourism benefits of the Ryder Cup taking place here in 2027."

Tourism Ireland's 'Irish night' took place in the Trinity College Pub in central Rome on the eve of the Ryder Cup and was attended by key Italian and international media and travel trade, celebrating the island of Ireland as a top golfing destination.

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KPMG LADIES IRISH OPEN

Smilla Tarning Soenderby secured a dramatic playoff victory at the 2023 KPMG Ladies Irish Open.

Smilla Tarning Soenderby



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The Dane headed into the final day in a tie for 21st place after rounds of 71-67-72 on the first three days at Dromoland Castle.

But Soenderby fired the round of her life – a 62 (-10) – to post the clubhouse lead and was later joined by Sweden's Lisa Pettersson and Anne Van Dam of the Netherlands.

The trio headed back to the 18th hole for the playoff where the 23-year-old reached the green in two and sunk her eagle putt to secure her maiden title on the Ladies European Tour (LET).

"I'm not quite sure what happened in the playoff! I hit a good drive," said the newest LET winner. "It was a very long drive compared to the first round there.

"Then I had 178 and just wanted to hit a 5-iron to the middle of the green and missed it a bit left. It sounded like I almost holed it and then the putt went in. I didn't think my score was enough when I got into the clubhouse, but it turned out to be enough.

"It is redemption, after the 18th last year I said I'm okay to not be in the playoff because I'm not sure I'm ready to

"It wasn't my best ball-striking ever at all, I maybe hit two good shots striking wise. I was just in play from the tee, and I hit them onto the greens, and I hit some good putts and out of nowhere I was 10-under.

"I love this place, it's probably my favourite place to be. I was really looking forward to it, I was very calm and just happy all week. I knew I could score low as well and I knew it was coming today."

As the Dane approached 18 green in her final round, she thought about last year's tournament where she made a three-putt and missed out on an opportunity to win, however it was a different story this time around.

She added: "When I hit it up in the front of the green on 18, it was similar to last year and I hit it in the fringe, and I've really been comfortable with hitting from the fringe. My speed was perfect on that one, but I had my coach's voice in the back of my head."

It was a good day for Sweden's Pettersson who had an eagle, four birdies and two bogeys on her scorecard for a round of 68 (-4) and also post a total of 16-under-par.

In the playoff, Pettersson also found the green in two but her second shot rolled down the back of the green and she was unable to make her eagle or birdie putts.

Dutch star Van Dam held a three-shot lead going into the final round but had an up and down day with four bogeys and five birdies on her card for a 71 (-1) but one of those birdies came at the last to make it a three-way playoff.

However, on the way to the playoff Van Dam's bag got caught under a gallery rope and fell off the buggy which led to her driver shaft snapping.

Despite that, the five-time LET winner still made the most of the playoff hole hitting the green in two and just missed her eagle putt which would have forced another hole.

While Leona Maguire's presence brought big crowds for the weekend 2023 was not to be. No doubt the Cavan Lady will have her day in the sun at the flagship Irish event.

And to Dromoland, huge kudos for again successfully hosting one of the finest tournaments on the Ladies European Tour this season. Carton House in County Kildare awaits in 2024.

"I was just in play from the tee, and I hit them onto the greens, and I hit some good putts and out of nowhere I was 10-under"

be in that position and I'm ready for it now.

"It means so much. I could see first that I had been in that position last year, so I knew how to handle those emotions and feelings on the 18th fairway, so I knew what to do and I did it. Well done to Lisa and to Anne as well."

Earlier in the day, Soenderby got off to a hot start with birdies on the first, third, fifth, seventh before adding another on the ninth to make the turn in 30 (-5).

The Danish player continued to build her momentum rolling in three more on the trot on 10, 11 and 12 before dropping her only shot of the day on 14.

However, she soon picked up where she left off with birdies on 15, 16 and 18 to finish with a flourish and set the clubhouse lead on 16-under-par.

"It is my best round; I think what went the most right was in my head and the mental game for sure," she explained.



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EUROPE REGAIN THE RYDER CUP

Europe defeated the United States comprehensively 16½-11½ to regain the Ryder Cup and ensure their unbeaten run on home soil will continue to 34 years.

Rory McIlroy & Shane Lowry



Photo : Sportsfile/Brendan Moran

Tommy Fleetwood was the man to secure the vital point on a dramatic afternoon at Marco Simone Golf & Country Club where, despite Europe entering the singles with a commanding lead and never trailing, the U.S. threatened to complete a remarkable comeback.

The home side led 10½-5½ on Sunday morning, meaning the U.S. Team needed the biggest Ryder Cup comeback in history to win despite a rousing 3-1 session victory in Saturday afternoon's foursomes.

Early European success got the home side to 14-7 but Matt Fitzpatrick missed an 18-footer on the last for the trophy as the Americans cut the gap to 14-11.

Fleetwood and Shane Lowry then both guaranteed at least half a point each before Fleetwood won the 17th

and they gave me everything. They trusted me and they delivered for me.

"Our guys got off to a great start, the early guys which is what we needed. Wanted some blue on the board early and then a few matches changed to red and you just kept looking at the board, kept looking at the board.

"This is the best (moment of my career). This is why the Ryder Cup is so special to me and to these guys because of these moments. We play for each other and we get to share in that success together and we get to spend this week together and we'll share those memories forever.

"Not many people gave us a chance after Whistling Straits. We were big underdogs. We started to show some form in the last six months and I couldn't be happier with

"I'm so proud of my 12 guys. We formed a strong bond from day one and they gave me everything" – Luke Donald, European Team Captain

against Rickie Fowler to secure a 3&1 victory and put the Ryder Cup back in European hands.

European Captain Luke Donald - who was undefeated as a player in four Ryder Cups - was in tears after seeing Fleetwood and Lowry make sure of the half-points.

"I'm so emotional," he said. "It's been a long process, an amazing journey - I enjoyed this one.

"It was stressful, the U.S. put up a fight but I'm so proud of my 12 guys. We formed a strong bond from day one

the team I got. I think these guys will be around for a long time and we're going to put up a great fight in two years' time."

A 4-0 foursomes session victory for Europe on the first morning on Friday set the tone for the week and the home side led 9½-2½ after three sessions.

The U.S. fightback began as they took the Saturday four-balls and, while they managed a 6-6 tie across the singles, the mountain was too big to climb.

"If I have any reflection right now it's that you take your hat off and tip your cap to Team Europe and to Luke - they played great, they earned it and I was very impressed with them," said U.S. Captain Zach Johnson.

"We got outplayed but we showed grit, we showed heart and it got interesting there. We had some momentum coming into the day and even some momentum during the day so I'm proud of my guys. They fought, they've got so much heart and grit, it's not them, it's on me and maybe some poor decisions. I can reflect at some point, I don't have any idea yet but it's not about those 12 guys. They played so hard for each other and our country and I'm grateful for each and every one of them."

The Ryder Cup story moves to Bethpage Black in Long Island, New York for 2025 and two years later, the JP McManus owned Adare Manor Golf Resort in County Limerick will proudly host.

Luke Donald, European Captain



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THE SOLHEIM CUP 2023

Europe retained The Solheim Cup in dramatic circumstances with a 14-14 tie against USA at Finca Cortesin in Spain.



Leona Maguire

Photo : Sportsfile/Foain Noonan

Starting the day tied at 8-8, after two days of foursomes and fourballs, it all came down to an enthralling final day of singles and the teams tied the session with six points each.

Spanish star Carlota Ciganda holed the putt to win her match and secure the 14th point needed to retain the Cup, which meant that Europe claimed an historic three in a row.

Prior to this match, the overall scoreline was 10-7 in America's favour. Since the contest began in 1990, Europe had never won three competitions in a row. The US team won three in a row in '94, '96 and '98 and repeated the feat again in '05, '07 and '09.

European Captain Suzann Pettersen, who made the winning putt four years ago at Gleneagles, said: "I think the tears have gone now. I think it was meant to be, Carlota holing the winning putt in Spain. Hedwall played her part. It came down to the wire."

Hedwall was the player who changed the momentum for Europe. Three down after 12, she turned the match

around, winning five of the last six holes against Ally Ewing to clinch a crucial point.

Pettersen said: "It's going to be a big party tonight." When asked how she would celebrate, she added: "The Spanish way."

Here's how the final day unfolded...

Final Day Highlights

Leona Maguire v Rose Zhang

Leona Maguire won her singles match against Rose Zhang 4 and 3 and put the first point on the board for Europe.

In the second singles match, Zhang won the first hole. The first blue on the board appeared after Maguire's back-to-back birdies put the Irish star 1 up through 3 holes.

The American won the fourth, but Maguire made a long birdie putt to win the fifth and go 1 up again. Zhang won the par-3 sixth with a birdie and the match was back to all square before Maguire sank a par putt to win the seventh, go 1 up again.

Maguire won the 10th and 11th before Zhang took the 12th, but on the 13th, Zhang found the penalty area short of the green and then took too much club with her approach and was looking at a five. Maguire chipped to two feet in three and Zhang didn't threaten the hole so told Maguire to pick up her marker and she was back to 3 up.

On the next, Maguire then holed an enormous eagle putt uphill from 14 paces to go 4 Up after 14. Her par putt on 15 was conceded and Maguire drew first blood for Europe with her point taking the score to 8-9, putting Europe up for the first time.

Maguire said: "Jessica Korda tweeted the other day that I was annoying at match play, so the goal this week was to be as annoying as possible. Suzann made it very clear a couple of months ago that I would be playing five [matches] but I think with the energy of this crowd I could have played 10."

Megan Khang v Linn Grant

The first point on the board for the U.S. came courtesy of Megan Khang, who defeated Linn Grant 1 Up. Playing in the first match, Khang won the opening hole thanks to a birdie on the 299-yard par-4 first.

She led throughout the match and although Grant won the seventh and 12th holes, she handed two back at the 10th and 13th.

Grant holed a clutch birdie putt to win the 16th and was just one down, but, at 18, her eagle putt came up just short and Khang made a winning birdie putt from five feet to win 1 Up.

Danielle Kang v Charley Hull

Kang won the first hole, but Hull tied the match with a par on the third when Kang missed her putt from close range.

Kang won the sixth, eighth and ninth to go three up, and although Hull won the 10th, Kang went back to three in front thanks to a birdie on the 12th. Kang then won the 16th with a birdie for a comfortable 4 and 2 victory.

Anna Nordqvist v Jennifer Kupcho

Tied through three holes, a par on the fifth was good enough for Nordqvist to take the hole and put Europe 1 up. The European vice-captain also won the sixth and seventh to make it three holes in a row and go 3 Up. Kupcho won the eighth and 13th and 14th, but Nordqvist won the 12th and 16th to go 2 up.

On the 17th tee, Nordqvist fired her tee shot to the heart of the green and Kupcho mis-hit her iron under pressure. Nordqvist's putt for the match was conceded resulting in a 2&t1 victory for the playing Vice-Captain and taking the scores to 10-10.

Georgia Hall v Andrea Lee

In a closely fought match, Hall birdied the first hole to go 1 up. Lee won the sixth, Hall won the seventh and Lee won the eighth to bring the match back to level. Although Hall won the 12th and 14th holes, Lee won the 15th and Hall missed birdie chances on the 16th and 17th. The match ended in a tie and the score moved to 10 ½ each.

Lilia Vu v Madelene Sagström

World number two Vu, pointless up until the singles, had a statement to make and she holed a long putt from five yards on the first to go 1 up against

hole and she conceded Hedwall's eagle putt, the Swede winning 2 Up. With the scores at 13-12, Europe needed to win two of the last three matches to retain the trophy.

Maja Stark v Allisen Corpuz

The duo tied the first six holes, but Stark won the seventh and 14th to go 2 Up.

She lost the 15th after taking three to get out of a bunker and was back to 1 Up but won the 17th after her putt was conceded. 13-13

Carlota Ciganda v Nelly Korda

At the 299-yard par-4 first hole, world no.3 Korda, looking to silence the home crowd, played safe with an iron.

World no.28 Ciganda's tee shot at the first with a wood landed on the green and rolled over the back, but her chip to the green ran back down the hill. She made a par putt to tie the hole, but then won the second and third to go 2 up.

Korda won the ninth, 10th and 15th to tie the match. The American missed her birdie putt from five feet on 16 and Ciganda holed hers from three feet to go 1 Up. On the 17th, Ciganda hit the most magnificent tee shot to within four feet of the flag. Korda's ball ended off the green and her chip narrowly missed the hole. She made her par.

“It's going to be a big party tonight.” When asked how she would celebrate, she added: “The Spanish way ” – European Captain, Suzann Pettersen

Sagström. She won five of the first six holes with birdies to go 5 Up. Sagström fought back to win the eighth and 10th holes, but Vu won the 11th to get back to 4 Up. Sagström won the 13th but Vu closed the match on 15.

Angel Yin v Celine Boutier

World no.5 Boutier won the first to go 1 up, but Californian Yin was pumped, winning the second, third and seventh to go 2 Up.

Boutier won the eighth, 11th and 12th, but Yin won 13 and 14 to go 1 Up. Boutier won the 15th, but Yin won the 16th and 17th to take the point and the overall tally to 12 ½ – 10 ½ in favour of the USA.

Gemma Dryburgh v Cheyenne Knight

Scottish rookie Dryburgh holed an enormous putt from 20 yards to win the third hole and then took the fifth and sixth to go 3 up.

Dryburgh lost three holes at the eighth, 15th and 16th and suddenly the match was tied heading to 17. Ewing and Dryburgh matched each other's scores on 17 and 18 and the match ended in a tie, with the overall scores 13-11 in America's favour.

Caroline Hedwall v Ally Ewing

Ewing had the momentum and was 3 Up after 12. Three down with six to play, Hedwall won five of the last six holes to turn the match around in dramatic circumstances. The heroine of the 2013 Solheim Cup holed a monster putt at the 16th to take the match back to all square.

She then holed another perfectly judged birdie putt downhill on the par-3 17th to go 1 Up as a path to Europe potentially retaining the trophy opened up.

At the par-5 18th, Hedwall hit her second shot to the heart of the green. Ewing's second found the bunker and after her third shot, her ball ran over the green and down a bank. Her fourth shot ran well past the

After taking a deep breath, Ciganda made her putt to win her match 2&t1 and took Europe to the 14 points needed prompting jubilant scenes on the 17th green.

Lexi Thompson v Emily Kristine Pedersen

In the last match, Pedersen won the first and third holes, but Thompson fought back, winning six holes to get to 4 Up, before Pedersen won the 14th with a birdie to be 3 down.

Pedersen then won the 15th with a par after Thompson missed the hole, but 2 Up with two to play, Thompson won her match 2&t1 for the final score of 14-14.

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HORIZON IRISH OPEN 2023

Vincent Norrman claimed a memorable victory at The K Club after a sparkling final round 65 secured a second DP World Tour title.

Vincent Norrman, 2023 Horizon Irish Open winner



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Norrman began the day six shots off the lead but picked up six birdies in eight holes around the turn either side of a lengthy weather delay to surge into contention.

And after pulling off some valuable par saves over the closing holes, the Swede completed his round with a close-range birdie on the 18th to set the clubhouse target at 14 under par.

Norrman's victory continued a sensational fortnight for Swedish golf following Ludvig Åberg's victory at Omega European Masters. Germany's Long finished alone in second place on 13 under after birdieing the last to complete his final-round 72.

Home favourite Shane Lowry finished in a tie for third after his roller-coaster 68, alongside Ryan Fox, Grant Forrest and Thruston Lawrence.

Norrman started his fourth round with six straight pars before picking up his first birdie of the day from 12 feet on the seventh. He sank another birdie putt - this time from 20 feet at the ninth to get to nine under before play was suspended due to thunder and lightning for just over 90 mins.

When the action resumed, Norrman picked up where he left off, getting up and down from a bunker for birdie at the tenth before completing his hat-trick with an 18-foot putt on the next.

Two more lengthy birdie putts at the 13th and 14th saw Norrman reach 13 under, and he produced one of the best par saves of the week on the 16th to keep his card clean, getting up and down from the rough.

After paring the 17th from six feet, Norrman gave himself a long eagle try on the last but instead had to settle for a birdie and a 14-under-par tally.

With his title rivals as many as six holes behind him, Norrman went to the range to prepare for a possible play-off, but around 90 minutes after he had finished his round, he was finally able to celebrate victory as Long failed to make an eagle at the 18th.

Norrman was thrilled with his win, saying: "It means everything. Obviously such a cool event to play. The fans have been incredible. I've really had a fun week.

“Obviously if you win, you're doing something good. It's a world-class event, and honestly I can't believe it's happened”

That was good enough for a share of the lead at the time, but with a large chasing pack, which included World Number Two Rory McIlroy breathing down his neck several holes further back down the course, he faced an anxious wait to discover whether his total would be enough.

With third-round leader Hurlly Long who had been locked alongside Norrman when he finished his round slipping backwards on the stretch and no-one else able to get to 14 under, Norrman secured his second title of the 2023 season following his maiden triumph at the Barbasol Championship in July.

"The front nine was huge. I was playing so-so and then I birdied the seventh and ninth to get some momentum going into the back. I think that was key today. Obviously if you win, you're doing something good. It's a world-class event, and honestly I can't believe it's happened."

Speaking about how his Barbasol Championship victory less than two months previous helped him, he said: "I learned so much that day, probably the most I've ever done in my career. It's just golf at the end of the day, but obviously I love playing golf, and I'm having the time of my life out there."



Shane Lowry

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THE ROE PARK RESORT IS 'TEEING' UP FOR THIS YEAR'S GOLF SEASON

The luxury, 4-star Roe Park Resort, Limavady, TripAdvisor's Travellers' Choice for 2023, is the perfect place to explore the North Coast of Ireland.



Situated on the edge of the Roe Valley Country Park, the hotel boasts an 18 hole parkland golf course, 118 stylish ensuite rooms, a luxurious spa and health club with gym, pool, sauna and Jacuzzi, as well as a cosy bar, and a superb restaurant. Located just 20 minutes from Benone Beach and close to the Giant's Causeway, the Roe Park Resort is the ideal location to visit some of Northern Ireland's most talked about attractions.

The North Coast is world-renowned for its well-known golf courses and the Roe Park Resort is perfectly located for those intending to play the nearby famous links courses.

For golfers looking to improve their game, the Roe Park Resort Golf Training Academy offers private or group lessons with PGA accredited professionals as well as the latest features in golf tuition technology. The

"The latest technologies, available in the Golf Academy, give our experienced teaching professionals a unique method to analyse players' swings and communicate improvements more effectively by recording each player's lesson. I would encourage anyone interested in perfecting their swings to come along to the Golf Academy and see for themselves the fantastic golfing facilities on offer.

"As well as our own superb golf course, the close location to the North Coast is also a key factor in the success of the resort as we are near to some of Ireland's most renowned links courses. We hope to continue to exceed expectations this coming year and look forward to welcoming even more guests."

The resort recently launched a £1.7 million investment programme, which included expanding and redesigning its main function room, the Danny Boy Suite. As part of the development programme, the hotel has also invested in the refurbishment of bedrooms and upgrading the hotel's technologies, including Wi-Fi and operating systems. It has also invested in state-of-the-art solar panels, making it one of only a few hotels in Northern Ireland that will be powered with renewable energy.

The resort has two superb restaurants, the Coach House Brasserie and The Courtyard. Both restaurants are Taste of Ulster accredited and use produce from some of the North Coast's best local suppliers.

The Coach House Brasserie is the ideal setting for a relaxed meal or a family occasion. The family friendly restaurant, which has views over the green, has been sympathetically restored in 18th Century Coach House style adding to the traditional charm of the Roe Park Resort. The brasserie is open daily and offers an extensive menu serving the finest fresh cuisine with a choice of international dishes.

"Roe Park Resort is the ideal location to visit some of Northern Ireland's most talked about attractions"

Academy at the Roe Park Resort is a Northern Ireland-based centre of excellence designed to provide the best possible facilities to help golfers improve their game, whether you are an absolute beginner or more advanced. The facilities at the Academy include a driving range with 10 indoor and 8 outdoor bays, chipping, bunker area and putting green. It also features an indoor studio using the latest technology in V1 Video Analysis Software, FlightScope Launch Monitor and E6 Simulator software, which is paired with the knowledge of experienced PGA Professionals to provide a unique method to analyse each individual's swing.

Michael McCrudden, Golf Pro at the Roe Park Golf Course said, "The success of the Roe Park Golf Course and Golf Academy is a direct result of the emphasis that has been placed on the investments and the fantastic facilities available at the resort.

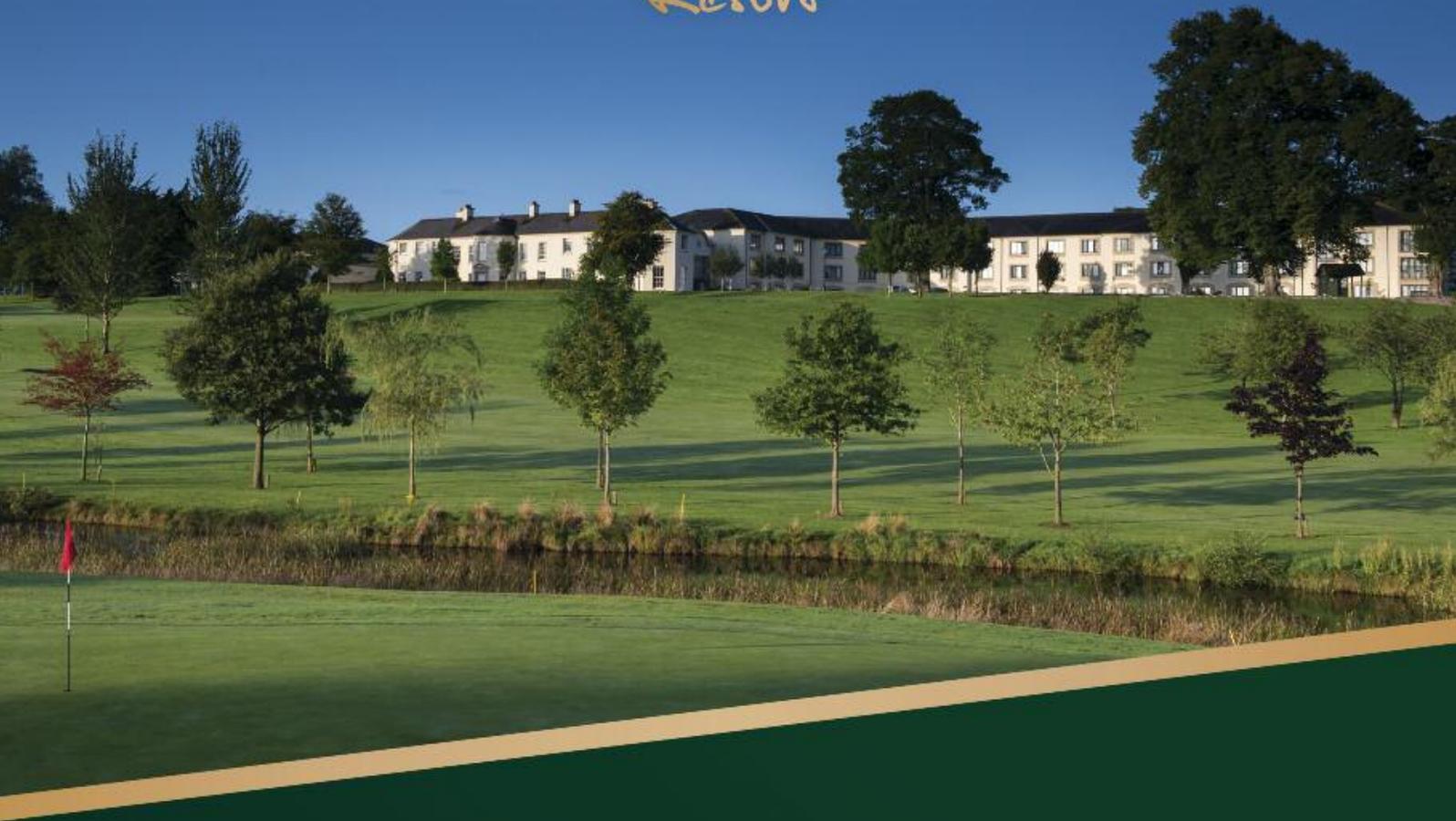
With its relaxing atmosphere and live music every Friday and Saturday night, O'Cahan's bar is the perfect spot if you are in the mood for an early evening cocktail or a late nightcap.

Roe Park Resort's award-winning spa, was launched in 2007, offering a range of relaxation treatments and beauty therapies with 12 treatment areas, sauna, steam suite, heated pool and gymnasium. The Spa at Roe Park provides luxurious treatments and custom packages, for some well-deserved pampering. As an official training academy for Elemis, the Roe Park Resort has invested heavily in modernising its treatment facilities and in staff training to offer customers technologically advanced beauty and skin care treatments.

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Spain is a leading golf destination in Europe with around 300 days of sunshine each year. In this edition Irish Golf Review provides an overview of some recommended options.



Club de Golf Alcanada

INTRODUCTION

Marbella is the golf capital of Europe. It is located on the Costa del Sol, near Malaga, an area with numerous prestigious courses. In general, the south of Andalusia is highly appreciated by golf enthusiasts and there are many well-known clubs around Malaga and on the Costa de Luz (in Cadiz and Huelva). The Costa Brava area (in Catalonia), the Costa Cálida (in the Region of Murcia) and the Region of Valencia also have interesting options, in addition to the Canary and Balearic Islands.

Selection of Airports

The locations of the main golf areas are perfect if you want to organise a short trip, because they are close to airports with numerous international connections. Malaga, Alicante, Barcelona, Girona and Madrid airports are very close to major golf courses and make it possible to plan a getaway from almost any country in Europe.

Variety of Golf Courses

Depending on your tastes, your holiday destination, the circumstances... In Spain you can choose between very different golf courses throughout the whole country. You can find them overlooking the sea, in rural areas, amidst mountains, and even in big cities.

Other Reasons to Visit

Do you like good food? Do you enjoy art and culture? Do you love to relax in spas? Do you prefer accommodation with character? In Spain,

you'll have no problem combining golf with these pleasures for various reasons. For example, the Costa del Sol, Costa de la Luz and Costa Brava areas boast a wide range of restaurants with Michelin Stars, and the regions in general have delicious local cuisine. In other areas such as Navarre, golf can be combined with gourmet gastronomy. If you are keen on combining golf with culture, you can do so by playing in cities such as Madrid and Barcelona or even in the vicinity of one of the 15 World Heritage Cities. The main golf courses are often found in luxury resorts, and the paradors of Malaga and El Saler have outstanding golf courses. Another option? Kick back in a spa like the one on the island of La Toja (Galicia), and check out its amazing golf course, in a privileged setting.

Renowned Golf Designers

Many of the best golf course architects are responsible for the design of the courses you can play on in Spain. For example, the courses at the Club de Golf Valderrama and Real Club Sotogrande (both on the Costa de la Luz) are the work of Robert Trent Jones. Cabell Robinson designed the Finca El Cortesin Golf Club (in Costa del Sol) and La Reserva de Sotogrande (Costa de la Luz). Former golfer Neil Coles is behind the PGA Catalunya Resort (Girona), and Javier Arana has worked on the El Saler Golf Course (region of Valencia) and Aloha Golf (Marbella). In Cantabria, you can even play in the Real Golf de Pedreña, where Spanish champion Severiano Ballesteros assisted in the design.

Golf for All

Spain hosts international tournaments and many professionals choose to train here. However, Spain also offers options for any amateur or first-time golfer. There are courses for very different levels and many clubs offer learning and practical courses for all ages.

Relaxation and Leisure

Another of the advantages offered by Spain is the fact that the days here have more hours of sunlight, meaning more time to enjoy. Theme parks, terraces, outdoor activities, concerts, theatre plays, etc. And when night falls, remember that in Spain you can keep having fun into the early hours of the morning with a wide range of restaurants, live music, bars and nightclubs.

Selected courses

Golf East Mallorca is a wonderful golf destination on Mallorca's East Coast. The area offers great golf courses and unique holiday accommodations with outstanding culinary and cultural experiences. Enjoy Pula Golf Resort, Club de Golf Son Servera, Club de Golf Alcanada, and Capdepera Golf which was designed by famous US golf architect Dan Maples. At Club de Golf Son Servera all parts of the course give fine views of the pine clad mountains. Pula Golf Resort has a magnificent outdoor swimming pool and sauna, as well as a massage service to relax after a day of golf.

Real Club de Golf El Prat near Barcelona is regarded as one of the finest golf clubs in Spain, having hosted more than 250 top-level national and international championships, including the Spanish Open on 10 occasions. Recently named as one of the 125 Platinum Clubs of the World – Five-star Private Club – it is just 35 minutes from Barcelona's city centre. With its roots dating back to 1912, it is one of the few clubs to have been granted "Real" or Royal status by King Alfonso XIII after his visit.

Club de Golf Alcanada in Majorca is located in the northern extreme of the largest Balearic Island,

skills to the test, try out the fishing point or sample the exercise facilities at the Residents Club. And round the day off by savouring the culinary delights at one of the signature restaurants.

La Manga Club is a sports and leisure resort located in the south-eastern region of Spain, Murcia, south of La Manga, and bordered by the Mar Menor and Calblanque Regional Park. The resort complex opened in 1972 and covers an area of 1,400 acres. The North Course was designed by Robert Dean Putman in 1971, this is a technically more accessible course for players of all levels. Here you will find plenty of palm trees, lakes, and ravines. The South Course is considered to be one of the best courses in Spain. Designed by Robert Dean Putman in 1971, it was remodelled in 2005 by the famous player, Arnold Palmer. The West Course, designed by Dave Thomas, is located in a unique environment: in a dense pine forest at the foot of the Calblanque Natural Park. It is a more demanding course, and requires every player's best swing.

Finca Cortesin located in the heart of the Spanish Costa del Sol between Marbella and Sotogrande and overlooking the warm Mediterranean is a place where nature gently vanishes into the deep blue sea.

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in the Alcudia Bay. Almost all of its 18 holes provide a spectacular lighthouse and sea view. Here you will appreciate every swing and feel challenged, regardless of your handicap. Alcanada was designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr. in 2003 and is recognised by a number of golf magazines and guides as one of the finest courses in Europe.

Golf Costa Adeje was designed by renowned golf architect Jose Gancedo, who used the natural features of the land (the original banana plantations) to integrate them into the course. The colonial-style clubhouse with its spacious terraces creates a luxurious and functional environment. The facilities are ideal for hosting large tournaments or other types of events and celebrations. Just 3 minutes away is a complex of 78 exclusive villas in different Canarian architectural styles.

Set amidst the rolling contours and pine forests of Catalunya, PGA Catalunya is synonymous with tournament quality golf courses, luxury accommodation, and a range of beautifully designed villas, townhouses and apartments. Whether you're looking for contemporary lifestyle, first-class sports facilities or a chance to get away from it all – the resort has something to inspire you. Located just 10 minutes from the historic city of Girona and an hour from bustling Barcelona, the resort offers elegance, style and an array of activities to suit all tastes. A day at PGA Catalunya Resort offers a wealth of opportunities. Start with an invigorating game of golf against the spectacular backdrop of the Pyrenees, before relaxing in the elegant atmosphere of the clubhouse. Explore the surrounding countryside by bike or on horseback, put your tennis and paddle

This impressive resort is located in one of the most peaceful and upcoming areas of the Mediterranean coast in the municipality of the picturesque village of Casares, just 1.5km from the beach and within easy access, by motorway to the international airports of Málaga and Gibraltar. Set on a 215-hectare estate, 150 of which is designated green belt area, the development centres around 5 extensive areas: Hotel, Golf, Spa and Sports Club, Beach Club and Residential Area.

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Golf Costa Adeje

Golf Costa Adeje Celebrates 25 Years, consolidated as one of the best Courses in the Canary Islands.

Last October 3rd, it was 25 years since this stunning Project started, transforming an old banana plantation into one of the best golf Courses in the Canary Islands.

Throughout these 25 years, Costa Adeje course has grown to become a benchmark of quality for European golf tourism, and the number of visitors has been growing over the years.

Last year, the number of visitors even surpassed pre-pandemic figures.

A key moment that has contributed to the consolidation of the Golf Costa Adeje brand has undoubtedly been the holding of the Spanish Open in 2003. National figures as important as Miguel Angel Jimenez, Sergio Garcia, or the great Severiano Ballesteros himself, participated in that tournament.

Some years later, it was the turn for women's golf, with the celebration of 3 editions of the European Ladies Open in 2005, 2008 and 2009.

After the pandemic, Golf Costa Adeje, managed to return to activity, stronger and brighter than ever, holding two magnificent tournaments within the European circuit, such as the Tenerife Open in April 2021, and later, in May of the same year, the Canary Island Championship.

In the last two years, it has been the venue for the prestigious World Corporate Golf Challenge, which has chosen this course to hold its world finals.



But What Makes this Course Such a Special place?

Undoubtedly the spectacular location and the good weather are two fundamental aspects, however, the truth is that behind all this, there is also an enormous effort by the team, as well as a great investment in machinery and technology.

Golf Costa Adeje is continually working on the development of new projects and improvements within its facilities, like the 9 hole Course Los Lagos during this Summer, in its commitment to the future of golf, contributing to the development of quality tourism on the Tenerife island.



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THE ALGARVE 2024

As the southernmost region of Portugal, The Algarve is known for all year round sunshine and beautiful, sandy beaches and of course stunning Golf.

Espiche Golf



Late Autumn to early Spring is the best time to visit this coastal region for golf although there are many who understandably like to combine their favourite sporting activity early in the morning of a hot summer's day before indulging in some sun bathing. Sounds good, really good, when you think about it!

With over 3,000 hours of sun a year or 300 days of sunshine, the climate in the Algarve makes it a favourite holiday destination. Take into account Algarve's mild climate, reasonably priced restaurants, bars and accommodation, charming seaside towns, lively nightlife and it is easy to see why the Algarve makes a perfect base for a holiday. The Algarve benefits from natural reserves and national parks making it a haven for zealous walkers and those interested in outdoor pursuits.

INTRODUCTION

When considering golf in the Algarve, it is key to note that it is the southernmost region of Portugal and the most western point of Europe so we again draw the reader's attention to its agreeable climate, perfect for golfing enthusiasts and challenging courses.

Voted the World's Best Golfing Destination several times by the IAGTO (International Association of Golf Tour Operators), the Algarve has become the destination of choice for golf lovers.

From the outset, courses in the Algarve were singled- out by 'Rheingold' and 'Golf Digest' Magazines, which ranked the San Lorenzo Course and Vilamoura Old Course among the top 100 golf courses in the world.

Golf courses in the Algarve are blessed with a well-preserved natural setting, which allows you to play all year round on internationally recognised courses, where the high quality of their facilities and course design is acknowledged by top professionals and legendary champions.

Among the factors that make the Algarve a top golfing destination are its environmental setting, quality courses, accessibility and professionally-run transport systems plus the entire infrastructure that goes into supporting them. There is a network of hotels, transfers and even the airlines themselves that make access easy and contribute to a pleasant and appealing stay.



VILAMOURA : A PARADISE IN SHADES OF GREEN

Few will dispute that there is any region of its size anywhere in the world to measure up to the amazing quality of golf available at Vilamoura. And it's no surprise that it continues to attract major professional and amateur tournaments – much to the delight of players, officials, spectators and media.

The accommodation, the restaurants and bars, the marina, the value, the weather and above all the courses, what golfer could ask for more?

Occupying a privileged location in Portugal, Vilamoura is regarded as a unique European golfing venue. With five 18-hole courses, each of outstanding design and with different levels of difficulty, as well as an elite Golf Academy, Vilamoura tests the skill of professional players to

such as the Algarve World Cup and the Portugal Masters, completes the list of golfing options in Vilamoura. This investment in quality has been rewarded with the chance to hold many tournaments there each year. The Taça do Presidente (President's Cup), the Grande Troféu de Vilamoura (Vilamoura Grand Trophy) and the Expresso/ BPI Golf Cup are the examples most widely praised by amateur players and leading professionals alike.

It boasts many outstanding golf holes, notably the sporting par 5, 17th where the professionals are tempted to go for the green in search of a precious birdie but all too often plunge into the lake fronting the green. The 18th is a tremendous par four with water all the way up the left and craftily placed bunkers threatening the overly careful tee shot on the right. Pdraig Harrington chipped and

“Boavista Golf & Spa is one of the Western Algarve’s premier resorts. With an exceptional 18-hole championship course it is one of the most beautifully manicured courses”

the utmost and provides an exciting challenge for golfing enthusiasts. The Old Course is one of the most well-known and acclaimed courses in Europe, its exacting fairways demanding precision owing to the forests of umbrella pine which surround them.

The Pinhal Golf Course, flanked by a magnificent pine forest, has small greens that require the highest degree of accuracy. The Laguna Golf Course is an open course, embellished by waterfalls and the Millenium Golf Course, one of the most beautiful courses built in Portugal, combine to form an 18-hole course.

The Victoria Clube de Golfe, with its lakes and waterfalls that make it a genuine hymn to nature, and where major golfing competitions take place,

putted both for a crucial birdie and par on the way to victory in 2016.

When it comes to considering accommodation with easy access to golf and Algarve beaches, Hilton Vilamoura As Cascatas Golf Resort & Spa is well-recommended. Set amid five acres of landscaped gardens, the resort is adjacent to the prestigious Dom Pedro Pinhal Golf Course. Central Vilamoura is a kilometre from the door, and a free shuttle covers Vilamoura Marina and Falesia private beach.

Also included is the prestigious 7 Seven Spa, the second largest of its kind in Europe where relaxing and tranquility are first and foremost.

In the heart of the Algarve you will find Vilamoura Garden Hotel. This boutique 4-star hotel

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Pinhal Golf Course



is the perfect accommodation choice for those looking to experience the beaches, nature, hospitality and golf in southern Portugal. Located just a 12-minute walk from the beach and in close proximity to some of the best golf courses in Europe there is plenty to explore.

WESTERN ALGARVE

Framed by a valley that zigzags through steep slopes, the Golf Santo António at Parque da Floresta - is an impressive arena that has already been the stage for Europro Tour events.

Palmares Golf in Lagos is used to organising the Amendoeiras em Flor Tournament in February when the almond trees are covered in pink and white blossom. It makes for a very beautiful scenario.

Boavista Golf & Spa is one of the Western Algarve's premier resorts. With an exceptional 18-hole championship course it is one of the most beautifully manicured courses, bordered by properties all designed to harmonize with the land's natural contours. With two distinctive sections, Boavista course offers a variety of holes, the first nine climb to the highest point of the resort before descending steadily to water features, streams and lakes that finish at the clubhouse.

The challenging 18-hole, par 72 course at Espiche Golf, in Lagos, has been designed to complement the distinctive Western Algarve landscape by embracing a sustainable and eco-

friendly ethos. The lakes, streams and indigenous planting scheme work to enrich the local biodiversity, while creating a unique golfing game and environment for golfers in the Algarve.

The Le Meridien Penina Golf & Resort, in Portimão is a centre with an excellent course, which has won prizes many times as one of the finest in Europe. Penina was the first 18-hole course opened in the Algarve and has benefited considerably from sensible and wise updating over the past fifty years or so.

In Lagoa, the magnificent Quinta do Gramacho course at Carvoeiro, designed by Ronald Fream, hosts the Algarve Ladies Open, a tournament that forms part of the Ladies European Tour. In Albufeira the Salgados Golf Club combines lakes, waterfalls and rolling sand dunes.

The Pestana Golf Resort is superbly located on a level plateau, close to the picturesque fishing village of Carvoeiro, just a few minutes away from the most beautiful beaches in the Algarve and less than three hours away by plane from the main European capitals. Discover the world-class courses: Gramacho, Vale da Pinta, Silves Golf, Alto Golf and Vila Sol. The resort offers a secure and family environment.

EASTERN ALGARVE

One of the many attractions to golf tourism in the Algarve is the proximity of the Faro international airport and especially at the eastern end of the one hundred kilometre stretch.

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Benamor Golf in Tavira has been introduced into an area where golf is starting to emerge as a leisure destination without spoiling its existing character and countryside. The views of the mountains to the North and the Atlantic Ocean to the South are stunning.

Located in the heart of the Parque Natural de Ria Formosa (Formosa Estuary National Park), the Quinta da Ria and Quinta de Cima courses, in Vila Nova de Cacela, are among the most beautiful of the region. The Quinta da Ria now hosts the prestigious Europro Tour and the Quinta de Cima, the Algarve Seniors Tour, a competition that forms part of PGA European Senior Tour. Also in this town, at the Monte Rei Golf & Country Club, you are surrounded by a stunning landscape and immersed in total tranquillity.

At Castro Marim, the Castro Marim Golfe and Country Club and the Quinta do Vale Golf Resort provide a thrilling challenge within a natural environment, unique for its panoramic views of the Guadiana River.

CENTRAL ALGARVE

Quinta do Lago is nestled within the Algarve and the privacy and security of the Ria Formosa nature reserve. A clean & safe destination, here, world-class golf - including the €7 million upgraded South Course - surrounds award-winning real estate, sublime restaurants, a premier sports hub, boutique hotel and golden sand beach. Quinta do Lago has been at the forefront of international golf since its creation.

The San Lorenzo Golf Club in the Ria Formosa has won many prizes, rightly being nominated as one of the best courses in Europe.

Another success story is the Vila Sol – Beach, Golf & Country Club in Vilamoura which only eight months after it opened hosted the Portugal Open for two years running.

Also well-known to the world of golf is the Vale do Lobo, in Almancil, which has played host to the Portuguese Open and the 'Skins Game'. The resort is the home of the two most difficult and stunning golf courses in Europe: the Ocean Golf Course and the Royal Golf Course, where the cliff top par three 16th hole is one of the world's most famous and most photographed settings for golf.

When deciding on accommodation in Quinta do Lago, consider Four Seasons Fairways, whose villas and luxury apartments blend Portuguese architecture with the landscape of its beautiful gardens.

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Located within 5mn of Ferragudo village, the Gramacho Residences complex is the newest addition to Pestana Golf Resorts. Overlooking the fairway of the 8th hole of Gramacho Golf, and with excellent views over the countryside, the complex comprises of 34 high standard apartments, with a choice of studios, one and two bedrooms, as well as 23 Classic double rooms.

The apartments are fully equipped and furnished, decorated with modern and minimalist lines, making it a good choice for either holidays or a second home. For those looking for investment, Pestana Golf Real Estate offers a special rental programme that guarantees 5% return on investment on the first two years.

courses Gramacho and Vale da Pinta, is also available on request. At the Pestana Golf Academy, which is located at Vale da Pinta, a driving range with covered bays is available, as well as chipping and putting areas.

Additionally, to provide our guests and clients a great golf experience at our resorts, Pestana Golf has come up with special conditions for guests staying at our resort, where guests can rent a golf bag with a full set of Taylormade golf clubs, for only €45 per seven days. (more info at www.pestanagolf.com)

The Resort includes a Golf Academy, a driving range with covered bays, tennis courts, swimming pools, SPA and Gymnasium facilities, bars and restaurants. Additionally, Pestana Golf runs another 3 golf courses in Algarve, Silves Golf,

“In the complex surroundings, large green areas and swimming pools are available, where guests can relax and enjoy the wonderful Algarve’s sun”

This complex also offers The Four Owner Plan, a convenient rotating system that gives each owner the opportunity to enjoy the mild climate of the Algarve throughout the year, for a relatively small investment, being part owner of a freehold property, with three other independent parties, each quarter secured by individual title deeds. Purchasing through this well proven system considerably reduces the cost of ownership as it is split into four equal parts, each owner using the property for thirteen weeks of the year.

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Among the services offered, is included a gymnasium and spa, and guests can also benefit from the nearby facilities, like a covered heated pool, a tennis court, Sauna & Jacuzzi, located at Gramacho Golf, 2 Clubhouses, Snack-Bar/Restaurant and the pro shop. A transfer service to nearby

Alto Golf and Vila Sol and one in Sintra - Lisbon, Beloura Golf.

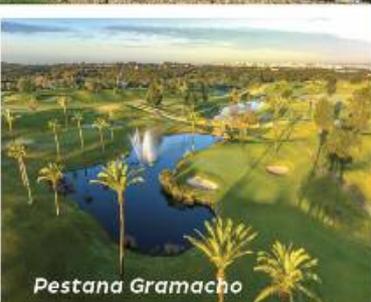
In the outskirts of the resort, guests can enjoy a large offer of different activities, like Sport Fishing, Diving, Surfing, Windsurfing, Water Ski, Water parks and also natural walking trails, along the coast.

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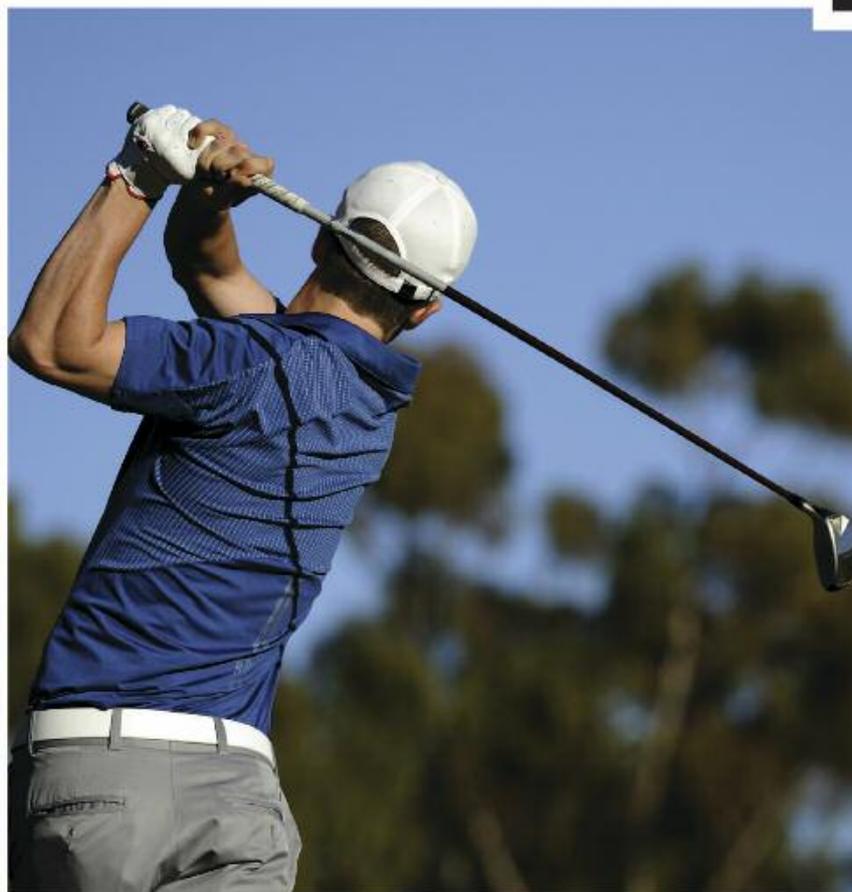
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ESPICHE GOLF: UNIQUE GOLFING EXPERIENCE IN THE WEST ALGARVE

The Western Algarve has long enjoyed a reputation for offering a more authentic taste of Portugal than the central region.

Although requiring a slightly longer drive from Faro airport, the Western Algarve is easily reachable thanks to the A22 motorway which runs the length of the coast, making Lagos and its golf courses within an hour's drive from the airport.

Located just a few minutes from the coast and the city of Lagos, in the picturesque and less touristic "barlavento" Algarve, Espiche Golf is a golf course that combines sport with contemplation and respect for the surrounding nature, taking advantage of being located in a nature reserve.

Espiche Golf provides an exceptional golfing experience in a beautiful natural environment. The architect Peter Sauerma designed the shape of the course to integrate harmoniously with the surrounding landscape, and with its maintenance a great concern is taken for preserving the natural ecosystem and unique reserve. Espiche Golf offers a challenging 18-hole course, par 72. Its lakes, streams and indigenous vegetation enrich and promote the biodiversity of this area and the

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Espiche Golf takes exceptional pride in its responsibility to its course maintenance and its history in environmental research. It is committed to an ongoing process of research and development for sustainability. Espiche Golf has been selected as a case study by the Portuguese Golf Federation and the UK's prestigious Sports Turf Research Institute (STRI). It is one of the annually visited courses in Europe for the winners of the prestigious "Golf Environment Awards" as an example of best management practices and for its unique integration of warm season grasses into the existing landscape. Espiche Golf is also a participating member on "GEO Foundation" OnCourse® program. Committed to continually improve in the areas of sustainability of nature, water, energy conservation, supply chain, pollution control and community. The commitment to maintaining natural resources is one that will allow

“Espiche Golf has given the local community an elegant, warm, friendly and sociable active hub”



exceptional view, surrounded by fields and vineyards, lurking on the horizon of the beautiful Serra de Monchique.

The course was the vision of Peter Thornton, a musician in the 70's and his friend Paul Langley, a property developer from London. From the start they could see the possibilities the land had to offer. Espiche Golf has given the local community an elegant, warm, friendly and sociable active hub with its award-winning clubhouse, restaurant and the surrounding golf course that appears as if it has always been there, constructed by the hand of nature over time.

The greens and fairways of Espiche Golf course have been carefully placed to balance the dual demands of the golfer and the environment, with indigenous planting throughout creating a beautiful backdrop and some challenging obstacles.

The course requires careful thought along the 5862 metres (6411) yards from the back tees and a deft touch on the short game. Bunkers guard most greens whilst the greens themselves are large and undulating, requiring a soft hand with the putter. This is a shot-maker's course, where each hole poses a new challenge thanks to the

Espiche Golf to continuously contribute to a sustainable future.

Espiche Golf Clubhouse won 3rd placing in "Golf Inc Magazine's" prestigious "Clubhouse of the Year" Architectural Award in 2015 – the first club outside the US to pick up this prestigious award.

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UNIQUE GOLFING EXPERIENCE IN THE WEST ALGARVE

Located within a nature reserve and just 10 minutes from Lagos, Espiche Golf is an eco-resort which has been perfectly integrated into the surrounding natural environment and offers a unique and authentic experience in the west Algarve.

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Boavista Golf & Spa offers year-round activities for those who wish to participate.

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Opened in 2002, the Boavista Golf course designed by Howard Swan, presents itself as a challenging course for players of all levels, particularly holes 6 and 8 where golfers have to hit the ball over a ravine.

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Bela Colina Village's luxury accommodation affords magnificent views of either the pristine waters of the Atlantic Ocean or the rolling Monchique mountains. Furnished to a high standard, each townhouse provides 2 double bedrooms and living areas that cater for all needs. Guests have direct access to the heated pools and leisure areas

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advantage of the surrounding landscape, providing views of rare beauty.

At the top of the hill the Clubhouse restaurant overlooking the city of Lagos, with two spacious terraces, is the perfect place to enjoy the views of the beautiful bay of Lagos. Here you can appreciate a relaxing sunset and chill out with a drink, try many snacks or taste the menu which covers both international and local cuisine with options for all.

Whether you prefer to have a challenging workout at the gym, a sauna or steam, spoil yourself with a day of beauty, or just relax by the pool, Essential has

which are set in private landscaped gardens amongst palm, olive and almond trees.

Set in the five-star Bela Colina Village, La Bistro restaurant serves a rich and varied buffet breakfast to suit all tastes. At La Bistro you can try our delicious homemade pizzas as well as a selection of snacks and refreshing drinks. Sit out on the terrace open to the lawn, perfect for the little ones to play as you enjoy a meal. Take away service is also available.

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BENAMOR GOLF

Benamor Golf is a superb 18-hole golf course located in the South of Portugal, Algarve, just a few kilometres east of the ancient city of Tavira.



The golf course was completed in the spring of 2000. In the nearby foothills of Barrocal, you will enjoy some of the best mountain and sea views the Algarve has to offer. But maybe most enjoyable of all, are the peaceful surroundings of a construction free resort. Possibly the only one in the Algarve.

Sir Henry Cotton designed the golf course, and our friendly staff is here to guarantee an enjoyable golfing experience for you and your friends.

The decision to build a golf course, on the land of Quinta de Benamor, in Tavira, Algarve, was made in 1986. The owning Martins Dias family invited the late Sir Henry Cotton to make a concept design for an 18-hole course. Sir Henry Cotton was inspired by the beautiful old church next to the site

of the Clubhouse and by the spectacular location.

The final result is a delightful par 71 golf course of 5,500 metres (6,100 yards), which offers a pleasant playing experience, to players of all standards. The course is undulating but not hilly. The views of the mountains to the North and the Atlantic Ocean to the South are stunning. The indigenous olive, cork, carob, fig and almond trees, many centuries old, feature aesthetically and in playing terms. Water hazards and sand bunkers are located to test the strategy and striking ability of the player. The Penn A4 greens and tees are simply superb.

The fairways of Bermuda Sahara and cool-season grasses, provide good lies for wood and iron shots.

The Driving Range, Putting Green and large Putting Course offer excellent practice facilities.

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Our vision is to achieve an image of quality in the European market, and our mission is to offer a high standard of service in order to provide excellent golfing moments to our clients and guests.

The Benamor golf course offers several spaces for visitors. A Clubhouse with a reception and golf shop, bar, restaurant, caddy master and changing rooms and a driving range, two putting courses and a Buggy bar.

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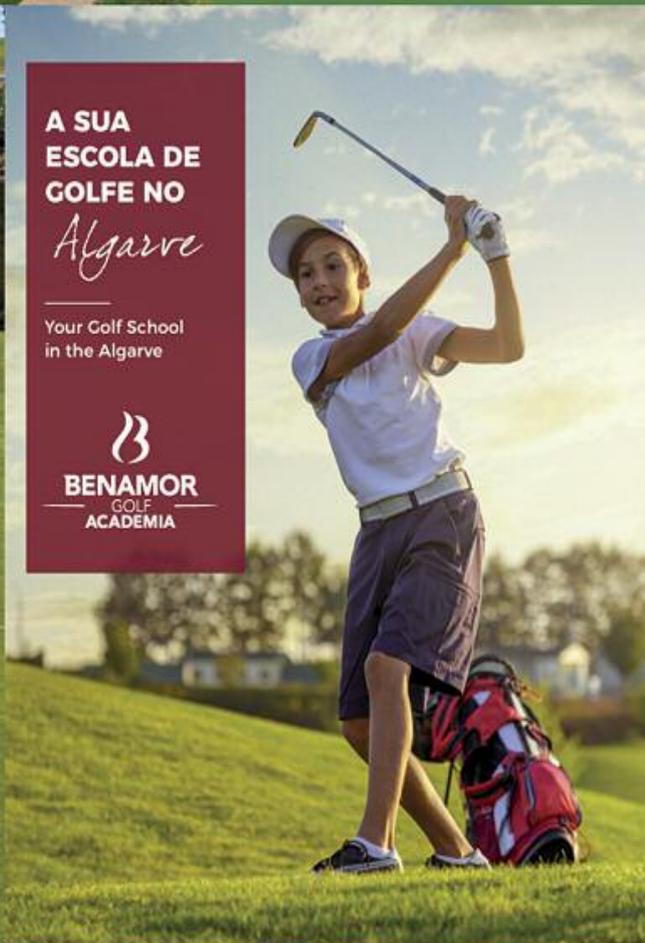
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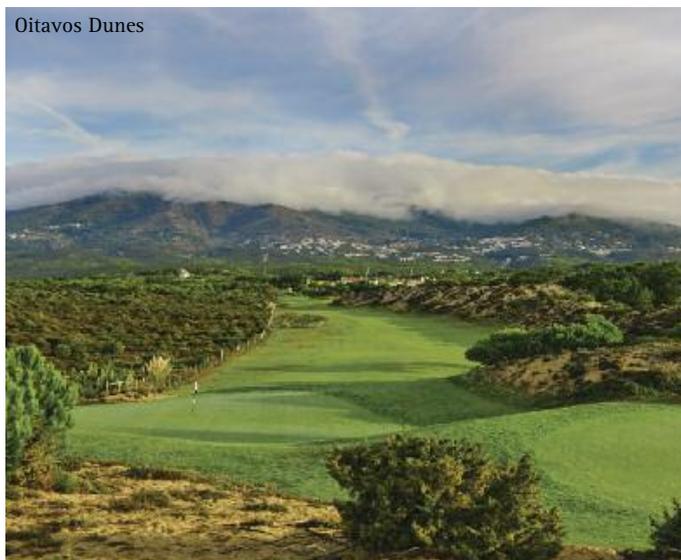
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With over 20 top-class golf courses, it is not surprising that the Lisbon region of Portugal is one of the most popular for International Tour operators and visitors.



Oitavos Dunes

Introduction

An inspiring city, packed with history and dramatic views, great food and restaurants, bustling nightlife, and a sunny climate to match, Lisbon has everything to make a memorable golf holiday, on-and-off the green.

Lisbon is known as the white city, thanks to its unique light. The clear light and the kind climate allow for marvellous walks all over the city. The city has a beauty that extends beyond its famed monuments that can be experienced in the streets, embraced by all the senses.

The historical neighbourhoods of central Lisbon are perfect for visitors to the Portuguese capital to experience for themselves. Their culture, the history, the architecture and the people are fundamental aspects of Lisbon's identity, and those who explore them will discover their own personal map. There are so many possibilities, don't let them get away.

Baixa is the city's traditional shopping district where visitors can stroll around the streets and find dozens of shops offering a wide range of temptations.

Rua Augusta is the main artery of the Baixa Pombalina leading north from Terreiro do Paço (known as Black Horse Square by the English), to the beautiful Praça do Rossio (Praça Dom Pedro V).

Chiado is a sophisticated hub for the city's young people, artists and intellectuals, it's an area of iconic cafés including "A Brasileira", art schools, theatres and of living history. The intrinsic beauty of Chiado, and its people – going about their daily lives – makes the area what it is.

Alfama is one of the oldest quarters in Lisbon. Since it largely survived the earthquake of 1755, the area still retains much of its original layout. Adjacent to Alfama are the likewise old quarters of Castelo and Mouraria, on the western and northern slopes of the hill that is crowned by St. George's Castle. Every year in June, the streets of all three quarters come alive with the feasts in honour of the popular saints. The Graça quarter and the churches of São Vicente de Fora and Santa Engrácia are within walking distance of this area.

Just north of Rossio, discover Avenida da Liberdade, which in the 19th century, was the favourite promenade for the Lisbon elite. Today, the Avenida is home to exclusive international boutiques to tempt and inspire.

Bairro Alto is one of the most characteristic and attractive neighbourhoods in the city. Bairro Alto boasts boutiques and bars and is a place where people meet in an eclectic and multicultural atmosphere. Traditional restaurants nestle alongside cosy bookshops; tea rooms serving signature cakes vie for attention with funky design shops and the boutiques of the most respected Portuguese fashion designers.

Santos – in this area you can find some of the most fashionable bars and discos. But also, restaurants, museums and a wide range of design shops.

Belém is linked to Portugal's Golden Age of Discoveries as the site where the famous navigators set sail to discover the world. Today it is a spacious green

suburb with many gardens, parks and monuments that are well worth a visit. Amongst Belém's attractions are the Jerónimos Monastery, the Monument to the Discoveries, Torre de Belém and Belém Cultural Centre.

The Parque das Nações is ideal for all ages. Located in the eastern part of Lisbon, this area is a focus of the city's cultural life. The gardens along the river, frame the facilities at the Parque, including the Pavilhão Atlântico, venue for events and the new Casino Lisboa.

The Oceanário is not to be missed, amazing young and old alike with the diversity of its collections. The Pavilhão do Conhecimento and the Vasco da Gama tower are other attractions in this unique park. Take a ride on the cable car offering breathtaking views of the river and the city.

From Nations Park to Belém – The riverside, is one of the favourite meeting places for the people of Lisbon. Families, friends and people of all ages enjoy the river views and the wide variety of places to walk and spend time with friends. Cafés terraces, bars and restaurants bustle with the hubbub of people enjoying themselves day and night.

Outside Lisbon

Estoril / Cascais : The Costa do Estoril is ripe for discovery. Romantic, cosmopolitan, packed with entertainment and boasting a unique character, Estoril is where Lisbon meets the sea. Considered to be the Portuguese Riviera, Estoril and Cascais are full of glamour and charisma. They offer a great diversity of attractions and the experiences in a limited area and in a setting that is exceptional in terms of nature, culture and heritage along the whole of this marvellous coast.

Sintra is an inexhaustible attraction. The perfect symbiosis between nature and its man made heritage led to its UNESCO World Heritage status in the Cultural Landscape category in 1995. The town has been adored over the years by artists and writers from all over the world. The passion for the town reached its peak in the 19th century, in the heart of the romantic era. Poets such as Lord Byron, who called it a "a Garden of the Earthly Paradise", and Portuguese writers such as Eça de Queiroz, who described it in many passages of his works, helped create a special aura of the town.

Setúbal/Tróia : The Costa Azul has a wide natural diversity of landscapes and environments, favoured by the presence of the sea, and is a wonderful region to discover. It has a wealth of natural and cultural attractions and comprehensive modern infrastructures to ensure that you thoroughly enjoy your holidays. There's always the Sea, the Nature and Golf.

RECOMMENDED GOLF COURSES

MONTADO HOTEL & GOLF RESORT

The Golf Course of Montado can be found near the Castle of Palmela, surrounded by vineyards developed in a harmonious whole of Cork Trees, where streams and lakes make the magical beauty of this golf course. It has been carefully inserted into a landscape that helps to break the routine of daily life, and is well known for its hole 18 and green located on an island. It is just 30 minutes south of Lisbon, one of Europe's most stylish and historic capitals. After an extensive course refurbishment in 2006, Montado Hotel & Golf Resort was catapulted into the spotlight. The layout is now considered to be one of the best around Lisbon. The course is surrounded by a series of enchanting vineyards, offering a number of memorable holes as you are led to the epic 18th, where a daunting island green awaits.

QUINTA DO PERÚ & COUNTRY CLUB

With the Arrábida mountains as its backdrop, the Quinta do Perú golf course offers amateurs a pleasant game, whilst also presenting a challenge for professionals. It was voted amongst the top 10 courses in Portugal in the biennial poll organised by the European Golf magazine. With its many trees and wild flowers, the course provides a varied start, for the first three holes consist of a par 5, a 386-metre par 4 and a 186-metre par 3. Amongst the first nine holes, attention is drawn to the short eighth hole, with a lake in front of its green. The next nine holes are even more difficult. Number 12 is a par 4 which, although not very long, has a lake running beside the fairway and down to the green. Then comes what is probably the most difficult test on the course: hole 16, a 200-metre par 3, where one needs to play over a lake to reach the green. The course's recognised quality has led to its hosting several events from the European Challenge Tour.

AROIRA I

Located in a protected pine woodland, 30 minutes from central Lisbon, south of river Tagus and near to the beach. Aroeira's mild climate allows golf to be played all year long. Aroeira I was designed by Architect Frank Pennink in 1973 with a beautiful tree-lined course adorned by 5 lakes. The course is 6044 meters long and a par 72.

Apart from the quality of two 18 holes championship golf courses, Aroeira offers self catering apartments for rent, a tropical swimming pool, tennis courts and a shopping area with restaurant, supermarket among other shops.

SANTO ESTÊVÃO GOLFE

Designed by the renowned English architect Donald Steel, with a curriculum of hundreds of golf courses around the world, the Santo Estêvão Golfe represents the typical concept of the English school, taking advantage of all the features of the land, respecting and benefiting the existing landscape. This scenery is complemented by areas of natural vegetation, with the golden tones of dry herbs to contrast with the varied colours of spring flowers. An environment that enriches the Vila Nova project of Santo Estêvão making it an epitome of quality and lifestyle.

RIBAGOLFE I & II

Just you and the golf course. The Perfect Partnership on a par with the best in Europe in terms of layout, environmental features and design. It is the creation of the two golf architects Michael King and Peter Townsend, from European Golf Design, an associate of the PGA European Tour. Golf occupies only one third of the total area of the Herdade da Vargem Fresca. There are two golf courses, Ribagolfe I and Ribagolfe II, both par 72 with 18 holes. There is also a vast practice area in addition to the driving range, including chipping and putting greens, practice bunkers and a fully equipped Clubhouse with a proshop and restaurant services. Ribagolfe is on the list of candidates to host national and European competitions.

TROIA GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP COURSE

Troia Golf Championship Course is located on the Troia Peninsula. It lies on a long flat and sandy stretch of land across the Sado Estuary, which separates the Setubal lagoon from the Atlantic Ocean, with the dramatic backdrop of the Arrabida mountain range. This gem of a course, was ranked #25 amongst Europe Top 100 Courses by British magazine "Golf World". The American golf architect Robert Trent Jones Senior, achieved a real masterpiece of golf course

ESTORIL GOLF COURSE

One of Portugal's oldest and most emblematic courses, the Estoril Golf Course, is located in the residential area of Estoril, only 1 km from the Hotel Palácio, the beach of Estoril and the famous Casino.

Owned by the Hotel Palácio from 1929 and redesigned in 1936 by the famous architect Mackensie Ross, this stunning 18 hole Championship Course is a par 69 with 5175 meters, surrounded by colourful flora, including mimosas, pine and eucalyptus trees. The Portuguese Open was played 20 times, Ladies Open and 63 times the Portuguese International Championship Amateur.

Another excellent 9 hole the Blue Course, provides the perfect location for less experienced players to develop their skills.

Golf Estoril also features an elegant Clubhouse attractively situated in a pine forest setting, with a refined restaurant, 2 bars, swimming pool and Pro Shop.

Guests of the Hotel Palácio have preferential tee times and green fees at a special rate.

OITAVOS DUNES – NATURAL LINKS GOLF

Oitavos Golfe lies within the Sintra-Cascais Natural Park. It is set among pine woods and reforested dunes, in an area of great natural beauty. Being a seaside golf course, the ocean view is present all the time. The layout has been carefully crafted by one of the greatest golf architects of our times, Arthur Hills. Hills has maintained and preserved the unique characteristics of the land, creating a 6.303 metre, par 71 golf course. The environmental certification was done in cooperation with Audubon International, an American environmental association. The sustainability of the resources is the prior objective. The flora and fauna peculiar to the region are strictly protected, with some areas being closed to people and machines. Quinta da Marinha Oitavos Golfe is the 1st Golf Course in Europe and the 2nd in the World being recognized as a Certified Signature Sanctuary - Gold. It is already set as one of the best golf courses in Europe, where a non stress round of golf can be played all year round.

PESTANA BELOURA GOLF RESORT

The verdant foothills of the Sintra Mountains offer a breathtaking backdrop for the Pestana Beloura Golf Course. Here the famous American golf course architect Rocky Roquemore has conceived a course that will stretch both your imagination and ability yet provide an enjoyable challenge to golfers of all levels. Over 40,000 Eucalyptus, Oak, Pine, Magnolia, Palm and other exotic trees and plants have been planted on this gently undulating Par 72, 18 hole course that measures 5,716

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design at Troia, creating a true championship layout and providing a genuine test of skill for the lower handicap golfer together with enjoyment for the more modest player. There is a nice Clubhouse, skilfully constructed in rustic style, nestling in a pine grove, with full facilities, a bar and restaurant with terrace overlooking several holes of the course and miles of unspoilt sandy beach. Accommodation is available on site at the Troia Resort.

ESTORIL/SINTRA GOLF COURSES

CLUB DE GOLF QUINTA DA MARINHA

This exciting, 18-hole course is designed by the internationally acclaimed golf architect Robert Trent Jones. A par 71 with 5,845 meters. The first nine holes are set amongst some of the most spectacular countryside in the area while the second nine are on the cliff tops, with sensational views over the Atlantic.

True to form, Trent Jones has laid plenty of traps. The course is studded with water hazards and its 18 undulating greens will challenge players of all levels, from the novice to the scratch golfer.

BELAS CLUBE DE CAMPO

Belas is a Championship Golf Course. The layout is extraordinary, with several fairways and greens set in deep valleys, and it affords unforgettable panoramic scenery to golfers and visitors. With its excellent variety of holes, the course is a pleasure to play, whatever one's handicap level. It demands both skill and tactical play, and is acknowledged both locally and internationally as one of Portugal's best constructed layouts. It has in operation an Environmental Management System (EMS) that enables its staff to monitor all matters relating to the environment. The EMS holds an ISO 14001 certification, and is also certified to the European "Committed to Green" Programme.

meters from the Men's Tees and 5,094 from the Women's Tees. Water comes into play on many of the holes as they meander between the various lakes and streams that border the Fairways. The course is irrigated automatically from its own water supplies, guaranteeing crisp lies on lush Tifton 419 fairways and true, holding greens from a green sward of creeping bent.

Find out more at www.visitlisboa.com



Estoril Golf Course

THE GOLFING DELIGHTS OF CYPRUS

Make Cyprus part of your plans for 2024 as we explore in this edition of Irish Golf Review.

Aphrodite Hills Resort



The allure of teeing off amidst stunning natural surroundings, along with the opportunity to enjoy golf all-year-round in a favourable Mediterranean climate are just two of the factors that are seeing Cyprus emerge as a leading golfing destination.

Few feelings can compare to that of sinking your toes into warm sand... of the sun kissing your skin, and your senses taking in the fresh, salty breeze and the endless views of glittering blue waters.

This idyllic scene is one that can be enjoyed for the most part of the year on the island of Cyprus, and one that offers a myriad of experiences, from the total relaxation of sunbathing with drink in hand, to the thrill and challenge of trying a new water sport.

From secluded bays, to lively resorts and sandy beaches to rocky coves, the island's expansive coastline is home to a variety of different-style beaches; each unique in its appearance and the facilities it offers.

And aside from lazing on hot sands, the crystal depths of the Mediterranean Sea can be appreciated both on and in the water, after all, even the Goddess of Love - Aphrodite herself - was born of the sea foam in Pafos (Paphos)!

Take a stroll to a backdrop of sea and bobbing boats at one of the quaint piers, marinas and harbours.... try your hand at reeling in the 'catch

of the day' on a fishing trip, or discover the coves and caves of the different coastal areas on a boat trip. By venturing further still with a short cruise to a neighbouring country, you can beautifully combine two holidays in one.

For the more daring visitor, the island's ideal wind and water conditions open up endless possibilities for exhilarating sports such as windsurfing, sailing and kitesurfing, whilst beneath the foam, a whole new underwater world invites you in to discover a diver's paradise of world-ranking wrecks and diverse marine life.

So, whether you prefer to be lounging on hot sands, riding the waves, or taking in the views from a porthole, Cyprus is the perfect destination for all the very best of sun and sea.

GOLF IN CYPRUS

Welcome to Cyprus, enjoy your golf and our warm hospitality and make this lovely Mediterranean island, chosen by Aphrodite - goddess of Love - as her home, your preferred golfing destination!

Located in some of the most picturesque areas of Cyprus, the select handful of courses have been applauded for the way they are integrated into the breathtaking natural landscape of dramatic ravines, cliffs and sea vistas - backdrops that have been carefully used to enhance the game on each course. The heritage

of the courses is also pedigree, with some of the world's most renowned golf course architects leaving their signature on the challenging courses they have designed on the island, from luxury golfing resorts to stand-alone greens.

Along with the opportunity to enjoy a game of golf in scenic tranquility, the various courses also host annual tournaments on both a national and international level, as well as offering academies, club houses and other facilities.

Cyprus is the perfect golf tourism destination as it is blessed with sunshine and has the best climate in the Mediterranean, especially during winter when many courses in northern Europe are closed because of ice and snow. With many stunning courses to choose from, including the four below, you won't be disappointed.

MINTHIS

At an altitude of 550m above sea level it's a course for all seasons, enjoying cool breezes even during the summer. Originally designed by Donald Steel in 1994, Minthis is the oldest golf

spectacular par 3s in Europe. The hole plays steeply down across a canyon onto a large green, nestled in a grove of olive trees.

The Golf Academy at Aphrodite Hills offers a wide variety of individual and group lessons. The expert PGA Professionals tailor each lesson to your needs to help improve your game, while assuring a relaxed and enjoyable environment.

SECRET VALLEY GOLF RESORT

With Secret Valley Golf Resort carefully laid out in the natural landscape, and with mature vegetation in the lower part of the valley, the setting is distinctly a Cyprus one with a unique Mediterranean feel. Utilising the steep hillside terrain, the course offers spectacular tee locations and long views towards valley and ocean.

Recently rebuilt and opened in 2013, the par 71 course of 5,700 metres unfolds through rolling Bermuda fairways and bentgrass greens.

It is further supported by an academy that offers tuition from a PGA Professional. The modern practise area boasts 22 covered bays; large

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course in Cyprus, and has recently undergone extensive enhancement by Mackenzie & Ebert. The ancient gardens in which the course is set lend a unique flavour, with holes surrounded by grapevines, walnut, almond, and olive trees. Few places are so tranquil for a friendly game, being fun to play for all standards of player, with great variety between holes. To top it off it is a looped course, with each nine returning you to the clubhouse, perfect for halfway refreshments!

APHRODITE HILLS RESORT, PGA NATIONAL CYPRUS

Located between Pafos (Paphos) and Lemesos (Limassol), Aphrodite Hills Golf, PGA National Cyprus is an award-winning integrated golf, leisure and real estate development with a championship 18-hole golf course designed by renowned course architect Cabell B. Robinson. One of the defining features of the 6,299-metre course is the 7th hole, which is one of the most

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Aphrodite Hills Resort, located on the stunning island of Cyprus, in the heart of the Mediterranean is a multi award-winning 5-star golf, leisure and real estate development, elegantly situated over a 2.3 million square metre plot. This historical and mythological area boasts breathtaking panoramic views overlooking the phenomenal beauty of the glistening blue Mediterranean Sea and the birthplace of Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love. The Resort's remarkable and unique journey of excellence begun back in 2002 when Aphrodite Hills Golf Course, which is now today's mesmerizing PGA National Cyprus, along with the Golf Clubhouse, were both completed and became fully operational.

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Aphrodite Hills Golf is a buggy mandatory course and all buggies are equipped with the latest GPS technology. It's the only golf course in Cyprus that offers this service. The GPS functionality is an excellent tool to assist every player around this beautiful facility. The multi award-winning professional golf course, which is also GEO Certified, is designed for golfers of all standards and ages. It has also recently attained the highest standard recognition in golf - the PGA National Cyprus. The first and only golf course in Cyprus carrying the prestigious PGA title.

alcoholic beverages. The Caddy Masters Team provides an unparalleled service from arrival to departure, as well as expertise on the course.

Aphrodite Hills Resort is evolving beautifully, showing great respect to the environment and the sport of golf. The first PGA National Academy 6 holes Par 3 course opened in June 2023; working closely with the PGA team and the prominent golf course architect Cabell B. Robinson.

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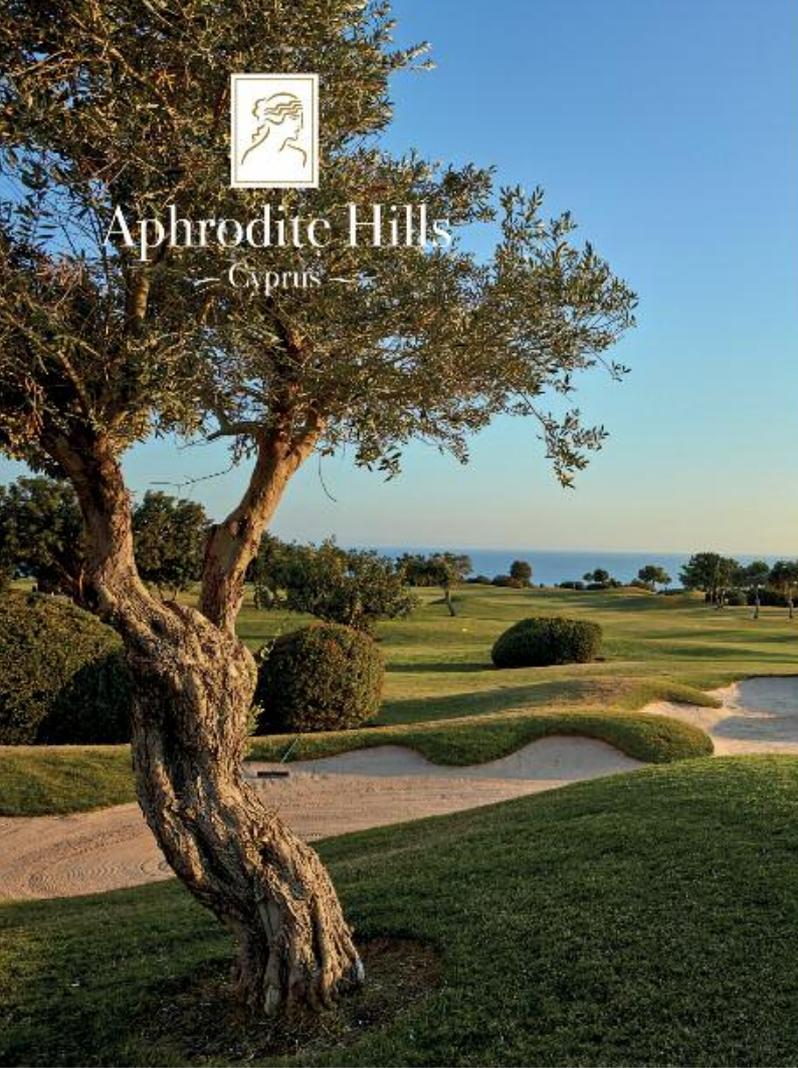
The elegant Aphrodite Hills Golf Clubhouse overlooks the 18th green, and offers an intimate and friendly ambience, combined with first class standards of comfort and quality. The Golf Pro Shop carries an extensive range of golfing equipment, accessories, clubs, travel bags and stylish apparel from the world's leading brands, with knowledgeable staff on hand to discuss individual needs. The Golf Clubhouse Restaurant serves a wide range of distinctive à la carte choices offering delectable upmarket international gourmet cuisine, breakfast and an exclusive brunch menu, plus a varied selection of alcoholic and non-

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Starting in the Midlands East Region and the Royal County of Meath, home to Killeen Castle, proudly hosts the magnificent Jack Nicklaus signature course which is spaciouly rambling over 350 acres among superb natural woodlands.

Royal Tara Golf Club is nestled at the foot of the Historic Hill of Tara and is among Ireland's most enjoyable and conveniently located golfing retreats. Reputably, it is recognised as one of the finest inland members Golf complexes and renowned for its welcome to visitors. With 27-holes in mature parkland the main features of Royal Tara are the avenue of trees that each golfer must negotiate to come in with a decent score.

Headfort Golf Club in Kells has gained quite a reputation for itself as a premium Golfing destination in Ireland. This is thanks to its wonderful contrast of experience with Old and New Courses offering 36-holes of Golfers paradise and key location being only 90 minutes from Belfast. The Headfort Arms Hotel focuses on its rich tradition of personal Irish service, familiar faces & its reputation of fine food. Relax by the open fire or stroll in the beautiful garden after a day exploring the richest heritage Ireland has to offer in the Boyne Valley.

Also, Black Bush Golf Club with 27 holes of a well drained parkland course, who are open most of the year for play. They also have three interchangeable 9-hole courses that keep things moving. Black Bush

Golf Club is situated only minutes from Fairyhouse Racecourse. Mature trees leading up to well maintained greens line the fairways.

Moving to County Kildare and the world-renowned K Club which is home to the Smurfit and Palmer courses. Designed by Arnold Palmer, The Palmer Ryder Cup Course and The Palmer Smurfit Course are considered two of Europe's finest Championship Courses. The K Club played host to the 2016 Irish Open.

Craddockstown Golf Club is a golfing jewel waiting to be explored. Situated on the outskirts of Naas and five miles from the K Club, they are nestled between Punchestown, the Curragh and Naas Race courses.

The 7,419 yard Palmerstown House Estate's Course presents players with feelings of tradition, excellence and quality. Golfers of all skill levels will find enjoyment and challenge on their well-designed 18-hole championship course. This challenging course is set amidst thousands of mature trees that boast a variety of colour throughout all four seasons, and each hole has its own individual charm.

Into County Westmeath where golfing at Glasson Golf Club is an experience not to be missed. Glasson Golf Club has justifiably earned an international reputation as one of the most challenging and scenic golf courses in Ireland. Designed by Ryder Cup star, the late Christy O'Connor Jnr., no matter what your level of golf expertise, the course is cleverly crafted so you can tee off for a relaxing round while soaking up



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Athlone Golf Club is situated in the centre of Ireland, in the beautiful Hodson Bay area. It offers a unique opportunity to play on what is regarded as one of the most picturesque golf courses in Ireland. The course is remarkably wet weather tolerant, due to the underlying Esker, which makes it a delight to play all year round.

Tullamore Golf Club is a mature 18-hole parkland championship course situated on the outskirts of Tullamore, County Offaly. Located here since 1926, the James Braid course was re-designed in 1995 by Patrick Merrigan. The result is a magnificent course which is enjoyed by members and visitors alike.

Next stop is County Wicklow and Old Conna Golf Club which was designed by Ireland's renowned golf course designer Eddie Hackett. This beautiful parkland course located only twelve miles south of Dublin, combines panoramic sea-scapes and mountain views with exceptional wooded terrain.

Also, Tulfarris Golf Club, part of Tulfarris Hotel & Golf Resort, designed by the celebrated golf architect, Patrick J. Merrigan. The 18-hole championship golf course blends the natural landscape with inspired features to create a challenging golfing layout.

Bray Golf Club, is a magnificent USGA-standard parkland course, situated between Bray Head and the Sugar Loaf Mountain with magnificent views of Killiney Bay and the Wicklow Mountains. Described as "spectacular in every aspect", Bray combines stunning scenery with a classic layout.

While in Wicklow, a visit to Powerscourt Golf Club in Enniskerry is a must. The East course was designed

by David Mclay Kidd whose portfolio also includes the acclaimed Bandon Dunes in Oregon. Like the East, the West course offers a variety of challenging holes presenting a fresh perspective on the stunning scenery of the Powerscourt Estate.

Not to be missed when in the 'Garden of Ireland' is Arklow Golf Club which was formed in 1927. Since the very beginning, the club has extended a warm welcome to all its visitors from at home and overseas and will ensure your visit is much more than a round of golf.

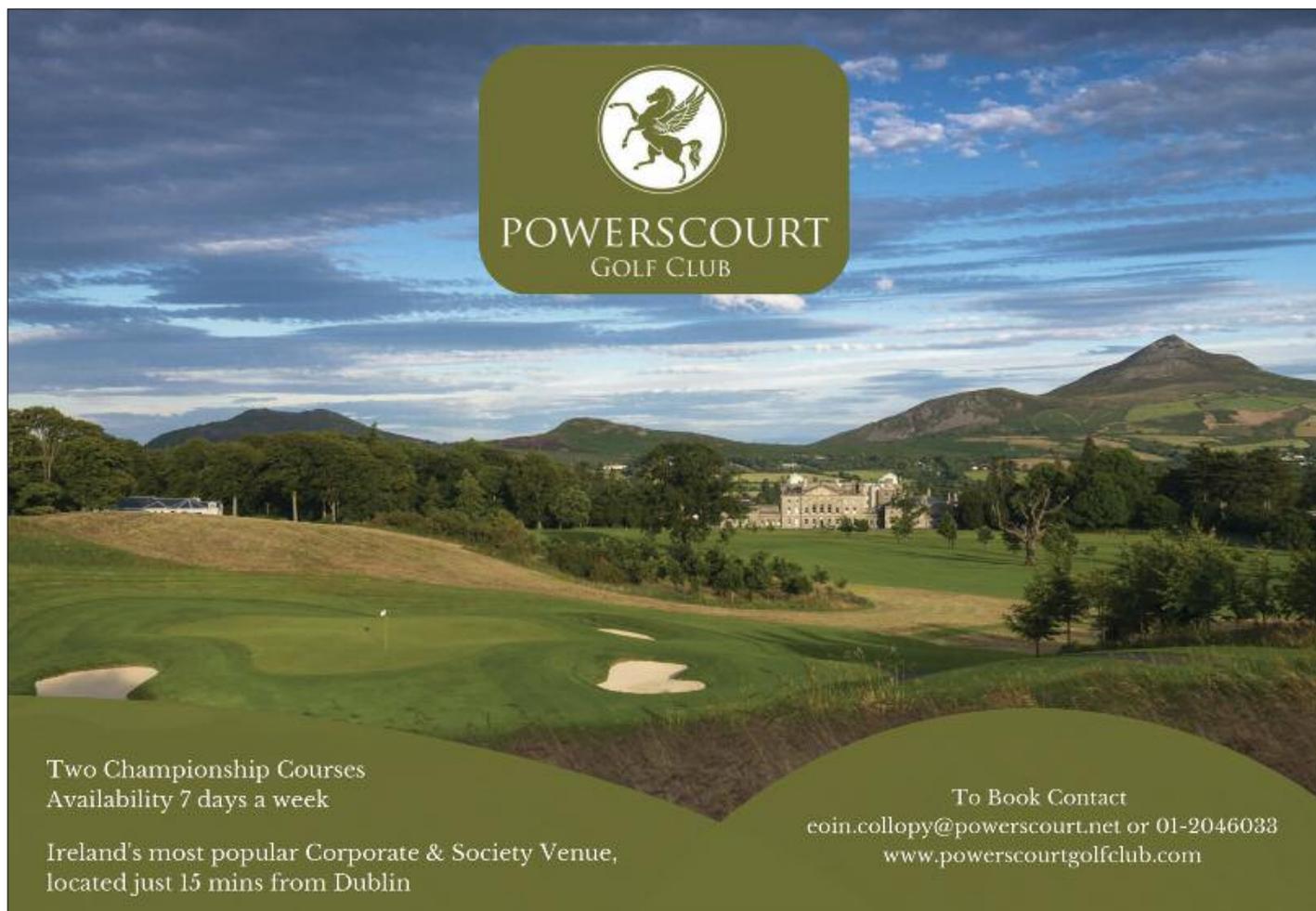
Moving into the Capital, Dublin, which is populated with superb parkland courses and testing links courses, offering every type of challenge, suitable for both the novice and experienced golfer.

Howth Golf Club, which is an 18-hole, Par 72 heathland course, located on the beautiful scenic peninsula of Howth in North-East County Dublin, and features wonderful views over the city of Dublin, South to Dun Laoghaire, Bray and Co. Wicklow, North over Co. Dublin and Co. Louth and the Sea to the East.

Over 100 years ago, St. Anne's Golf Club was founded as a 9-hole course with a modest clubhouse. Today it boasts a spectacular 18-hole links course, sitting on the UNESCO Wildlife Sanctuary of Bull Island only 5 miles from Dublin city centre.

Malahide Golf Club is a real gem of a Parkland Course, where Society Golfers and Visitors are both warmly welcomed, with many returning year after year. 2017 saw the club celebrating its 125th Year as well as the reopening of the Blue Nine following a development by the renowned golf architect Martin Hawtree. Why not experience the 'Magic of Malahide' for yourself and book a round.

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The golf course at Luttrellstown Castle is a spectacular course which was designed by Tom MacKenzie and Donald Steel (whose work includes Turnberry, St Andrews and Royal St Georges), close to Dublin city and a short drive from the airport. This Par 73 is firmly established as one of Ireland's premium courses. It has a superb club-house, two excellent restaurants, a driving range, a short game area and a 3-hole short course designed to sharpen the wedge game.

Rathfarnham Golf Club, founded in 1899, is set in the rolling foothills of the Dublin Mountains. The course offers challenging but fair golf to Members, visitors and societies. With a beautifully appointed clubhouse, views over the course, mountains and the city, and within easy reach of the M50, Rathfarnham Golf Club will provide you with a relaxing and friendly environment in which to enjoy your golf.

Grange Castle Golf Club founded in 1998 was designed by Patrick F. Merrigan. This 18 hole championship course is regarded as one of the finest public golf courses in Ireland. Measuring 6,800 yards from the blue tees and 6,450 yards from the white tees, the golf course is ideally set up to suit golfers of all levels.

Moving into Northern Ireland and the province of Ulster home to Major Champions Rory McIlroy, Graeme McDowell and Darren Clarke and renowned for its stunning natural golfing country, Northern Ireland has many spectacular links courses that attract worldwide attention.

In the land of the mythic Giant's Causeway, the Royal Portrush Golf Club joins the top ranked Irish courses in the World and hosted The Open Championship in 2019. The club is located on the world famous Causeway Coast in Co Antrim. Founded in 1888, it has two championship courses – the renowned Dunluce Course and the smaller, but equally enjoyable Valley Course.

Portstewart Golf Club hosted the Dubai Duty Free Irish Open in 2017. Founded in 1894 and re-designed by Willie Park Jnr in the 1920's this championship links course received its greatest makeover with the purchase of land known as "Thistly Hollow" in 1986. This enabled the club to build a stunning new seven holes through towering dunes and fabulous and natural links land. Designed by Des Giffin the Strand Course is the jewel in the Portstewart portfolio.

Hilton Belfast Templepatrick Golf & Country Club is home to one of the country's finest courses. Designed by the winner of many European pro tournaments, David Jones, in consultation with David Feherty, one of Northern Ireland's most successful golfers, the course makes full use of the spectacular scenery, including streams, rivers and mature trees.

Roe Park Resort has 155 acres of scenic parkland, an 18-hole golf course and a luxury spa. The City of Derry Airport is a 15-minute drive away. The beautiful bedrooms at Roe Park each have a cosy seating area. Many rooms have views of Benevenagh Mountain, and all feature a TV, work desk and

free internet access. The impressive Roe Spa offers indulgent treatments and therapies, and features a swimming pool, spa bath and sauna.

In the Mourne County where Royal County Down Golf Club is among some of the most breathtaking golf courses in the world. Situated south of Belfast on the edge of Dundrum Bay and set against the backdrop of the Mourne Mountains, the club has two links courses, including the Championship links, which is rated among the Top 10 courses in the world and has hosted many great events including The Walker Cup.

Ards and North Down is steeped in golfing history and first class courses.

It was Rory McIlroy himself who declared Northern Ireland, "the golfing capital of the world". With six major wins, Rory victorious in four, collected by golfers from these shores over the past few years who could argue! Courses designed by names such as H.S. Colt, James Braid and Peter Alliss sum up the quality on offer. The Royal Belfast, Bangor, Clondeboye, Kirkistown Castle and Rory's own club, Hollywood, have all been awarded the "Quality Assurance" stamp by Tourism Northern Ireland.

In County Fermanagh, Lough Erne is a 5 Star Golf Resort making it one of the finest in Northern Ireland. Lough Erne Resort is home to two Championship Golf Courses – The Faldo Course and Castle Hume Golf Course.

In the Breffni County of Cavan is the stunning Radisson Farnham Estate parkland course which is spread over 500 acres of rolling countryside and dense woodland. The two nines are quite contrasting in nature. Also, County Cavan Golf Club which is one of the oldest and most mature parkland courses in Ireland and presents the golfer with a challenging and unforgettable experience.

Ardee Golf Club in County Louth, has become one of the premier golfing destinations in Ireland's North East. Situated in the centre of Co. Louth and only 5 miles west of the M1 Dublin-Belfast motorway (junction 14), it is only 45 minutes from Dublin city, making it very accessible from both north and south.

Set on an elevated site above the seaside village of Blackrock, Co Louth, the parkland course at Dundalk Golf Club offers magnificent panoramic views across Dundalk Bay to the legendary and imposing Cooley and Mourne mountains.

Moving into the South West which is renowned for its spectacular beauty and its golf courses which have utilized the natural landscape to create a combination of links and traditional parkland courses offering the visiting golfer both choice and challenge.

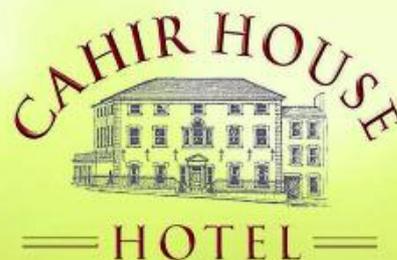
Fota Island Golf Resort in Carrigtwohill is a fine example, where the splendid woodlands are woven into a challenging Par 71 championship course. A 5 Star Hotel and Luxury Spa are also available.

Also, Cork Golf Club. Founded in 1888 and re-designed in 1927 by Alister Mackenzie, this well renowned championship parkland course is as graceful and mature as its age would suggest.

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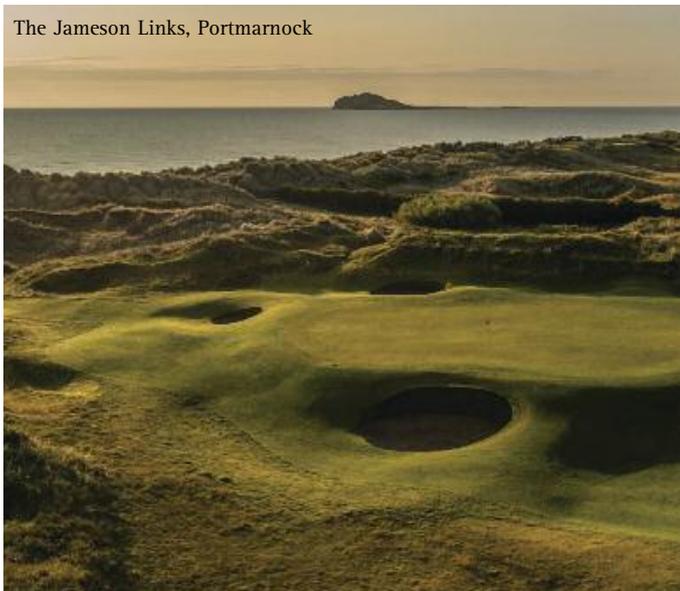
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While visiting the Kingdom of Kerry, Tralee Golf Club is not to be missed. Built by Arnold Palmer, this stunning setting represents a true paradise for those willing to challenge what is widely acclaimed as one of the finest links courses in Ireland.

Nestled on the edge of Ireland's dramatic south-west coastline, Dingle Golf Links is a very special place to visit and is an ideal location for your golfing holiday in Kerry.

Moving to County Limerick which is just a short distance north from Kerry and home to some of the top courses this side of the Shannon.

Adare Manor Golf Club, an 18-hole parkland golf course provides an historic Irish golfing experience. The Desmond Castle (dates back to 1200 AD) is a magnificent backdrop to the 1st and 15th greens, while the ruins of the Franciscan Abbey (1464 AD) dominate the centre of the course.

The Adare Manor Hotel and Golf Resort owned by JP McManus is a five-star luxury experience. The golf course which will host the 2027 Ryder Cup is one of Ireland's finest parklands.

Newcastle West Golf Club is a unique golf course, featuring strategic bunkering, water hazards, many groves of trees, and well-designed risk and reward holes. The course is playable all year round, and is maintained to the highest standards, with the widely acknowledged best greens in Munster.

The course at Limerick Golf Club is a mix of demanding holes interspersed with some good birdie chances, notably the tenth and the short fifteenth. The long eight is an outstanding hole, with a stream

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One of the oldest Irish clubs, rated among the top 5 in Ireland and the top 20 links courses in the world, Waterville's Golf Links course is highly acclaimed, both nationally and internationally, and by a host of some of the world's leading professionals. A combination of sand dunes, gorse and native grasses, from teeing ground to putting green this 18-hole course reflects the rugged charm of the Irish West. Also, the Waterville House is highly recommended for all your accommodation requirements.

Close by in Killarney where the natural lakeside courses at Killarney Golf & Fishing Club are uniquely designed to offer a variety of challenges to the golfer. Sample its three courses Mahony's Point, Lackabane and Killeen all built to modern specifications with sand-based greens and tree-lined, undulating fairways.

Travelling further north is Ballybunion Golf Course, where the fine links of the Old and Cashen courses are bordered by the Atlantic Ocean and

meandering its way through it, coming into play for all shots to a severely sloping green.

In keeping with its neighbouring counties County Clare can also lay claim to some of the most challenging and spectacular golf courses in the Mid West region.

One such course is found at Dromoland Castle Golf & Country Club, which is one of the finest 5 star hotels in Ireland and has a golf course to equal the splendour of the setting. Also, The Inn at Dromoland is recommended and which combines high levels of service, sumptuous dining and new renovated rooms and facilities.

Lahinch Golf Club is a world-renowned links golf course. Founded in 1892 it has often been described as the “St. Andrew's” of Ireland. Lahinch is actually two 18 hole courses, the Old Course, is between the road and the sea, and situated at the opposite side of the road from the Old Course

Old Head Links, Kinsale





Fota Island Golf Resort

is the Castle Course. The Castle Course is a flatter links named after the ruins of a nearby castle tower that stands to the north of the course.

Moving to the South-East, a golfer's paradise with courses to suit all tastes and skills. Starting in Waterford, Gold Coast Golf Resort welcomes visitors and societies to its parkland by the sea. The 18-hole championship course offers wonderful views of Dungarvan Bay.

Dungarvan Golf Club is a class 18 hole Championship Parkland course located outside the town of Dungarvan, County Waterford. The course is adjacent to Dungarvan Bay and set against the backdrop of the Comeragh mountains.

West Waterford Golf and Country Club designed by the late Eddie Hackett is an 18-hole par 72 championship golf course situated 4km west of Dungarvan. The club is maintained in excellent condition offering superb playability throughout the year. Societies and Visitors are warmly welcomed.

Ireland's only true island golf course surrounded by the River Suir, accessed by complimentary car ferry is Waterford Castle Golf Club which enjoys idyllic seclusion located minutes from Waterford city centre, 90 mins from Dublin and Cork. The 18-hole par 72 Des Smyth designed course, located on the 310-acre private island is ranked in the top 30 parkland courses in Ireland. The Waterford Castle Hotel & Golf Resort

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Waterford Golf Club was founded in 1912 and overlooks the historic city of Waterford. With its magnificent views, this 18-hole parkland course, Par 71, is a gem. The irregular city, with its towers and steeples spread before the eye along the valley, and in the west, Slievenamon and the Comeragh Mountains, make a background of enduring splendor.

Nearby Tramore is a small but charming seaside village twenty minutes from Waterford city. Tramore Golf Club, an 18-hole parkland course is situated on the outskirts of Tramore and offers visitors a superb gently undulating course and top notch facilities including a pro shop, club bar and restaurant.

Dunmore East Golf Club overlooks the village of Dunmore East, County Waterford in the South East of Ireland. With panoramic views of the village, the bay, the Hook Peninsula, Waterford Harbour estuary, the Saltee Islands and the Irish Sea, this seaside parkland course offers idyllic surroundings, fresh clean sea air, combined with stimulating and challenging golf.

Also, Faithlegg Golf Course, which was designed by the late Patrick Merrigan and includes undulating greens, water hazards and perfectly placed sand traps, all of which, complete and heighten the challenge.

Like Waterford, Wexford has a selection to suit everyone. On the outskirts of Wexford Town stands Wexford Golf Club, an 18-hole parkland course situated on the slopes of Mulgannon Hill and offering stunning views of the harbour.

Established in 1905, New Ross Golf Club is a mature parkland golf course situated between the scenic Barrow and Nore valleys with the magnificent Brandon and Blackstairs mountains providing the backdrop.

Bunclody Golf and Fishing Club is situated in 300 acres of breathtaking parklands in the former Hall-Dare Estate on the Carlow Wexford border. Opened in 2009, it is ranked in the top 21 parkland courses in Ireland and was voted 'The Best Hidden Gem in Ireland'. Designed by Jeff Howes, the Championship course runs over 7000 yards on the banks of the river Slaney and has a diversity of golf holes, rarely seen on one golf course.

Stretching along the curve of Rosslare Bay is Rosslare fishing village. Here Rosslare Golf Links boasts a spectacular landscape standing on a narrow

peninsula with the Irish sea on one side and Wexford harbour on the other. Two courses are on offer at this club including an 18-hole championship course and a 12-hole layout known as the Burrow Course that opened in 1992.

While in Wexford, visit St. Helen's Bay Golf Resort, a club steeped in history and boasting a challenging course with spectacular views over the Irish Sea.

For accommodation, The Ashdown Park Hotel is tastefully designed and highly-recommended for your golfing visit to the South-East. Enjoy the food on offer all day or just relax with regular live entertainment. Facilities include conference & banqueting facilities, the award-winning Rowan Tree Restaurant, Ivy & Coach Bars, Leisure Club & Beauty Studio and complimentary car park. All public areas are wheelchair friendly.

Kilkenny Golf Club offers a warm atmosphere on its championship golf course and welcomes individuals, societies and groups. It is a course worth visiting in 2024 when making your plans into the South East.

Mount Juliet Golf Club is set on lush parkland 20 minutes from Kilkenny. Designed by Jack Nicklaus, Mount Juliet golf course first opened in 1991 with a friendly match between Jack Nicklaus and the late Christy O'Connor Snr. Set in a world of its own, on lush parkland in the south east of Ireland, the course is both captivating and memorable.

Rathsallagh Golf & Country Club is a Championship Course measuring close to 7,000 yards with a par of 72. Set on 270 acres of rolling parkland. The course is remarkable for the number, position and maturity of the trees on the course and the definition they give on approach to the excellent U.S.G.A. specified greens. The bunkering has been described as some of the best in Ireland, both in terms of construction and intelligent placement.

Carlow is an in-land town offering visitors an exciting array of activities from exhilarating outdoor pursuits, vibrant shopping to spectacular golf courses.

The Mount Wolseley Hotel Spa and Golf Resort is situated in the tranquil countryside of County Carlow, just one hour from Dublin City. Carlow Golf Club itself boasts two courses: with the Championship 18-hole Deerpark course and the 9-hole (Par 35) Oakpark Course which opened in 2002.

In County Tipperary and within a peaceful countryside location, the 4-star Great National Ballykisteon Golf Hotel offers spacious accommodation and superb facilities, including a leisure centre, spa and golf course. The 18-hole championship golf course provides a challenge for all levels of leisure golfers.

Also, Tipperary Golf Club overlooking the stunning Glen of Aherlow is one of the finest parkland courses in the region. Membership is open and Society and Groups are also welcome.

Clonmel Golf Club founded in 1911 is one of the oldest clubs in the province of Munster. A rolling parkland course designed by the renowned Eddie Hackett, it is a mature 18-hole par 71 course measuring 6,366 yards. The ladies course measures 5,445 yards, par 74. Set in the foothills of the Comeragh Mountains with magnificent views across the valley of the River Suir and the rolling Waterford and Tipperary countryside.

Cahir Park Golf Club is situated half a mile from Cahir town. The 18-hole golf course is divided in two by the River Suir and displays mature trees,



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Heading to the West coast into County Galway, you should consider Galway Bay Golf Resort. Other options to consider while in Galway include Glenlo Abbey, Gort, Loughrea, Tuam, Galway Golf Club, and Connemara Golf Links to name but a few.

Tuam Golf Club is one of the premier parkland courses in the West of Ireland. The club was founded in 1904 and includes a magnificent clubhouse facility, incorporating bar, restaurant, private visitor area, games room, professional shop and changing rooms. Visitors are always welcome to Tuam Golf Club.

From the golfing novice to the aficionado, Glenlo Abbey Golf Course offers a unique and challenging experience. With the many lakes, trees, large greens, and the wind whipping from Lough Corrib, it plays differently every day. This is a 9-hole parkland golf course originally designed by Christy O Connor Jnr and a must visit when in Galway.

Into Sligo, and the links land jewel in the crown is Co Sligo Golf Club at Rosses Point about six miles from the town of Sligo. Created towards the end of the 19th century on glorious golfing territory between majestic Ben Bulbin on one side and the Atlantic Ocean on the other, it is renowned for its scenery, the demanding but fair nature of its challenge and superb golfing atmosphere.

And this is by no means the only top-class links course in Co Sligo. Enniscrone Golf Links, affords panoramic views of Killala Bay, Barra Island and sandy beaches with Nephin and the Ox Mountains forming the backdrop.

Castle Dargan Golf Resort is home to one of the premier parkland golf courses in the North West of Ireland. Making the most of the natural ebb and flow of the Sligo estates grounds, Darren Clarke course designer has woven eighteen beautiful golf holes through majestic trees, natural lakes, burns and around the ancient stone walls and ruins which dominate this romantic landscape.

Moving to Strandhill golf course which contains 5,804m of undulating fairways & unforgiving shortcuts, and a promise of an unforgettable experience by all who play it. The par 70 course is challenging but rewarding!

To County Mayo where you will find Ballina, Westport and Castlebar Golf Clubs. Also recommended is Carne Golf Links in North Mayo which lies in magnificent unspoiled sand dunes overlooking Blacksod Bay and the wild Atlantic. Carne is an 18-hole, par 72 and was the last links course designed by the late Eddie Hackett.

Further North into Donegal where outstanding golfing venues trip easily off the tongue. While in Donegal you should consider Donegal Golf Club at Murvagh, which is an outstanding links golf course. Designed by the legendary course architect, Eddie Hackett, it is continually featured in Golf World's Top 100 courses in Ireland.

The Abbey Hotel Donegal is renowned for its unique setting and idyllic views, situated in the centre of the beautiful and historic coastal town of Donegal, located on the banks of Donegal Bay. Surrounded by the extraordinary beauty of churches, castles, shops and monuments, the Abbey Hotel is an ideal starting point for family, leisure and business travellers. Located near beautiful coastal drives and signature discovery points, the Abbey Hotel is ideally situated for planning your golf visit to the North West.

Also the stunning links of Portsalon where golf has been played since the 1880's. Originally designed by Thompson of Portrush, the layout has evolved over the decades with significant changes being undertaken under the guidance of Pat Ruddy in 2000. Portsalon continues to progress, with the 2014 Ryder Cup captain, Paul McGinley, guiding further improvements.

Bundoran Golf Club is a challenging par 70, which sweeps along the rugged and picturesque Donegal Bay coastline with a mixture of dunes and undulating terrain making up the 18 holes.

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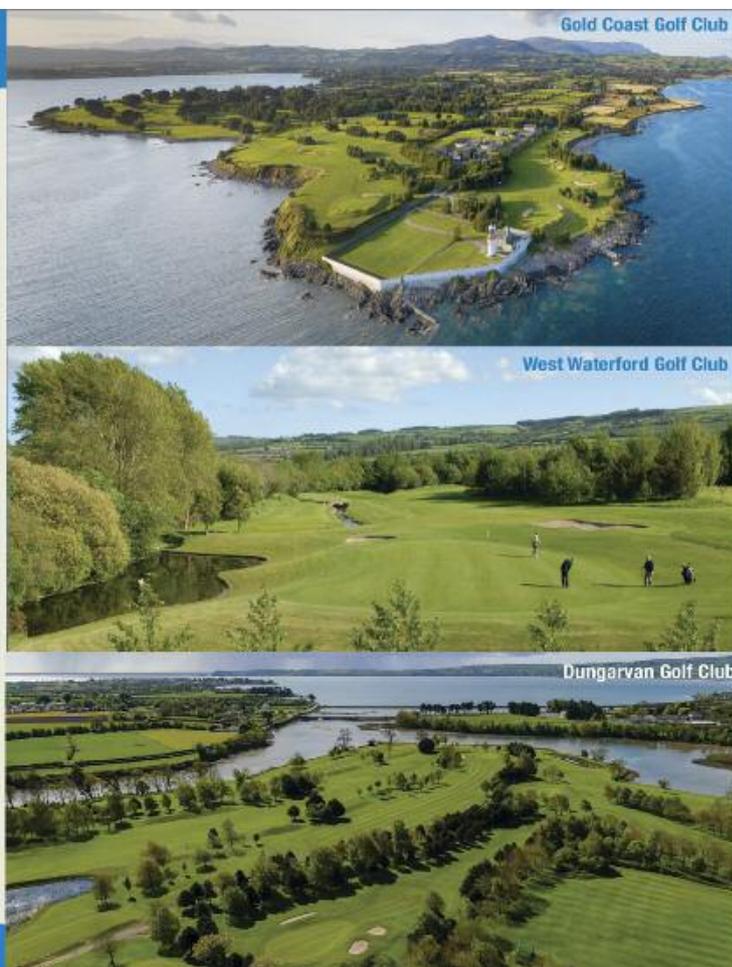
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ST. HELEN'S BAY GOLF RESORT

It's been a busy year at St. Helen's Golf Resort. Let's look back on some of the recent highlights.



GET INTO GOLF PROGRAMME

This year St. Helen's Bay Golf Club ran a Women's Get into Golf programme which was a Golf Ireland initiative, designed specifically to introduce women to the game of golf. It was an 8-week programme which included four 1 hour weekly group tuition sessions with a PGA professional and four 2 hour weekly sessions of on-course tuition and practise with club mentors.

On completion of the programme, participants were offered a reduced 6-month membership and almost 20 of the women joined the club. It is anticipated that most of the new members will continue into 2024 where a much reduced 12-month membership is being offered to participants in this programme.

St. Helen's Bay are delighted to welcome so many new women to the club.

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PGA TANKARD WINNER EILEEN WALSH

The PGA Tankard competition is run annually by the PGA where over 10,000 participants nationally take part. It is a three stage competition where the club winner of the PGA tankard competition for both men and women go on to play in a second round competition with those qualifying from that round going on to play in the final.

This year's PGA Tankard final was held in the K Club on 2nd October and the overall ladies winner was St. Helen's Bay's Eileen Walsh, who beat a strong field of competitors to take the title. Very well done Eileen – we're all very proud of you!



(L-R) Captain Susan, Ann Byrne, Sinead Cahill, Vice-Captain Sonya

LEGGIE LADIES ON TOUR

The fabulous St. Helen's spirit was in full swing as the “Leggie Ladies” took to the road on Bank Holiday Monday (30th October) for their annual away day.

This year's event was held in the Burrow Golf Club where our St. Helen's ladies competed for the Long Legged Lady (low handicaps) and the Short Legged Lady (high handicap) trophies.

In a closely fought contest, Ann Byrne won the Long Legged Lady title while Sinead Cahill took the Short Legged Lady title this year. Congratulations ladies – fantastic day and evening for everyone!



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Founded in 1905, the Rosslare Golf Club initially began as a 9 hole course and in 1926 extended to 18 holes when the famous firm of Hawtree and Taylor, Golf Course Architects, was commissioned to design the 'new' 18 hole course. While changes and improvements were to follow down through the years, that original design by Hawtree & Taylor can be enjoyed today by the members and visitors playing the 'Old Course'.

The championship 'Old Course' is consistently rated in Ireland's top 100 courses and is fast becoming a must play course for golfing enthusiasts. As a traditional links, it uses the land's natural contours and coastal sand dunes to shape each hole as you play out the Burrow Peninsula and then turn back for home.

"They say a picture speaks a thousand words and, in this case, I could wax lyrical about the wonderful

terrain and landscape but only scratch the surface of what a wonderful golfing experience this venue is.

"This golf course is a joy to play and experience. It requires a sensible strategic play with your tee shots to provide the best opportunity to hit the greens with an approach in regulation. The fairways are subtle, rippled and changing, cruelly so on occasion. That is the beauty of links golf. A full understanding of the swales and runs around the greens is also needed unless you are blessed with the chipping skills of a Shane Lowry or Graeme McDowell." - *Andrew Picken, GolfShake.com*

The 12 Hole 'Burrow Links' course is a Christy O'Connor Jnr designed executive course which is ideal for time-tied golfers while taking in some of the most scenic views of Wexford Harbour and Raven Point. However, it takes more than just a golf course to make a golf club, and Rosslare is a welcoming and social club. The Links Bar & Restaurant has a casual, laid-back atmosphere where members & visitors alike can enjoy some tasty food and a drink on the terrace after a round of golf.



"Rosslare Golf Links is in peak condition and has the advantage of being playable all year round allowing us to host open competitions well into the 'winter' months"



Other facilities on offer to our visitors include a short game practice area, chipping green, putting green, and driving range. The club's head PGA professional, Jamie O'Sullivan, is always on hand in the pro shop.

Rosslare Golf Links is in peak condition and has the advantage of being playable all year round allowing us to host open competitions well into the 'winter' months. These include our ever-popular Wednesday Open Singles and our Open Singles / Fourball competitions on the weekends.

If your group or society is interested in adding a true links championship course to your calendar, then make sure to get in touch. We'd love to welcome you to Ireland's sunniest links.

To book your tee time visit www.rosslaregolf.com or for group & society enquiries phone 053 91 32203 or email office@rosslaregolf.com



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PONTA DO PARGO IN MADEIRA TO OPEN IN 2026

The idyllic island destination of Madeira is set to welcome a fourth golf course with a new Nick Faldo-designed layout scheduled to open at Ponta do Pargo in 2026.



Work on the first phase of the course construction, which first began in 2009 before being halted three years later, recommenced in May 2023 and is due to be finished next summer. The second phase of the project is then expected to take a further 18 months to complete.

In line with Madeira's sustainable credentials and to preserve the natural charm of the course and its environment, Ponta do Pargo Golf Course – which is owned by Ponta do Oeste S.A – will adopt a number of measures to reduce the environmental impact across the 120-acre site, including the installation of a state-of-the-art irrigation system.

Situated on the most westerly point of Madeira Island in the Ponta do Pargo region, the par-72 layout, the first new course in Madeira for 22 years when it opens, has been designed in a location of unrivalled natural beauty on a hilltop setting surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean.

In addition to the 18-hole golf course, Ponta do Pargo will also feature practice facilities including a driving range and chipping and putting green; a nine-hole pitch-and-putt course; a clubhouse and restaurant and a hotel when fully completed.

Miguel Albuquerque, president of the Regional Government of Madeira, said: "We are now going to move forward with one of the most beautiful courses in Europe – I am not afraid to say it – which will be located in a parish in the west of the island, next to a promontory over the sea.

"It will be one of the iconic courses at European level and be an anchor project for the whole area."

Madeira currently features three first-class 18-hole golf courses – Palheiro Golf, Clube de Golfe Santo da Serra and Porto Santo Golfe – as well as an array of outstanding historic, cultural and lifestyle experiences.

Located approximately 1,000km from the European mainland – and just 500km from the African continent – the island destination enjoys an amazingly mild climate, ranging from 25°C in the summer to 17°C in the winter, with very mild average temperatures and moderate humidity, making it the perfect year-round location for a golf break.

The best way to enjoy the island's golf is with a Madeira Golf Passport which, providing holders with an unrivalled golf experience, is available to both individuals and groups and can be booked on a three or five-round basis.

For further information on Madeira, go to www.visitmadeira.com

PALMARES OCEAN LIVING & GOLF

A new range of signature apartments perfect for stay-and-play golf holidays has officially opened at Palmares Ocean Living & Golf during 2023.

The award-winning 27-hole venue, owned and operated by Kronos Homes, is offering an increased array of accommodation options for golfers looking to enjoy regular access to its fairways, with prices for a three-night, two-round break starting from €288 per person.

With three loops of nine holes, Palmares – dubbed the 'jewel in the crown of the Algarve' – is the ideal location for players looking for a trip abroad, with several of the new signature apartments being made available to golfers visiting the resort.

The 37 state-of-the-art properties feature a combination of one or two bedrooms, while several have additional office space which can be used as extra bedrooms for larger groups. Perfect for golf groups, all bedrooms in the apartments have two single beds, and there is free Wi-Fi in each apartment.

Golfing guests can take advantage of an array of new stay-and-play packages from this summer at the golf resort – which has been ranked as the third best in Portugal recently by the Top 100 Golf Courses website's updated list of the 'Top 60 Courses in Portugal'.

Packages range from three nights with two rounds of golf to a seven-night break with five days of unlimited golf. All golf packages include breakfast and prices start from around €288 per person.

Situated along the Atlantic coast, Palmares combines a selection of links-styled and parkland-styled holes with golfers treated to stunning views along the holes that run along the shoreline. Redesigned into three loops of nine by Robert Trent Jones Junior in 2008, its course has long been regarded as among Portugal's best.

Marco Andrade, Operations and Golf Director at Palmares Ocean Living & Golf, said: "The opening of our signature apartments here at Palmares is a massive occasion for all the team and indicates just how far we have come over the last few years as one of Portugal and Europe's must-visit golf destinations.



"The apartments allow us to offer a wider range of packages for those looking to visit the resort and we're super excited to begin welcoming visitors."

As well as golf visiting accommodation, Palmares offers a range of accommodation options for those looking to buy the perfect home away from home. Signature apartments with stunning views are available, while plots for bespoke homes are also on the market.

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