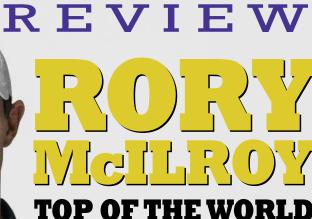
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elcome to the 2023 Annual Edition of Irish Golf Review Magazine, Ireland's longest established Golf Publication launched in 1996 and with Irish Golf World Newspaper continues to serve the golfing market both at home and abroad in both print and digital format each year.

In this edition we salute Seamus Power, a top-class professional who conducts himself with class both on and off the course. The West Waterford man is inspiring all with further victories on the PGA Tour and is a worthy role model for our next generation golfer.

For Rory McIIroy, 2022 was a year to remember and at the time of writing was World Number 1 and winner of both the PGA Tour and DP Tour Order of Merits. On current form the long wait for another Major Championship is now 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, Scotland and their golfing gems, 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 2023. 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 2022.

Wishing all our readers, contributors, and advertisers a Happy New Year and all the best for 2023.

Until the next time......

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# McILROY RETURNS TO THE K CLUB FOR THE HORIZON IRISH OPEN



World Number One and reigning Race to Dubai champion Rory McIlroy will return to the site of his first professional victory on Irish soil when he tees it up in the Horizon Irish Open at The K Club from September 7-10, 2023.

The four-time Major Champion secured a famous victory at the County Kildare venue in 2016 after producing a stunning eagle-parbirdie finish to win the island of Ireland's national open by three strokes.

McIlroy ended a stellar season in style last month as he won the Race to Dubai for a fourth time - adding to his FedEx Cup triumph on the PGA TOUR - and reaching the rank of World Number One for the ninth time. The Horizon Irish Open will form part of McIlroy's final preparations for next year's Ryder Cup in Rome and fans can now purchase tickets to see his return to The K Club.

"The Irish Open is a tournament that I grew up not just watching on TV but attending as a kid, seeing all my favourite players there over the years," said McIlroy. "It's always been such a wellsupported event. I've had my fair share of support and great memories at that tournament and going back to The K Club, it's where I've had the most success and I'm obviously excited to get back there. The atmosphere was electric during that final round in 2016 and I'm looking forward to seeing the fans out in force at The K Club once again."

History was made at the Horizon Irish Open last year as Adrian Meronk became the first winner from Poland on the DP World Tour when he claimed the title at Mount Juliet Estates. First played in 1927, the Irish Open is one of the world's most famous national opens, with Meronk adding his name to a list of former champions that includes Seve Ballesteros, Sir Nick Faldo, Pádraig Harrington, Colin Montgomerie, José María Olazábal and Jon Rahm.

Fans are urged to secure tickets for the Horizon Irish Open well in advance as demand is high for the five-day festival of golf, starting with the Pro-Am on Wednesday September 6.

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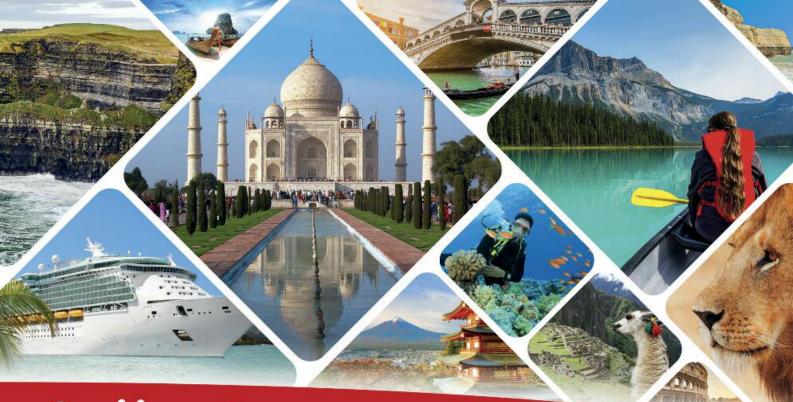
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### ITALY & THE RYDER CUP

Follow The Ryder Cup from on the course, and chart its return to Europe!

For the first time in its almost one hundred year old history, the inaugural event was held in 1927, the Ryder Cup will be played in Italy. From 29th September to 1st October 2023, on the course of the Marco Simone Golf & Country Club in Guidonia Montecelio, Rome, Zach Johnson's Team USA will face Luke Donald's Team Europe.

The United States are preparing to defend the title won in 2021 in Wisconsin and are looking for a feat that, on European soil, has been missing since 1993.

The course of the Marco Simone Golf & Country Club, completely renovated, has already become a reference point worldwide. It has hosted the last two editions of the Italian Open, the 80th edition of the competition will be held here from the 4th to the 7th May 2023 and has hosted great international champions such as, the number one in the world: Rory McIlroy. Designed specifically for the excitement of



the "match-play" Ryder Cup format, it also boasts unparalleled views, including St. Peter's Basilica and the Castle of Marco Simone.

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### **IRELAND**

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# **SPILKOVA WINS KPMG WOMEN'S IRISH OPEN**

Klara Spilkova secured her second victory on the Ladies European Tour (LET) with a playoff win at the KPMG Women's Irish Open, while Leona Maguire delighted the Irish galleries at Dromoland Castle with some majestic golf over the weekend.



he Czech star fired a final round of 67 (-5) to end the tournament on 14-under-par alongside Finland's Ursula Wikstrom and Denmark's Nicole Broch Estrup.

At the end of play, the trio headed back down to 18 and it was Spilkova who rolled in her birdie putt to emerge as the champion at Dromoland Castle.

"I was just trying to stay patient out there because I started a little funny," said Spilkova. "But I just really believed in myself somehow and I kept saying to myself that it was there for me.

"It has been a while since I've won and I have been playing really good recently, so somehow, I was trying to convince myself that I could win today."

The 27-year-old came into the day having recorded rounds of 66 (-6), 68 (-4) and 73 (+1) on her opening three days of the KPMG Women's Irish Open.

was luck and I'm really grateful because it saved my whole day."

Spilkova has had fiancé Sean on the bag with her all summer and getting the win in their final tournament of the year together made it all the more special.

She added: "My fiancé he was on the bag, and it was his last event this year. He has to go back to school, so I'm really happy that we were able to do it because we've been playing so well this summer together and we have a really nice connection out there and he's a great golfer. I'm just so happy that we actually did it at this last tournament."

It was a final round each of 68 (-4) for Finland's Wikstom and Denmark's Broch Estrup as they both secured a spot in the playoff.

Both players had similar length birdie putts but they both left them just short of the hole and ended the tournament in a tie for second place.

Wikstrom explained: "I have been struggling with my putting and that was starting to work and I started to make some birdies. In some parts of the rounds, it was starting to work better, and I'd say this week I had a pretty solid game with not many stupid mistakes.

"In that way it was easier, I still maybe need to go at it a bit more aggressively. I like Ireland and I had a nice local caddie who was helping me all week and taking care of everything. It was a fun week."

## "The Irish fans had a lot to cheer about this week, they've come out in their droves, and I think the first KPMG Women's Irish Open in ten years has been a great success"

And Spilkova had a tough start with two bogeys in her first five holes, but she also made three birdies to make the turn in 34 (-1).

Back-to-back birdies on 10 and 11 saw the Czech player put herself right in the mix before another birdie on 16.

A miraculous par-save from the edge of the water at 17 gave Spilkova the momentum and she finished her day with a birdie on 18 which at the time put her in the lead in the clubhouse.

"I have to admit that yesterday was a bit of a struggle," she continued. "On eight and nine I made some bad swings, and I struggled throughout the back nine, I saved a lot of putts out there. Today it was a totally different approach, I felt much calmer even though of course I was a little nervous, but I felt much more grounded. It is definitely the best up-and-down I have made in my whole life, and I have been playing golf for 24 years! I got there and it was lying really nicely, and I could even put my club down because of the rule change.

"I thought it wasn't too bad even though my legs were in there. It felt like I had no idea what was under the mud! I just thought I'll try and get it somewhere on the green because I thought I could and just make a two-putt for a bogey and I can still make a birdie on the last hole.

"It ended up being almost a metre from the flag. It was really fortunate! I couldn't control that shot, it Four players finished in a tie for fourth place with Denmark's Smilla Tarning Soenderby, Austria's Christine Wolf, Ireland's Leona Maguire and England's Annabel Dimmock.

It was a solid end to the week for Solheim Cup star Maguire after a round of 68 (-4), while there were also 10,000 spectators at Dromoland Castle on Sunday.

"I gave it my very best shot today especially on the back nine," the Irish star said. "I was just a little bit too far back after Friday, but if you would have told me I'd finish on 13-under-par on Friday night I would have taken it.

"There has been some great golf played. The Irish fans had a lot to cheer about this week, they've come out in their droves, and I think the first KPMG Women's Irish Open in ten years has been a great success."

Scotland's Laura Beveridge, England's Gabriella Cowley and Spain's Carmen Alonso rounded out the top 10 finishing in T8 on 12-under-par.

In the 2022 Race to Costa del Sol, Linn Grant increased her lead at the top of the standings and has a 202.27 point lead over compatriot Maja Stark with fellow Swede Johanna Gustavsson in third place on 1,885.63 points.

While KMPG Women's Irish Open champion Spilkova jumped up the rankings from 58th place and now sits 15th with 935 points from four LET events.



# **RORY MCILROY CLAIMS HIS FOURTH HARRY VARDON TROPHY**

R ory McIlroy finished fourth at the season-ending DP World Tour Championship to become European Number One claiming the Harry Vardon Trophy for the fourth time in his career.



With all four rounds under par at Jumeirah Golf Estates, a final round 68 was good enough to earn him a solo fourth finish on the leaderboard and claim the deserved year-long Race to Dubai title. Rory, who has had TaylorMade's Stealth Plus Carbonwood driver in the bag all year, featuring its 60X Carbon Twist Face, was on fire all week around the tricky Earth Course. This week Rory led the field in both strokes gained off the tee (+1.53) and driving distance (329 yards) which is a staggering +29.30 versus the field average.

Rory played 40 rounds on the DP World Tour in 2022 with a stroke average of 68.75, the best since records began. On the PGA TOUR in 2022, Rory had a stroke average of 68.67, the best on tour since Tiger Woods in 2009. Rory has now become European Number One, World Number One, and FedExCup Champion at the same point for the first time in his career.

"It means a lot. It's been seven years since I've last done it. I've won three FedEx Cups since I last won... I've been able to win this tour's rankings and finish the year as world No. 1, but to do it in America as well, yeah, it's very cool. I keep saying that I've been a pro now for over 15 years, and to still try to figure out ways to try to accomplish new things, that's what keeps me coming back."

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# Shane Lowry delivered in style to hold off Rory McIlroy and Jon Rahm and

## claim Wentworth victory.



R ory Mcllroy narrowly missed out final-hole eagle to force a play-off, with Jon Rahm also tiedsecond after a round-of-the-day 62; Shane Lowry posted a seven-under 65 to finish on 17 under and secure a first worldwide victory since his win at The Open in 2019 and end a 38-month winless run.

Lowry made an eagle and five birdies to post a sevenunder 65 and close a bogey-free week at the Wentworth event, reduced to 54 holes after Friday's play was cancelled due to the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

The Irishman ended the week on 17 under and one ahead of Ryder Cup team-mates McIlroy and Rahm, securing him his sixth DP World Tour title and first since The Open at Royal Portrush in 2019. Lowry, heading into the final round two strokes off the lead, followed a 10-foot eagle at the par-five fourth by holing from the fringe at the seventh and converting a 25-foot birdie at the next to reach the turn in 31.

The 35-year-old started his back nine with a birdie to move within one of Rahm, who had set the clubhouse target with a round-of-the-day 62, before pulling level with the Spaniard by getting up and down from a greenside bunker to take advantage of the par-five 12th.

McIlroy had also eagled the fourth earlier in the day but three-putted from distance to bogey the eighth, only to respond with birdies at the 10th, 12th and hole from the fringe at the 15th to get within one of Lowry.

Lowry failed to find a birdie at the 17th but reached the par-five 18th green in two and two-putted from 20 feet for birdie, setting the clubhouse target, which was enough for victory when Mcllroy was unable to find a final-hole eagle to force a play-off.

McIlroy's eagle attempt stopped inches short of the target and left him on 16 under, with Rahm on the same total after playing a five-hole stretch in six under around the turn and then cancelling out a bogey at the 15th with a birdie-birdie-eagle finish.

Talor Gooch finished as the highest-ranked member of the LIV Golf contingent after a final-hole eagle closed a 67 and lifted him to fourth spot, with Patrick Reed posting a bogey-free 63 to end the week in a four-way tie for fifth.

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## **SEAMUS POWER WINS BIG ON THE PGA TOUR** Seamus Power delivered in style to win the Butterfield Bermuda Championship for his second Tour title.



Power took the lead for good with a 25-foot birdie putt at the 14th. A bogey on the final hole gave the Irishman a 1-under 70 and a one-shot victory over Thomas Detry, who earlier had holed a bunker shot on the 18th for birdie

and a 67. But it was Griffin who had the best chance. Just more than a year after Griffin was working as a loan officer, he had a shot at winning on the PGA Tour and going to the Masters. He started the back nine at Port Royal with back-to-back birdies, putting him at 5 under for the day and with a two-shot lead over Power.

And then it all fell apart. Griffin bogeyed four straight holes, followed by a double bogey on the par-3 16th that effectively ended his chances.

The turning point came at the 14th when Griffin hooked his tee shot, had to take a penalty drop and make his third straight bogey, while Power holed his birdie putt for a two-shot swing and his first lead of the day.

Both made bogey on the 15th. Griffin hit a hard draw into a strong wind that went into the hazard above the Atlantic Ocean, leading to another penalty drop and another missed putt for a double bogey.

"This course was always going to be a tale of two sides," Power said. "I knew it was going to be hard coming in and it was. I'm delighted to get it done." Power won last year at the Barbasol Championship in Kentucky, held the same week as The Open Championship. This victory moved him to No. 32 in the world. He came into Bermuda at No. 48, the highest-ranked player in the field.

After making four straight bogeys and then a double bogey, Griffin used iron off the tee on the par-5 17th and watched it run through the fairway and into the water. He took his third penalty drop in four holes, though at least managed a par.

Power went just over the green and chipped to 3 feet for birdie, giving him a two-shot lead over Detry and room for error playing the last hole. "It was a fun week. I hate to finish the tournament the way I did," said Criffin who chet 72 and tind for third with Patrick Paderar (CD)

Griffin, who shot 72 and tied for third with Patrick Rodgers (65) and Kevin Yu (67). "As I gain more experience, I'm going to get more comfortable."

Griffin and Power were tied going into the final round, and it was Griffin who seized control early with four birdies in the opening six holes. He looked like a winner when he rolled in birdie putts on the 10th and 11th to extend his lead to two shots.

But he missed a 6-foot par putt on the 12th, and he missed a 4-foot par putt on the next hole, and it only got tougher from there.

Aaron Baddeley, who got in as a Monday qualifier, was in the mix until a pair of late bogeys. He still tied for sixth and was among those who earned spots in Mexico for finishing in the top 10.

Tennessee freshman Caleb Surratt shot a 64 to make the cut. He followed that with an 85 in the third round, only to improve by 20 shots with a 65 on Sunday.

Onwards and upwards for Seamus Power whose career is on the upward curve as he sets his sights on further success on Tour and also representing Europe in the Ryder Cup.

# **MUSIC CITY IRISH FEST CELEBRITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**



Ashville, Tennessee, the home of the Grand Ole Opry, is not only known for country music, but also for some of the music industry's best golfers. For the first time ever, Music City Irish Fest will be hosting a celebrity golf tournament at the lovely Gaylord Springs Golf Links course at Opryland on March 16, 2023 to benefit our community charity partner, Blood Assurance.

Blood Assurance is a nonprofit, full-service regional blood centre serving healthcare facilities in Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky and North Carolina. More than 540 volunteer blood donors are needed every day in order to adequately supply these hospitals. The mission of Blood Assurance is to provide a safe and adequate supply of blood and blood components, in a cost effective manner, to every area patient in need.

Music City Irish Fest is proud to support Blood Assurance as they are on the front lines of saving lives in our community. The golf tournament raises funding to be able to give scholarships to local high schools that host blood drives for their students, faculty and staff. School donations are a vital part of our blood supply and the money we raise to support the schools is a way that Blood Assurance can show our appreciation and give back to the students. Educating high school juniors and seniors is a great way to get them donating at a young age and teach them the importance of becoming life-long blood donors for their community.

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The upcoming golf tournament slated to kick off the St. Patrick's Day weekend of Irish themed activities at the Grand Ole Opry in 2023 will be the first event of the three day celebration of Irish culture where musicians from two iconic traditions will collaborate on the stage that made country music famous!

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All three courses welcomes every visitor, and all catering needs are well looked after within the clubhouses of Dungarvan and West Waterford, Gold Coast having its own Gold Coast Golf Hotel on site.

All three clubs have a good working relationship with each other which has resulted in the concept of playing the three courses over a few days, and this is done by using the very popular Golf Triangle Ticket. The Dungarvan Golf Triangle Ticket for  $\in$ 84 offers probably one of the best value three course green fees available.

The ticket is available Monday to Sunday and is for sale in each of the three golf courses. All 3 rounds don't have to played consecutively, you can use the ticket over 1,2 or 3 visits to Dungarvan.

Full details on our website located at www.dungarvangolftriangle.com.

Dungarvan Golf Club is set against the backdrop of the Comeragh Mountains and runs adjacent to Dungarvan Bay. This Championship Parkland course has been architecturally designed with seven lakes and man made hazards strategically placed to test all levels of golfer.

At Gold Coast Golf Club you will find a scenic and challenging 18 hole golf course bordered by the Atlantic ocean with unrivalled panoramic views of Dungarvan Bay and the Comeragh Mountains. At 6,788 yards off the back tees, the



course will present a real challenge for the discerning golfer wishing to test their skill in a magnificent and spectacular location.

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"Dungarvan Golf Club, Gold Coast Golf Club and West Waterford Golf Club make up this three course golf triangle where you can play all three courses any day of the week for as little as €84"

Brickey river with the back- drop of the Comeragh Mountains to the east, the Knockmealdowns to the north and Drum Hills to the south. The Brickey river traverses the southern boundary which makes this a very challenging golf course.

Other than golf, the picturesque town of Dungarvan, the county town of Waterford has plenty to offer. Beautifully situated at the head of a broad bay which sweeps past spectacular cliff scenery to Helvic head and the wild beauty of the Comeragh mountains, this thriving centre of activity has much to offer the visitor. Walking tours, an EU Blue flag beach, watersports, fishing, boat hire, horse riding facilities are all on your doorstep and easily organised. Eating out, whether

A multi-plex cinema, trendy shopping stores, three hotels with leisure centres all afford the visitor plenty to choose from.

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# **RORY RETURNS TO THE TOP**

## A performance of excellence ensured No 1 world ranking status for Rory McIlroy after victory at The CJ Cup in South Carolina.

Rory McIIroy



R ory McIlroy capped off his steady march back to No. 1 in the world with an explosive burst of three birdies late in the round to hold off Kurt Kitayama.

Tied with Kitayama with five holes to go at Congaree, McIlroy, the reigning FedExCup champion, ran off three straight birdies to seize control and finished with two bogeys, hardly enough to ruin the moment. He closed with a 4-under 67 for a one-shot victory.

McIlroy, who finished at 17-under 267, won for the 23rd time on the PGA TOUR and 31st time worldwide. It was his ninth time reaching No. 1 in the world, behind only Tiger Woods and Greg Norman (both 11) in getting to the top of the ranking the most times.

This was no less special, and it showed when McIlroy's voice choked ever so slightly with emotion after he won. "I've worked so hard over the last 12 months to get back to this place," McIlroy said. "I feel like I'm enjoying the game as much as I ever have. I played with that joy and it's definitely showed over these last few months. It's a big achievement. I'm really proud of myself right now."

He won THE CJ CUP for the second straight time. The South Korea-based tournament was held in Las Vegas last year, when McIlroy was No. 14 in the world. So began his climb back to No. 1, with victories in the McIlroy was staked to a one-shot lead going into the final round and never trailed, though he didn't have it easy until he walked toward the 18th green.

Rahm, coming off a win at the Spanish Open, tied him on three occasions early while playing in the group in front of him. Rahm was still in the mix until his tee shot on the long par-3 14th caught a plugged lie in the face of the bunker, leading to bogey.

He wound up with 69 to tie for fourth.

The real threat was Kitayama, three times a winner while playing in Asia and Europe. The 29-year-old Californian overcame an early two-shot deficit and was tied for the lead until McIlroy took over with a 15-foot birdie on the 14th.

On the 348-yard 15th, Kitayama drove the green to 45 feet and Mcllroy was in a bunker. Mcllroy blasted out to 5 feet and converted the birdie, while Kitayama ran his putt 6 feet by the cup and missed it coming back to settle for par.

McIlroy effectively sealed it with a 20-foot birdie on the 16th, although there was a nervous moment at the end. With a two-shot lead on the final hole, McIlroy gunned his long birdie putt some 8 feet by and Kitayama had just outside 20 feet for birdie.

Both missed, and McIlroy had a smile of satisfaction and relief.

## "I've worked so hard over the last 12 months to get back to this place" - Rory McIlroy, World Number 1

RBC Canadian Open and the TOUR Championship to capture the FedExCup, and with help from Scottie Scheffler cooling from his torrid stretch through the Masters.

McIlroy was No. 1 when golf shut down for three months at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, and he lost the ranking to Jon Rahm when the Spaniard won the Memorial Tournament in the middle of July in 2020.

Scheffler finished in the middle of the pack at Congaree, meaning McIlroy could have been runnerup and still reclaimed the No. 1 ranking. He wanted the trophy, and it was harder work than he imagined. Kitayama played bogey-free and closed with a 67 for his third runner-up since joining the PGA TOUR last year, behind McIlroy, Xander Schauffele in Scotland and Rahm in Mexico. He made \$1,134,000.

"That's a tough group of guys to beat," Kitayama said. "I just have to keep improving."

K.H. Lee had a 68 and finished third, with Rahm and Tommy Fleetwood (65) another shot behind.

McIIroy has yet again answered his critics and here's hoping that in 2023 we can add to his career haul of major championships starting in Augusta next April.

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## TAKE A PEEP INSIDE A REAL IRISH MEMBERS CLUB While Ireland's famed links and resort courses are usually on the must-do list of the golf visitor, one element of the Irish golfing experience that is often overlooked is a visit to a members' club.

Dundalk Golf Club offers stunning views of the Cooley Mountains and Dundalk Bay as well as a formidable test of golfing skill.



ere is where you'll find the characters, the men and women who can play and talk a good game, and, if you are lucky, spot the talented junior golfers hoping to follow in the footsteps of Rory, Shane and Leona.

This is where the heartbeat of Irish golf is, and one of the best examples of a top-class members club can be found along the M1 motorway, halfway between Dublin and Belfast. Because it is nestled between the great links courses of Ireland's east coast it gets easily overlooked even though it is the region's premier parkland course.

They have been playing golf in the Dundalk area since the 1890s, but they were actually playing a form of golf around here long before that. The legendary boy warrior Setanta was born and raised here and used to amuse himself by striking a sliotar (ball) with his caman (stick) and sprinting to catch it before it dropped out of the air to the ground. That tale led to the creation of the Poc Fáda, an annual event where competitors, armed with a caman and sliotar, compete to see who can traverse a course measuring three miles and 320 yards across the rough terrain of the Cooley Mountains in the least number of shots.

The going is slightly easier on the fairways at Dundalk Golf Club which is located on the other side of the bay from the Cooley Mountains and set on an elevated site above the seaside village of Blackrock from which there are magnificent panoramic views.

They've been playing golf on this track of land since 1922 and over the past 100 years have developed their course into an 18 hole, Par 72 championship course that measures 6,826 yards from the tips.

Originally designed by Tom Shannon and James Martin, it has been tweaked over the years by the likes of James Braid, Peter Allis, Dave Thomas, Eddie Connaughton and, more recently, Ken Kearney and the result is a track which offers golfers of all abilities a true test.

After your round a warm welcome awaits in the Clubhouse where there is delicious food, creamy pints, great craic and breathtaking views to enjoy.



# **GLASSON LAKEHOUSE** IT'S NOT JUST A GAME

State-of-The-Art golf course revealed after 12 months of renovations.







Dopon arrival at Glasson Lakehouse you are instantly hit with the spectacular panoramic view of the remarkable 18 hole golf course. Expertly designed and masterfully maintained, the course exudes opulence in every sense of the word. Since opening, the newly renovated golf course at Glasson Lakehouse has gained an international reputation as one of the most scenic golf courses in Ireland.

The golf course at Glasson Lakehouse was originally designed by Christy O'Connor Junior with many leading golfing Professionals, such as Christy O'Connor Senior and Paul McGinley, praising the design. Over the past year, Director of Golf Lynn McCool and her dedicated team have worked hard to further expand and develop this magnificent golf course by redesigning various elements of the course, specifically focusing the last 6 holes, with the aim of making it one of the top golf destinations in Ireland.

Speaking about the impact these new renovations have made, Lynn McCool said: "To be involved in the project here at Glasson Golf Club has been a tremendous experience. We worked closely with our owners to ensure we had the best team in place, and we invested in new course machinery and golf carts. We have increased our visitor rounds, doubled our membership and the driving range has become very popular with the new, large targets that have allowed for more fun at the range. The improved drainage means we have year-round play now at Glasson and I'm delighted that the feedback has been so complimentary of the course



can have is a great setting, and in that respect Glasson Lakehouse is right up there, with its spectacular views over Lough Ree and The Shannon. The course itself is a lovely example of parkland golf with mature trees and lots of internal lakes and water features full of wildlife. The new lakes and ponds created the opportunity for me to provide better drainage all through the course, as we now had somewhere to take excess water. The aim was to have a year-round playable course. That's always a tough call in Ireland, but certainly at Glasson we have made huge improvements in playability."

The appointment of our Golf Course Superintendent Lenny O'Callaghan has been key to the success of the newly renovated course. Lenny has been a major player regarding the recent developments made to the course. Since commencing his role in March 2022, Lenny has overseen a variety of upgrades to the course throughout the duration of the project, including extending and reshaping several approaches to the greens at and highlighting the bunker on the approach shots. This has added more definition to the course and allows for alternative approach shots to be considered when attacking the green, thus making the course more challenging and interesting. He said: "My focus is on attention to detail throughout the resort. Improving turf quality throughout the golf course and maintaining consistent surfaces throughout the year. We have a great team in place and have a program set out that is delivering results. We work hand

in hand with mother nature and at the flick of a switch

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## "Glasson is a feel-good course and that's why it is so popular with society and corporate golf"



that we can deliver a WOW Factor Golf Experience here in the Hidden Heartlands of Ireland."

Glasson is a feel-good course and that's why it is so popular with society and corporate golf. The course is so well manicured that golfers are thoroughly enjoying the experience. The new 14th Hole and hole 16 and fantastic Par 4's with the introduction of new ponds adjacent to the greens and fairways. Standing on the elevated tee on hole 16th captures all that Glasson Golf has to offer. At every turn the views are magical and Golf Course Designer David Jones has really transformed the closing stretch of holes.

Referring to the recent developments at Glasson Lakehouse, David Jones said: "The best asset a course rain. We work alongside all aspects of nature including birds, bees, foxes and badgers. As we are in Ireland, we have a great climate for golfing which allows for golfing to happen 365 days a year, this only adds to the challenge and excitement, as we aim to provide similar surfaces winter and summer. Our overall goal is to produce a golf course of exceptional standard that can be enjoyed by all levels of golfers."

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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 2022, 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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# **SCOTLAND** FOR CHOICE 2023

In this edition of Irish Golf Review, we explore a selection of great options throughout the regions of Scotland.



## SOUTH EAST

East Lothian is known as Scotland's Golf Coast and is blessed with the highest concentration of links courses in the world, with a superb collection of coastal courses stretching from Musselburgh to Dunbar. Gullane and Muirfield are perhaps the best-known of the courses in the area but elsewhere there is golfing gold to be found. Among the courses, Longniddry stands out for its mix of links and parkland, while Craigielaw is East Lothian's newest course and meets the challenging standards of its neighbours. Kilspindie is Scotland's 35th oldest golf club, with this medium length course offering a good test of golf and a challenge to all golfers. Several holes border the shoreline and each hole enjoys magnificent views. North Berwick is one of the most scenic, and wellknown links courses in Scotland with views over the Isle of May, the islands of Fidra and Craigleith, the Bass Rock and across the Forth to Fife. The course is often ranked in the top echelons of course rankings by those in the know and is regarded by many as the best value course in the UK.

Heading south to The Borders sees a change of landscape but no let up in the quality of golf on offer. The only coastal course in the Borders, Eyemouth, boasts one hole actually played across the North Sea, the par 3, sixth, which was recently voted number 1 in Britain's 'most extraordinary golf holes'. Only 15 miles away is Duns Golf Club, with the Wellrig burn running through the course. Roxburghe Golf Course has the River Teviot flowing next to a couple of holes, as well as the 'Viaduct' 14th, one of the most photographed holes in golf. St Boswells Golf Course is a 9 hole course set along the banks of the River Tweed, situated next to the Dryburgh Abbey, dating back to 1150. Macdonald Cardrona Hotel, Golf and Country Club is the newest addition to the area and is a combination of a parkland and woodland course and runs along the banks of the River Tweed.

## HIGHLAND & ISLANDS

The Highlands has enjoyed being the main focus of attention in recent years thanks to Castle Stuart Golf Course near Inverness, playing host to the Aberdeen Asset Management Scottish Open in recent years. Indeed, the addition of Castle Stuart, regarded as one of the world's finest new courses, has provided a significant boost to a region which was already able to count Royal Dornoch and Nairn among its golfing gems. Alongside Castle Stuart, these three represent some of the best courses not just in Scotland, but anywhere in the world.

But away from the Highlands' Great Triumvirate there is plenty to get the hearts of even the most travelled golfing aficionados pumping. Boat of Garten, near Aviemore has been described by some as the most scenic course on the planet. The Boat is a James Braid creation and his mark can be seen on many more courses across the region including Fortrose & Rosemarkie, Golspie and Brora.

East of Inverness on the Moray coast lies special courses at Lossiemouth, Cullen and Hopeman. Then you have golf on Scotland's islands, which is a truly unique experience. Golf enthusiasts across the globe regularly make the pilgrimage to Askernish on South Uist to experience an Old Tom Morris creation that has recently been restored to its former glory and what many describe as the most natural course in the world. Elsewhere at Harris GC they still play for the Faldo Fiver, which the six-time Major signed and left in the honesty box after a visit, while the Orkney and Shetland Islands are home to nine courses, including the most northerly course on the British Isles at Whalsey.



### **SOUTHWEST**

As well as being home to a world–class stretch of links golf down its coast, Ayrshire can also lay claim to something nowhere else in the world can – being the birthplace of The Open Championship. Prestwick was the venue for the first 12 Open Championships and to this day retains that prestige and aura that only the most historic of courses can possess. A warm welcome awaits you at Prestwick St Nicholas Golf Club, a traditional Scottish links golf course which was established in 1851 and occupying a prime position on the shores of the Firth of Clyde on Scotland's west coast.

The course and Club are steeped in history – indeed one of its founder members was Old Tom Morris who was based in Prestwick prior to returning east to St Andrews and his place in golfing legend. It is joined on the coast by Open venues at Turnberry and Royal Troon, both of which offer terrific views and incredible golf architecture associated with the best links courses in Scotland. But the top–class links golf doesn't stop there – you can add Dundonald Links, Kilmarnock Barassie and Western Gailes to the list of must–play courses on one of the best stretches of golf in Scotland. Further south lies Dumfries and Galloway, a region full of great value and where you are always assured of a great welcome. Portpatrick, Dumfries & County and Southerness are some of the more popular courses in this region but there are many more waiting to welcome you should you want to veer from the most commonly beaten track. Island golf in Scotland is not the sole preserve

In Fife alone there are more than 50 courses with delights such as Crail, Elie, Lundin Links and Aberdour lying in wait along the coast for those willing to drag themselves south of St Andrews. North of Fife lies Dundee and Angus - commonly known as Carnoustie Country after the famed Open Championship venue. But while the area may be dominated by Carnoustie, courses such as Montrose, Downfield and Letham Grange continue to capture the imagination of visiting golfers. Heading further inland you'll find yourself in Perthshire, known as the gateway to the Highlands and proof that golf in Scotland is about more than links courses. The most famous venue in Perthshire is undoubtedly Gleneagles, home of three stunning courses as well as the 2014 Ryder Cup venue. The Kings and Queens courses at Gleneagles are both James Braid layouts and are regarded as among the best inland courses in the UK thanks to the crisp turf and imaginative layouts, while the PGA Centenary is a more modern creation by Jack Nicklaus. Elsewhere in Perthshire sits Blairgowrie also Murrayshall, King James VI, Crieff, Pitlochry and many more courses that mean the region can comfortably cater for the many golfing tourists arriving on the back of the Ryder Cup.

### NORTH EAST

The North East has been enjoying unprecedented global exposure thanks to the addition of Trump International Links which has captured the imagination of golf writers across the world and visitors are now flocking to see why Donald Trump himself has dubbed it "the greatest course in the world." There is no doubt the Trump course has now brought renewed

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of the Outer Hebrides. The South West is home to terrific golf on Islay where The Machrie is flanked by no fewer than eight distilleries while Arran can boast six courses, including Shiskine a dramatic and unique 12-hole layout. Although not technically an island, the Mull of Kintyre can be tricky to get to but the two magnificent courses at Machrihanish and Machrihanish Dunes make any journey worthwhile. The Gailes Golf Experience which includes three wonderful courses at Dundonald Links, Glasgow Gailes Links and Westerm Gailes where you will enjoy undulating fairways, tight lies, beautifully crafted greens and renowned West Coast Scenery. You can look forward to playing golf in some of the most iconic stretches of golf links in the world.

### HEARTLANDS

There is no doubt that St Andrews will command the attention of any golfing enthusiast and in the words of former Ryder Cup captain Paul McGinley, "every golfer should have at least one visit to St Andrews in their lifetime." Being home to The Old Course, officially the oldest course in the world, as well as 10 other courses in the immediate vicinity means it is always at the top of every golfer's bucket list. But in Scotland's Heartlands a golfer is spoilt for choice for great places to play the game. focus to Aberdeenshire, which already boasted top–class courses such as Royal Aberdeen, Cruden Bay and Murcar Links to name just three and the hosting of the Aberdeen Asset Management Scottish Open at Royal Aberdeen in 2014 built further on that burgeoning reputation. Further up the course from Aberdeen lie terrific links courses at Fraserburgh and Duff House Royal, while inland you can find the highest 18–hole course in the UK at Braemar set amidst the dramatic Grampian Mountains. The North East is definitely a firm fixture on Scotland's golfing map.

### CENTRAL

Central Scotland encapsulates a vast area, and one that is home to more than 120 golf courses. You will find the majority are extremely welcome members courses where those living in Scotland's central belt get their regular golfing fix. Encompassing Glasgow, Stirling, Loch Lomond, Lanarkshire, Dunbartonshire, Falkirk and Clackmannanshire, the central region is home to a mix of landscapes and courses. The Carrick, on the shores of Loch Lomond provides world–class views and a real mix of highland and lowland golf. Closer to Glasgow, Haggs Castle is a former host of the Glasgow Open while Lanark, Bishopbriggs, Cawder and Clober are all worth a visit for a friendly welcome and a great round of golf.

For more information on golf in Scotland in 2023 visit www.visitscotland.com/golf



# DESTINATION SPAIN 2023

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.

Real Club de Golf El Prat



n Spain, you can play golf all year round without having to worry about the cold or rain. The Canary Islands boast an average annual temperature of over 20 degrees Celsius. And areas in southern Andalusia enjoy around 3,000 hours of sunshine every year. The Mediterranean regions of Catalunya, Valencia and Murcia have mild temperatures in winter... Spain's weather conditions guarantee a very long golf season.

#### **Overview**

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 Cortesín 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. countryside by bike or on horseback, put your tennis and paddle 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 Calblangue Regional Park. The resort complex opened in 1972 and covers an area of 1,400 acres. North course 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.

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

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.

Irish Golf Review and Irish Golf World will be individually featuring each region of Spain in our editions during 2023. For more https://www.spain.info/en



# **CLUB DE GOLF ALCANADA : THE PRIDE OF NORTH MALLORCA**

On the Balearic Island of Mallorca sits a stunning 19th century lighthouse, which as well as protecting the island's northern tip, acts as a centrepiece for one of the most majestic golf courses around.

> t Club de Golf Alcanada near Alcudia, an 18-hole golf course balances a delicate combination of sea views and mountain tops to create a picturesque golfing experience that stands out even in such a golf-centric location.

For many golfers, the high point of the course is the elevated 13th hole, which angles down towards the Bay of Alcudia and the stunning lighthouse, and where you drive the ball almost without restriction towards the water's edge. Similar views can be found on many of the holes at Alcanada, with plenty of elevated tee shots that give golfers an almost birds eye view of their target.

The north Mallorcan club is proud of its heritage and its location in the shadow of the Sierra de Levante, a 1006m peak which is inhabited by flocks of mountain goats who can be heard at times across the course. Owned by Hans Peter Porsche, the club shows all the

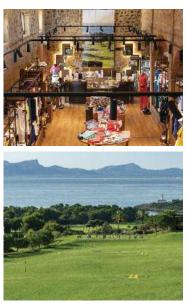
hallmarks of the work of its designer, Robert Trent Jones Jr., who provides a layout that demands strategy and accuracy without the intimidation of some of his Since the course was opened nearly two decades ago in 2003, Alcanada has cemented itself as one of the hottest European golfing destinations and was rewarded with the hosting of the 2022 European Challenge Grand Tour Final in November this year. It was the second time they have hosted the prestigious event after it was held at Alcanada back in 2019.

With a golfing set-up that holds its own against many of the top courses on the continent, you may be forgiven for presuming that the course focusses on impressing only the most talented of players and punishing unfairly those that are less precise with their shots or that are newer to the sport.

In actuality, Alcanada provides a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere that feels natural to the course, aiming to better golfer's play, while combining the most modern of touches with the rich fabric of the club's history.

This feeling continues to sweep through the other areas of the club too. The Lighthouse Bar offers golfers the opportunity to enjoy a mid-round rest, with a

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other work. The course has been carefully kept to the highest of standards, including a £700,000 renovation of all 18 greens that took place just a number of years ago.

The layout is delicately designed to flow through the pine and olive groves, weaving itself up and down the hills and measuring in at 6,499 meters. Alcanada's course is the only one on the island by the sea and has regularly been ranked in Europe's top 100 layouts.

The club also has a pro-shop which stocks the newest of golfing equipment and clubs for those looking to kit out their golf bag or their wardrobe, as well as a golf academy that offers lessons with the Pros and which includes a spacious short game area and covered driving range to test out what you have learnt.

If the natural Mallorcan landscape wasn't enough of a strategic test for golfers back out amongst the groves, the use of greenside bunkers and hidden breaks make picking a tee-shot carefully of the highest importance so as to set up the optimum next shot. selection of chilled drinks and delicious snacks that bring a contemporary air to the building despite its rustic appearance that celebrates the history and tradition that is so important to the style of the course.

This desire to impress with a combination of modern flourish and traditional Mallorcan relaxation is epitomised on the sun terrace, where golfers can celebrate a fantastic round of golf by catching some rays, while enjoying some liquid refreshment and some of the fantastic food and range of regional specialties.

Located 45 minutes' drive from Palma airport, the north of Mallorca is proud to remain relatively unspoilt, far away from many of the larger tourist areas of the island and making use of every last inch of the coastline.

Alcanada is a course that can say it is truly worth the journey.

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# DISCOVER THE ALGARYE 2023

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

Quinta do Lago South Course

ate 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



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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 professionallyrun 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 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, 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

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major professional and amateur tournaments – much to the delight of players, officials, spectators and media.

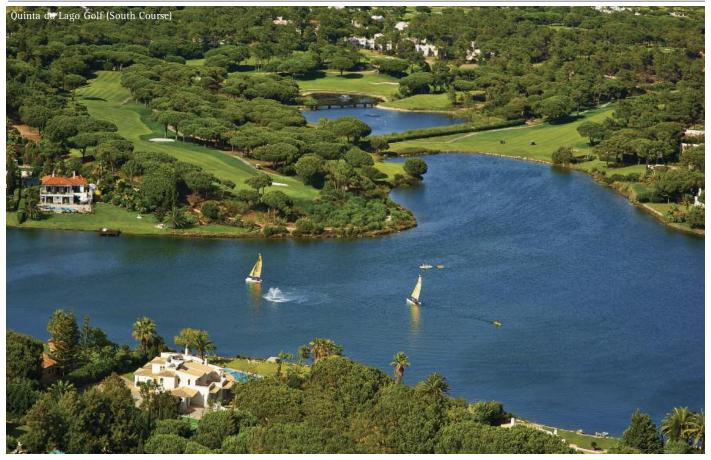
The accommodation, the restaurants and bars, the marina, the value, the weather and above all the courses, what golfer could ask for more?

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 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 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. Padraig Harrington chipped and 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

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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 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 18hole 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.

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#### 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.

The Benamore Golf resort 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.

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  $\pounds$  safe destination, here, world-class golf - including the  $\notin$ 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.

#### CAR RENTAL

When it comes to car rental, NICE RENT is a company with a great reputation whose goal is to provide the highest standard of service. Their experienced and professional staff and diversified new fleet will ensure a quality and personalised assistance to customers. The head office and main depot is located near Faro Airport, and they provide services all over the Algarve and Lisbon Airport.

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#### FACIAL REJUVENATION AND LIFTING

The goal of this programme is to perform an initial natural non-invasive facelift and target a specific facial complaint the guest may have, such as wrinkles, skin spots and so on.

#### WEIGHT LOSS AND APPETITE CONTROL

When we eat and drink, we are promoting specific fuel for specific cellular and body activation, activities and functions. Most of our

#### LONGEVITY AND DETOX

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That's the aim of this programme, to individually access and balance the body's ability to purge what is not necessary and reinvigorate the organs that produce energy in order to achieve long lasting wellbeing.

#### POST-COVID RECOVERY

We are increasingly seeing in our medical offices patients complaining that they never really "felt normal" again after recovering from a covid-19 infection, complaining of shortness of breath, palpitations, general fatigue and many other symptoms they've never had before.

#### TUNE-UP YOUR ENERGY

Sometimes our guests want to know if these techniques can be used just as preventive medicine or to boost their energy levels, since they present no real symptoms but sometimes feel a lack of energy.

All these programmes are tailored to the guest during the initial checkup or consultation and take into account specific individual needs.

After the initial "diagnosis" we can prescribe a specific programme that takes into account a set of treatments that range from acupuncture, auricular therapy, electro stimulation, cupping massage, oriental massage, moxibustion (heat) sessions to dietary recommendations, private or group Yoga-Taichi-Qigong sessions, herbal medicine supplements, and many others along with Saunas, Turkish baths and indoor pools which the spa has to offer.

All programmes have a duration of 3, 5 and 7 days with two to four therapy sessions per day, depending on the goals to be achieved and the initial diagnosis. The longer the *"immersion"* in the defined protocol, the better and more consistent the results, but all of them will deliver great proven outcomes.

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As Portugal's largest facility, 7 Seven Spa is home to an indoor thermal pool, Turkish baths, saunas, an experience shower, and a zen garden. Our beauty treatments include a range of facials, body scrubs,

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internal vital organs are essential to absorption and digestion, so we are actually an extensive moving digestive system. And when parts of this system start underperforming, that's when we start having metabolical (digestive) problems and diseases. And weight gain is just one of those symptoms/ problems, so we need to look at the "bigger picture" and treat these issues as a whole, fine tuning every part of this very long digestive system.

#### **DE-STRESS AND INSOMNIA**

The concept of stress is overused and has become generalised in modern times. The body's incapacity to adapt to internal and/or external demands and pressures causes inner physiological imbalances that can be measured and seen as physical and emotional changes and symptoms. So again we need to take into account the individual lifestyle, past and current behaviours, genetic constitution and even the social environment and local climate to understand what stress means for that person. And then take action to correct and reshape the inner machinery, to be able to cope with this frame of demands. and wraps. Browse our signature treatments for combined therapies, couples' massages, and complimentary refreshments.

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# ESPICIE 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.

Ithough 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 Sauerman 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 exceptional view, surrounded by fields and vineyards, lurking on the horizon of the beautiful Serra de Monchique. their game with rich rewards for those who make the most of their golfing skills and who best judge the course.

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 to continuously contribute to a sustainable future.

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





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 variety of the layout. Golfers are pushed to take risks with

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

The Clubhouse award was judged for its design intergration into its environment and efficiency. Reference is also made to the choice of materials used for the building construction, its resource management and interior design. The exceptional location of the Clubhouse, situated on top of a hill overlooking the resort, offers breath-taking views across the golf course and the nature reserve. The views, coupled with the exceptional quality of the food available, makes the Clubhouse a reference for both lovers of golf and those who value the tranquility and beauty of nature itself.

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# DINE, SLEEP, REPEAT AT FOUR SEASONS FAIRWAYS With 3,000 hours of sunshine and just 3hrs flight from the UK, the Algarve is

unique in that it offers a truly delightful year-round destination.





ituated in Quinta do Lago and nestled within the privacy and security of the Ria Formosa nature reserve, lies Four Seasons Fairways, the ideal setting, for a memorable break with a loved one, friends or family.

This discreet and elegant private villa resort, set in verdant landscaped gardens is home to 132 traditional villas and apartments - all of which have recently been newly and beautifully renovated and with each villa featuring its own pool or jacuzzi, terrace or garden area and outdoor BBQ/cooking station. They cleverly blend authentic Portuguese style with modern and vibrant interior décor and furnishings along with new, state-ofthe-art kitchens.

With the resort being open year-round, the 'Clubhouse' area works for all seasons. It's fresh and light and is home to a stunning and spacious inside outside bar area that sits alongside intimate, cosy areas for dining and a spectacular fireplace. The layout and design of the restaurants within the Clubhouse reflect the essence of Portuguese dining - the feeling of warmth between friends and family along with a social and convivial atmosphere. Crittall doors and windows are in abundance and have been beautifully finished with a brushed copper effect to reflect the traditional Portuguese 'Cataplana', an item of cookware used to prepare Portuguese

drink for it to be delivered straight to your villa! A good tip when staying here is to hire a car for the duration of your stay. There are so many places to visit nearby and being able to jump in and head off to the beach, into the hills, to Faro Old Town and to places like the food/farmers market at Loulé is a must - it's the perfect place to grab some freshly caught fish to cook on the BBO back at the villa in the evening.

Visitors to Quinta do Lago are spoilt for choice when it comes to eating out but one of the finest experiences can be found on your doorstep at Amara, the resort's a la carte restaurant. The views are spectacular, and the space is intimate and sophisticated. Flavours and dishes are contemporary with an emphasis on local produce and combined make for a memorable experience.

Not only are you spoilt for choice on the food front, Four Seasons Fairways is lucky enough to be surrounded by some of Quinta do Lago's numerous championship golf courses and is a haven for those into the game. The resort is also just a stone's throw from the stunning Ria Formosa nature reserve, a scenic swirl of seawater lagoons, sandy islands, salt marshlands and diverse bird life, making it the perfect setting for walking, running and cycling.

If you're needing to combine some work or fancy extending your stay, if you have the flexibility to work remotely, the blue skies, peaceful and private villa

### "The resort is just a stone's throw from the stunning Ria Formosa nature reserve"



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seafood dishes. Another clever design detail are the handmade pendant lights that hang throughout VIVO Bistro which have been designed using linked copper rings to emulate beehives, a nod to the local area's sizeable production of honey.

With the villas being kitted out so brilliantly for cooking and dining in, many guests choose this as an option and the mini market on site is always stocked with the essentials. Breakfast at VIVO however is too good to miss with their warm Pastel de Nata's, indulgent French Toast or the healthier options of Feta Cheese & Rocket with poached eggs and avocado.

Long lazy lunches can be enjoyed at VIVO too, outside by the pool is a favourite spot where you can indulge in local dishes such as Chicken Piri-Piri, Piri Piri Prawns or Ria Formosa Clams alongside some delicious salads, wood fired pizzas and burgers. It's worth mentioning too that they have a clever 'Drop & Scoff' food delivery service so you can order food and accommodation with hotel style facilities really do mean you have everything you need for a 'workation' at Four Seasons Fairways. And if you're travelling with the little ones in tow, the resort is home to an 'Upside Down' Kids Club – but be warned, once they step foot in there, you'll struggle to get them out. It's kitted out as you'd expect a kids club to be in a resort of this standard with classes and activities galore but it's the staff and the people who are the absolute gems, throughout the resort in fact. They radiate warmth and kindness like nowhere else, they welcome you like old friends and it's clear to see why guests keep returning year after year.

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BOAVISTA GOLF & SP

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

> Positioned strategically to the west of the historic town of Lagos in Portugal, Boavista Golf & Spa nestles within a site of outstanding natural beauty and offers residents and visitors the essence of luxury living.

> One of the most beautifully manicured golf courses in the Algarve, the Resort enjoys far reaching views of the Monchique mountains to the north, whilst the pristine waters of the Atlantic Ocean provide a radiant seascape to the south.

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.

The design of the course took into account the natural contours of the terrain and subtly took advantage of the surrounding landscape, providing views of rare beauty. has you covered. Cliff top location at Boavista Golf & Spa, with the backdrop the glorious Atlantic, you can enjoy striking panoramic views from the warm waters of our indoor swimming pool or jacuzzi.

While you go the distance on one of our elliptical machines, or sculpt your body with a state-of-theart Technogym equipment, you can keep your eye on the ball on the 18th green.

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 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

## "Boavista Golf & Spa nestles within a site of outstanding natural beauty and offers residents and visitors the essence of luxury living"

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



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.

Whether one is looking for an active holiday, a base from which to explore the area or simply to relax, Boavista Golf & Spa will exceed all expectations.





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Discover the best kept secret of the Western Algarve. Set between the sea and the mountains, Boavista Golf & Spa includes an 18-hole golf course. For a golfing holiday or simply relaxing at Essential Fitness & Spa, the Boavista Resort will exceed your expectations.



# **LISBOA GOLF COAST** 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.

#### 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,



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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 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 Ouinta 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.

#### AROEIRA I

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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.

#### 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 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.

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#### 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 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.

#### 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.

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# 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 laid out by the renowned architect Rocky Roquemore, the course covers more than 90 HA, and is framed by the local flora enhanced by mature umbrella pine trees and cork oaks. The course is a Par 72 and plays 6.612 meters from the championship tees. Many bunkers protect greens and a number of holes with water features and hazards make it fun and challenging for golfers of all abilities and ages. There is a well equipped Pro shop with an adjoining snack bar and terrace with views across the 1st tee and 18th green. In addition a double ended driving range and short game practise facilities make this the perfect golfing venue.

#### PRAIA D'EL REY GOLF & BEACH RESORT

By the sea, the green expanse of the golf course of Praia d'El Rey is spread out along dunes, cliffs and pine trees. Nature has also been generous here, with the horizon dominated by the blue of the sea and the golden sandy beaches. The Praia d'El Rey course is located near Óbidos, a village surrounded by walls which has kept medieval times alive. This is a championship-quality golf course with 18 holes for a Par 72 along 6,467 meters. A true links. The Praia d'El Rey Golf & Country Club enables golfers to enjoy top-quality facilities and services.

ROYAL ÓBIDOS SPA & GOLF RESORT

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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 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 bents.

### **OESTE GOLF COURSES**

#### **BOM SUCESSO**

Located on the Lisbon Coast, 50 minutes from the airport, is one of the most innovative golf resorts in Europe. Designed by renowned architects, this 5 stars resort features an impressive integration of contemporary architecture in the magnificent landscape of the Obidos Lagoon.

The 18 holes, Par 72, designed by Donald Steel, with breathtaking views as you play among lakes and strategic bunkers. It is also a friendly course if you are not a scratch golfer. Generous greens can also be a test to your long putts. Within a close distance, you can also try some of the other best golf courses of the Lisbon Coast. The new clubhouse is superb and has all the facilities, including restaurant and bar.

#### **GOLDEN EAGLE**

Quinta do Brinçal is located near Rio Maior, approx 50 kms north of Lisbon and owned by Camin, S.A. The course is considered one of the most emblematic in Portugal. In 1996 the Portuguese Golf Federation awarded it the distinction of being the best course. With a typical modern north-American school design, The late great Seve Ballesteros, designer of the golf course at Royal Óbidos Spa & Golf Resort, promised golfers and investors "a great and wonderful place" here on Portugal's Silver Coast. The course layout spanning 6400m (+ 7100 yards), will represent a true test of golf for players of all levels.

The clubhouse, sumptuously appointed with restaurant, spike bar and pro shop, is ideally located and overlooks no fewer than 9 of the 18 holes. Sitting out on the generous terrace, owners and visitors to Royal Óbidos will enjoy spectacular views of the golf course and the cascading lakes and streams, with the Atlantic Ocean "and some truly wonderful sunsets" in the background.

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# SUNSHINE & GOLF IN Stunning Cyprus

Make Cyprus part of your plans for 2023 as we explore some reasons why.



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

Aphrodite Hills Resort



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 four stunning courses to choose from, 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 course is the 7th hole, which is one of the most 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;

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Donald Steel in 1994, Minthis is the oldest golf 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 large putting, chipping, and pitching greens, plus indoor solutions.

#### ELÉA ESTATE GOLF CLUB

Commanding breathtaking views of the Mediterranean Sea, the par 71 course of 6775 yards (from the black tees) incorporates numerous rugged features of the natural landscape, including endless, rolling countryside, mature carob and olive trees and weathered outcrops of limestone that strikingly contrast with the dark green paspalum grass fairways and semi-rough.

A number of holes are fringed by Mediterranean grasses and an abundance of wild herbs and native flora that allow local wildlife to thrive. A visit to Eléa Estate Golf Club is one you will not forget.

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# **APHRODITE HILLS RESORT, CYPRUS**





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### A golfer's paradise in the heart of the Mediterranean.

phrodite 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.

The Aphrodite Hills, PGA National Cyprus Golf Course is the perfect mix of challenging pot bunkers, manicured fairways of lush Bermuda grass and generous tiered greens. Visually spectacular, the course expands through indigenous olive and carob trees and is built on two plateaux, separated by a dramatic ravine with outstanding views over the Mediterranean Sea. The staggering 130-metre gorge dividing tees at the 7th hole is an enticing challenge for all lovers of this beautiful game. The course handicap requirement is 28 for men and 36 for ladies.

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 Cyprus Golf Academy 6-hole par 3 course is in the making; working closely with the PGA team and the prominent golf course architect Cabell B. Robinson.

The Aphrodite Hills Golf Academy has first class facilities including a 350m double-ended Driving Range with targets and a variety of short game practice facilities due to be finalised in early 2023. Professional PGA qualified Golf Instructors are also on hand to offer expert advice on all aspects of the game of golf, and also offer a wide variety of individual or group lessons.

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- Horse Riding Club
- Archery
- Cycling facilities and Cycle Hire
- Children's Club & Splash Park
- Supermarket & Bakery, Pharmacy and numerous branded cafes and shops

## "This historical and mythological area boasts breathtaking panoramic views"



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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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Aphrodite Hills Resort proudly hosted 2 consecutive European Tour events in 2020, the Cyprus Open and the Cyprus Showdown. The results which travelled around the world were highly impressive. The DP World Tour (formerly known as the European Tour) will return in the future.



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tarting in 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.

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.

Situated on the shoreline of a rugged peninsula, St. Margaret's Golf & Country Club is one of Ireland's premier championship parkland courses. Previously home to the Ladies Irish Open, the

Seniors Irish Open and the Irish PGA Championship, the 18 holes offer golfers a wonderful variety.

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.



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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, familar 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.

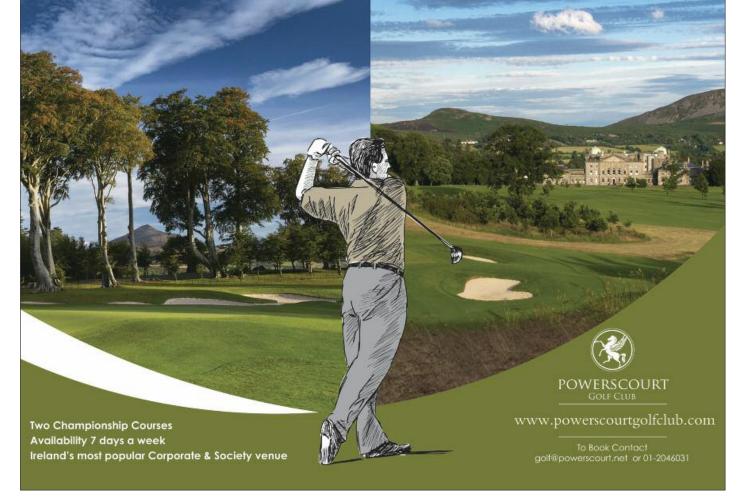
Also, Black Bush Golf Club with 27 holes of a well drained parkland course, who are open most of the year for play. They also have three interchangeable 9-hole courses that keep things moving. Black Bush Golf Club is situated only minutes from Fairyhouse Racecourse. Mature trees leading up to well maintained greens line the fairways. Moving to County Kildare and the worldrenowned 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 welldesigned 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 the Glasson atmosphere, or test your game to championship level. Enjoy a luxury overnight stay at Glasson Lakehouse.

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



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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 magnifcent 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 18hole 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,

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, Clandeboye, Kirkistown Castle and Rory's own club, Holywood, have all been awarded the "Quality Assurance" stamp by Tourism Northern Ireland.

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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 Northern Ireland and the province of Ulster home to Major Champions Rory McIIroy, 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. 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.

A visit to Cork would not be complete without a round of golf at the Old Head Links of Kinsale. The Old Head Golf Links is built on a 220–



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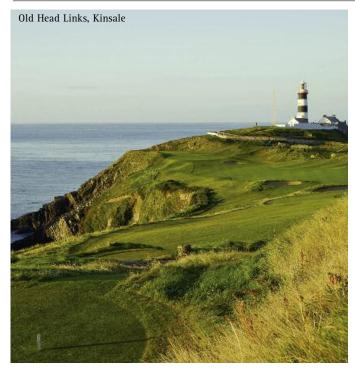
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acre diamond of land. The promontory is almost an island with numerous caves running beneath your feet as you play the course.

Like Cork, County Kerry has a wealth of excellent golf courses on offer including the Ring of Kerry Golf Club located in Kenmare and also Waterville Golf Links; a mature links course where champions of the British Open are known to practice.

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 sandbased 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 overlook the mouth of the Shannon Estuary amidst the most beautiful of scenery. 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 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 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.



Lahinch Golf Links

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 is a truly stunning 5 Star experience and a must visit in Ireland's South East.

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

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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.

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.

## "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"

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.

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 2023 when making your plans into the South East. In County Tipperary and within a peaceful countryside location, the 4-star Great National Ballykisteen 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 18hole golf course is divided in two by the River Suir and displays mature trees, lakes and streams. Stay in the Cahir House Hotel in the centre of the heritage town and experience simple old world charm and elegance.

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 Bulben 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, Bartra 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.

The pages of Irish Golf Review and Irish Golf World will continue to keep you updated on great golfing options throughout our editions in 2023.





# **A TRUE LINKS EXPERIENCE**

Rosslare Golf Links is the only true 'links' golf course in the South East of Ireland offering golfers of all abilities that unique links golfing experience. Situated on the narrow, sandy peninsula at Rosslare, overlooking Wexford Harbour to the West and the Irish sea to the East, the club is home to two unique and challenging golf courses.



Rounded in 1905, the 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. 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 and General Manager, Jerry Foley, is front of house to look after all our visiting groups & societies.

Rosslare Golf Links is in peak condition and has the advantage of being playable all year round allowing

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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.

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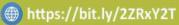
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Compact performance at Old Fold Manor Golf Club An ongoing programme of improvements is reaping rewards for Old Fold Manor Golf Club in Hertfordshire, with Kubota's latest LX compact tractor tasked with helping to manage the impressive workload. The Par 71 parkland course is mainly on clay which receives plenty of care and attention from course manager Mark Burniston and his team to maintain standards and keep up with a busy programme of in-house and outside competitions, with a round of the Clutch Pro Tour and a PGA event among this year's highlights.

This year, a new LX 401, which has replaced the ST series in Kubota's range, joined the armoury and is deployed eight hours a day, on at least five days a week.

"We use compact tractors for blowing on roughs and fairways, plus we're spraying once or twice a week," explains Mark. "Then we have three 'maintenance weeks' a year when we can be spreading up to 60 tonnes of sand spreading on greens, approaches and tees, and using a Pro Core, along with monthly sand spreading and coring.'

The 40hp LX 401 has a three-range hydrostatic transmission for easy operation, which has proved popular with the club. "It's so convenient to drive around the course, and the cruise control is ideal to set a speed for work such as verti-draining and spraying. New features on the LX such as an A/B switch to preselect engine revs also save fuel and wear on the engine when moving between greens," comments Mark. He adds that the simplicity of operation makes it ideal for any of the six-man greenkeeping team to get on the tractor and carry out any task required.

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# LAS COLINAS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

### An upgraded five-star experience awaits players at Las Colinas Golf & Country Club.



The award-winning resort recently hosted Stage Two of the DP World Tour Qualifying School for the ninth successive occasion but for the first time since 2019 after the tournament was postponed the last two years due to the pandemic.

Designed by Cabell B. Robinson, Las Colinas' 18-hole championship golf course is a firm favourite among golfers for its wide fairways and extensive undulating greens.

Among the improvements taking place, the resort is in the middle of a two-year renovation programme of all the bunkers using the 'Better Billy Bunker' system employed by a collection of the world's most prestigious golf venues including 2022 US Open host Brookline, Gleneagles, Oakland Hills and Whistling Straits – venue for the 2021 Ryder Cup.

In addition, Las Colinas – which also hosted the 2019 Spanish Amateur Golf Championship – has adopted a rewilding policy across its 13th and 15th holes over the last 12 months, not only redesigning the layout in a move to not only improve the course condition but also to reduce the amount of water, organic fertilisers and maintenance needed, helping to create new natural wildlife habitats for animals that live on the course to thrive.

The resort has planted native trees and shrubs and started the turf conversion to a native plant area, while sprinkler irrigation in these areas will change to drip irrigation for trees and remove irrigation completely at the second stage. The work undertaken will reduce the amount of water needed per year as well as cutting energy costs.

Nestled in a 330-hectare valley and just a 50-minute drive south of Alicante, Las Colinas Golf & Country Club is regarded among Europe's most sought-after golf destinations after being voted as 'Spain's Best Golf Course' and 'World's Leading Golf & Villa Resort' at the 2021 World Golf Awards.

Enjoying more than 300 days of sunshine a year, the resort is surrounded by a natural park of 10,000 hectares and is only six kilometres away from the Spanish Mediterranean coastline.

As well as an 18-hole championship golf course and outstanding practice facilities including Toptracer technology on the driving range and a short-game area designed by Miguel Angel Jimenez, Las Colinas Golf & Country Club offers a wide-range of comprehensive leisure facilities including a golf academy, padel and tennis academy, WOW Beach on the seafront, a gym and a wellness area.

The impressive culinary offering at the resort includes three restaurants – stylish Italian restaurant il Palco, Japanese, Nikkei and Mexican fusion cuisine at umawa and an international menu at unik, made with fresh produce – to give residents and guests an opportunity to enjoy a healthy Mediterranean lifestyle to the fullest.

For more information on Las Colinas Golf & Country Club, please visit: www.lascolinasgolf.com

# **THE AWARD WINNING MADEIRA**

Hailed across the globe as a paradise for holidaymakers and travelling golfers, the Portuguese archipelago is also steeped in historical and cultural heritage dating back seven centuries. Tourists can explore a new side of Madeira in an eclectic assortment of events that celebrate the resort's unique traditions.



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Madeira was crowned the world and Europe's Leading Island Destination at the 2021 World Travel Awards, with hundreds of thousands of tourists choosing the resort for their holiday each year. Boasting three diverse 18-hole golf courses, the island's Madeira Golf Passport – created by *Madeira. Belongs to all*, the consumer-facing brand of the Madeira Promotion Bureau – provides exceptional value for golfers looking to get the complete experience.

The passport, priced at  $\leq 225$  for three rounds or  $\leq 360$  for five rounds, gives golfers access to Clube de Golfe Santo da Serra or Palheiro Golf. An additional premium package includes a special day at Porto Santo Golfe, an outstanding course reachable only via a boat trip over the sapphire waters of the Atlantic. Bookable for both individuals and groups, the Madeira Golf Passport is the best way to access one of the world's emerging golf destinations.

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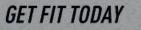




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