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foreword

Welcome to the 2025 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 print and digital format each year.

In this edition we salute Rory McIlroy who has won a 6th Race to Dubai equalling the total of the late great Severiano Ballesteros. While the elusive 5th Major Championship was again missing, 2025 will bring high hopes starting at The Masters in Augusta National.

Conor Purcell secured his second Challenge Tour title this season by closing with a final round four under par 67 to win the inaugural Hangzhou Open and which contributed significantly to securing a DP World Tour card in 2025, while Shane Lowry, Tom McKibbin and Seamus Power will all have high hopes of excelling in the year ahead.

The Open Championship will return to Northern Ireland in 2025 and the Links of Royal Portrush and the AMGEN Irish Open to the K Club and with the Ryder Cup on route to Adare Manor in 2027 we are embarking on exciting times ahead for Irish Golf.

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

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 2025. 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 2024.

Wishing all our readers, contributors, and advertisers a Happy New Year and all the best for 2025.

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Killarney Golf & Fishing Club will host the six-man team event which sees many of the sport's brightest amateur talents represent their countries.



The par-72 Killeen course, which has hosted the Irish Open six times, will provide the test to Europe's top amateur teams next year.

The golf club, located near the south-west coast of Ireland and adjacent to the picturesque Killarney National Park, will provide the perfect setting for what is one of the most exciting events on the European golfing calendar.

"We are all looking forward to hosting these brilliant championships back in Ireland again in 2025," said Golf Ireland CEO, Mark Kennelly.

"It was great to see two Irish competitors picking up silverware in the senior championships last year and it will be interesting to see how our team can perform in the wonderful surrounds of Killarney."

The '25 European Amateur Team Championship will see 16 qualified

countries battle for the European crown over two rounds of stroke play and three rounds of match play.

The tournament boasts an exceptional list of past participants including the likes of Rory McIlroy, Jon Rahm, Viktor Hovland, Tommy Fleetwood, Ludvig Åberg, Shane Lowry and Justin Rose to name a few.

The event was last played in Ireland in 1997, when current trophy holders, Spain triumphed at Portmarnock. Although 2025 will mark the second time the event has been played at Killarney, 50-years on from when Scotland lifted the trophy at the Irish venue.

The Irish team will look to make the most of home advantage and end a 16-year wait for a gold medal in the tournament. Team Ireland's last European Amateur Team Championship victory came in 2008 at Royal Park I Roveri in Italy which will host this year's event.

"The prospect of witnessing the finest amateur golfers on our home turf is a source of excitement and delight for our members," said Killarney Golf & Fishing Club Captain John O'Mahony.

"We look forward to working closely with everyone involved to make the event a huge success for the club, the historic town of Killarney, and for golf in Ireland.

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GOLF IRELAND LAUNCHES iGolf

New initiative enables golfers who are not members of golf clubs to obtain an official Handicap Index®



Similar initiatives operate in other countries including England, Wales, Scotland and New Zealand. Golf Ireland is delighted to announce the launch of iGolf, a new initiative designed to give independent golfers across Ireland access to an official golf handicap.

Independent golfers is a term used for golfers who play golf but are not currently members of golf clubs. For the first time, non-club members in Ireland can subscribe to iGolf and gain a Handicap Index® under the World Handicap System™ (WHS™), for an annual subscription fee of €65 in the Republic of Ireland and £55 in Northern Ireland.

The iGolf platform is an easy-to-use, digital system that enables golfers to track their performance, view their playing record, and maintain a Handicap Index®. The subscription also provides access to the Golf Ireland handicapping app, giving subscribers a streamlined experience which is subject to the same handicapping rules as club members under the R&A/USGA regulations.

To learn more and begin tracking your handicap today, visit: www.golfireland.ie/igolf

Growing Participation in Golf

The introduction of iGolf is a significant step in broadening the reach of the game. While the scheme is exclusive to golfers who are not currently or recently

(within the past three years) members of an affiliated golf club, it offers a pathway for independent players to enjoy the benefits of regular play with an official handicap.

Similar schemes launched in other countries—including New Zealand (2018), England, Scotland, and Wales (2021)—have seen significant success in encouraging increased participation and ultimately transitioning many independent golfers into club membership.

Golf Ireland Board Member & Chair of the independent golfer working group Jane Joyce added: “Our objective with iGolf and a range of other Golf Ireland initiatives is clear: to protect club membership, while fostering broader participation across diverse golfer demographics and facilitating, as appropriate, a seamless transition to club membership.”

“This initiative is supported by the R&A as a way to grow the sport and bring more players into the game.”

Golf Ireland, in line with its strategic plan, committed to evaluating independent golfer schemes from around the world and assessing their suitability for Ireland. A working group was established earlier this year to develop and launch this initiative, and it was announced at the Golf Ireland AGM in March. Since then, Golf Ireland has consulted widely with golf clubs and stakeholders, through webinars and in-person meetings, adapting the scheme based on the feedback.

A Broader Impact on the Golf Community

The iGolf scheme will not only benefit independent golfers but also contribute to the sustainability of clubs. Research from similar schemes has shown that iGolf participants are likely to play more frequently, and a significant number eventually transition to full club membership.

“Following our evaluation of successful independent golfer schemes internationally, we are excited to launch iGolf in Ireland. Independent golfer initiatives in other countries have proven to open up golf to a wider audience and create pathways to membership,” said Golf Ireland CEO, Mark Kennelly.

“We believe this will contribute significantly to the growth of golf in Ireland, attracting new players and helping to increase club membership over time.”

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For players of all skill sets, golf holiday packages provide a memorable and bespoke experience. At the 2025 Holiday World Show Dublin, golfing getaway experts will be available to offer suggestions, answer questions and help tailor the perfect package for any need, level of experience and travel preference. Below, interested golfers will find a preview of some of the exciting options on offer at the RDS this January.

PORTUGAL

Excellent courses, stunning landscapes, a mild climate and a warm welcome: these are just some of the reasons why Portugal has been the recipient of multiple awards for top global golf destination. With over 90 courses to choose from, players will enjoy a variety of challenges in a beautiful setting.

The southern region of Algarve, with its idyllic beaches, charming towns and a warm climate has become one of Europe's premier golfing destinations. Players from around the world travel there to enjoy the more than 40 coastal and inland courses in the region, offering unique challenges, captivating landscapes, exquisite technical design and a reduced carbon footprint. At Ombria, the brand-new 18-hole course was designed by Jorge Santana da Silva and is officially certified by the GEO Foundation for Sustainable Golf. Here, players will find a genuine commitment to sustainability alongside true luxury through the extensive facilities and a 5-star hotel.

Madeira and Porto Santo are unique golf destinations that combine a range of golf courses with complementary experiences

of Portuguese culture, wine tourism, gastronomy, activities, and more. The Madeira Golf Passport (MGP) offers all golfers the opportunity to experience an unforgettable journey by purchasing a three, four, or five-round pass. Players can then enjoy the three magnificent courses on the archipelago – Santo da Serra Golf Club, Palheiro Golf, and Porto Santo Golf – which invite players to challenge themselves with each shot all while enjoying Madeira's natural beauty.

SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa is famed for its stunning landscapes and incredible natural wildlife, offering a warmer golfing experience during the winter. From greens that offer potential sightings of the Big Five to championship golf courses, the Rainbow Nation offers a multitude of different experiences for golf-loving travellers.

Celebrating 30 years of quintessential South African hospitality in 2024, the acclaimed Fancourt sits at the heart of the Garden Route, just 7km from George Airport. Boasting 3 distinct Gary Player-designed golf courses – including the award-winning Links course – players will be spoilt for choice. Guests can stay in one of two stunning five-star hotels, which sit sheltered underneath the Outeniqua Mountains.

The new Steyn City Hotel by Saxon brings a stunning 18-hole Nicklaus-designed Championship course to the Northern suburbs of Johannesburg. The hotel opened in October 2024, but the golf course has already played host to two CP World Tour Tournaments. Featuring sweeping fairways, stunning water features and verdant greens, the course spans approximately 90 acres, making it one and a half times the size of an average course.

Leopard Creek Country Club sits on the border of Kruger National Park, and the owner's commitment to drawing on the intricate wealth of nature means that wildlife sightings are frequent, with elephants, crocodile and hippo regularly sighted on the course. The Clubhouse on the banks of the Crocodile River offers views of the 9th and 18th hole, as well as the stunning wildlife of Kruger National Park.

SPAIN

Spain's memorable, year-round golf experiences at over 400 courses are all complemented by an ideal climate, a rich culture, extensive leisure options and delicious gastronomy.

Over 30 courses can be found in the Region of Valencia, all well-connected, with excellent facilities and featuring daring and efficient design. Mediterráneo Golf in Castellón offers subtly-

Fancourt Montagu, South Africa



Villaitana Golf, Spain



placed golf hazards for delightful challenges at any level, all within reach of the sea and mountains. At El Bosque Golf Club, the stunning local nature highlights the beauty and innovative movement of the fairways, further enhanced by its greens, maintenance, and landscape morphology. And at Villaitana Golf, two 18-hole courses bear the exclusive seal of Nicklaus Design and feature Bermuda Princess Grass throughout the facility, providing excellent playability at all levels.

The Murcia Region, with its 19 stunning courses, is also a top-notch destination for any golf enthusiast. La Manga Club features courses designed by the renowned Robert Putman, while other notable courses include designs by the legendary Jack Nicklaus: Mar Menor Golf Resort, El Valle Golf, La Torre Golf, Hacienda

well-maintained fairways, manicured greens and strategic bunkering. At the resort, players will find amenities including a modern clubhouse, a pro shop with equipment and apparel, practice areas and professional golf tuition, with spa access and dining options included in golf packages. The destination also offers options for group outings, tournaments and corporate events, covering a golf enthusiast's every need.

In Killarney, Co. Kerry, Castlerosse Park Resort hosts a 9-hole golf club, par 36 Parkland course. This truly unique golfing experience includes breath-taking views of the peaceful waters of Lough Leane, the majestic peaks of MacGillycuddy's Reeks, and the untouched nature of the parkland. Perfect for all skill levels, this course offers an ideal combination of holes ranging from

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Riquelme Golf, Saurines Golf and Alhama Signature Golf, each with distinctive challenges and beautiful scenery. The region further boasts options such as La Serena Golf, with stunning sea views; Hacienda del Álamo, blending tradition and modernity; Roda Golf, known for accessibility; Altoreal, with a backdrop of lush landscapes; Altaona Golf, emphasising sustainability; and New Sierra, renowned for its welcoming atmosphere.

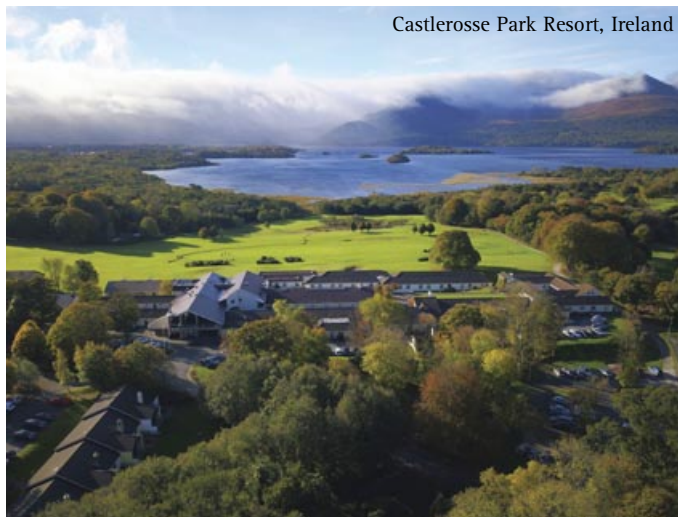
IRELAND

A world-renowned golf destination, Ireland's verdant hills play host to over 400 high-quality courses, complemented by a rich and welcoming culture, luxurious amenities and delicious cuisine, with golf offerings to suit players at every level.

At Mount Wolseley in Carlow, the 18-hole Championship course provides an enjoyable and challenging experience for golfers of all skill sets. Within reach of Dublin, the course is known for its

longer and more challenging to more rewarding and shorter risk. Comfortable, purpose-built, two-storey lodges house guests for a minimum of two nights and up to a full week, providing a stunning view of the surrounding lake and mountains.

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The 2025 OFX Irish Legends will be hosted on the championship course in the week commencing 12th May 2025 at Mount Juliet Estate, which has previously been the venue for five Irish Opens and two World Golf Championships.



It is a first return to the Kilkenny course for the over 50's Tour since 1999, when John Morgan was victorious in the Irish Seniors Open on the European Seniors Tour – before it became the Legends Tour.

The championship course at Mount Juliet Estate was designed by Jack Nicklaus and stretches up to 7,200 yards across 180 acres of land. The course provides players with plenty of challenges to avoid with five lakes, which come into play on six holes, and 80 bunkers which are strategically placed around the course.

The Legends Tour has stopped off at Seapoint Golf Links in County Louth for the last two years, where Adilson Da Silva was crowned champion in 2024.

Da Silva will defend his title at Mount Juliet next year in what's set to be another thrilling week in Irish golf as the event now moves to

partnership with OFX as the headline sponsor of the tournament too."

On the announcement, Mr. Mark Dunne, General Manager of Mount Juliet Estate said: "We are thrilled to announce that the Legends Tour 2025 will be held at Mount Juliet Estate. This prestigious event marks our debut in hosting the competition, and we are excited to welcome some of the world's finest golfers to our estate. Hosting the Legends Tour is a testament to the excellence of the golf experience at Mount Juliet Estate. It is an honour to welcome the Tour to our Estate. Celebrating 34 years of golf at Mount Juliet Estate in 2025, the Legends Tour will be a fitting tribute to our rich golfing heritage."

Mr. Matt Sandercock (PGA Fellow), Director of Golf at Mount Juliet Estate said: "Mount Juliet Estate is a proven Tournament host venue, having staged five Irish Opens, two World Golf Championships and a Shell's Wonderful World of Golf in its earlier days. We are absolutely

“We are thrilled to be heading to such an iconic venue as Mount Juliet in 2025 for the OFX Irish Legends. It is truly one of the greatest parkland golf courses in the world”

the Championship course in Kilkenny which is renowned for hosting the 2021 Dubai Duty-Free Irish Open, the 2022 Horizon Irish Open as well as earlier editions of that same event in 1993, 1994 and 1995.

Phil Harrison – CEO Legends Tour said: "We are thrilled to be heading to such an iconic venue as Mount Juliet in 2025 for the OFX Irish Legends. It is truly one of the greatest parkland golf courses in the world and we could not be prouder to be taking a Legends Tour event there. Our members will love playing the course and it will provide a stunning backdrop to what is sure to be a special week on the 2025 Legends Tour schedule.

"Ireland has become one of the core destinations in our calendar of events and one which I know the players look out for. I am happy that we are continuing our association with the Emerald Isle as well as our

delighted to be hosting our first Legends Tour event in May. The team and I are really looking forward to welcoming legends of the game and past heroes to our Jack Nicklaus Signature Design Course, which will prove an enjoyable and challenging test for all, particularly for those making their first visit to the course."

Tickets are on sale ahead of the event for spectators to attend and enjoy the action at Mount Juliet Estate, a venue which has witnessed some Legends of the game claim victory on their course including Tiger Woods, Sir Nick Faldo, Bernhard Langer, and Sam Torrance.

The OFX Irish Legends takes place in the week commencing 12th May 2025 at Mount Juliet Estate, Kilkenny as part of the Legends Tour schedule.

<https://www.legendstour.com/> for further details, updates, and ticket sales.



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GOLF IRELAND ANNOUNCES NEW UNDERAGE TEAM CAPTAINS

Golf Ireland is pleased to announce the appointment of three new captains for the U18 Boys, U18 Girls, and U16 Boys teams.



John Carroll, of Cork, who has been named Captain of the Irish Boys U18 team said: "It is a huge honour and privilege to take over as Captain of the Irish Boys' Team. I'm really looking forward to working with the players and hopefully achieving success in both the European Championships and Home Internationals." Martin Hynes of Athenry has been named team selector.

For the Irish Girls U18 team, Brenda Craig of Roganstown has been appointed Captain. "I'm delighted to be named Irish Girls' Captain; it is a huge honour for me and my family who have been steeped in golf for many years.

"After spending the last few years travelling with U16 squads, I'm excited for the future of Irish golf and the emerging talent we have coming through. I'm looking forward to getting started and have high hopes for our journey ahead," said Craig, who will have Valerie Clancy of Killarney as the team's selector.

In the U16 Boys category, Des Molyneux of Ballybunion has been chosen as Captain. "As a member of Ballybunion Golf Club and the Golf Ireland Munster Regional Executive Committee, I am honoured to be appointed Irish Boys' U16 Team Captain. Following on from my role as Munster U14 Interpro team captain, I look forward to contributing further to junior golf, working with the High-Performance team, U16 team coach Ian Kearney, and all the players," said Molyneux.

Ireland U18 Boys

Captain - John Carroll Junior (Cork)
Selector - Martin Hynes (Athenry)

Ireland U18 Girls

Captain - Brenda Craig (Roganstown)
Selector - Valerie Clancy (Killarney)

Ireland U16 Boys

Captain - Des Molyneux (Ballybunion)

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ANNA ABOM WINS BRIDGESTONE ORDER OF MERIT



The season long battle for the Bridgestone Women's Order of Merit would come down to the last event of the season with Edmondstown's Anna Abom snatching the honour following a strong final performance in Ballybunion.

The Edmondstown golfer had been in fine form all year, finishing inside the top ten in eight of her nine ranking appearances, Abom's victory in the Royal County Down Scratch Cup back in March setting up what would become an incredible 2024 season.

The Irish underage International followed up her opening win with a string of top five performances across April and May including runner-up finishes

at the Woodbrook Women's Scratch Cup, Cork Scratch Cup and a tied third finish at the Ulster Women's Amateur Stroke Play Championship.

The second half of the season would see that form continue as Abom picked up another 385 points in her next three events, a top 20 finish at the Flogas Irish Women's Amateur Open Championship providing her with her biggest point haul of the year (165).

Abom would not have it all her own way however as Lahinch's Aideen Walsh would provide ample opposition throughout the year as both players traded positions at the top of the leaderboard.

Walsh's hat-trick of scratch cup victories in Lahinch, Carlow and Hermitage Golf Club helping push the question of where the Bridgestone Order of Merit crown would reside all the way to the final event of the year, the Ballybunion Ladies Scratch Cup.

Coming into the closing event in Kerry, Walsh had held a 77-point lead over the Edmondstown golfer meaning nothing less than a fifth-place finish would be enough for Abom to take the crown.

With that being the case Abom produced some fantastic golf in Ballybunion, a second-place finish giving her a final 125 points to take the Bridgestone Order of Merit title by just 48. A massive 1163-point total secured across an impressive 2024 season, securing just over 500 points more than she had done the previous year.

Walsh, who had been in top form all year which included the trio of scratch cups alongside four other top ten finishes would once again take the runner-up spot, this time amassing a huge 1115-point total while recently turned professional Annabel Wilson (Castlerock) finished the season in third place on 883 points.

BALLYNEETY GOLF CLUB TO HOST 2027 JUNIOR RYDER CUP

Ryder Cup Europe have announced that the 2027 Junior Ryder Cup will take place at Ballyneety Golf Club in County Limerick.

Ballyneety Golf Club will be the venue for the first two days of foursomes and fourballs between male and female juniors from Europe and the United States in 2027, before the decisive single matches are held at Adare Manor, the day before the venue hosts the Ryder Cup itself, providing an exciting curtain-raiser to golf's greatest team contest.

Ballyneety, co-designed by 2014 Ryder Cup Vice-Captain Des Smyth, is set on 183 acres of rolling Irish countryside and the exceptional parkland layout offers breathtaking views over Limerick County.

Edward Kitson, Junior Ryder Cup Match Director, said: "Ballyneety Golf Club will be a magnificent host for the Junior Ryder Cup in 2027. The venue offers one of the finest parkland golfing experiences in Ireland, and the next generation of golfing superstars will relish the opportunity to compete on the champion-standard layout.

"Playing the final day singles matches at Adare Manor will be a fantastic experience for the 24 players who get the opportunity to compete in front of Ryder Cup crowds on the Ryder Cup course.

"These matches will form part of an exciting Ryder Cup week, and fans will be able to see some of the most exciting future talent in action."

John Leamy, General Manager of Ballyneety Golf Club, said: "It is a true honour for Ballyneety Golf Club to host the 2027 Junior Ryder Cup. This tournament represents not only a celebration of skill and dedication to the game, but also an opportunity to showcase the spirit of our community and the beauty and quality of our Championship course. We are looking forward to welcoming the world's top emerging golf talent to compete on one of Ireland's finest parkland courses.

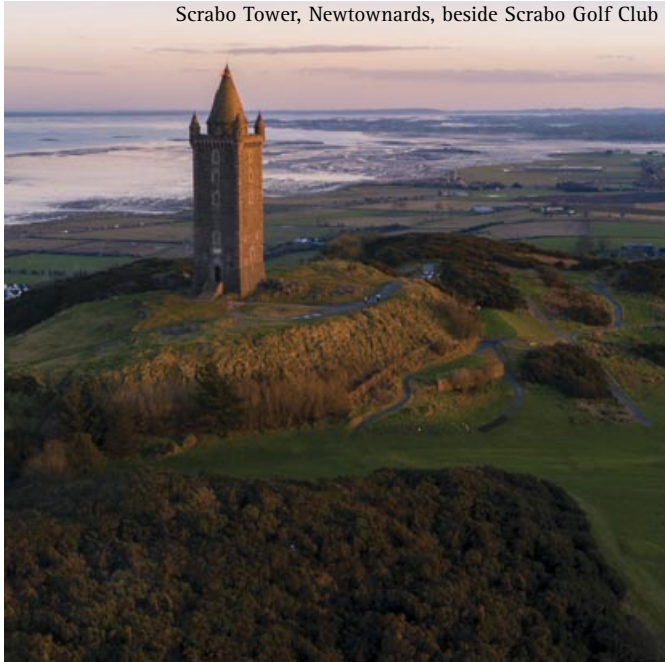
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The Junior Ryder Cup has produced a plethora of golfing stars and the best male and female junior amateurs from Europe and the United States will once again go head-to-head in the mixed event. Rory McIlroy, Nicolai Højgaard and Nicolas Colsaerts, the 2023 European Ryder Cup Vice-Captain, all triumphed in the junior event before also winning the Ryder Cup, while Suzanne Peterson, Carlota Ciganda, Leona Maguire and Emily Kristine Pedersen played in the event as amateurs before lifting the Solheim Cup.

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GOLF IRELAND ANNOUNCE PLAY IN PINK AS AN OFFICIAL CHARITY PARTNER

As part of the Golf Ireland focus on charity, Play in Pink, the golf charity division for the National Breast Cancer Research Institute (NBCRI) has been awarded with an Official Charity Partner status until 2027.



Play in Pink events took place in over 220 golf clubs in Ireland in 2024 and will raise more than €600k which goes directly to the NBCRI to fund breast cancer research programmes at the University of Galway. Play in Pink is also the official partner for the KPMG Women's Irish Open and the Irish Challenge.

Currently 1 in 7 Irish women will be diagnosed with breast cancer before the age of 75, with over 3500 cases diagnosed annually. These women are our mothers, daughters, sisters, grandmothers, friends and neighbours so most people have been touched by this disease in some way.

The research team at The Lambe Institute at The University of Galway, in collaboration with universities and hospitals across the globe, focus on the development and improvement of diagnostic techniques and treatment strategies, to drive real and measurable improvement in clinical outcomes for breast cancer patients.

Commenting on the announcement Miriam Hand, National Co-Ordinator for Play in Pink said; "I'm delighted with this partnership as we've been working

Golf Ireland CEO Mark Kennelly added; "We are thrilled to announce Play in Pink as an Official Charity Partner. This partnership reflects our commitment to supporting meaningful causes within our community. The incredible efforts of Play in Pink and the NBCRI resonate deeply with our members. Together, we hope to make a significant impact in advancing breast cancer research and supporting those affected by it."

For more information on Play in Pink visit www.PlayinPink.com

With your help, we can positively impact the future for women in Ireland.

NOTE: A Play in Pink day is a day where members and visitors (if an open day) come together to support the NBCRI Charity, Play in Pink. The club organise the golf day and participants are encouraged to "Play in Pink" with funds raised from the day being donated to the charity. The days are organised and coordinated by the golf clubs (Lady Vice Captain or some other designated Play in Pink coordinator) and they can be open days or members only days.

“Having the Governing Body now assisting and supporting the charity will help us to grow awareness even more and to spread the word of Play in Pink and the charity to every golf club in Ireland”

with golf clubs in Ireland on the Play in Pink initiative for the last 20 years. We've held thousands of events in that time with golfers 'playing in pink' to support the NBCRI.

"Having the Governing Body now assisting and supporting the charity will help us to grow awareness even more and to spread the word of Play in Pink and the charity to every golf club in Ireland. It's a huge boost for the charity and I'm excited to see how it can positively impact clubs and sign-ups for 2025."

Clubs run the days with entry fees typically forming the bulk of the donation to the charity. Players are encouraged to Play in Pink on the days and many clubs go to great lengths to increase their donations where they have incorporated new initiatives such as breakfasts / coffee mornings / auctions / sales and locally produced product sales as well as on course initiatives such as 'buying mulligans' etc. The days are meant to be fun but all in the spirit of the game and all aimed at generating donations for the charity.

PURCELL TRIUMPHS IN HANGZHOU

Conor Purcell secured his second Challenge Tour title of the season by closing with a final round four under par 67 to win the inaugural Hangzhou Open by four shots.

Spaniard Angel Ayora closed with a 69 to finish in a tie for second with England's Jack Senior and Finland's Oliver Lindell while Zhou Yanhan emerged as the highest-placed Chinese after signing for a 64 to finish in a share of fifth place with Sweden's Niklas Lemke and Felix Mory of France.

Irishman Purcell entered the final round with a share of the lead and started his round with six straight pars. He broke free from the chasing pack with a hat-trick of birdies starting from the par-three seventh at West Lake International Golf and Country Club.

Purcell then left the door open for his closest rivals to close in after dropping two shots on holes 11 and 13. However, the 27-year-old ensured he would clinch the title comfortably as he charged home with three more birdies in his closing four holes for a winning total of 18 under par 266.

"It's an amazing feeling. Getting the first one was special in front of the home crowd. And I couldn't have asked for a better second one with so many people watching in what has been an amazing event," said Purcell, who won his maiden Challenge Tour title at the Black Desert NI Open presented by Tom McKibbin in July.

"It was a nervous start where I just made lots of pars before I got a few birdies towards the end of the front nine. I got a bit slow again on the back nine, made a few mistakes but got myself back in the mindset of making birdies and thankfully a few dropped."

With this win in Hangzhou, Purcell jumped eight places to fourth on the Road to Mallorca Rankings at the time.

"It's nice to win one of the elevated events before the grand finals so that I can go over there and enjoy a little bit more. I'm definitely going to celebrate because these wins don't come around too often".

The Portmarnock man would go on to claim the sixth DP World Tour card when he tied for 23rd in the Rolex Challenge Tour Grand Final in Mallorca.

Here's to further success for Conor in 2025.



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KPMG WOMEN'S IRISH OPEN

Annabel Dimmock completed her comeback from injury as she won her first Ladies European Tour (LET) title in five years after defeating Pauline Roussin-Bouchard in a playoff at the 2024 KPMG Women's Irish Open.

Annabel Dimmock, KPMG Ladies Irish Open winner 2024



Photo : Sportsfile/Sam Barnes

English star Annabel Dimmock held a two-shot lead at the 54-hole mark and produced a round of 70 (-3) to be in the playoff alongside the Frenchwoman on the O'Meara Course at Carton House.

The duo headed back down to 18 for the playoff and both made pars on the first hole, but on the second hole Roussin-Bouchard took a 3-wood off the tee, however, it went left into the deep rough and she had to scramble and ended up making a bogey.

Meanwhile, Dimmock – who has come back from eight months out of the game with a thumb injury – went down the middle of the fairway with her driver and left herself two putts to win as she duly rolled in her two-foot putt to secure her second LET title.

Dimmock got off to a good start on the final day as she made birdies on her first two holes but dropped a shot on the 12th hole.

A birdie on 13 saw her just one shot behind Roussin-Bouchard and she rolled in another birdie on 17 for her round of 70 (-3) and to finish alongside the Frenchwoman on 19-under-par.

She continued: "Today was actually quite tough. I was struggling to get the ball in the hole. I got off to a good start and then I struggled a little bit, it didn't feel quite as good. After shooting seven-under, eight-under, it felt like I was having a chop, but I wasn't.

"Ursula [Wikstrom] was chasing me who was in the group with me today and I looked over at the board at 15. I didn't really all day and then I looked and saw Pauline was doing well. I know she's a great player, I played in the playoff with her in Jabra when I won which was five years ago. That's incredible.

"At the last, Pauline hit it a touch left, and I was thinking just play it safe in the middle of the green and then I got up there and I thought oh my gosh I have such a long putt here. I hit a good putt and playing safe paid off there."

Roussin-Bouchard began the day in outright fifth place and made three birdies on her front nine to move herself up the leaderboard.

The Frenchwoman continued to pepper pins rolling in four birdies in a row on holes 10 thru 13 to put herself in a share of the lead.

Another birdie on 15 put the two-time LET winner into the solo lead but she then three-putted on 16, however, she soon bounced back with a birdie on 17.

The 24-year-old saved par on 18 to card a round of eight-under 65 and seal the clubhouse lead on 19-under-par before losing out in the playoff.

"It was just good golf all around," said Roussin-Bouchard. "I missed a few opportunities, but I made others. It was great."

Finland's Ursula Wikstrom finished her consistent week with another round of 69 (-4) for a total of 18-under-par and to miss out on the playoff by one shot and end the week in third place.

Switzerland's Chiara Tamburlini finished in outright fourth place on 17-under-par after firing a round of 65 (-8) on the final day.

The LET rookie was bogey-free rolling in eight birdies including two in the last two holes to seal her lowest-ever tournament round of eight-under.

Four players finished the week in a share of fifth place with Thailand's Trichat Cheenglab, Hong Kong's Tiffany Chan,

"This is pretty cool to do it in Ireland. It feels really good to do it here. The fans out there and the people watching were amazing to me this week and they really cheered me on"

"I am a bit shell-shocked at the minute," said Dimmock, whose mum is from Cork. "I'm standing here and I think I'm in a dream honestly. I'm just shell-shocked and over the moon right now.

"This is pretty cool to do it in Ireland. It feels really good to do it here. The fans out there and the people watching were amazing to me this week and they really cheered me on. It's kind of what I needed because I haven't had an easy couple of weeks.

Australia's Kirsten Rudgeley and Italy's Alessandra Fanali all on 14-under-par.

Sweden's Linnea Johansson was ninth on 13-under with England's Lily May Humphreys and Slovenia's Katja Pogacar one shot further back in T10.

For Ireland's Leona Maguire it was not to be however no doubt her time will come for a LET Tour win on Irish soil.



BALLYNEETY GOLF CLUB

Venue for Junior Ryder Cup 2027



The remarkable rise of Ballyneety Golf Club, located just 10km south of Limerick City, is an outstanding example of how community spirit and determination can achieve spectacular results.

When the old Limerick County Golf Club went into liquidation in 2010 the property was abandoned, boarded up and left to grow wild. However the former members of the club rescued the property and this incredible story culminated in November 2024 when Ryder Cup Europe announced that Ballyneety Golf Club would host the 2027 Junior Ryder Cup.

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General Manager John Leamy said: "The members at Ballyneety are very proud of the journey that this club has been on since 2013. Our doors are open and everybody is welcome to enjoy our magnificent golf course, practice facilities and hospitality. We are deeply honoured and hugely excited by the challenge of delivering the 2027 Junior Ryder Cup and preparations have already commenced to ensure that Ballyneety will host a spectacular tournament."



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UNITED STATES WINS 2024 SOLHEIM CUP

The United States won the Solheim Cup for the first time in seven years after a closely fought final day singles contest at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Gainesville, Virginia.



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Lexi Thompson

The matches remained on a knife edge until Lilia Vu made a brilliant birdie on the 18th to earn the half point needed to reach 14 ½ points and win the Solheim Cup for the United States.

The final score was 15 ½ – 12 ½ in America's favour as they clinched the cup for the first time since 2017.

At the start of the day, the home side had a four-point lead with 10-6 advantage over Europe, but it was the holders who won the singles session.

unbelievable. That's what you expect from one of the best players in the world."

European captain Suzann Pettersen commented: "I mean, we gave them a run for their money. I don't think anyone expected us to be here at 2:30 and to still have a chance. It's kind of hard to believe that we actually had a chance with kind of that poor of a start, giving them such a head start. But I had fun today. It's always exciting on a Sunday.

"There were possibilities out there, and several times we thought we could get it done. It came down to a couple of matches. Happy for Stacy, obviously, on home turf, but we'll come back very hungry.

"I've had so much fun with these girls. I've truly enjoyed it. Win or lose – yeah, it's fun to win, a little bit more painful to lose, but at the end of the day we've had a lot of small victories within our team this week. We've had a lot of fun, a lot of good laughs, moments that I will cherish forever. It's been a great ride, and Solheims, they're the best."

Follow all the action on LET socials – @LETgolf and @solheimcupeuro on Instagram, TikTok and X, and Ladies European Tour on YouTube and Facebook – #RaiseOurGame #TeamEurope.

“This is so cool. So stressful to watch. It's awful watching. But just so proud of the players. It's amazing how these things come down to half a point here and there”

Europe won 6 ½ points on the final day, even though the U.S. Team only won 5 ½ points from their 12 singles matches it was enough to secure them the victory.

The last four Solheim Cups have been decided by scores of 14.5 to 13.5 (for Europe in 2019), 15-13 (for Europe in 2021), 14-14 in 2023 and 15.5 to 12.5 for the U.S. Team this year. That means that the last four Solheim Cups have been decided by a total of 6 points.

Winning captain Stacy Lewis said: "I mean, this is so cool. So stressful to watch. It's awful watching. But just so proud of the players. It's amazing how these things come down to half a point here and there. Fortunately, this time we were on the right side of it.

"It really could have gone either way. It's crazy there at the end kind of how it all unfolded. I was just hoping and praying it went our way. Just proud of the team, and Lilia's finish there was

Leona Maguire



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AMGEN IRISH OPEN 2024

Rasmus Højgaard holed out twice as he pipped local favourite Rory McIlroy to win the AMGEN Irish Open at Royal County Down.

Rasmus Højgaard



Photo : Sportsfile/Ramsay Cardy

Rory McIlroy looked on course to claim his first professional win on home soil when he led by two shots with four holes to play at a venue just an hour from where he grew up.

However, while Højgaard completed a superb closing 65 with four birdies in the last five holes, McIlroy

A birdie on the 11th edged McIlroy two in front again, but that advantage was wiped out as Højgaard birdied the 16th and McIlroy bogeyed the 15th.

Højgaard then dramatically holed out from a greenside bunker on the 17th and, although McIlroy drew level with a birdie on the 16th, the four-time Major winner charged his birdie putt on the 17th past the hole and missed the return.

Højgaard's third birdie in a row on the 18th meant McIlroy needed to make an eagle on the same hole to force a play-off and a towering approach from 191 yards gave him a chance from 15 feet, only for the eagle putt to slide just wide.

"It was a hard watch in the end but I had a number today that I was trying to reach, and that was eight (under)," Højgaard said after securing his fifth DP World Tour title.

"Obviously coming in and finishing on nine was gold and I'm so happy. The game's been trending for a while now and to get this one is massive.

"On 10 I got away with a good lie. Thought I hit a great chip there and maybe would have been five, six feet past, but then there was a flag in the way.

"And on 17 I was a bit worried I could be plugged in the bunker but coming up to an uphill lie in the bunker gave me a little bit more confidence that I could get it up and down. To hole it was key."

Manassero finished third after a closing 69, with England's Daniel Brown fourth on six under after signing for a fine round of 66.

While there was disappointment for Rory McIlroy, no doubt his presence throughout the week delighted the massive crowds in what was a hugely successful AMGEN Irish Open.

"It was a hard watch in the end but I had a number today that I was trying to reach, and that was eight (under)"

crucially bogeyed the 17th and then agonisingly missed an eagle putt on the 18th which would have forced a play-off.

The World Number Three had taken a one-shot lead into the final round and made the ideal start with birdies on the first and second.

With playing partner Matteo Manassero then dropping shots on the third and fourth, McIlroy briefly enjoyed a four-shot lead before making a bogey on the seventh after failing to get up and down from left of the green.

McIlroy then missed from inside 10 feet for birdie on both the eighth and the ninth as Højgaard kickstarted his challenge with an outrageous chip-in for birdie on the 10th.

Rory McIlroy



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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.

After a relaxing break and happy golfing memories you'll reluctantly bid farewell, longing to return to this haven in the sunny South East.

Dungarvan is home to the Waterford Greenway, a spectacular 46km off-road cycling and walking trail which travels through time and nature across eleven bridges, three viaducts and through the atmospheric tunnel all the way from the river to the sea from stunning Dungarvan all the way to the quays of Ireland's oldest city - Waterford.



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Dungarvan Golf Club

RORY WINS 6th RACE TO DUBAI

Rory McIlroy finished the 2024 DP World Tour season in style by winning the DP World Tour Championship as he was crowned Race to Dubai champion for the sixth time.

After a third placed finish at Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship, only South Africa's Thriston Lawrence could deny McIlroy from claiming his sixth Race to Dubai Rankings in Partnership with Rolex of his career.

Lawrence needed to win and for the World Number Three to finish in 12th or worse for him to overturn McIlroy's huge advantage, but his challenge never materialised as he carded a one-under-par total at Jumeirah Golf Estates.

The Northern Irishman shared the lead after the first and third rounds, and looked in total control when he burst three shots clear thanks to a run of four straight birdies from the second.

Rasmus Højgaard remained in touch and capitalised on bogeys at the ninth and 13th from McIlroy to sit alongside him at the summit at 13 under.

However, birdies at the 16th and 18th paid dividends for McIlroy as he secured his third triumph on the Earth course by two shots to complete a season-finale double.

"It means a lot. I've been through a lot this year, professionally, personally and it feels like a fitting end to 2024," McIlroy said.

"I've persevered a lot this year, had close calls and couldn't get it done. So to be able to get over the line. I'm really pleased with the way I finished and thankfully I hung on on a tough day and got it done.

"It's been a long year, my 27th tournament, which is a lot to me. Looking forward to a little bit of downtime.

"I have a lot of friends and my family here in Dubai so I'm sure we'll have a good night tonight."



Photo : Sportsfile/Ramsey Carthy

The Frenchman slid a putt by at the second which would have improved his score and McIlroy and Højgaard responded by birdieing the same hole to return to 12 under.

McIlroy gained momentum and put his approach inside four feet at the third, which he rolled in to rejoin Rozner at the summit.

The birdie trail continued for the World Number Three at the fourth to become the first player to reach 14 under and when he followed suit at the fifth, he was two clear.

“It's been a long year, my 27th tournament, which is a lot to me. Looking forward to a little bit of downtime”

Antoine Rozner, who shared the third-round lead with McIlroy and Højgaard, birdied the opening hole to take the outright lead at 13 under, which turned into a two-shot advantage after the final group bogeyed the same hole.



Photo : Sportsfile/Ramsey Carthy

Before McIlroy teed off at the sixth, Rozner bogeyed the same hole to inflate the Northern Irishman's advantage to three.

Rozner and Højgaard replied with a birdie at the next, however, McIlroy continued to keep his nose out in front despite a bogey to close his front nine.

It became a two-way tussle with Højgaard following his birdie at the seventh, while Rozner slipped back after a double bogey at the ninth.

McIlroy narrowly missed chances to extend his lead at the start of his back nine and when he bogeyed the 13th, there was a two at the top.

The 35-year-old showed his quality at the 16th by landing his approach inside a foot for his first birdie in 11 holes, which Højgaard could not match.

The Dane drained a clutch par putt at the 17th to remain one behind going down the last as the leader narrowly missed his birdie effort.

Neither player found the green in two and Højgaard could not hole his birdie effort to extend the season. That gave McIlroy two putts for victory as he finished with a closing birdie and total of 15 under.

Former World Number One Adam Scott and Ireland's Shane Lowry carded final round 68s to finish in a tie for third at 11 under alongside Rozner, who birdied the last to earn a PGA TOUR card for next season.

Englishman Tyrrell Hatton was one shot further back in solo sixth, while Scot Robert MacIntyre wrapped up the top ten alongside Chilean Joaquin Niemann, Japan's Keita Nakajima and Swede Jesper Svensson at nine under.

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PGA Catalunya



INTRODUCTION

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

Selection of Airports

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

Variety of Golf Courses

Depending on your tastes, your holiday destination, the circumstances... In Spain you can choose between very different golf courses throughout the whole country. You can find them

overlooking the sea, in rural areas, amidst mountains, and even in big cities.

Other Reasons to Visit

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

Renowned Golf Designers

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

Golf for All

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

Relaxation and Leisure

Another of the advantages offered by Spain is the fact that the days here have more hours of sunlight, meaning more time to enjoy. Theme

parks, terraces, outdoor activities, concerts, theatre plays, etc. And when night falls, remember that in Spain you can keep having fun into the early hours of the morning with a wide range of restaurants, live music, bars and nightclubs.

Selected courses

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

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

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



Resort offers a wealth of opportunities. Start with an invigorating game of golf against the spectacular backdrop of the Pyrenees, before relaxing in the elegant atmosphere of the clubhouse. Explore the surrounding countryside by bike or on horseback, put your tennis and paddle skills to the test, try out the fishing point or sample the exercise facilities at the Residents Club. And round the day off by savouring the culinary delights at one of the signature restaurants.

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

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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

Course, designed by Dave Thomas, is located in a unique environment: in a dense pine forest at the foot of the Calblanque Natural Park. It is a more demanding course, and requires every player's best swing.

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

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

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DESTINATION ALGARVE 2025

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

Pinhal Golf Club



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

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

INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

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

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



VILAMOURA : A PARADISE IN SHADES OF GREEN

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

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

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

such as the Algarve World Cup and the Portugal Masters, completes the list of golfing options in Vilamoura. This investment in quality has been rewarded with the chance to hold many tournaments there each year. The Taça do Presidente (President's Cup), the Grande Troféu de Vilamoura (Vilamoura Grand Trophy) and the Expresso/ BPI Golf Cup are the examples most widely praised by amateur players and leading professionals alike. It boasts many outstanding golf holes, notably the sporting par 5, 17th where the professionals are tempted to go for the green in search of a precious birdie but all too often plunge into the lake fronting the green.

The 18th is a tremendous par four with water all the way up the left and craftily placed bunkers threatening the overly careful tee shot on the right. Pádraig Harrington chipped and putted both for a

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the utmost and provides an exciting challenge for golfing enthusiasts.

The Old Course is one of the most well-known and acclaimed courses in Europe, its exacting fairways demanding precision owing to the forests of umbrella pine which surround them.

The Pinhal Golf Course, flanked by a magnificent pine forest, has small greens that require the highest degree of accuracy.

The Laguna Golf Course is an open course, embellished by waterfalls and the Millennium 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,

crucial birdie and par on the way to victory in 2016.

When it comes to considering accommodation with easy access to golf and Algarve beaches, Hilton Vilamoura As Cascatas Golf Resort & Spa is well-recommended. Set amid five acres of landscaped gardens, the resort is adjacent to the prestigious Dom Pedro Pinhal Golf Course.

Central Vilamoura is a kilometre from the door, and a free shuttle covers Vilamoura Marina and Falesia private beach. Also included is the prestigious 7 Seven Spa, the second largest of its kind in Europe where relaxing and tranquility are first and foremost.

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

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

WESTERN ALGARVE

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

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

Boavista Golf & Spa is one of the Western Algarve's premier resorts. With an exceptional 18-hole championship course it is one of the most beautifully manicured courses, bordered by properties all designed to harmonize with the land's natural contours.

With two distinctive sections, Boavista course offers a variety of holes, the first nine climb to the highest point of the resort before descending steadily to water features, streams and lakes that finish at the clubhouse.

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

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

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

In Lagoa, the magnificent Quinta do Gramacho course at Carvoeiro, designed by Ronald Fream, hosts the Algarve Ladies Open, a tournament that forms part of the Ladies European Tour.

In Albufeira the Salgados Golf Club combines lakes, waterfalls and rolling sand dunes.

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

EASTERN ALGARVE

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



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

Located in the heart of the Parque Natural de Ria Formosa (Formosa Estuary National Park), the Quinta da Ria and Quinta de Cima courses, in Vila Nova de Cacela, are among the most beautiful of the region.

The Quinta da Ria now hosts the prestigious Europro Tour and the Quinta de Cima, the Algarve Seniors Tour, a competition that forms part of PGA European Senior Tour. Also in this town, at the Monte Rei Golf & Country Club, you are surrounded by a stunning landscape and immersed in total tranquillity.

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

CENTRAL ALGARVE

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

Quinta do Lago has been at the forefront of international golf since its creation. The San Lorenzo Golf Club in the Ria Formosa has won

many prizes, rightly being nominated as one of the best courses in Europe.

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

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

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

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BENAMOR GOLF

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



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

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

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

many centuries old, feature aesthetically and in playing terms. Water hazards and sand bunkers are located to test the strategy and striking ability of the player. The Penn A4 greens and tees are simply superb.

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

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The Benamor golf course offers several spaces for visitors. A

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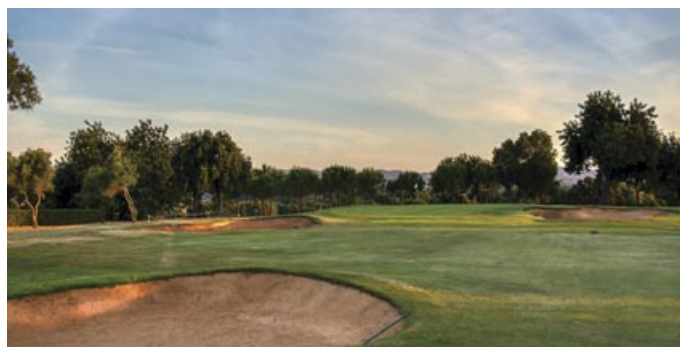
beautiful old church next to the site of the Clubhouse and by the spectacular location.

The final result is a delightful par 71 golf course of 5,500 metres (6,100 yards), which offers a pleasant playing experience, to players of all standards. The course is undulating but not hilly. The views of the mountains to the North and the Atlantic Ocean to the South are stunning. The indigenous olive, cork, carob, fig and almond trees,

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ESPICHE GOLF: UNIQUE GOLFING EXPERIENCE IN THE WEST ALGARVE

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



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

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

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

variety of the layout. Golfers are pushed to take risks with 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 has given the local community an elegant, warm, friendly and sociable active hub”

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

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

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

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

Espiche Golf to continuously contribute to a sustainable future.

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

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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

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-the-art 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 pools and leisure areas

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

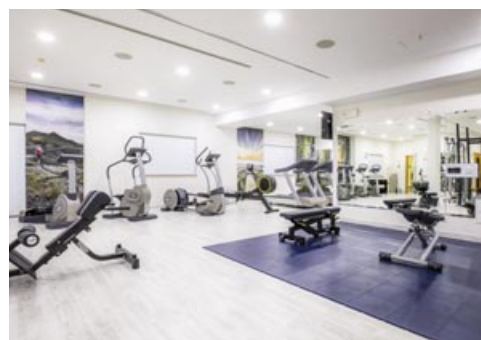
At the top of the hill the Clubhouse restaurant overlooking the city of Lagos, with two spacious terraces, is the perfect place to enjoy the views of the beautiful bay of Lagos. Here you can appreciate a relaxing sunset and chill out with a drink, try many snacks or taste the menu which covers both international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

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

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

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

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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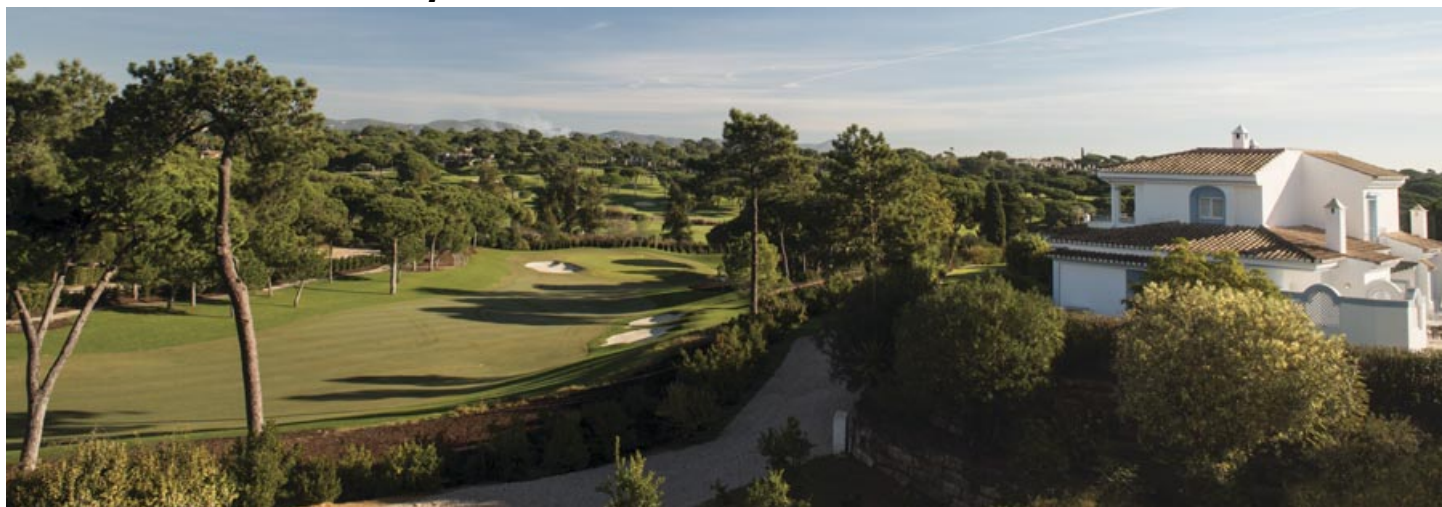
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FOUR SEASONS FAIRWAYS

Situated 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 been renovated, 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, fully equipped 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 plus heated indoor and outdoor pools. There is also a wellness centre that was totally renovated this summer where guests can relax in the poolside jacuzzi, invigorate mind and soul in the sauna and steam rooms, unwind with an aromatherapy massage or awaken your body with an array of luxurious and pampering treatments.

Piri-Piri, Piri Piri Prawns or Ria Formosa Clams alongside some delicious salads, freshly made pizzas and burgers.

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 gastronomic restaurant. The views are spectacular, the space is intimate and sophisticated. Top tip - book ahead to secure a table outside on the new terrace area. Flavours and dishes are contemporary with an emphasis on local produce and combined, make for a very 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.

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With the villas being kitted out so brilliantly for cooking and dining in, many guests choose this as an option and the D'època grocery store 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

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 BBQ back at the villa.

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 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.

Four Seasons Fairways offer two and three-bedroom villa or apartments (sleeps 4-8) with pool or Jacuzzi, for 7 nights on self-catering basis from €1,350 to €4,950.

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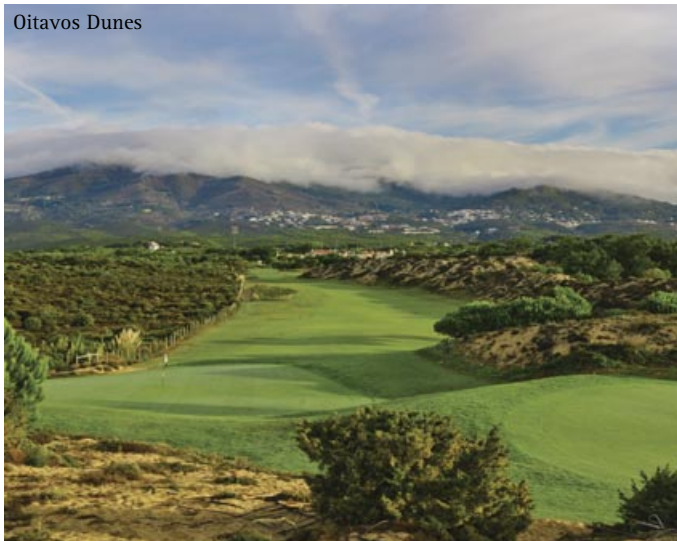
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LISBOA FOR CHOICE

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

Oitavos Dunes



INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Belém is linked to Portugal's Golden Age of Discoveries as the site where the famous navigators set sail to discover the world. Today it is a spacious green suburb with many gardens, parks and monuments that are well worth a visit. Amongst Belém's attractions are the Jerónimos Monastery, the Monument to the Discoveries, Torre de Belém and Belém Cultural Centre.

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

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

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

OUTSIDE LISBON

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

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

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

RECOMMENDED GOLF COURSES

MONTADO HOTEL & GOLF RESORT

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

QUINTA DO PERÚ & COUNTRY CLUB

With the Arrábida mountains as its backdrop, the Quinta do Perú golf course offers amateurs a pleasant game, whilst also presenting a challenge for professionals. It was voted amongst the top 10 courses in Portugal in the biennial poll organised by the European Golf magazine. With its many trees and wild flowers, the course provides a varied start, for the first three holes consist of a par 5, a 386-metre par 4 and a 186-metre par 3. Amongst the first nine holes, attention is drawn to the short eighth hole, with a lake in front of

its green. The next nine holes are even more difficult. Number 12 is a par 4 which, although not very long, has a lake running beside the fairway and down to the green. Then comes what is probably the most difficult test on the course: hole 16, a 200-metre par 3, where one needs to play over a lake to reach the green. The course's recognised quality has led to its hosting several events from the European Challenge Tour.

PGA AROEIRA LISBOA

Located in a protected pine woodland, 30 minutes from central Lisbon, south of river Tagus and near to the beach. Aroeira's mild climate allows golf to be played all year long. PGA Aroeira 1 was designed by Architect Frank Pennink in 1973 with a beautiful tree-lined course adorned by 5 lakes. The course is 6044 meters long and a par 72.

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

SANTO ESTÊVÃO GOLFE

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

RIBAGOLFE I & II

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

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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.

OITAVOS DUNES – NATURAL LINKS GOLF

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

PESTANA BELOURA GOLF RESORT

The verdant foothills of the Sintra Mountains offer a breathtaking backdrop for the Pestana Beloura Golf Course. Here the famous American golf course architect Rocky Roquemore has conceived a course that will stretch both your imagination and ability yet provide an enjoyable challenge to golfers of all levels. Over 40,000 Eucalyptus, Oak, Pine, Magnolia, Palm and other exotic

trees and plants have been planted on this gently undulating Par 72, 18 hole course that measures 5,716 meters from the Men's Tees and 5,094 from the Women's Tees. Water comes into play on many of the holes as they meander between the various lakes and streams that border the Fairways. The course is irrigated automatically from its own water supplies, guaranteeing crisp lies on lush Tifton 419 fairways and true, holding greens from a green sward of creeping bent.

Find out more at www.visitlisboa.com

Estoril Golf Course



CYPRUS DELIGHTS

Make Cyprus part of your plans for 2025 as we explore in this edition of Irish Golf Review.

Aphrodite Hills Resort



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GOLF IN CYPRUS

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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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

practise area boasts 22 covered bays; 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.

For further information visit www.visitcyprus.com



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GOLF IN SCOTLAND

In this edition of Irish Golf Review, we explore a selection of great options throughout the regions of Scotland for 2025.

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 Craighielaw 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 well-known links courses in Scotland with views over the Isle of May, the islands of Fidra and Craighleith, 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

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.

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– Paul McGinley ”**

and Southernness 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 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 Western 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.

In Fife alone there are more than 50 courses with delights such as Crail, Elie, Lundin Links and Aberdour

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, Haggis 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.

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

Malahide Golf Club is a real gem of a Parkland Course, where Society Golfers and Visitors are both warmly welcomed, with many returning year

after year. 2017 saw the club celebrating its 125th Year as well as the reopening of the Blue Nine following a development by the renowned golf architect Martin Hawtree. Why not experience the 'Magic of Malahide' for yourself and book a round.

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

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

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

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

golfer must negotiate to come in with a decent score.

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

Also, Black Bush Golf Club with 27 holes of a well drained parkland course, who are open most of the year for play. They also have three interchangeable 9-hole courses that keep things moving. Black Bush Golf Club is situated only minutes from Fairyhouse Racecourse. Mature trees leading up to well maintained greens line the fairways.

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

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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 as one of the most picturesque golf courses in Ireland. The course is remarkably wet weather tolerant, due to the underlying Esker, which makes it a delight to play all year round.

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

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

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

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

Portstewart Golf Club



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.

At Rathsaltagh Golf & Country Club, you will find a golf course built to championship standard, routed over rolling terrain and with a number of burns, ditches and ponds that bring water into play on several holes. It sits in beautiful parkland near Dunlavin, Co Wicklow with mature woodland lining all the fairways.

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 McIlroy, Graeme McDowell and Darren Clarke and renowned for its stunning natural golfing country, Northern Ireland has many spectacular links courses that attract worldwide attention.

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

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

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

Royal Portrush Golf Links

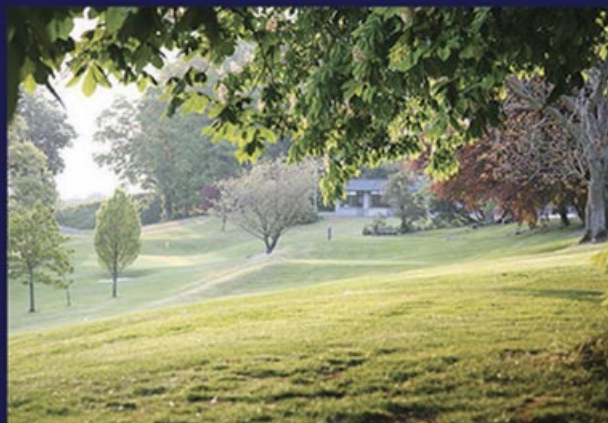


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In the Mourne County where Royal County Down Golf Club is among some of the most breathtaking golf courses in the world. Situated south of Belfast on the edge of Dundrum Bay and set against the backdrop of the Mourne Mountains, the club has two links 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.

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-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,

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

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

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

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

Ardee Golf Club in County Louth, has become one of the premier golfing destinations in Ireland's North East. Situated in the centre of

the Waterville House is highly recommended for all your accommodation requirements.

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

Travelling further north is Ballyunion 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.



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Lahinch Golf Links



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.

With stunning views, a welcoming atmosphere, and a course that keeps you coming back for more, Ballyneety Golf Club is your perfect golf destination and the venue for the 2027 Junior Ryder Cup.

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.

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 73 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 Sea, this seaside parkland course offers idyllic surroundings, fresh clean sea air, combined with stimulating and challenging golf.

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

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

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

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

Stretching along the curve of Rosslare Bay is Rosslare fishing village. Here Rosslare Golf Links boasts a spectacular landscape standing on a narrow peninsula with the Irish sea on one side and Wexford harbour on the other. Two courses are on offer at this club including an 18-hole championship course and a 12-hole layout known as the Burrow Course that opened in 1992.

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

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

Kilkenny Golf Club offers a warm atmosphere on its championship golf course and welcomes individuals, societies and groups. It is a course worth visiting in 2025 when making your plans into the South East.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cahir Park Golf Club is situated half a mile from Cahir town. The 18-hole golf course is divided in two by the River Suir and displays mature trees, lakes and streams. Stay in the Cahir House Hotel in the centre of the heritage town and experience simple old world charm and elegance.

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include Glenlo Abbey, Gort, Loughrea, Tuam, Galway Golf Club, and Connemara Golf Links to name but a few.

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

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

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

And this is by no means the only top-class links course in Co Sligo. Enniscrone Golf Links, affords panoramic views of Killala Bay, 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.

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ROE PARK RESORT

Situated on the edge of the Roe Valley Country Park, The Roe Park Resort, Limavady is renowned as one of Northern Ireland's Premier Golf and Spa Resorts, boasting an 18-hole parkland golf course and driving range.



The hotel has 118 guest rooms and luxury suites, three self-catering properties including the newly renovated Gate Lodge, a cosy bar and two superb restaurants, as well as a luxurious spa and health club complete with a gym, pool, sauna and jacuzzi.

The North Coast is world-famous for its golf courses and the Roe Park Resort is perfectly placed for those intending to enjoy the nearby famous links courses. The resort is also located close to popular attractions such as the Giant's Causeway and Benone Beach, for those wishing to explore.

With a significant investment of £160,000 placed into the golf course in recent months, holes 10,11 and 12 named Daisyhill, Mullagh and Columbas have undergone extensive refurbishment, restoring the course to its full 18-hole offering. Beyond the highly acclaimed golf course, the resort is home

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to a first-class clubhouse surrounded by outstanding facilities, including a recently upgraded Indoor Studio with the latest Trackman 4 Launch Monitor technology, allowing for a fantastic coaching and custom fitting experience. The Indoor Studio is also available for Simulator Play, with over 160 world class courses available for virtual golf for up to 4 golfers at a time.

The Roe Park Resort Golf Training Academy offers private or group lessons with PGA accredited professionals for golfers looking to improve their skills. The 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, from beginner level to more advanced.



The facilities at the Academy include an 18-bay driving range, golf shop, short game area and putting green, as well as a chipping and bunker area.

Michael McCrudden, Golf Pro at the Roe Park Golf Course said, “As well as our superb golf course and the powerhouse technologies that we have available in the Golf Academy, our proximity to the stunning North Coast and some of Ireland’s most renowned links courses is an added draw for visitors to the resort.

“The success of the Roe Park Golf Course and Golf Academy is a direct result of the emphasis that has been placed on our investments into the world-class facilities available and we look forward to welcoming even more guests to the resort over the coming months.”

The resort has two superb restaurants for guests to enjoy, the Coach House Brasserie and The Courtyard. With an extensive menu on offer throughout the day, The Coach House Brasserie is the perfect location for a spot of lunch, a relaxed evening meal or a family occasion. The restaurant, which has views over the green, has been sympathetically restored in 18th Century Coach House style, adding to the traditional charm of 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 nightcap.

Roe Park Resort’s award-winning spa offers guests a wide range of luxurious beauty therapies and treatment packages across brands including Elemis, OTO CBD Wellbeing, Natural Spa Factory & Made for Life Organics.

As an official training academy for Elemis, the Roe Park Resort has invested heavily in modernising its Spa treatment facilities to offer visitors technologically advanced beauty and skin care treatments. The Spa also

has a sauna, steam suite, heated pool and gymnasium for guests to indulge in.

The resort launched a £1.7 million investment programme last year, which included the recent expansion of its weddings and events space, the Danny Boy Suite and the development of its third self-catering property, the Gate Lodge. As part of the development programme, the hotel has also invested in the refurbishment of bedrooms and upgrading the hotel’s technologies, as well as investing in state-of-the-art solar panels, making it one of a few hotels in Northern Ireland that will be powered with renewable energy.

For more information about Roe Park Resort or to make a reservation visit www.RoeParkResort.com



ST. HELEN'S BAY GOLF RESORT

A year in review and a look ahead to 2025.



2024 brought a great Summer at St Helen's Bay Golf Resort with super golf conditions and plenty of fun and activities for the many families who holiday here every year. The onsite sporting facilities of tennis courts, football pitches and children's playground were complemented by bouncy castles and fun day events, kiddies discos and BBQs, and the quiz and bingo nights saw the clubhouse packed out with golfers and their families having great fun.

In July we hosted the Australian Spoons Final - welcoming over 150 Lady visitors to the resort. We held a 15 Day Festival of Golf where we had a range of Sponsored Open Competitions ranging from 18-hole Singles Ladies and Gents and 9 holes Singles Ladies and Gents and some Team competitions. We ran an 18 Hole Competition over 10 Wednesdays which was a huge success bringing lots of visitors.



Silver and Bronze Medal

Congratulations to both Janet Slattery and Collette Mellon, our ladies qualified to represent the club for the final of the All-Ireland Silver and Bronze Medal which was held in Headford Golf Club.

Pic above from left to right Nora Kavanagh caddie, Janet Slattery, Collette Mellon, and Georgina Darling caddie.



Our Greenkeeping Staff:

Kevin Carroll Head Green Keeper, Christopher Hayes Assistant Head Green Keeper, Aidan Furlong, Martin Furlong and Christopher Scallan Greenkeepers, did sterling work to maintain excellent course conditions throughout the golfing season. In September this year we undertook a drainage programme which is now complete - replacing drains on 9 holes to ensure we can provide winter golf.

At St. Helen's Bay Golf Resort we are committed to our community and providing affordable and relevant Golf Memberships is our priority for 2025. We are offering a 15 Month Membership Deal from October 2024. Please call for more information.

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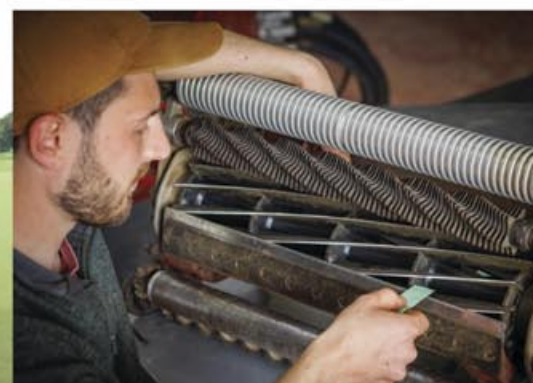
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SANTO DA SERRA FORMS GROUND-BREAKING NEW HOTEL PARTNERSHIP



Madeira venue announces collaboration with neighbouring Enotel Santo da Serra, which originally served as the 27-hole layout's first clubhouse

Clube de Golf Santo da Serra is continuing to look to the future after forming an historic partnership with the neighbouring Enotel Santo da Serra, uniting the acclaimed course with prestigious hospitality for the first time.

Blessed with a tranquil yet accessible location just a ten-minute drive from Madeira Airport and the capital city of Funchal, the new collaboration spans 104 hectares of land immersed in serene nature.

Fittingly, the Enotel Santo da Serra originally served as Santo da Serra's first golf clubhouse before being transformed into a premium hospitality

destination. Today, the four-star hotel offers 68 luxurious rooms, swimming pools and a spa as well as the Sabor da Terra restaurant.

One of three world-class golf venues on the islands of Madeira, Santo da Serra has attracted visiting golfers since 1937 and was further elevated in 1991 when the revered architect Robert Trent Jones designed 27 new holes.

The club's Machico and Desertas courses have hosted 20 editions of the Madeira Islands Open on the DP World Tour, while the younger Serras course has become a favourite since opening in 1998. All three nine-hole loops were designed by Trent Jones, whose other renowned projects include Spyglass Hill, Valderrama and Adare Manor.

João Paulo Sousa, president of Clube de Golf Santo da Serra, said: "This partnership is the realisation of a long-held dream. We are proud to offer an experience that combines the passion for golf with a luxury stay, in a place that values nature and sustainability."

Mónica Camacho, administrator of Enotel Santo da Serra, added: "It is an honour to join forces with Clube de Golf Santo da Serra, creating a complete destination where guests can enjoy both the comfort of our hotel and the excellence of the golf course."

As well as their close geographical proximity, the long-awaited partnership between these two iconic properties is a natural fit due to the two venues' shared values of sustainability and respect for the surrounding ecosystem. The Enotel Santo da Serra encompasses an educational farm and organic agriculture, while Clube de Golf Santo da Serra installed a new €2.5 million irrigation system this year as part of a long-term commitment to the environment.

Along with Palheiro Golf and Porto Santo Golfe, Santo da Serra is one of the three first-rate venues included in the Madeira Golf Passport, which combines green fees and transport at exceptional value.

For more information on Madeira, please visit www.visitmadeira.com

ICONIC AROEIRA TO SCALE NEW HEIGHTS WITH PRESTIGIOUS PGA PARTNERSHIP

Aroeira, one of the most famous names in Portuguese golf, is ready to embark on a new stage of its prestigious history after undergoing a major rebrand and being given a new identity – PGA Aroeira Lisboa.

The renaming of the iconic 36-hole Lisbon venue and its two courses comes at the same time as a major investment in its golf and leisure facilities, creating the only PGA National in Portugal and putting it alongside other leading PGA resorts including the likes of previous Ryder Cup hosts Gleneagles in Scotland and The Belfry in England.

Famously nicknamed as the 'Wentworth of Lisbon' after first opening in the 1970s, the PGA partnership further strengthens the reputation of one of Portugal's premier golf destinations.

"This is the start of a new era for Aroeira – one that golfers, like everyone here, will be very excited about," said Nuno Sepulveda, co-CEO at Details – Sports, Hospitality, Leisure – PGA Aroeira Lisboa's management company.

Richard Barker, executive director – business development of The PGA, said: "We are delighted to welcome Aroeira to our portfolio of PGA National Branded Properties, marking a significant step in the development of golf in Lisbon.

"PGA Aroeira Lisboa stands out as a premier destination, now competing with the best offerings in Portugal. This exceptional development will elevate the golfing experience for visitors worldwide, whether for travel, tournaments or tuition and we are eager to showcase this to our PGA members.

The new partnership with The PGA will see Aroeira's two 18-hole championship courses being given new names, with Aroeira Pines Classic being rebranded as PGA Aroeira 1 and Aroeira Challenge becoming PGA Aroeira 2.

A two-time host of the Portuguese Open in 1996 and 1997, PGA Aroeira 1 is widely regarded as one of the best layouts in continental Europe. Designed by Frank Pennink and meandering through tall avenues of pine forest and



surrounded by wildlife, the 6,650-yard layout reopened in October following a major renovation.

Upgrades to the course – including tee boxes and bunkers, which will be reshaped and filled with new sand – started in June. As part of the resort's ongoing commitment to sustainability, a new state-of-the-art irrigation system has been installed to improve putting surfaces and dramatically reduce the amount of water required.

Greens will also benefit from the introduction of bentgrass, known for creating fast and true surfaces, while fairways will be planted with Bermuda grass to further cut water consumption. Landscaping throughout the layout is also receiving extensive care, maintaining the course's characteristic natural beauty while paying respect to the surrounding environment and native wildlife.

Aroeira Challenge, which is framed in the same spectacular setting as its older sibling and features a combination of large, undulating greens and a number of lakes to negotiate, will receive a similar upgrade, after which time it will be renamed PGA Aroeira 2.

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