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



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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.

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!

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A 2-iron from over 267-yards rolled eight-feet past the pin, and Carew rolled in the eagle putt to send his fans from Castleknock and Edenderry into delirium.

Carew spent most of his golfing life in Edenderry, but joined Castleknock this year due to work commitments in Dublin. He returned to Tallaght Garda Station on Friday morning, after taking a week's holiday to compete in Headfort.

After nine holes, it looked like Foley would win the title with the Royal Dublin golfer winning four consecutive holes from the sixth to the ninth, but a brilliant back nine from Carew brought the Final to extra holes. Birdies for Carew on 10, 12 and an eagle on 16 leveled the match, with both men having opportunities on 18 to win the Final. Carew went closest to birdieing the 19th, but he sealed the deal on the 20th with a terrific eagle.

Speaking after the Final, the Kildare native couldn't believe the scale of his achievement.

"It feels unbelievable. Each day I woke up nearly pinching myself, because I was still in it! To get over the line in the way I did - it's unbelievable.

"I felt I was capable of doing it, but when you're in the situation it's hard to keep going and keep the mentality in the right place."

For Foley, he was full of praise for the victor, after coming up short on winning the title for the second time.

"It was great to get to the Final. It was very impressive from Quentin today. The eagle on the 20th was brilliant from him. I tried my best but came up just short."

2022 AIG Irish Men's Amateur Close Final

Quentin Carew beat Hugh Foley 20th Hole

AIG Irish Men's Amateur Close Semi-Finals

Quentin Carew beat Paul Conroy 1 hole
Hugh Foley beat Matthew McClean 3&2.

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PRICE CLINCHES NARROW IRISH LEGENDS VICTORY AT ROSAPENNA

Former Ryder Cup winner Phillip Price emerged victorious in a thrilling Irish Legends presented by McGinley Foundation that came right down to the final hole, writes Nathan Allen.

The Welshman was the only golfer to score par over three intensely close rounds on the esteemed Old Tom Morris Links course, with just three strokes separating him and Austria's Markus Brier in tenth place. No fewer than five players came within a point of matching Price's impressive tally, but in the end the 2019 PGA Seniors Champion couldn't be caught.

Unfolding between the 16th-20th August, the tournament saw Price grow stronger after the first round, when he came in one above par. A birdie in the second round would even his scores before matching the course's 71 par in the third and final round of competitive golf. Consistency would prove to be the key for Price, who avoided a double bogey throughout the tournament and sealed his marginal win with a par score of five on the final hole.

As the tenth event on the 2022 Legends Tour calendar, Rosapenna was graced by a host of famous faces from golf and beyond as part of the Alliance Series and Celebrity



Series, now in their second respective seasons since the European Senior Tour was rebranded. Alongside some Celebrity Series regulars, an eclectic group of Irish sporting and entertainment heroes took to the course to make a mark on home turf.

Former Celtic goalkeeper Packie Bonner proved a comfortable winner on the individual leaderbord, among names such as Niall Quinn, Ken Doherty and Mrs Brown's Boys star Brendan O'Carroll. Bonner also reached the top in the pro-am team competition, with his teammate and golfing legend Paul McGinley excelling in a proud week for the McGinley foundation.

Amongst his hosting duties, McGinley himself still found time to finish just two points behind eventual winner Price in the Pro tournament. Having previously called Rosapenna "one of the hidden gems in Ireland", the Ryder Cup-winning captain played one of the best rounds of the tournament when he came in two under par on the opening day.

Hosted in association with the McGinley foundation, the Donegal Festival of Golf proved the perfect event to complement the action on the green. Country star Nathan Carter headlined as residents travelled far and wide to get involved in what will go down as a memorable Irish Legends tournament.





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JUNIOR GOLF DEVELOPMENT

Golf Ireland is committed to developing junior golf across the island of Ireland. The junior section of their website has been created to support golf clubs in running a successful and thriving junior section.

The junior section helps to guide golf clubs on how to best encourage and promote junior golf, now and in the future. With ageing club memberships and the overall decline in golf participation, junior members have never been more important to the future of golf clubs. Similarly, never before have children had more variety and opportunity in terms of activities, all competing to occupy their spare time and attract their talent. These factors present a challenge for golf to improve its 'offer' to young people and encourage them to start and stay in the game.

There are many reasons why golf is appealing to young people and their parents/guardians including:

- Golf welcomes players of all ages and abilities.
- Golf is a fun and challenging game.
- The risk of injury is low.
- The skill set required is different in comparison with traditionally popular sports such as GAA, rugby and soccer.
- Golf can be played as both an individual and team sport and is suitable for families and groups.
- Golf is a lifelong activity and is suitable for all ages and abilities.
- Golf can provide networking opportunities and can be more social than other sports.
- Golf promotes skills and values such as leadership, sportsmanship, communication, self-management, respect, honesty, integrity, responsibility, perseverance and good etiquette.
- There are many fantastic role models in Irish golf including professionals such as Shane Lowry, Rory McIlroy and Stephanie Meadow as well as many talented amateurs.

By developing and supporting junior golf, clubs can:

- Invest in their future and the game as a whole.
- Create healthy and sustainable junior structures which will support the recruitment and retention of young people (players and members).
- Thrive on a healthy mix of members of all ages to keep the golf club dynamic and forward thinking.
- Encourage family use of their facility.
- Develop not only better golfers, but also better people.

To give young golfers the best start in the game, Clubs need to be able to provide an environment where they can develop their skills and provide encouragement to enable them to progress to whatever level they aspire to.

What makes a healthy & successful Junior section?

- Structured coaching opportunities
- Range of competitive opportunities for all abilities
- Appropriate fees & subscriptions
- Volunteers & support from the club
- Strong organisation
- Appropriate funds to support the section
- Junior handicapping
- Planning & Development
- Rules & etiquette guidance
- Recruitment & retention
- Appropriate safeguarding procedures



For more details www.golfireland.ie/junior-development

HUGH FOLEY IS THE 2022 MEN'S BRIDGESTONE TOUR ORDER OF MERIT WINNER

The Royal Dublin golfer topped the standings after finishing in second place at the AIG Irish Men's Amateur Close.

Foley's performance in Headfort, followed on from brilliant wins at the North of Ireland Championship and South of Ireland Championship. He finished on 1,168 points, surpassing the 1,073 won by Peter O'Keeffe in claiming the title last year.

Matt McClean finished in second place, after runner-up finishes at the North of Ireland and the Flogas Irish Men's Amateur Open.

Rob Brazill finished in third place. The 2019 winner had a brilliant comeback season from injury, that included a win at the Connacht Men's Stroke Play, and a runner-up finish in the Ulster Men's and Women's Stroke Play.

Colm Campbell finished in fourth place, after winning the Flogas Irish Men's Amateur Open for a second time. Jack McDonnell completed the top-five after a season that included a T2 finish at the East of Ireland, and a T4 at the North of Ireland.

AIG Irish Men's Amateur Close champion Quinten Carew was not even in the rankings before the final event, but his historic performance saw him leap up to 39th place.

Overall, 169 players earned points over the ten ranking events in the season.

Bridgestone Final Rankings

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| 1. Hugh Foley - 1168 | 6. Richard Knightly - 744 |
| 2. Matthew McClean - 953 | 7. Peter O'Keeffe - 719 |
| 3. Rob Brazill - 798 | 8. Alan Fahy - 716 |
| 4. Colm Campbell - 784 | 9. Jake Whelan - 691 |
| 5. Jack McDonnell - 772 | 10. Liam Nolan - 665 |

2022 MORRISON BMW CAHIR PARK GOLF CLUB PRO AM

The "2022 Morrison BMW Cahir Park Golf Club Pro Am" took place in glorious sunshine on Tuesday 9th August. The event, in its 5th year, is now a regular event on the "The PGA – Ireland" calendar.

The win was shared by Liam Grehan (K Club) and Simon Thornton (Tulfarris), both shooting a very impressive score of -3. The shotgun start format worked very well with a morning start at 9am and an afternoon start at 3pm. The local Professional David Ryan and Assistant Professional Paul Eivers finished T5 each with a score of level par. The win means that Liam Grehan is in 2nd place in the "2022 PGA – Ireland" – "Order of Merit", in 1st place is Richard Kilpatrick with only 72 points separating the 2 after the event in Cahir.

Cahir Park Golf Club have recently opened a new practise putting green and covered driving bays on the driving range; the feedback was very positive from the Pros that played with many commenting on the improvements the club has made over the 5 years since the first event. An event like the Pro AM does not run smoothly without a lot of help and support from the members and committees in the club, there was a lot of work put in behind the scenes to make the day a success. The team employed by Cahir Park Golf Club in the office, bar, restaurant and on the course were all part of the success of the event. The sponsors Morrison BMW were very happy with the success of the event, the feedback from their invited guests was fantastic with many of them playing in their first Pro Am.

Cahir Park Golf Club look forward to hosting the "Morrison BMW Cahir Park Golf Club Pro Am" again in 2023.



Left to right: Margaret Gill (Cahir Park Golf Club, Lady Captain), Simon Thornton (Tulfarris), Liam Grehan (K Club), Gary Morrison (Cahir Park Golf Club, Mens Captain)

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Dromoland Castle, County Clare



The event will be staged at Dromoland Castle's championship course in County Clare and tickets for the KPMG Women's Irish Open are now on sale at www.womensirishopen.ie. Four-day tickets are priced at €35 while single-day tickets will cost €15. Under 16s attending the event will also be admitted free of charge.

The announcement is an extension of KPMG's ongoing commitment to the development, advancement, and empowerment of women's sport in Ireland. Having previously supported the 20x20 campaign and its ongoing sponsorship of Irish golfer Leona Maguire, Irish jockey, Rachael Blackmore and the Dublin Ladies Gaelic football team, KPMG has strived to create a #LevelGround between men and women's sport in Ireland.

In addition to its support of women's sport in Ireland, KPMG also works to help inspire greatness amongst golfers at both the grassroots and professional level of golf. KPMG has a long and proud heritage in the game of golf, both in Ireland and abroad, having been title sponsor of the KPMG Women's PGA Championship since 2015, one of five majors in the women's golf which took place recently in Maryland, USA. The tournament had a total purse of \$9 million, a 300% increase on the total purse prior to KPMG's sponsorship of the event, with the winner receiving \$1.35 million. In Ireland, KPMG is also the title sponsor of the KPMG Irish Kids Golf Tour, which is open to girls and boys aged 6 to 13 years old and features some of the best young golfers in Ireland.

Speaking at the announcement, Declan Keane, KPMG Chief Operating Officer said "KPMG is thrilled to announce that it will be the title sponsor of the Women's Irish Open ahead of its historic return to the LET schedule in September. We are incredibly proud of our history in supporting both the game of golf, as well as women's sport in Ireland, and with today's announcement we look forward to building our relationship with both over the coming years. As a Firm, we are committed to investing in young talented people in Ireland and it is my hope that the KPMG Women's Irish Open will inspire the next generation Irish golfers to compete at the highest level of the game."

Mark Nolan, Managing Director at Dromoland Castle added "Dromoland Castle are delighted to welcome KPMG as title sponsor for the Women's Irish Open. We look forward to working together in staging the historic return of this event to Ireland for the first time in 10 years. KPMG's commitment to women's sport & women's golf over the past number of years, both in Ireland & beyond are a clear indication of their vision & we are delighted to join them on this journey & help establish the KPMG Women's Irish Open as one of the premier events of the Ladies European Tour. Alongside our recent investment of €2 million on our championship golf course, we look forward to providing a platform for the leading women golfers to showcase their talents in September."

Vicky Tyas, Commercial & Marketing Director of Golf Ireland, said "It's wonderful to see a global company like KPMG adding their name to the Women's Irish Open. The calibre of the venue at Dromoland and now the addition of KPMG as lead sponsor over the next three years gives the event enormous strength and depth. It is a tremendous commitment and vote of confidence in the development of women's golf and we, at Golf Ireland, are sure that the re-establishment of the event will inspire many young children to take up the game and participate in the various levels of the Golf Ireland Pathway in the years ahead."

To keep up to date with all the latest news and player announcements for the KPMG Women's Irish Open, please visit www.womensirishopen.ie. You can also follow the tournament via social media by following @womensirishopen on Instagram and Twitter.



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VILAMOURA

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.

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

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

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

WESTERN ALGARVE

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

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

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

The challenging 18-hole, par 72 course at Espiche Golf, in Lagos, has been designed to complement the distinctive Western Algarve landscape by embracing a sustainable and eco-friendly ethos. The lakes, streams and indigenous planting scheme work to enrich the local biodiversity, while creating a unique golfing game and environment for golfers in the Algarve.

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

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

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

EASTERN ALGARVE

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

The Benamore Golf resort in Tavira has been introduced into an area where golf is starting to emerge as a leisure destination without spoiling its existing character and countryside.

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

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

CENTRAL ALGARVE

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

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

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

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

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

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La Manga Club



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

SELECTED COURSES IN SPAIN

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

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

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

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

Set amidst the rolling contours and pine forests of Catalunya, PGA Catalunya is synonymous with tournament quality golf courses, luxury accommodation, and a range of beautifully designed villas, townhouses and apartments. Whether you're looking for contemporary lifestyle, first-class sports facilities or a chance to get away from it all — the

resort has something to inspire you. Located just 10 minutes from the historic city of Girona and an hour from bustling Barcelona, the resort offers elegance, style and an array of activities to suit all tastes.

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

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

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

Located a few minutes from the city centre and the amenities of Marbella, Santa Clara Golf Club Marbella is one of the best golf courses on the Costa del Sol for a stimulating and unforgettable experience. A par 71 of 5,922 metres, presents a technically challenging but straightforward and pleasant round, wide fairways with few roughs and open greens without pronounced slope.

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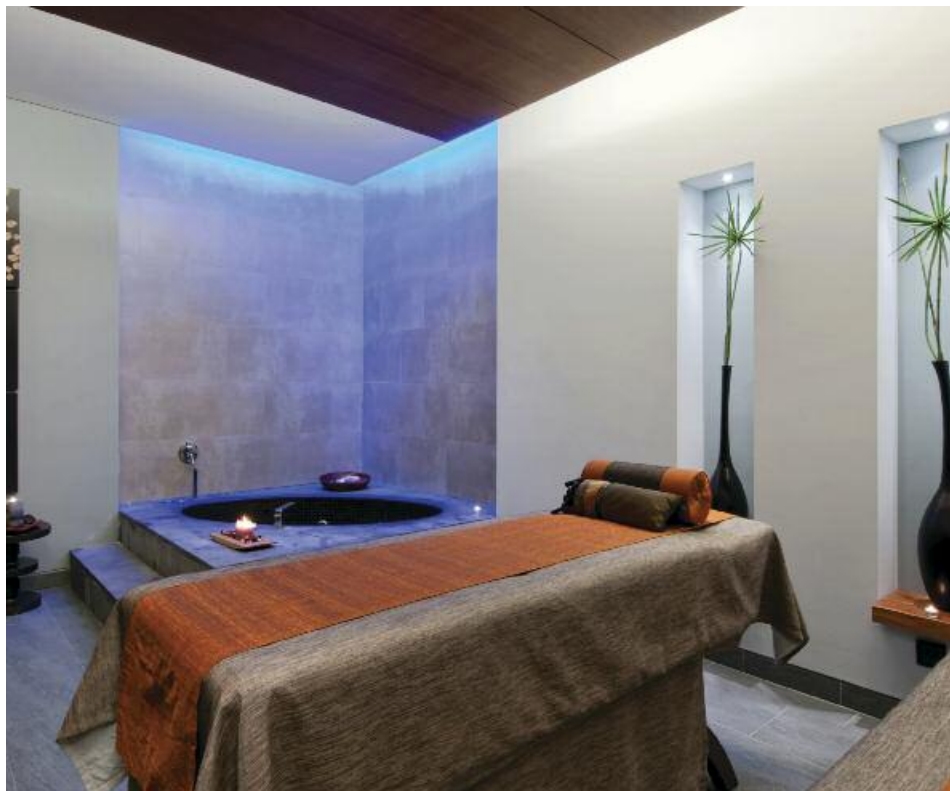
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The concept of stress is overused and has become generalised in modern times. The body's incapacity to adapt to internal and/or external demands and pressures causes inner physiological imbalances that can be measured and seen as physical and emotional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

“ All these programmes are tailored to the guest during the initial check-up or consultation ”

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POST-COVID RECOVERY

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

TUNE-UP YOUR ENERGY

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

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

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

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ORIZONTE TEES UP OUTSTANDING GOLF VALUE IN LISBON

Boasting a plethora of outstanding golf courses, it's easy to see why Portugal has been something of a golfing Mecca for Irish golfers over the years.

Aroeira Challenge



With the promise of world-class golf, a renowned healthy lifestyle, numerous sandy beaches and an idyllic climate, there's so much to like and enjoy about playing in this particular corner of Europe.

The Algarve is a popular destination for many but, if you prefer the fairways a little bit quieter, then head north to discover the many delights of playing in and around Lisbon – just a two-hour flight from Ireland and offering some of the best-value golf not just in Portugal but on the whole of the continent.

A perfect case in point is the region of Costa Azul which, just a short drive from Lisbon, offers the opportunity to play four of the leading courses in close proximity to the Portuguese capital at a price that won't break the bank.

Accessed by two impressive road bridges across the River Tagus, the Costa Azul peninsula is a world away from the bustling metropolis. Here you will find an easy pace of life and relaxing natural environments in which to indulge your golfing passion.

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Overlooking the Atlantic, the coastal towns of Caparica and Sesimbra are ideal locations to use as a base for any stay and provide a genuine holiday feel and place to relax, along with several good hotels, well-priced restaurants, a number of bars and a breathtaking stretch of beach to explore.

Promoted by ORIZONTE – Lisbon Golf, a range of attractive four and seven-night stay-and-play options are available to book throughout 2022, including packages at the four-star Sana Sesimbra Hotel and Aroeira Golf Resort – one of European golf's fastest rising stars – with four-night, three-round breaks at the former starting from just €327 per person.

Nicknamed the 'Wentworth of Lisbon' by many observers, Aroeira Golf Resort – 25km south of Lisbon – is one of Portugal's most iconic golfing venues and is a two-time host of the Portuguese Open.

Rated among the continent's top 50 golf resorts, Aroeira features two 18-hole championship layouts – the acclaimed Aroeira Pines Classic layout, which was recently ranked 77th in *Golf World* magazine's influential list of the 'Top 100 Courses in Continental Europe', and Aroeira Challenge, which is just as impressive.

Located on the stunning Aroeira estate and one of Lisbon's trendiest new hotels, the Aroeira Lisbon Hotel provides the ultimate in chic modern design, including 68 bedrooms and suites, an outdoor pool, a spa and a choice of five bars and restaurants.

Offering easy access to the many golden sandy beaches in the Costa Azul region, Aroeira is the perfect base for a golf break and a range of stay-and-play hotel breaks are bookable over the coming months – with four-night, three-round packages starting from €338 per person and seven-night, five-round stays available from €550 per person.

A short drive from Aroeira, Ribagolfe boasts two of the finest layouts in the Lisbon region – Ribagolfe Lakes and Ribagolfe Oaks. Known as the 'Valderrama of Portugal', the Ribagolfe experience is akin to millionaire's golf, with not a house to be seen and each hole sheltered from the view of the others.

A host venue for European Tour qualifying school from 2009 to 2017, Ribagolfe Lakes is a layout that would grace any Tour event, with superb, oversized greens and a length of 7,370 yards from the back tees. Narrow landing areas also play with the mind for long and straight hitters.

A shorter test than its sibling but still measuring more than 6,800 yards, Ribagolfe Oaks is more forgiving with wider fairways and landing areas. The huge, moderately contoured greens, however, provide a stiff test if you're to score well here.

As with any overseas golf break, good weather is a must and the Costa Azul's climate scores highly here, too, offering the opportunity for all-year-round golf with autumn and winter temperatures particularly attractive for UK golfers.

With the historic city of Lisbon just waiting to be explored and a wide choice of Irish airports offering direct services to Portugal's capital, an ORIZONTE golf break has so much to recommend, and now is the ideal time to visit.

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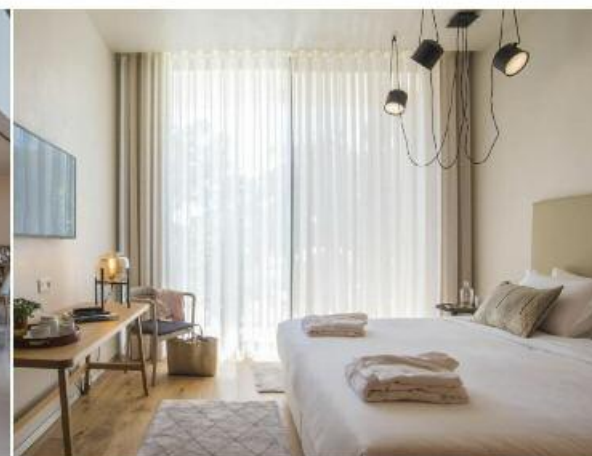
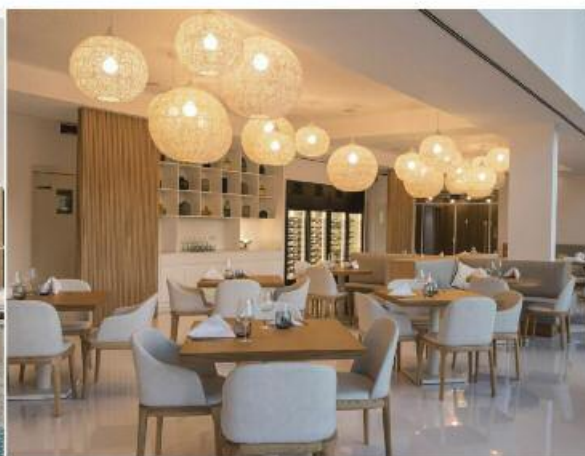
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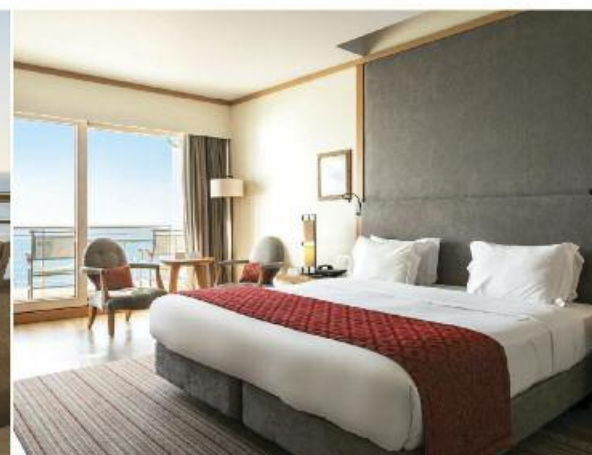
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for a truly unforgettable evening and experience their new dining concept where guests are invited to create their own tasting menu, one where you can delight your palate with creative dishes, full of colour, texture, aroma and flavour.

If you're into spectating golf but not necessarily playing, you'll find that Four Seasons Fairways is surrounded on three sides by the greens and fairways of both Quinta do Lago signature courses, the 1st tee of the award-winning Quinta do Lago North and the 18th tee of Quinta do Lago South, as well as by the attractive 27-hole Pinheiros Altos course and there are plenty of spots to quietly observe with cocktail in hand. Guests at Four Seasons Fairways can also take advantage of reduced green fees to more than 40 golf courses in the region.

This winter, Four Seasons Fairways will also be welcoming back Amy Williams MBE, former skeleton racer and Olympic gold medalist to host a very special Active Living week for guests from 19th – 26th November, where she will host a number of stretch and mobility classes, tailored for all levels, in the grounds of the resort. Guests will also have the opportunity to meet with her and get some personal tips and insights on how to achieve their own fitness goals among other events.

2022 is also a great time to take advantage of the resort's 'Drop & Scoff' food delivery service. An enhancement to their already popular take-away service, guests are now able to order food and beverages from VIVO Bistro & Cocktail Lounge and enjoy delivery straight to their villa – they drop, you scoff! In-villa massage treatments are also now available – the perfect way to soothe weary limbs after 18 or 36 holes.

Four Seasons Fairways organise regular golf competitions for guests and they are also set to host the 9th Edition of their Amateur Golf Week, 28th January – 4th February 2023 where those joining are guaranteed a fantastic week with great prizes and great camaraderie!

Four Seasons Fairways offer a variety of packages throughout the year
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The **Active Living Package** costs from €811pp and is available from October 2022 – April 2023.

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The resort is lucky enough to be surrounded by some of Quinta do Lago's numerous championship golf courses and just a stone's throw from the stunning Ria Formosa nature reserve, a scenic swirl of seawater lagoons, sandy islands, salt marshlands and diverse bird life, making it the perfect setting for walking, running and cycling.

This discreet and elegant private villa resort is home to 132 traditional villas and apartments, set in beautifully landscaped gardens with each featuring its own pool or jacuzzi, terrace or garden area and outdoor BBQ/cooking station. The resort's 'Clubhouse' area is home to stunning heated indoor & outdoor pools, Kids' Club, wine cellar, gym, indoor-outdoor bar, and there are tennis courts and bikes to hire as well! Visitors to Quinta do Lago are also really spoilt for choice when it comes to dining and at Four Seasons Fairways, their two restaurants, Vivo Bistro and Amara restaurant won't disappoint.

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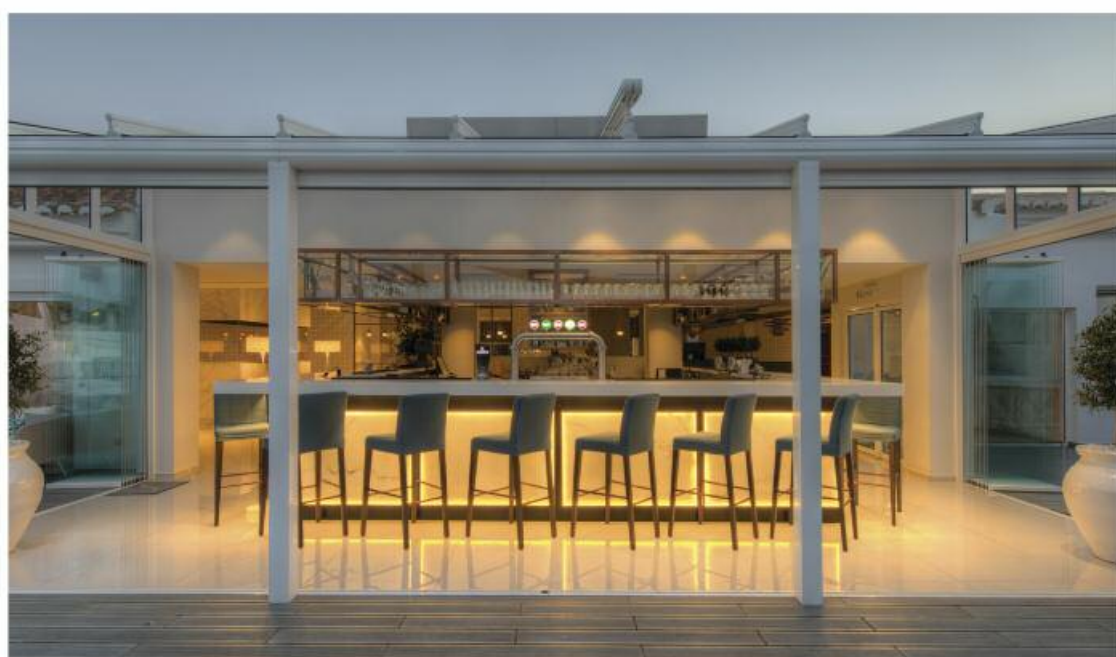
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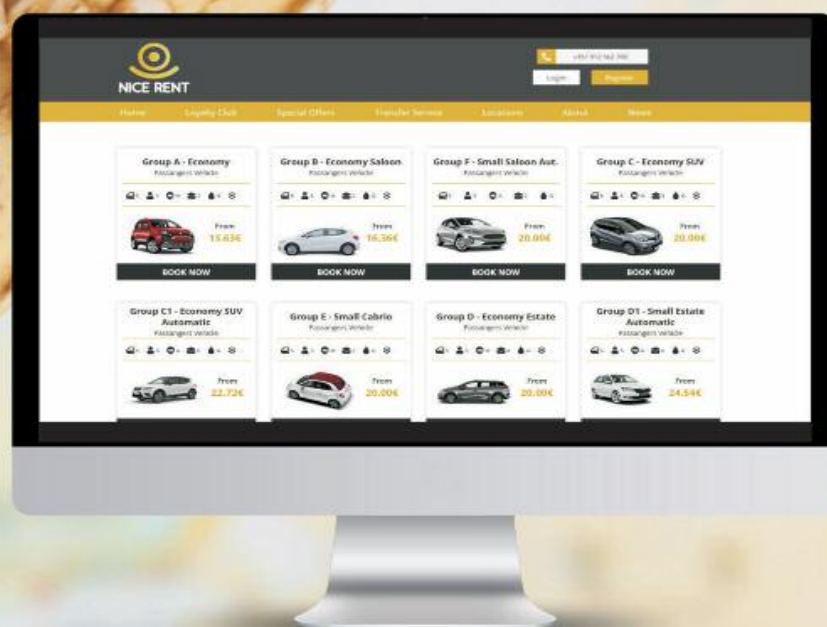
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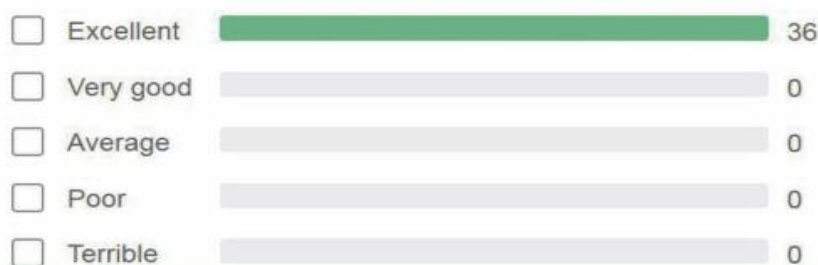




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BOAVISTA GOLF & SPA

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.

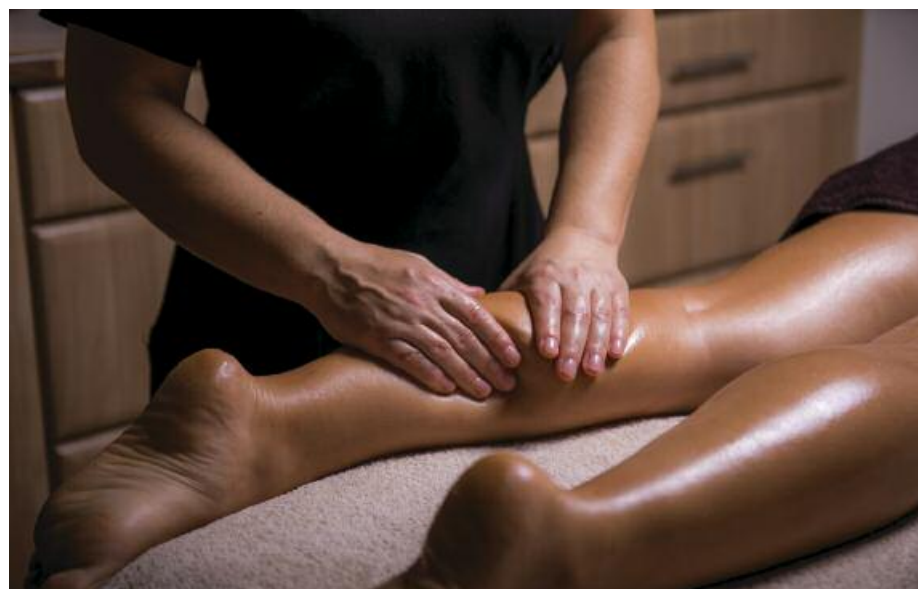
While you go the distance on one of our elliptical machines, or sculpt your body with a state-of-the-art Technogym equipment, you can keep your eye on the ball on the 18th green.

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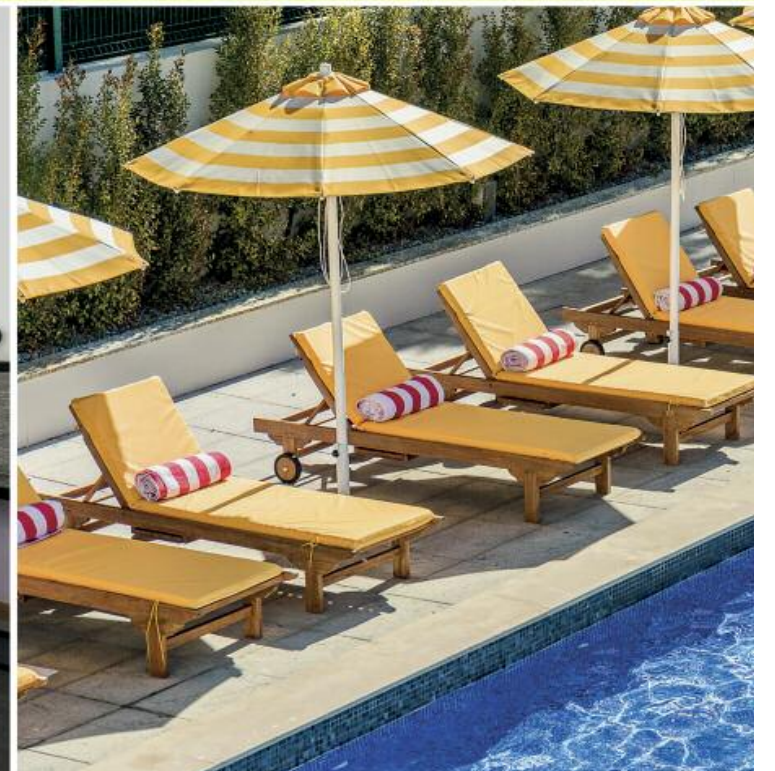
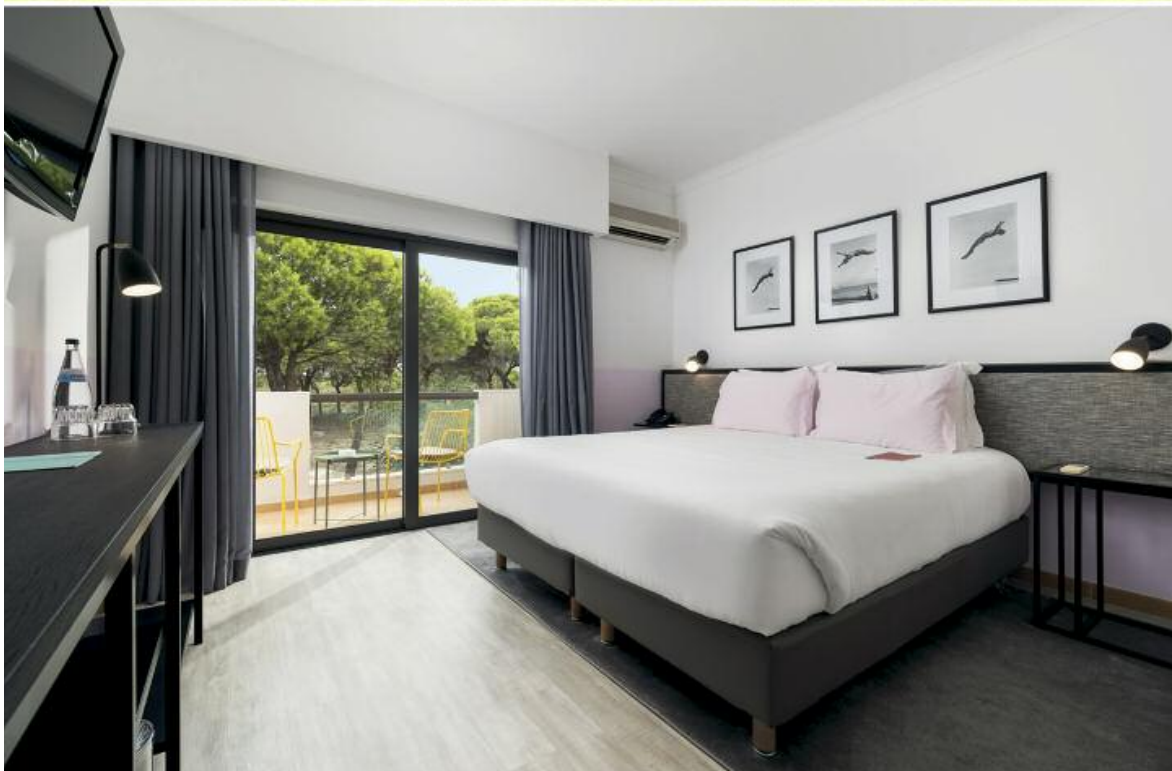
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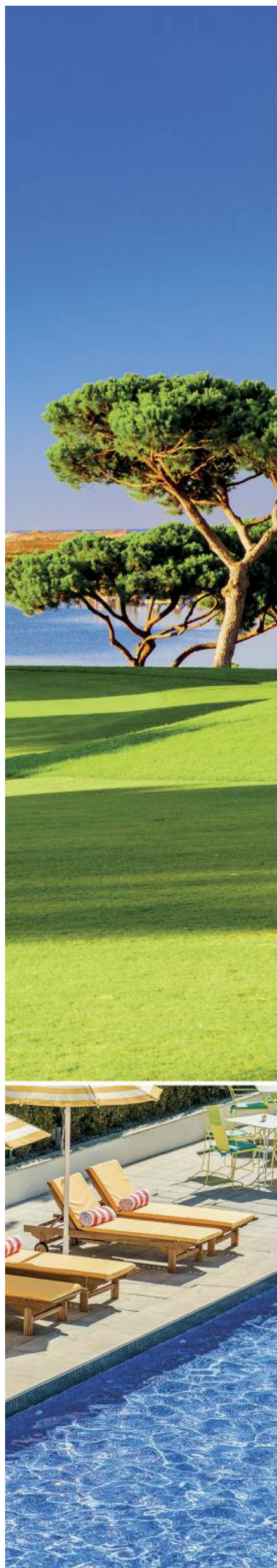
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Starting in Northern Ireland and the province of Ulster, home to Major Champions Rory McIlroy, Graeme McDowell and Darren Clarke and renowned for its stunning natural golfing country, Northern Ireland has many spectacular links courses that attract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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In County Fermanagh, Lough Erne is a 5 Star Golf Resort making it one of the finest in Northern Ireland. Voted one of the top golf resorts in Ireland, Lough Erne Resort, provides the ultimate 36-hole golf experience. It's 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.

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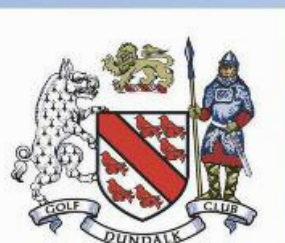
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Moving to the South West which is renowned for its spectacular beauty and its golf courses which have utilized the natural landscape to create a combination of links and traditional parkland courses offering the visiting golfer both choice and challenge.

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.

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

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

While visiting the Kingdom of Kerry, Tralee Golf Club is not to be missed. Built by Arnold Palmer, this stunning setting represents a true paradise for those willing to challenge what is widely acclaimed as one of the finest links courses in Ireland. Nestled on the edge of Ireland's dramatic south-west coastline, Dingle Golf Links is a very special place to visit and is an ideal location for your golfing holiday in Kerry.

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

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

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.

The course at Limerick Golf Club is a mix of demanding holes interspersed with some good birdie chances, notably the tenth and the short fifteenth. The long eight is an outstanding hole, with a stream meandering its way through it, coming into play for all shots to a severely sloping green.

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

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

Lahinch Golf Club is a world-renowned links golf course. Founded in 1892 it has often been described as the "St. Andrew's" of Ireland. Lahinch is actually two 18 hole courses, the Old Course, is between the road and the sea, and situated at the opposite side of the road from the Old Course is the Castle Course. The Castle Course is a flatter links named after the ruins of a nearby castle tower that stands to the north of the course.

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

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

Ireland's only true island golf course surrounded by the River Suir, accessed by complimentary car ferry is Waterford Castle Golf Club which enjoys idyllic seclusion located minutes from Waterford city centre, 90 mins from Dublin and Cork. The 18-hole par 72 Des Smyth designed course, located on the 310-acre private island is ranked in the top 30 parkland courses in Ireland. The Waterford Castle Hotel & Golf Resort is a truly stunning 5 Star experience and a must visit in Ireland's South East.

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

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

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

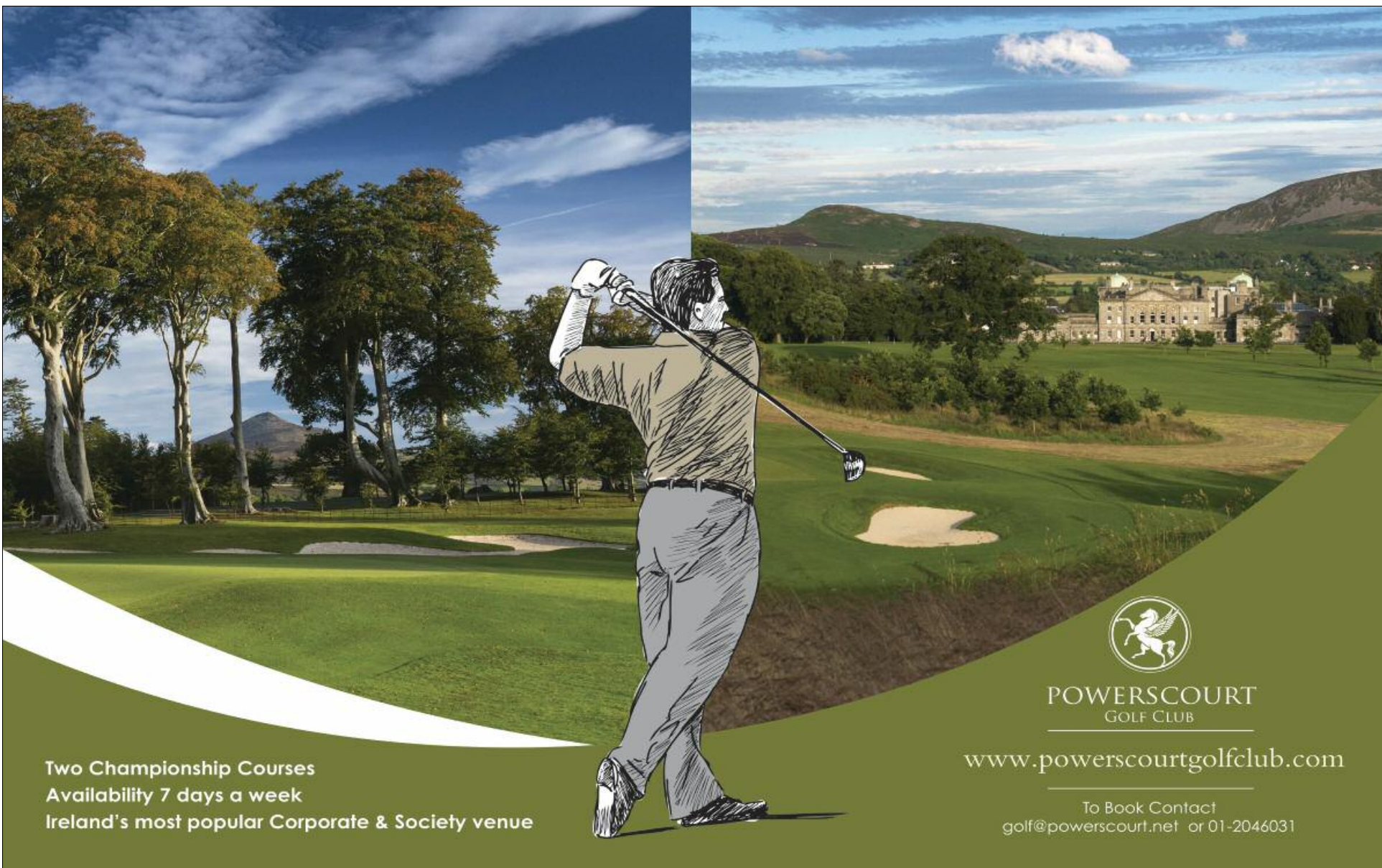
Also, Faithlegg Golf Course, which was designed by the late Patrick Merrigan and includes undulating greens, water hazards and perfectly placed sand traps, all of which, complete and heighten the challenge.

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.



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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 2022 when making your plans into the South East.

Established in 1929, Callan Golf Club offers a particular welcome to visiting societies, groups and individual visitors. After your round of golf, enjoy lunch or dinner at Emerald Bar and Restaurant where packages are available for Societies and Classics.

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.

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

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

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

The Heritage Golf Resort in Laois is home to Ireland's only Seve Ballesteros designed championship course. Situated in the heart of Killenard the course has been exquisitely designed by the ever famous Golf legend Seve Ballesteros.

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

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

Onto 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.

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

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

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

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

Luttrellstown Castle Golf & Country Club 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.

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

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

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Also, Black Bush Golf Club with 27 holes of a well drained parkland course, who are open most of the year for play. They 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.

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.

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 Baird course was re-designed in 1995 by Patrick Merrigan. The result is a magnificent course which is enjoyed by members and visitors alike.

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

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

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

While in Wicklow, a visit to Powerscourt Golf Club in Enniskerry is a must. The East course was designed by David McLay Kidd whose portfolio also includes the acclaimed Bandon Dunes in Oregon. Like the East, the West course offers a variety of challenging holes presenting a fresh perspective on the stunning scenery of the Powerscourt Estate.

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

Heading to the West coast into County Galway, you should consider Galway Bay Golf Resort. With a winning blend of natural beauty and golfing adventure, the championship golf course is regarded among the very best golf courses in Ireland. 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.

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.

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.

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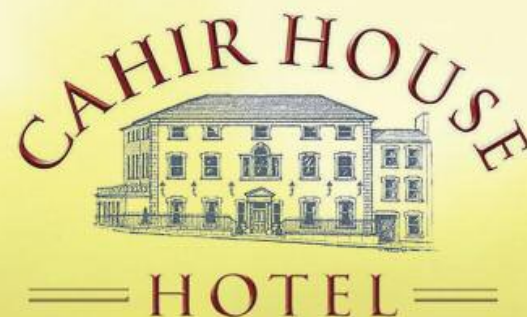
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Enjoy a round of Golf at the award-winning Headfort Golf Club – and stay overnight at the luxurious Headfort Arms Hotel in the nearby Heritage town of Kells. The town prides itself on being one of the most pivotal locations in Ireland's Ancient East. Visitors are provided with opportunities to experience the rich history of the area in the Tourist Centre and to participate in guided information tours. These two innovative Meath-based businesses have worked closely together to come up with great value packages that constantly deliver on their promise of warm hospitality, outstanding golf facilities and stylish accommodation - a mixture of tempting ingredients that has succeeded in drawing new and repeat visitors from all over Ireland and abroad.

Host to the Euro Challenge Tour in October 2019, Headfort Golf Club is proud to announce that the renowned New Course, has been re-named, the **Championship Course**. Designed by Christy O' Connor Jnr., the change in name recognises the status of the course as a superb test of the skills of the leading up and coming golf players currently striving to join the main European Tour. The Club was specifically praised for the complexity and quality of the course set-up which confronted the competitors, receiving accolades from both the Players, and the Euro Challenge Tour staff. Andrew Snoddy, the Tour Director, stated that Headfort provided "One of the best, if not the best venue of the year".

Both Old and Championship courses take full advantage of the natural beauty of one of Ireland's most historic and finest estates. The Headfort families were renowned collectors of

trees and plants and features one of the most diverse and well-known arboretums in the world. The Club is easily accessible via Exit 10 of the M3 motorway (35 minutes from Dublin) and it offers ample free parking. The combination of two wonderful courses, sensibly priced green fees, an inviting atmosphere and excellent clubhouse facilities continues to be an outstanding attraction for visitors.

Golf Societies and Groups are always guaranteed a very warm welcome at Headfort Golf Club - with many of them choosing to return year after year. Group Discounts Early Bird Offers and Late Booking Deals are also available, and the experienced Pro Shop staff are always on hand to help visitors with any of their requirements when it comes to equipment, caddies, tuition or golf trolley hire. Visitors are encouraged to make full use of the full restaurant and bar facilities in the Clubhouse before or after your round.

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Both the Headfort Arms Hotel and Headfort Golf Club are famous for their excellent customer service, home from home hospitality and close attention to even the tiniest detail when it comes to making visitors feel exceptionally welcome.

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DROMOLAND CASTLE

All roads this month lead to Co. Clare with the return of women's professional golf in the Republic of Ireland for the first time in over a decade with Dromoland Castle hosting the KPMG Women's Irish Open.

Niamh O'Sullivan (Sports Ireland), Bethan Jones (LET), Declan Keane (KPMG), Mark Nolan (Dromoland Castle) & Vicky Tyas (Golf Ireland)



7th Hole at Dromoland Castle

Dromoland Castle are delighted to see the return of the KPMG Women's Irish Open, to be staged on their 450-acre estate's 18-hole Championship Course, from September 22nd to 25th and the team have been an integral part to the return of the event as part of the Ladies European Tour schedule.

Located on the shores of Lough Dromoland in Co. Clare, Dromoland Castle play hosts to an impressive 18-hole par 72 championship parkland course. Designed by Ron Kirby and JB Carr, the Castle's impressive parkland course combines gentle hills, ancient trees and unexpected water hazards which will deliver a demanding and exhilarating course for Europe's elite golfers this September.

The golf course has undergone Phase 1 of a €2 million investment in preparation for the hosting of the KPMG Women's Irish Open. This has seen the redesign and renovation of all bunkers as well as the upgrade of a number of tee boxes to catch the new vistas that have recently been opened up around the lake.

The 18th hole has seen the biggest visual change with the addition of a new fairway meeting the lake and will see it become one of the great finishing holes in Irish golf with maximum drama, as players can make anything from a 3 to a 7.

True sustainability is integral to the vision for the Women's Irish Open. At Dromoland Castle they are in the process of working towards becoming GEO certified; all volunteers will wear uniforms made from recycled material. They are also continuing the ongoing investment of updating all machinery on the course to be more eco-efficient as part of their long-term sustainable plan.

The Women's Irish Open was held 15 times between 1994 and 2012 with the Championship being won by some of Europe's top golfers including Norway's Suzanne Pettersson, Sweden's Sophie Gustafson, England's Laura Davies and most recently by the 2021 Solheim Cup winning Captain, Scotland's Catriona Matthew, who will return to defend her title this month at Dromoland Castle.

The 2022 KPMG Women's Irish Open promises to be an unmissable event in the Irish sporting calendar and will see Europe's leading professional female golfers battle it out for a total prize fund of €400,000.

KPMG Women's Irish Open tickets are now on sale.

Four-day tickets are priced at €35 while single-day tickets will cost €15. Under 16s attending the event will also be admitted free of charge.

For further information on this event & golf at Dromoland Castle visit www.dromoland.ie/golf

Olivia Mehaffey, Professional Golfer LET



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Compact performance at Old Fold Manor Golf Club

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

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

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

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

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PORTO SANTO GOLFE MADEIRA

Porto Santo Golfe is stepping up its drive to become more sustainable after unveiling a range of new measures aimed at lowering its eco-footprint and making golfers more environmentally conscious.

Officials at the golf club – located in the Portuguese archipelago of Madeira – are set to introduce a series of upgrades across its golf and clubhouse facilities in the coming months to reduce water, plastic and electricity usage and improve recycling levels. At the forefront of the improvements being made is the installation of a new pumping system in the lake on the fourth hole to improve irrigation efficiency and reduce the amount of liquid used watering the course.

Off the course, Porto Santo's pro shop is making changes to ensure golfers using the venue can also help to conserve the environment. Bamboo tees will be sold in the shop to encourage golfers not to use plastic golf tees, with a campaign running on social media at the same time to further enhance the message.

In addition, a new rubbish house is being built to improve recycling levels, with rubbish separation baskets in place at the clubhouse and monthly reports being undertaken to measure the rubbish weight. An electric certification will also take place to help reduce electric usage.

Porto Santo's updated approach towards sustainability comes with larger measures already in place to preserve the island, of which the golf course is named after, and its relationship with nature. This included Porto Santo being named as a UNESCO biosphere reserve in 2020 - one of 25 new locations named in the World Network of Biosphere Reserves.

Designed by Seve Ballesteros and host of the Madeira Islands Open in 2009 and 2011, the club is the perfect example of the harmony between human activity and wildlife. Dotted with lakes and natural habitats within the course, the northern route of the course is set atop fantastic cliffs and near the stunning Porto Santo beach. Diverse marine life thrives nearby, including the loggerhead sea turtle and the rarest seal in the world, the Mediterranean monk seal.

Porto Santo Golfe is one of three first-class golf courses in Madeira – alongside Clube de Golfe Santo da Serra and Palheiro Golf - with the Portuguese archipelago also featuring an array of outstanding historic, cultural and lifestyle experiences.

Named as the world and Europe's leading island destination at the 2021 World Travel Awards and located approximately 1,000km from the European mainland – and just 500km from the African continent – the island destination enjoys an amazingly mild climate, ranging from 25°C in the summer to 17°C in the winter, with very mild average temperatures and moderate humidity, making it the perfect year-round location for a golf break.

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

For more details <http://portosantogolfe.com/>

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