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THE MASTERS 2025

A world-class line-up will descend on Augusta National, Georgia for another mouth-watering contest from April 10-13 where Rory McIlroy will be hoping to claim a long overdue Major Championship. While he has never delivered at Augusta there is no doubt the game is in place to at some point wear the famous jacket and cement his place in the history of world golf.

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Starting in 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.

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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 Griffin the Strand Course is the jewel in the Portstewart portfolio.

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

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

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

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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.

Mount Juliet Golf Resort



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 of the 2024 OFX Irish Legends. He eventually claimed the 6th win of his Legends Tour career after a nail-biting play-off against Patrik Sjöland, with a birdie on the third extra hole.

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

For more details <https://www.legendstour.com/>

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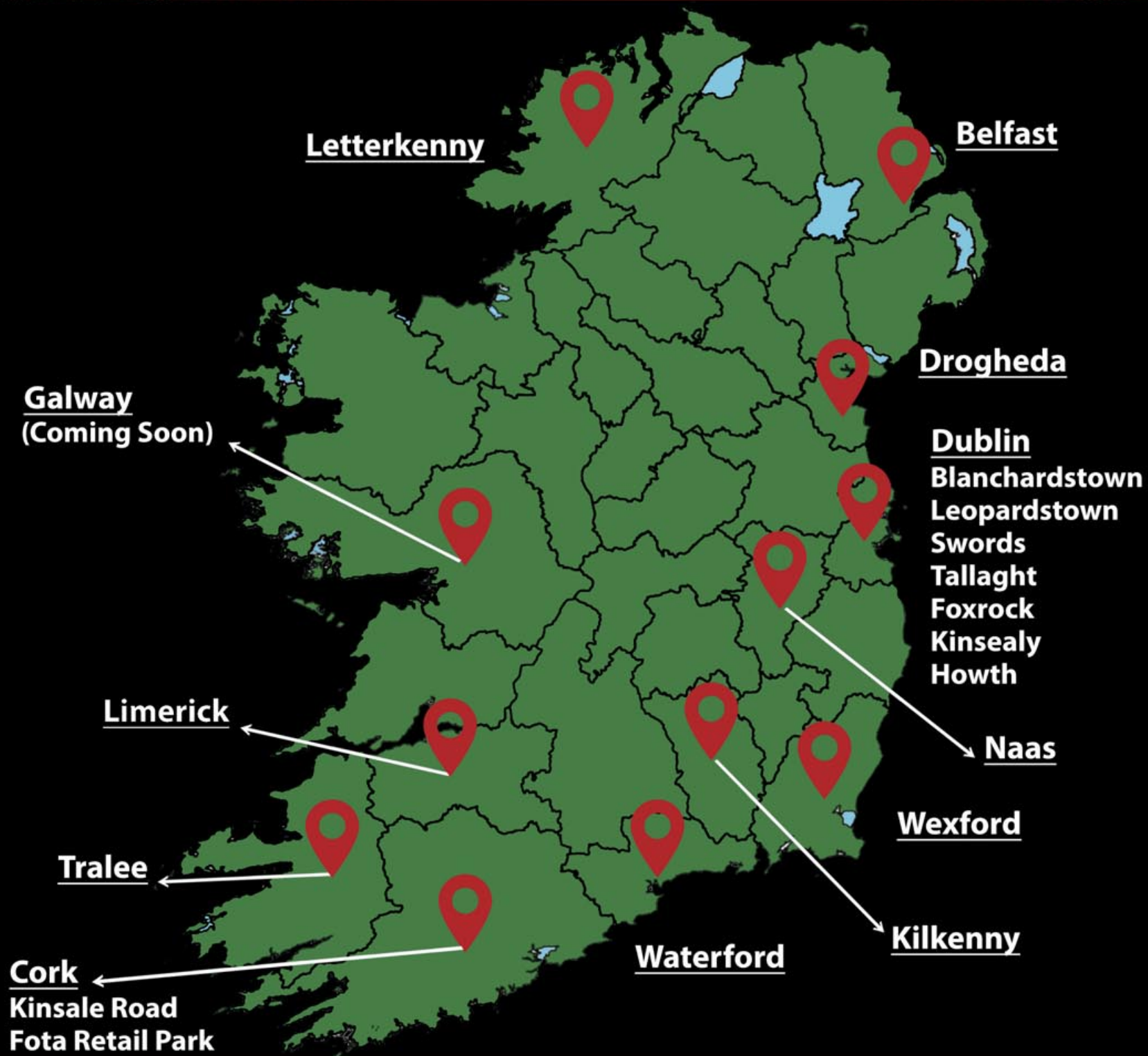


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GLORY FOR RORY IN PEBBLE BEACH

Starting the day a shot behind Ryder Cup team-mate Sepp Straka, the Northern Irishman made an eagle and five birdies in a closing six-under-par 66 to finish 21 under par, a shot outside the tournament record set by American Brandt Snedeker in 2015.

Playing partner Shane Lowry birdied the 18th to secure solo second on 19 under, with 2023 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am winner Justin Rose making an eagle putt with a fairway wood on the same hole to share third place with American Lucas Glover.



It is McIlroy's 27th triumph on the PGA TOUR – and first at the world-renowned California course.


"Some people would argue the golf courses I have won on are not up to a Pebble Beach or an Augusta, but to win at one of the cathedrals of golf is really, really cool," said McIlroy.

"I knew today was going to be tough, it was going to be exciting, there were so many guys around the lead and I guess with it being Pebble Beach I had to put that to the back of my mind and go out there and try to shoot a score, which I was able to. Really cool to have that walk up 18 and take it all in.

"I said to Harry [Diamond, his caddie] walking up the last, start as you mean to go on. I'm just as determined this year as in any of the years I've been out here on the PGA Tour and to get this win this early it means a great deal and hopefully just keep the momentum going into Torrey Pines in a couple of weeks' time."



Straka, who won The American Express on his last PGA TOUR start last month, carded a 72 to finish in a tie for seventh.



Four-time Major winner McIlroy moves to the top of the European Team Rankings for this year's Ryder Cup, with Lowry also in the top-six spots for automatic qualifiers after climbing to fourth.




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TOURISM IRELAND KICKED OFF 2025 AT THE PGA SHOW

Ireland will once again find itself at the centre of the golf world in the coming years as it hosts two 'major' tournaments with The Open Championship returning to Royal Portrush Golf Club in July 2025 and Adare Manor will be the venue for the Ryder Cup in 2027. The 2025 Amgen Irish Open will be played in September at the K Club and the KPMG Women's Irish Open will be at Carton House in June.

Alison Metcalfe, Executive Vice President Tourism Ireland North America, "We are delighted to be welcoming back the Open Championship this year especially after the great success of the historic 2019 event which was lauded by fans and commentators alike. The PGA show provides an excellent opportunity for us to highlight Ireland as a 'major' tournament venue and for our golf partners to meet and do business with US golf professionals and industry partners."

Ms. Metcalfe continued, "The US golf market remains a priority for Tourism Ireland, and we continue to promote the island of Ireland as a leading golf destination. Golf is the world's largest sports-related travel market and Tourism Ireland, together with our partners Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Northern Ireland, is working hard to drive home the message that a golfing vacation on the island of Ireland is about much more than a round of 18 holes – the combination of our world-class links, located all around the island of Ireland, and our unique brand of hospitality, plays a key role in attracting US golfers to visit."

Ireland continues to invest in golf with a wonderful new course on its way at Curracloe Links - Ireland's next great seaside links. Located by Curracloe Beach and adjacent to the Ravenport Resort in Ireland's sunny southeast, Curracloe Links is

designed by noted architects Dana Fry and Jason Straka. Straka reports that shaping on the holes, the short game area and the putting course, are almost all completed. Seeding is to commence in early spring. Play is scheduled to begin mid-2026.

Ireland offers a fabulous array of signature links courses which includes Portmarnock, Lahinch, Rosapenna, Ballyliffin and others, but there is also an equally unique opportunity to discover outstanding alternatives such as Carne, Westport, Dooks, Castlerock and Connemara. Here, the US golfer will find epic new experiences and courses that will keep visitors coming back for more.

Getting to Ireland is also easy with non-stop flights available from 22 gateways across the US this summer to Dublin. Flights will also operate from New York, Boston and Chicago to and from Shannon. Both Irish airports boast US Immigration Preclearance which means visitors will return to the US as domestic passengers.

Tourism Ireland is the organisation responsible for promoting the island of Ireland in the US as a leading vacation destination.

In 2023 the combined revenue for the island of Ireland from overseas tourism was €6.4 billion, from 8.1 million visitors.

Tourism Ireland's website is www.Ireland.com

BALLYNEETY GOLF CLUB

When Ryder Cup Europe announced, on November 18th, that Ballyneety Golf Club in Limerick would be the host venue for the 2027 Junior Ryder Cup, the decision took much of Ireland's golfing world by surprise.



However golfers, who are familiar with the huge strides made by the club in recent years, are in no doubt that Ballyneety has everything that is required to host one of Golf's greatest underage tournaments.



Des Smyth's original design is currently undergoing a makeover under the watchful eye of Golf Architect Ken Kearney with all forty four bunkers and seven water hazards being comprehensively redesigned.

September will see the construction of new tee complexes as the club moves to extend the course length to 7,000 yards and a comprehensive renovation of the Clubhouse locker rooms, showers and restrooms.

Ballyneety's location, just five minutes from Junction 29 on the M7 Motorway makes it an ideal stop off for a round of golf or a bite to eat at Vines Restaurant in the Clubhouse. The Club's Driving Range is run by Fellow PGA Pro Donal McSweeney and his team of five PGA Pros. Fifteen under cover Trackman Bays and sixteen outdoor bays means Ballyneety has the finest practice facilities in the region.

General Manager of Ballyneety Golf Club is John Leamy: "Our journey towards September 2027 is underway and there is great excitement that we will be centre of the action when the Ryder Cup comes to Limerick. Our focus for the next three years will be to ensure that Ballyneety Golf Club will rise to the occasion and provide a magnificent Junior Ryder Cup for the people of Ireland and visitors from across the world."

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CAMIRAL GOLF & WELLNESS SPAIN

The golf academy and practice facilities at Camiral Golf & Wellness, Spain's No. 1 golf resort, have been named the PGA National Golf Academy for Spain.

This reputable designation places the 36-hole venue, an hour north of Barcelona, among an elite global network of PGA Academies recognised for their exceptional standards in coaching, innovation and world-class facilities. With state-of-the-art infrastructure and a team of highly skilled PGA teaching professionals, the European Tour Destination is hailed as having some of the best practice facilities on the continent, drawing Tour players, national teams and amateur golfers wanting to hone their skills and fine-tune their game.

Duncan Rougvie, Head of Commercial at The PGA, commented: "Camiral Golf & Wellness, with its rich legacy dating back to its origins as PGA Catalunya, has a deep-rooted connection with The PGA. As Spain's No.1 golf resort, it perfectly aligns with our vision for PGA National Academies, which are dedicated to delivering excellence and accessibility to golfers worldwide."

"As the only PGA National Golf Academy in Spain, Camiral Golf & Wellness enjoys a unique status within The PGA's exclusive network. This partnership solidifies its place as a destination of choice for PGA Members and avid golfers seeking to combine luxurious hospitality at one of their two onsite hotels with world-class training facilities and expert coaching."

Visitors to Camiral Golf & Wellness can now enjoy an elevated golfing experience at the newly designated PGA National Academy located at the resort's Golf Hub.

"As one of the largest training facilities in Europe, the Golf Hub offers expert coaching from our team of trusted PGA Professionals – Enric López, Oriol Camacho, Philippe Tourtrol and David Guarch – alongside cutting-edge technologies such as



Trackman Range and GEARS swing analysis," said Flavio Papa, Director of Golf at Camiral Golf & Wellness.

"Golfers can also take advantage of a double-ended grass tee driving range with target greens, that can accommodate up to 130 players, ten covered hitting bays, and a 2,000 square-meter putting and chipping green with five practice bunkers."

He added: "Becoming a PGA National Academy is a mark of quality that distinguishes Camiral Golf & Wellness as a world leading golf training hub and we are committed to delivering an immersive and premium golfing experience for players of all abilities."

In addition, Camiral Golf & Wellness now offers over 8,000 global PGA Members the opportunity to create bespoke coaching programmes for both professional and

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amateur golfers, pairing luxury hospitality with the five-star facilities and industry leading technology in the picturesque setting of Catalonia, Spain.

Situated just outside the culinary capital of Girona, Camiral Golf & Wellness is home to the five-star Hotel Camiral, a member of The Leading Hotels of The World portfolio, and the four-star LAVIDA Hotel. The resort features a wide array of dining options, including the newly opened seasonal Origin restaurant and the reimagined Camiral Bistro. Guests can also access the award-winning Wellness Centre, which offers next-generation recovery technologies designed to optimise performance and relaxation for golfers.

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McILROY CONFIRMED FOR AMGEN IRISH OPEN

Four-time Major winner and reigning Race to Dubai champion Rory McIlroy will return to the site of his first professional victory on Irish soil when he tees it up in the Amgen Irish Open at The K Club from September 4-7, 2025.



The Northern Irishman secured a famous victory at the County Kildare venue in 2016 after producing a stunning birdie-par-eagle finish to win the island of Ireland's national open by three strokes.

McIlroy finished his 2024 season by being crowned Race to Dubai Champion for a sixth time – and third time in succession – after winning two Rolex Series events and finishing second at the Amgen Irish Open at Royal County Down, in addition to two victories on the PGA TOUR.

The 35-year-old will return to the Amgen Irish Open later this year in the build up to the Ryder Cup at Bethpage Black, USA.

"I'm excited to be returning to The K Club for the Irish Open later this year," McIlroy said.

"Playing in the Irish Open, in front of your home fans, is always a special experience. Growing up as a kid, I have so many great memories of going to the Irish Open, soaking up the atmosphere and hoping to catch a glimpse of some of my favourite players.

“The K Club has always been a fantastic venue, and I'm sure the fans will be out in force again this year. I can't wait to be a part of it and to share another amazing week with everyone there”

"The support the Irish players receive is unmatched. The scenes at Royal County Down last year were unforgettable. While I unfortunately came up just short that week, the roars walking down the 18th hole and the energy from the crowd will stay with me forever.

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The K Club hosted The Ryder Cup in 2006, when Ian Woosnam's European side retained their title by a record-equalling 18½ - 9½ defeat of the United States. A decade later, in 2016, the venue hosted the Irish Open for the first time, with McIlroy winning by three strokes.

The Amgen Irish Open once again assumes a key position on the DP World Tour's Global Schedule as part of the 'Back 9', which encompasses nine of the Tour's most historic tournaments and national opens. It will also form an important part of final preparations for some players ahead of The 2025 Ryder Cup at Bethpage, which takes place three weeks later.

At last year's event, Rasmus Højgaard beat McIlroy to the title by one stroke at Royal County Down, winning his fifth DP World Tour title and becoming the second-consecutive Scandinavian winner of the event after Vincent Norman, of Sweden, at The K Club in 2023.

Højgaard joined an esteemed roll of honour, adding his name to a list of Irish Open champions that also includes Seve Ballesteros, Nick Faldo, Pádraig Harrington, Jon Rahm, Colin Montgomerie, José María Olazábal, Bernhard Langer and Sam Torrance.

Fans are urged to secure tickets early to avoid disappointment. Sunday General Admission, all Premium Experiences and all Ticket+ packages sold out at The K Club in 2023.

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TERRAS DA COMPORTA PORTUGAL

Terras da Comporta, the rising star of Portuguese golf, has finalised a new partnership with the Metropolitan PGA in a collaboration that promises to take its international status to new global heights.



Using its growing relationship with California-based golf tour operator Garmany Golf, the luxury golf and real-estate destination has entered into an agreement for the Metropolitan PGA to arrange hosted trips for professionals and amateurs to Terras da Comporta – home of The Dunas Course, named as the world and Europe’s best golf course at the 2024 World Golf Awards.

Consisting of more than 29,000 professionals, the Metropolitan PGA is among the leading members of the PGA of America, and Terras da Comporta director of golf Rodrigo Ulrich is relishing the prospect of working with one of the most influential professional golf organisations in North America.

Ulrich said: “The United States is an important market for Terras da Comporta, and we’re thrilled to have formed this new partnership with one of the biggest PGA member groups in the US thanks to our relationship with Garmany Golf.

“With an increasing number of airlines and cities flying directly to Portugal, it’s never been easier for golfers from North America to visit our country and, with a second 18-hole course, The Torre, opening at Terras da Comporta in June 2025, we can’t wait to showcase our golf and other facilities to players and groups of all abilities in the coming years.”

Jeff Voorheis, executive director of the Metropolitan PGA, said: “This is a unique and incredibly exciting opportunity for the Met PGA and our members. Our PGA professionals and their club members gravitate toward excellence, and with Comporta Dunas being named as the ‘World’s Best Golf Course’ at the World Golf Awards and with Garmany Golf as our mutual activation partner, we’re confident that this partnership can help our PGA professionals deliver world-class experiences for the members of their clubs.”

Bud Garmany, president and founder of Garmany Golf, who brokered a similar partnership between the Southern California PGA and Terras da Comporta last year, added: “The partnership between Garmany Golf, The Dunas Course and the Met PGA is a unique and special opportunity for everyone involved.

“To be able to continue our partnership with The Dunas Course, and to combine that partnership with the Met PGA, the original PGA section in America, is truly a very special collaboration. We look forward to showcasing this incredible golf course, and of course their world-class hospitality, to the great members of the Met PGA.”

Located one hour south of Lisbon, The Dunas Course at Terras da Comporta is architect David McLay-Kidd’s first golf course in mainland Europe and has won universal golf acclaim since opening in June 2023.

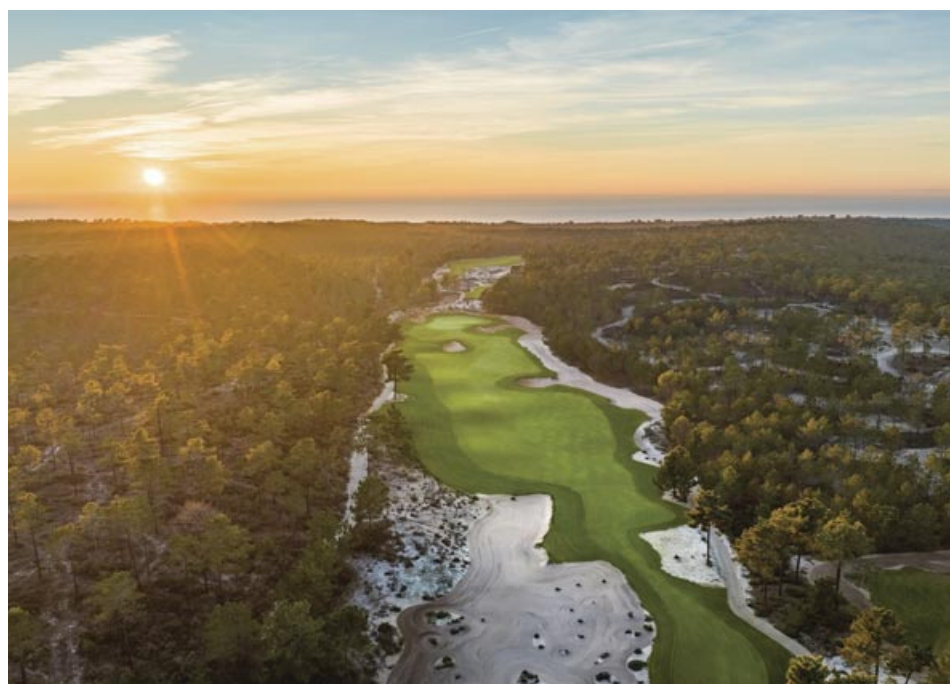
Owned by Vanguard Properties, Portugal’s largest real estate developer who took ownership of the development in 2019, the par-71 layout is the first of two 18-hole courses that is being built at Terras da Comporta, with a second designed by European Ryder Cup legend Sergio Garcia set to open this summer.

Measuring 6,575 metres from the back tees when it is completed, The Torre Course – the first course that Garcia has worked on in Portugal – is set to feature a combination of risk-and-reward holes, tight fairways and small greens, with the Spaniard taking inspiration from his favourite course in the world, Valderrama.

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BALLYNEETY GOLF CLUB LIMERICK, IRELAND



Ballyneety Golf Club, just a five minute drive from Junction 29 on the M7 on the southern side of Limerick City, is beautifully located at the gateway to the World Class links courses on Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way. Co-designed by Ryder Cup legend, Des Smyth, this Par 71 Championship course was built to USPGA standards on the historical Croker Estate.

The original design has been tweaked by Golf Architect Ken Kearney and the 2025 season will open to a comprehensive re-design of all bunkers, water hazards and tees. Course Manager, Dave Bailey and his team ensure superb playing surfaces all year round.

Ballyneety Golf Club is also home to what was Ireland's first Trackman Driving Range under the expert guidance of PGA Fellow Donal McSweeney and his team of PGA pros.

Vines Bar and Restaurant in the beautifully designed panoramic clubhouse offer all visitors a warm welcome and beautiful fare with Gerry Grant and his team.

In November of 2024 Ryder Cup Europe announced that Ballyneety Golf Club would, in conjunction with Adare Manor Resort, host the Junior Ryder Cup in 2027.

General Manager John Leamy said:

"The remarkable story of Ballyneety Golf Club continues to evolve at great pace. We are delighted to have been chosen as the host venue for The Junior Ryder Cup in 2027 and we have no doubt that our magnificent golf course, driving range, practice facilities and hospitality will ensure a wonderful tournament for players, officials and visitors alike. It is a wonderful honour for our Club and one that our members are immensely proud of."

Is there a better place? "I doubt it" said Croker!

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PALMARES OCEAN LIVING & GOLF

Palmares Ocean Living & Golf is leading the way for golf in Portugal in 2025 after being chosen to stage a number of high-profile prestigious tournaments in the Algarve this winter.

Palmares Golf Club



The luxury 27-hole resort has been the focal point of the region since the start of the year, being selected to host no fewer than six events on the burgeoning PT Tour as well as the 44th edition of the Almond Blossom Tournament – the Algarve’s oldest amateur golf tournament.

Played across a combination of Palmares’ three nine-hole loops – the Alvor, Lagos and Praia – the PT Tour tournaments have attracted a collection of Portugal and the continent’s top golfers, with notable names including leading Portuguese stars Pedro Figueiredo and Ricardo Melo Gouveia and Mark Power from Ireland.

Palmares had the honour of staging the Almond Blossom Tournament from January 21-25 – an event which is renowned throughout the Algarve for combining competitive spirit, camaraderie and the stunning backdrop of the Almond Blossom season.

Nuno Sepulveda, co-CEO at Details – Sports, Hospitality, Leisure – Palmares Ocean Living & Golf’s management company, said: “It’s been a great start to the golfing year at Palmares and is fully deserved for a resort that is not just one of the best in Portugal but the whole of Europe.

“Palmares offers the finest views in the region, allowing golfers to play while taking in the breathtaking vistas of the Atlantic Ocean and the Bay of Lagos. The resort is honoured to have the opportunity to host this prestigious series of tournaments and looks forward to organising many more events of this calibre in the future.”

Integrated into the natural amphitheatre of Bay of Lagos, Palmares’ 27-hole golf course – which was redesigned by the renowned Robert Trent Jones Jr. in 2011 – is regarded among Portugal’s premier golfing destinations, with the golf offering complemented by an array of outstanding hospitality and gastronomic experiences and real-estate opportunities. These include the resort’s globally acclaimed clubhouse, winner of ‘Europe’s Best Clubhouse at the 2024 World Golf Awards and the setting for the Michelin starred restaurant AL SUD.

Golfers looking to stay at Palmares can choose from a wide range of luxurious accommodation, including opulent one, two and three-bedroom signature apartments and a boutique Beach Hotel.

Stay-and-play packages are available for both, with prices for a five-night bed-and-breakfast break for two people in an apartment starting from €356 per person.

As well as Palmares, Details - Hospitality, Sports, Leisure – currently manages nine golf courses in Portugal, including Vilamoura and the newly rebranded PGA Aroeira Lisboa. The group also manages 18 hotels across the country.

For more details www.palmaresliving.com

YAS LINKS MAKES SIGNIFICANT LEAP IN GOLF WORLD TOP 100 WORLD COURSES RANKING

Yas Links, an iconic golf destination in Abu Dhabi, has solidified its status among the best golf courses globally, by advancing six places in Golf World’s prestigious World Top 100 Courses ranking. The course is now positioned at #83, up from #89 in the 2022 rankings.

This latest accolade comes after another successful Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship was hosted at the club, with the course lauded by the world’s best players for its conditioning and quality.

Rory McIlroy commented on the course, saying: “The condition of the golf course is absolutely incredible. It doesn’t feel like there’s a blade of grass out of place...”

Yas Links is the highest ranked course in the Middle East on the list, and the only course in the UAE to be featured, underscoring its significance in the region’s golfing landscape.

“This latest recognition reflects the hard work and dedication of our team at Yas Links,” said Christopher May, Chief Executive Officer of Dubai Golf. “Advancing in a ranking of this calibre is a significant achievement and demonstrates the consistent quality and appeal of Yas Links.

“We are immensely proud of this progress, but we are by no means finished. Our goal is to continue showcasing the exceptional quality of Yas Links and further cementing its place among the world’s elite golf courses, where it truly belongs.”

Designed by renowned course architect, Kyle Phillips, Yas Links combines natural landscapes with thoughtful design to offer a distinctive golfing experience, akin to a traditional links golf course. Situated along the coastline of Yas Island, the course provides a challenging layout and the highest quality of conditioning and facilities – attracting players from around the world.



This achievement reinforces Yas Links’ position as a leading destination in the UAE and aligns with Viya Golf’s goal to enhance the region’s reputation in the global golf market.

Yas Links is the current host of the DP World Tour’s Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship, a Rolex Series event and part of the Tour’s playoff series. The club boasts an 18-hole championship course, a par-3 academy course, world-class practice facilities, and clubhouse facilities to match.

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THE MASTERS 2025

A world-class line-up will descend on Augusta National for a mouth-watering contest from April 10-13 where Rory McIlroy will be hoping to claim a long overdue Major.

Augusta National



The first "Augusta National Invitational" Tournament, as the Masters was originally known commenced in 1934, and was won by Horton Smith, who took the first prize of \$1,500.

The Big Three of Arnold Palmer, Gary Player, and Jack Nicklaus dominated the Masters from 1960 through 1978, winning the event 11 times among them during that span. After winning by one stroke in 1958, Palmer won by one stroke again in 1960 in memorable circumstances. Trailing Ken Venturi by one shot in the 1960 event, Palmer made birdies on the last two holes to prevail. Palmer would go on to win another two Masters in 1962 and 1964.

Jack Nicklaus emerged in the early 1960's, and served as a rival to the popular Palmer. Nicklaus won his first green jacket in 1963, defeating Tony Lema by one stroke. Two years later, he shot a then-course record of 271 (17 under par) for his second Masters win, leading Bobby Jones to say that Nicklaus played "a game with which I am not familiar".

The next year, Nicklaus won his third green jacket in a grueling 18-hole play-off against Tommy Jacobs and Gay Brewer. This made Nicklaus the first player to win consecutive Masters. He won again in 1972 by three strokes. In 1975, Nicklaus won by one stroke in a close contest with Tom Weiskopf and Johnny Miller.

Gary Player became the first non-American to win the Masters in 1961, beating Palmer, the defending champion. In 1974, he won again by two strokes.

Non-Americans collected 11 victories in 20 years in the 1980s and 1990s, by far the strongest run they have had in any of the three majors played in the United States since the early days of the U.S. Open. The first European to win the Masters was Seve Ballesteros in 1980. Nicklaus became the oldest player to win the Masters in 1986 when he won for the sixth time at age 46. Other, European winners during that golden era included Nick Faldo, Jose Maria Olazabal, Bernhard Langer, Ian Woosnam and Sandy Lyle.

At age 21 in 1997, Tiger Woods won the Masters by twelve shots and broke the 72-hole record that had stood for 32 years. Woods completed his "Tiger Slam" by winning his fourth straight major championship at the Masters in 2001. He won again the following year, making him only the third player in history to win the tournament in consecutive years, as well as in 2005 when he defeated Chris DiMarco in a playoff for his first major championship win in almost three years.

The 2003 tournament was won by Mike Weir, who became the first Canadian to win a men's major championship, and the first left-hander to win the Masters. The

following year, another left-hander, Phil Mickelson, won his first major championship by making a birdie on the final hole to beat Ernie Els by a stroke. Mickelson also won the tournament in 2006 and 2010.

In 2011, the tournament was won by South African Charl Schwartzel, who birdied the final four holes to win by two strokes. In 2012, Bubba Watson won the tournament on the second play-off hole. Watson's win marked the fifth time that a left-hander won the Masters in the previous ten tournaments. Prior to 2003, no left-hander had ever won the Masters. The 2013 Masters was won by Adam Scott, the first Australian to win the tournament after many attempts from the great Greg Norman. Watson won the 2014 Masters by three strokes over Jordan Spieth and Jonas Blixt. It was his second Masters victory in three years. In 2015, Spieth would become the second-youngest winner in just his second Masters and twelve months later Sergio Garcia would claim his only Major to date.

In 2019 Tiger Woods won his fifth Green Jacket, and fifteenth major, by one stroke ahead of three runners-up. It left him one shy of Jack Nicklaus' record six Masters win, and three short of his record eighteen major wins. At age 43 he became the second oldest winner, again only bettered by Nicklaus who won at age 46. There was no Masters in 2020 due to Covid-19 while the recent winners have come from Dustin Johnson, Hideki Matsuyama, Jon Rahm (2023) and Scottie Scheffler (2022 and 2024).

In what promises to be a fascinating spectacle over the four days there are high hopes that Rory McIlroy can be a contender. While he has never delivered at Augusta there is no doubt the game is in place to at some point wear the famous jacket.

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Dungarvan Golf Club, Gold Coast Golf Club and West Waterford Golf Club make up this three course golf triangle where you can play all three courses any day of the week for as little as €90, and who said golf in Ireland was expensive.

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

All three clubs have a good working relationship with each other which has resulted in the concept of playing the

three courses over a few days, and this is done by using the very popular Golf Triangle Ticket. The Dungarvan Golf Triangle Ticket for €90 offers probably one of the best value three course green fees available.

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

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

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

At Gold Coast Golf Club you will find a scenic and challenging 18 hole golf course bordered by the Atlantic ocean with unrivalled panoramic views of Dungarvan Bay and the Comeragh Mountains. At 6,511 yards off the back tees, the course will present a real challenge for the discerning golfer wishing to test their skill in a magnificent and spectacular location.

The West Waterford Golf Club is built on 150 acres of rolling parkland on the

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West Waterford Golf Club

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

Other than golf, the picturesque town of Dungarvan, the county town of Waterford has plenty to offer. Beautifully situated at the head of a broad bay which sweeps past spectacular cliff scenery to Helvic head and the wild beauty of the Comeragh mountains, this thriving centre

of activity has much to offer the visitor. Walking tours, an EU Blue flag beach, watersports, fishing, boat hire, horse riding facilities are all on your doorstep and easily organised. Eating out, whether for mid-day lunch, afternoon tea or a romantic candlelit dinner is made easy in any of the town's award-winning and fine restaurants. For night-life and your favourite pint, there are over fifty pubs to choose from.

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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THE 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.

Dom Pedro Victoria Golf Course



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

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

The Victoria Clube de Golfe, with its lakes and waterfalls that make it a genuine hymn to nature, and where major golfing competitions take place, such as the Algarve World Cup and the Portugal Masters, completes the list of golfing options in Vilamoura. This investment in quality has been rewarded with the chance to hold many tournaments there each year. The Taça do Presidente (President's Cup), the Grande Troféu de Vilamoura (Vilamoura Grand Trophy) and the Expresso/ BPI Golf Cup are the examples most widely praised by amateur players and leading professionals alike.

It boasts many outstanding golf holes, notably the sporting par 5, 17th where the professionals are tempted to go for the green in search of a precious birdie but all too often plunge into the lake fronting the green. The 18th is a tremendous par four with water all the way up the left and craftily placed bunkers threatening the overly careful tee shot on the right. Pdraig Harrington chipped and putted both for a crucial birdie and par on the way to victory in 2016.

When it comes to considering accommodation with easy access to golf and Algarve beaches, Hilton Vilamoura As Cascatas Golf Resort & Spa is well-recommended. Set amid


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Dom Pedro Pinhal Golf Course



Espiche Golf Course



five acres of landscaped gardens, the resort is adjacent to the prestigious Dom Pedro Pinhal Golf Course. Central Vilamoura is a kilometre from the door, and a free shuttle covers Vilamoura Marina and Falesia private beach.

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

In the heart of the Algarve you will find Vilamoura Garden Hotel. This boutique 4-star hotel is the perfect accommodation choice for those looking to experience the beaches, nature, hospitality and golf in southern Portugal. Located just a 12-minute walk from the beach and in close proximity to some of the best golf courses in Europe there is plenty to explore.

WESTERN ALGARVE

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

Palmares Golf in Lagos is used to organising the Amendoieiras 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.

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

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

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

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EASTERN ALGARVE

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

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.

Vila Galé is the second largest hotel group in Portugal, ranking in the top hotel groups in the world. With nearly 3 decades of existence, the Vila Galé network currently has twenty seven hotels, including twenty in Portugal, from its North to its South, and seven in Brazil, all of them with a strategic and privileged location, which translates in a total of 6.476 bedrooms, 13.068 beds, and 2500 staff members. For more details <https://www.vilagale.com/>

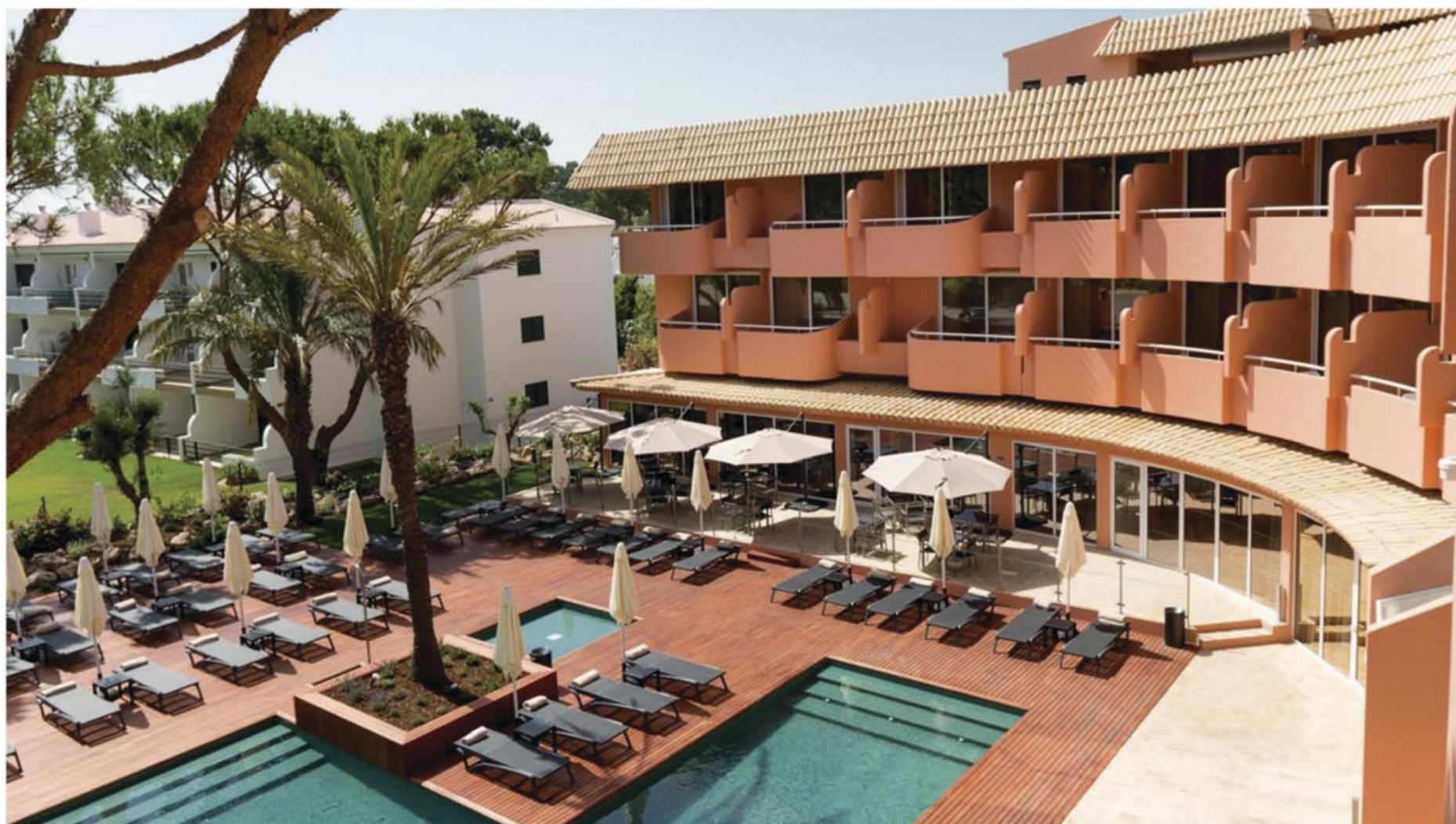
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BOAVISTA GOLF & SPA

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



Positioned strategically to the west of the historic town of Lagos in Portugal, Boavista Golf & Spa nestles within a site of outstanding natural beauty and offers residents and visitors the essence of luxury living. One of the most beautifully manicured golf courses in the Algarve, the Resort enjoys far reaching views of the Monchique mountains to the north, whilst the pristine waters of the Atlantic Ocean provide a radiant seascape to the south.

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

The design of the course took into account the natural contours of the terrain and subtly took advantage of the surrounding landscape, providing views of rare beauty.

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

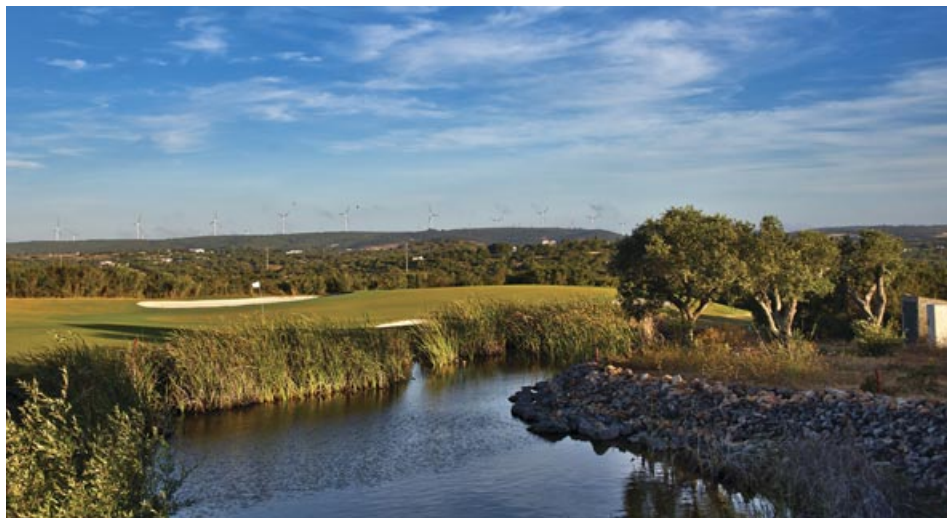
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ESPICHE GOLF : UNIQUE GOLFING EXPERIENCE IN THE WEST ALGARVE

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 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 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 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.

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

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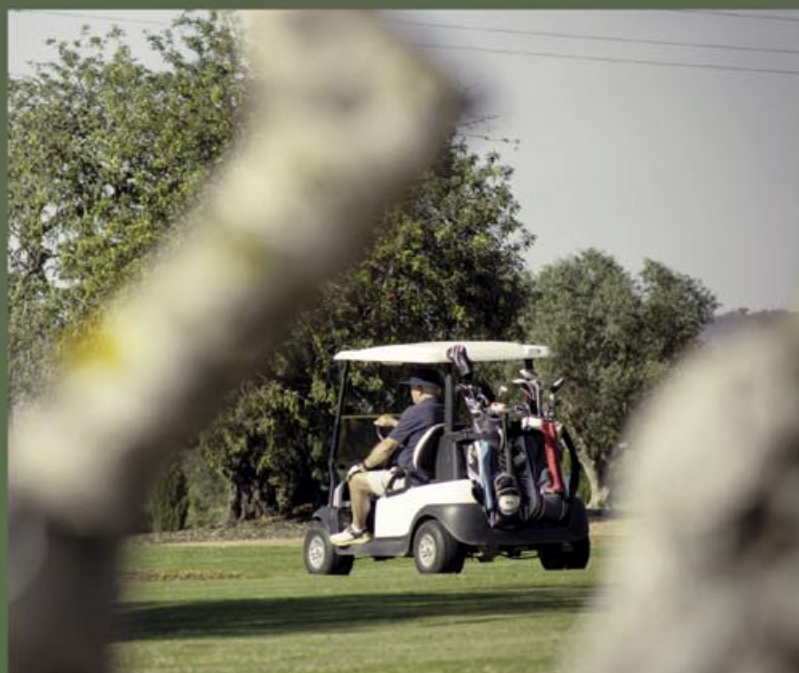


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2 Jantares buffet com bebidas durante o jantar
Prova de vinhos
4 Voltas
Isla Canela Links, Isla Canela Old, Castro Marim e Quinta do Vale
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Buggies - 40€

Preço por pessoa em duplo - 788€

Preço por pessoa em quarto individual - 1094€

Não golfista em duplo - 545€

EL PAQUETE INCLUYE

7 Noches de alojamiento
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Cóctel de presentación del torneo
2 Cenas buffet con bebidas durante la cena
Cata de vinos
4 Rondas
Isla Canela Links, Isla Canela Old, Castro Marim y Quinta do Vale
Bolas de práctica gratuitas
Buggies - 40€

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Free range balls
Buggies - 40€

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Programa / Programme

17/05

Chegada / Llegada / Arrival
Apresentação do torneio
Presentación del torneo
Tournament presentation

18/05

09h00 - Golf Quinta do Vale
18h30 - Prova de vinhos
Cata de vinos / Wine tasting

19/05

09h00 - Golf Isla Canela Links
20h00 - Jantar / Cena / Dinner buffet
Hotel Vila Galé

20/05

Dia livre / Día libre / Free day

21/05

09h00 - Golf Castro Marim Golfe

22/05

Dia livre / Día libre / Free day

23/05

09h00 - Golf Isla Canela Old Course
20h00 - Jantar / Cena / Dinner buffet
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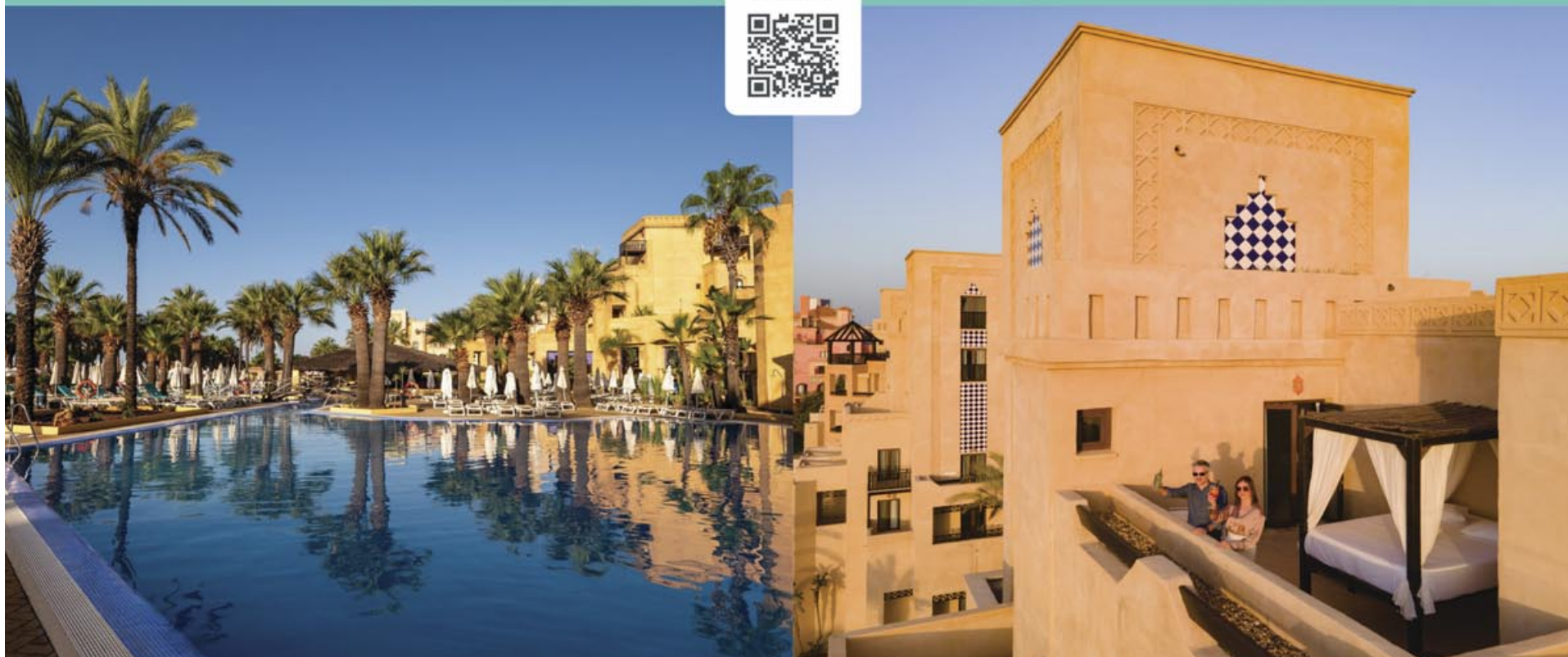
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Royal Portrush Golf Course



Starting in 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 Griffin the Strand Course is the jewel in the Portstewart portfolio.

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

Roe Park Resort has 155 acres of scenic parkland, an 18-hole golf course and a luxury spa. The City of Derry Airport is a 15-minute drive away. The beautiful bedrooms at Roe Park each have a cosy seating area. Many rooms have views of Benevenagh Mountain, and all feature a TV, work desk and free internet access. The impressive Roe Spa offers indulgent treatments and therapies, and features a swimming pool, spa bath and sauna.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Moving 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Situated on the shoreline of a rugged peninsula, St. Margaret's Golf & Country Club is one of Ireland's premier championship parkland courses. Previously home to the Ladies Irish Open, the Seniors Irish Open and the Irish PGA Championship, the 18 holes offer golfers a wonderful variety.

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

Rathfarnham Golf Club, founded in 1899, is set in the rolling foothills of the Dublin Mountains. The course offers challenging but fair golf to Members, visitors and societies. With a beautifully appointed clubhouse, views over the course, mountains and the city, and

within easy reach of the M50, Rathfarnham Golf Club will provide you with a relaxing and friendly environment in which to enjoy your golf.

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

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

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

Travelling further north is Ballybunion Golf Course, where the fine links of the Old and Cashen courses are bordered by the Atlantic Ocean and overlook the mouth of the Shannon Estuary amidst the most beautiful of scenery.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 Ballykisteel 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.

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

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

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

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

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

Exciting times lie ahead for Roe Park Resort after the well-known venue in Limavady was acquired by Galgorm Collection at the end of 2024 to become part of Northern Ireland's premier luxury hospitality group.



Galgorm Collection needs little introduction with award-winning hotels, spa, golf and leisure destinations across Northern Ireland, including the group's flagship venue, Galgorm Resort in Ballymena. In a £50 million investment to the region's hospitality and tourism sector, Galgorm Collection acquired Roe Park Resort and Galgorm Castle Estate in Ballymena last November with the promise of further multimillion investment programmes lined up for both venues. The new owners will seek to transform the guest and customer journey with exceptional luxury, spa and golf experiences as a new vision unfolds at Roe Park Resort.

"We are delighted to welcome Roe Park Resort and Galgorm Castle Estate to the Galgorm Collection family," said Colin Johnston, Managing Director, Galgorm Collection. "Roe Park Resort is an iconic property, and we look forward to creating new opportunities for guests to enjoy unparalleled experiences."

Roe Park Resort is well-known within Irish golfing circles and has a wonderful reputation as a family-friendly hotel and spa resort, a place for everyone to kick back and relax. With further plans as part of Galgorm Collection, the four-star venue is set to become one of the top golf, spa and leisure destinations in the province. There has never been a better time to book your next golfing trip to Roe Park Resort.

The resort currently boasts 118 guest bedrooms and suites plus 3 residences. The hotel, 18-hole golf course and clubhouse within the old courtyard are set in 150 acres of parkland with stunning views at every turn. Roe Park Resort also has a luxurious spa and health club complete with gym, pool, sauna and jacuzzi.

Golf at Roe Park Resort is led by resident PGA team who are on hand to help all levels of golfer with various lesson options available at the academy or on the range.

Guests can already enjoy the 18-hole resort course plus the many other golf facilities on site. Golfers can work on their game at the 18-bay driving range or short game area, crunch some numbers with the latest Trackman technology in the teaching studio or simply have a fun game with friends using the indoor simulator that has over 160 courses to choose from.

Golfers can also make use of the fully stocked pro shop with all the latest equipment, clothing and more and where the PGA team will be on hand to assist.

With so many options, Roe Park Resort is the perfect venue to book your next group or society outing for 2025. The Limavady destination caters for all group sizes and bespoke golf packages can be arranged by booking direct with the resort.

Situated in the picturesque Roe Valley on the outskirts of Limavady, Roe Park Resort is the ideal base to explore everything the north coast has to offer, including the many world class links courses on its doorstep. The Open Championship returns to Royal Portrush in July and the iconic venue is only a short drive from Roe Park Resort. Other great golf courses such as Castlerock and Portstewart are also easily accessible.

If planning to attend The Open at Portrush in July, Roe Park Resort is a great option to play a round before spending a day on the fairways watching the best players in the world compete at the oldest Major of them all, or if simply exploring the North Coast.

The stunning Causeway Coast has numerous internationally renowned attractions, like the Giant's Causeway or Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge, and both should be considered when staying at Roe Park Resort. If looking to take a leisurely stroll on one of Northern Ireland's best-known beaches, then a short drive to Benone Strand is a must.

By day's end, make sure to allow time to kick back and relax using the spa and leisure facilities before booking for dinner at the Coach House Brasserie. With its relaxing atmosphere and live music on Friday and Saturday nights, O'Cahan's Bar is the perfect place if looking for an early evening cocktail or a nightcap.

These really are exciting times for Roe Park Resort. The new owners look forward to making further announcements in the months ahead as a new chapter unfolds for Roe Park Resort.

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- To qualify, each club must hold two 3Ts Club Competitions, one for men & one for women.
- All entrants in the Club competitions pay an entry fee of only €10.
- Winners then join the club's Men's & Women's Captains to form a 4-person team to compete against other clubs in one of the two finals.
- Entry packs have been issued to GI Clubs, so check with your Secretary Manager or Competition Secretary to ensure that your club holds 3Ts Club Competitions and enters a team.
- **Closing date for team entries is 28 August 2025.**

So, clubs have all Summer to hold Club Competitions.

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The charity delivers free SafeTalk suicide alertness training to interested groups, businesses, colleges, organisations & clubs - including Golf Clubs. They also work closely with third level colleges on awareness raising activities. 3Ts latest research in collaboration with Trinity College has helped inform the National Clinical Care Programme for Suicide & Self-Harm. The website www.3ts.ie is a valuable source of information & resources on suicide & a range of mental health topics.

If you'd like to organise SafeTalk training for your club members or staff, or if you'd like to learn more about 3Ts work, email info@3ts.ie or visit www.3ts.ie

Entry Fee

It's hard to believe that 3Ts have kept their entry fees at €10 per person for the past 16 years despite increased costs. But the purpose of the 3Ts Golf Tournament has always been to raise awareness as well as fundraising. In return, 3Ts needs each participating club to encourage as many golfers as possible to enter their Club Competition. Every €10 your club raises helps to raise awareness of the issue of suicide & the work of 3Ts, but it also helps to make 3Ts Golf Tournament one of the most enjoyable competitions on the golfing calendar for golfers of all standards. 3Ts receives no state funding, so the support of the golfing community through the Annual 3Ts Golf Tournament is vital to their work. Please make sure the tournament is on your Club's fixture list and have some fun for a good cause.



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ROLEX GRAND FINAL IN MALLORCA

The HotelPlanner Tour has confirmed that Mallorca's acclaimed Club de Golf Alcanada will host its end-of-season showpiece, the Rolex Grand Final, for the fifth time this Autumn.

Club de Golf Alcanada



Taking place from October 30 – November 2, the 2025 Rolex Grand Final will once again be the culmination of the 'Road to Mallorca' – a total of 29 tournaments across 19 countries on Europe's leading developmental tour.

Designed by the prolific Robert Trent Jones Jnr, Club de Golf Alcanada's par-72 course is renowned for its difficulty in tournament conditions and ensures that players must be at the top of their game in order to earn one of the 20 career-changing DP World Tour cards on offer.

The coastal venue first hosted the event in 2019, then again from 2022-2024, with all four winners –Francesco Laporta, Nathan Kimsey, Marco Penge and Kristoffer Reitan – currently playing on the DP World Tour.

Kristoff Both, director at Club de Golf Alcanada, said: "The HotelPlanner Tour continues to be a very important part of European professional golf, and it's a

privilege to host the Rolex Grand Final for the fifth time.

"Whether we are watching young golfers with incredibly exciting careers ahead of them or veteran players fighting to earn playing rights on the DP World Tour, the final is always a very exciting week of golf, and our course naturally lends itself to dramatic competitions like this one.

"We'd like to thank everyone at the HotelPlanner Tour for their continued faith in Alcanada and we look forward to hosting them again later this year."

When not hosting professional or amateur events, Club de Golf Alcanada is one of the most popular golf venues in the Mediterranean with members and guests alike. The venue – Mallorca's only course located directly beside the sea - celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2023. For more details

<https://www.golf-alcanada.com/>

PONTA DO PARGO MADEIRA COURSE NEARS COMPLETION

Six-time Major champion Sir Nick Faldo has lauded the site of his hotly anticipated new course at Ponta do Pargo which is scheduled to open in 2026.

The 30-time DP World Tour winner first set foot on the site – on the westernmost point of Madeira's main island – more than 20 years ago and returned there once again in early 2025 as the construction project nears its final stages.

Scheduled for opening in 2026, the par-72 layout is perched high on the clifftops and boasts spectacular views across the archipelago and out to the Atlantic Ocean. Faldo and his team were challenged to create a course that could be enjoyed by players of all skill levels without sacrificing the dramatic natural landscape and frequent elevation changes that define the site.

Now as the finishing touches are applied, the course's route stretches along the famous Miradouro do Fio before winding back to a strategically located clubhouse with breathtaking panoramic vistas.

Faldo said: "Building on a site with such natural beauty is a golf course designer's dream. It is one of those sites that you could walk a million times and still find yourself lost in the scenery. I walked the land and was instantly playing the course in my mind; I cannot wait to get a club in my hands."

Sustainability has also been at the heart of Ponta do Pargo's development process, with a number of key measures in place to reduce the environmental impact of building and managing the course. The choice to install Madeira's native Kikuyu grass, which is capable of thriving on the climate's natural rainfall alone, is expected to drastically reduce demand for water throughout the year.

Faldo continued: "I have always felt that golf courses need to be designed in a way that protects and showcases the natural flora and fauna - when you get a special site like this, sometimes the hardest part is not tinkering with it too much.

Ponta do Pargo



I have been fortunate to work on some spectacular sites around the world, but Ponta do Pargo is in a league of its own.

"The calibre of golf that we are designing combined with the astonishing views only complement the culture and hospitality the region is known for."

Across a glittering career, Faldo won the Open Championship and the Masters Tournament three times each – a feat only achieved by three other players in history. He represented Team Europe in eleven Ryder Cups as a player and once as a captain, winning four times and retaining the trophy with a tie in 1989.

Ponta do Pargo will become the fourth course to draw golfers from across the world to Madeira, joining three more designs by the sport's leading figures: Cabell B. Robinson's Palheiro Golf, perched high above the city of Funchal; Club de Golf Santo da Serra, a 27-hole venue built by legendary architect Robert Trent Jones; and Seve Ballesteros' acclaimed Porto Santo Golfe on the nearby island of Porto Santo.

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