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All eyes will be on the picturesque islands of Madeira this November when the Portuguese archipelago hosts the illustrious World Golf Awards and World Travel Awards in the same week. Uniting leading industry figures from across the world, the showpiece event of the global golfing calendar will take place from November 21-22.

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PAUL MCGINLEY JUNIOR GOLF CUP

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McGinley – who famously holed the winning putt in the 2002 Ryder Cup and led Europe to victory as captain in 2014 – will play host as the event is held for a ninth time. This year, players will enjoy two competitive rounds on the South Course and have the option of playing a practice round on Thursday, August 22. Players – who must all have handicaps – will also get the opportunity to meet McGinley at the presentation evening following the tournament.

Speaking ahead of the event, McGinley said: “I’m really looking forward to hosting another edition of the Paul McGinley Junior Cup at Quinta do Lago.

For more details on Quinta do Lago www.quintadolago.com

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He will join compatriot Rory McIlroy and Irish stars Pádraig Harrington, Shane Lowry and Séamus Power in the field at Royal County Down, globally recognised as one of the world's best golf courses.

Last year, McKibbin became the youngest winner from the island of Ireland on the DP World Tour since McIlroy when he claimed the Porsche European Open title. He then went on to make his first appearance as a professional at the Irish Open later that season finishing T39 at The K Club.

The 21-year-old made his Irish Open debut as an amateur at Galgorm Castle Golf Club in 2020 when the event was played behind closed doors, and he now can't wait to experience the home support in full voice later this year.

"When I heard Royal County Down was going to host the Amgen Irish Open in 2024, I knew it was an event I couldn't wait to be a part of," said McKibbin. "It's an incredible golf course and once you're out there you can understand why it's rated so highly by so many."

Last year, Vincent Norrman became the first Swedish winner of the Irish Open for more than 20 years when he triumphed at The K Club, carding a final round 65 to win by one stroke. It was the Swede's second victory in the space of just six worldwide starts.

First played in 1927, the Irish Open is one of the world's most celebrated national opens, with an impressive list of former champions that includes Seve Ballesteros, Nick Faldo, Rory McIlroy, Pádraig Harrington, Shane Lowry, Colin Montgomerie, José María Olazábal, Bernhard Langer and Sam Torrance.

For those seeking a Premium Experience, the Green on 18 package has sold out, but there is availability in The Ballroom for every day of the championship as a private group of ten or in smaller groups on a shared table. Premium Experience options can be viewed here:

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Denmark's Emily Kristine Pedersen, Morocco's Ines Laklalech and Austria's Sarah Schober rounded out the top 10 at Centurion Club.

In the Team competition, Team Nadaud secured victory over Team Hall after a three-hole playoff at the end of the day.

The captains headed back to the 18th tee as France's Nastasia Nadaud and England's Georgia Hall went head-to-head to win the team title.

Both players made an eagle on the first playoff hole and a birdie on the second playoff hole before Nadaud rolled in her birdie putt on the third to secure victory for her team.

"I don't even know how I handled this! I was so nervous on the first tee," said Nadaud, who is still a teenager. "I was really afraid I wouldn't hit the ball. I was so nervous, I was trembling."

Czechia's Kristyna Napoleaova, who was a winning captain in Hong Kong last year, explained: "We were super nervous on the sidelines, it was amazing to watch both Nas [Nadaud] and Georgia [Hall].

"Both of them played incredible golf, I think everyone here enjoyed the playoff. It was so fun to watch. For it to be eagle-birdie-birdie from those positions. It was incredible, well done to both teams."

"We were so nervous," said Spain's Mireia Prat. "Nastasia played really good and Georgia as well. It was one of the best playoffs and most exciting that I have seen. Yesterday, we played really good, and our amateur George made some good holes."

Amateur George Brooksbank added: "It has been incredible to play with them and to watch and I had every faith, every time Nastasia had the putter in her hand I thought the ball was going into the hole. It was great to be here."

In the LET Order of Merit, Hernandez climbed up to sixth place in the Order of Merit with Walsh now 12th and Maguire has jumped from 134th to 28th place.

Onwards and upwards to the KPMG Ladies Irish Open at Carton House for Leona.

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

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KPMG WOMEN'S IRISH OPEN 2024

The KPMG Women's Irish Open, supported by Fairmont will take place at Carton House, a Fairmont Managed Hotel in Maynooth, Co. Kildare from 28th August until 1st September.

Smilla Soenderby, 2023 winner



Photo : Sportsfile/Eoin Noonan

The popular Ladies European Tour event will once again see a host of elite female golfers compete for a €400,000 prize fund. The O'Meara Course at Carton House is the perfect setting for the 2024 KPMG Women's Irish Open. Since its reincarnation in 2022, the KPMG Women's Irish Open has quickly become one of the most highly anticipated events on the Ladies European Tour with star players insisting it has a major feel.

The 2023 tournament was won by Smilla Tarning Soenderby from Denmark, overcoming Anne Van Dam and Lisa Petterson in a nail-biting playoff. Irish amateur star, Sara Byrne, was the leading amateur for the week.

Seamus Hand, KPMG Managing Partner, said, "The KPMG Women's Irish Open is fast becoming an established highlight in the sporting calendar. Following two very successful years at Dromoland, we're excited at the prospect of bringing the event to

Carton House and to a wide audience in the Leinster area. We look forward to what's sure to be another exciting tournament highlighting the very best in female sporting talent from Ireland and abroad."

Martin Mangan, General Manager for Carton House a Fairmont Managed Hotel, added: "Our team here at Carton House & Fairmont Hotels & Resorts are very excited to host the KPMG Women's Irish Open in 2024 and we'll be putting every effort in to ensure it's an enjoyable and memorable experience for the participants and guests alike. We're very grateful to our generous operator, Fairmont Hotels & Resorts and our owners who are proud to champion and support this brilliant tournament which has already become a very popular event in Ireland's sporting calendar.

"With two magnificent Championship Golf Courses here at Carton House, golf is at the heart of the estate and a huge attraction for guests from here and overseas.

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

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

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"Carton House, Fairmont is an incredible venue and I'm really excited for the 2024 KPMG Women's Irish Open to take place there.

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

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That echoed the drama of 2022 when Klara Davidson Spilkova of the Czech Republic won in similar fashion.

Last year's overall attendance at the tournament hit 30,000, a 20 per cent increase on that of 2022 which itself was 25 per cent ahead of what had been the target.

To secure your tickets and keep up to date with the latest 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, Twitter, TikTok and Facebook.

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GOLF IN THE ALGARVE

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Pinhal Golf Course



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.

VILAMOURA

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.

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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.

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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.

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.

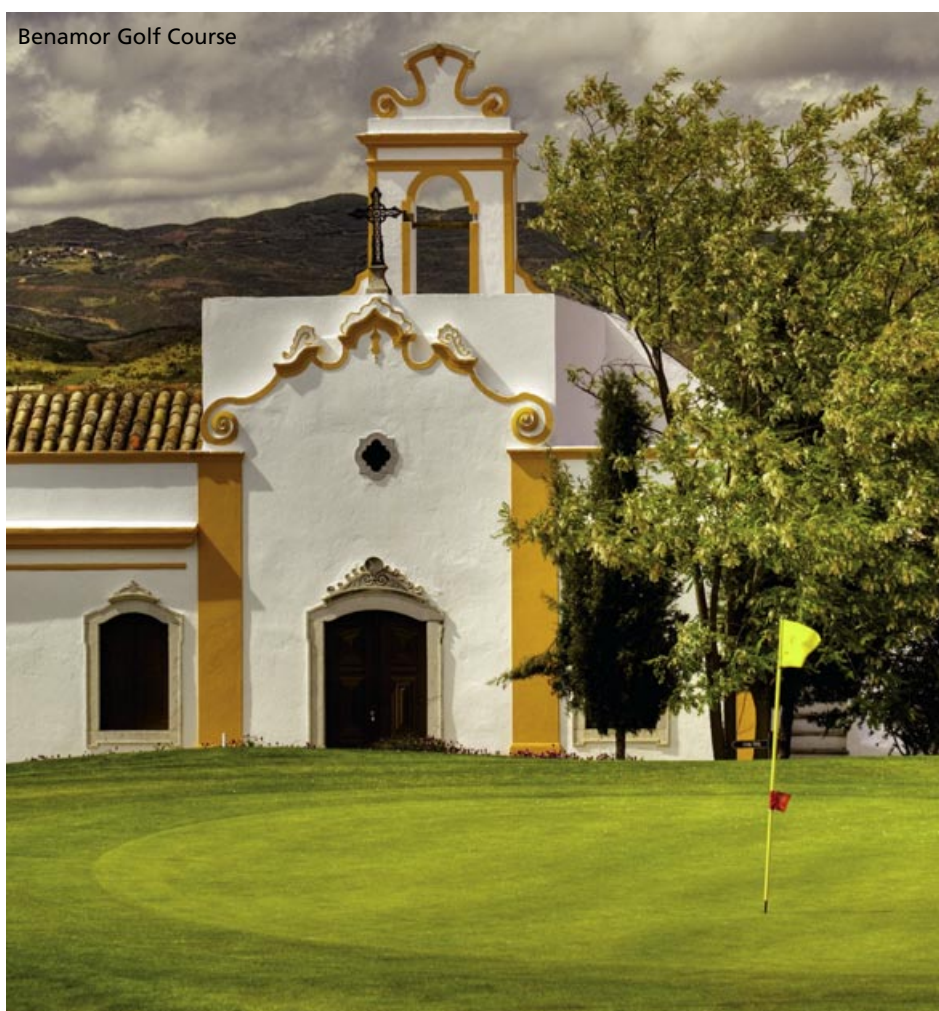
In the heart of the Algarve you will find Vilamoura Garden Hotel. This boutique 4-star hotel is the perfect accommodation choice for those looking to experience the beaches, nature, hospitality and golf in southern Portugal. Located just a 12-minute walk from the beach and in close proximity to some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

EASTERN ALGARVE

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

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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.

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.

For further information on Golf in the Algarve www.algarve-tourist.com

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

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.

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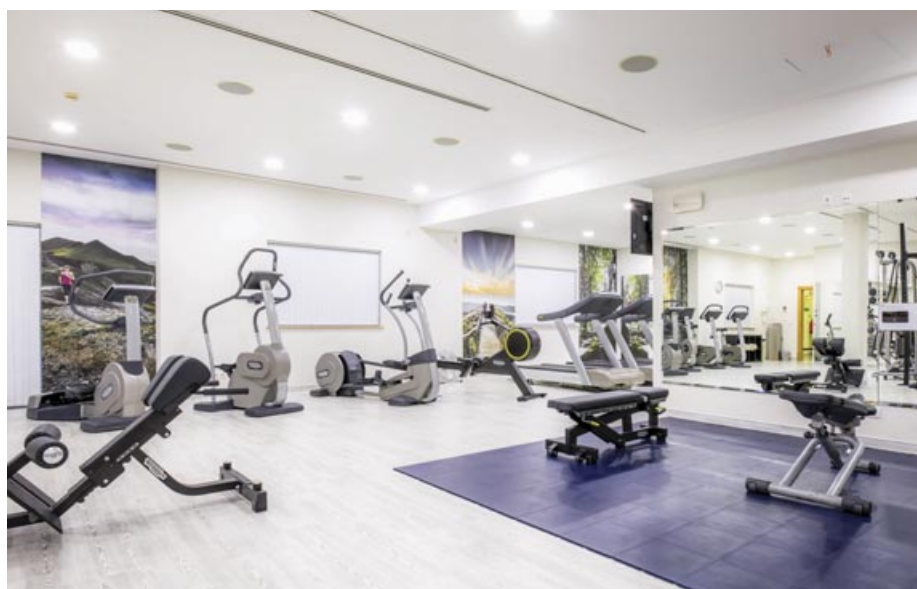
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Headfort Golf Club in Kells has gained quite a reputation for itself as a premium Golfing destination in Ireland. This is thanks to its wonderful contrast of experience with Old and New Courses offering 36-holes of Golfers paradise and key location 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.

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

Moving into Northern Ireland and the province of Ulster home to Major Champions Rory Mclroy, 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In the Breffni County of Cavan is the stunning Radisson Farnham Estate parkland course which is spread over 500 acres of rolling countryside and dense woodland. The two nines are quite contrasting in nature.

Also, County Cavan Golf Club which is one of the oldest and most mature parkland courses in Ireland and presents the golfer with a challenging and unforgettable experience.

“ 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 ”

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

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

Moving into the 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dunmore East Golf Club overlooks the village of Dunmore East, County Waterford in the South East of Ireland. With panoramic views of the village, the bay, the Hook Peninsula, Waterford Harbour estuary, the Saltee Islands and the Irish 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.

Kilkenny Golf Club offers a warm atmosphere on its championship golf course and welcomes individuals, societies and groups. It is a course worth visiting in 2024 and 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cahir Park Golf Club is situated half a mile from Cahir town. The 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. Located just nine miles from Galway City, it offers a stunning blend of challenging golf and scenic tranquility, designed by the legendary Christy O'Connor Jr. 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.

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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The Roe Park Resort, Limavady is located on the edge of the Roe Valley Country Park, and boasts an 18-hole parkland golf course and driving range.



The hotel is renowned as one of Northern Ireland's Premier Golf and Spa Resorts, equipped with 118 guest rooms and luxury suites, two self-catering properties, a luxurious spa and health club with gym, pool, sauna and jacuzzi, as well as a cosy bar, and superb restaurant.

The Roe Park Resort is the ideal location to explore the stunning Northern Ireland coastline and its most popular attractions, with the resort located just 20 minutes from Benone Beach and close by to the Giant's Causeway.

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

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

The Roe Park Resort Golf Training Academy offers private or group lessons with PGA accredited professionals for golfers looking to improve their game. The Academy at the Roe Park Resort is a Northern Ireland-based centre of excellence designed to provide the best possible facilities to help golfers improve their game, whether you are an absolute beginner or more advanced.

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

Michael McCrudden, Golf Pro at the Roe Park Golf Course said, "We look forward to welcoming even more guests to the resort this year. The success of the Roe Park Golf Course and Golf Academy is a direct result of the emphasis that has been placed on our investments in the world-class facilities available at the resort.

"As well as our superb golf course and the powerhouse technologies that we have available in the Golf Academy, our proximity to the picturesque North Coast is a key factor in the success of the resort, as we are near to some of Ireland's most renowned links courses."

The resort launched a £1.7 million investment programme last year, which included the recent expansion of its weddings and events space, the Danny Boy Suite. As part of the

development programme, the hotel has also invested in the refurbishment of bedrooms and upgrading the hotel's technologies, as well as investing in state-of-the-art solar panels, making it one of a few hotels in Northern Ireland that will be powered with renewable energy.

The four-star Roe Park Resort in Limavady has also recently announced a £720K sustainability strategy investment, as it becomes a member of Green Tourism and works towards a target of net zero by 2050.

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

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

Roe Park Resort's award-winning spa, offers a wide range of luxurious beauty therapies and treatment packages across 4 brands, including Elemis, OTO CBD Wellbeing, Natural Spa Factory & Made for Life Organics which caters for any client at any stage of their medical journey as well as those with limiting health issues.

As an official training academy for Elemis, the Roe Park Resort has invested heavily in modernising its Spa treatment facilities to offer visitors technologically advanced beauty and skin care treatments. The Spa also has a sauna, steam suite, heated pool and gymnasium for guests to enjoy some well-deserved indulgence.

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All three clubs have a good working relationship with each other which has

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one of the best value three course green fees available.

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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.

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Other than golf, the picturesque town of Dungarvan, the county town of Waterford has plenty to offer. Beautifully situated at the head of a broad bay which sweeps past spectacular cliff scenery to Helvic

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DROMOLAND CASTLE LOOKING FORWARD TO AN EXCITING YEAR AHEAD

After the success of the recent hosting of the Women's Irish Open in 2022 & 2023, Dromoland Castle has seen further investment on and off the golf course to elevate the famous Ron Kirby & JB Carr layout to one of the very best in the country.



The team at Dromoland Castle have recently completed Phase 2 & 3 of their planned €2.5 million investment in the golf course. These phases included many upgrades including new irrigation on fairways, greens & approaches. The addition of new tee areas on the 16th, 9th & 12th as well as the famous 18th finishing hole have added a new challenge to the testing back 9 holes. With the addition of a new lake brought into play on the Par 5 11th hole, this has seen a new risk and reward element for all golfers.

Last year Dromoland Castle saw the passing of course designer Ron Kirby and were delighted to name their final 3 Hole finishing stretch 'Kirbys Corner'. This stretch of holes tests every part of a golfer's game with the Par 4 16th playing as index 1, followed by the 17th Par 3 over water and finishing off to the 18th hole. This now sees the Dromoland lake play along the entire right of the fairway to the

green, and the sight of the historic Dromoland Castle as a backdrop sets the tone for a truly great finish.

The Clubhouse has also undertaken a major upgrade with the Figtree Restaurant seeing an upgrade in excess of €1 million to facilitate every golfer's needs. The additional outdoor dining spaces offer golfers a more relaxed dining experience which has been created adjacent to the historic walled garden.

Dromoland Castle are not only looking at future proofing their golf course for the next 20 years but are also working towards a more sustainable model. They are very pleased to announce that Dromoland Golf course is now **GEO certified!** This international accreditation underscores their commitment to sustainable golf and the protection and enhancement of biodiversity on the estate both now and in the future.

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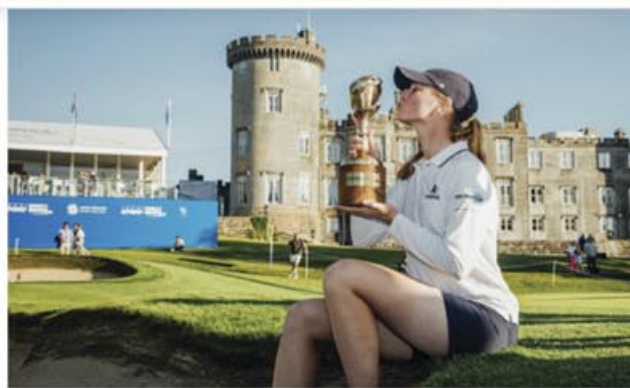
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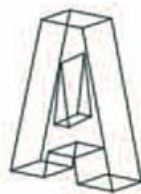
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LA HACIENDA LINKS



Offering uninterrupted views of the Mediterranean, Gibraltar and the distant coast of north Africa, the new halfway house at La Hacienda Links Golf Resort features one of the most memorable settings in European golf and is in contention for global acclaim after being shortlisted for the 'World's Best Halfway House' accolade at the 2024 World Golf Awards.

Calma, which has earned glowing reviews since opening last August, offers players the opportunity to enjoy a spectacular seaside location while sampling a mouthwatering menu based on local Andalusian produce, and is one of three leading honours that the 36-hole Spanish resort has been shortlisted for at this year's awards, which will take place in Madeira in November.

In addition, La Hacienda's acclaimed Links course is in the running to be named as 'Spain's Best Golf Course' for the second year running while the resort is also among the nominees for the prestigious 'Europe's Best Golf Venue' award.

Situated by the tenth hole of the Links course, *Calma* has been constructed using the best bioclimatic practices and sustainable materials with an almost zero carbon footprint. It offers a choice of freshly made tapas, snacks and desserts for golfers to enjoy, with members and visitors all invited to stop for 15 minutes before continuing their rounds.

Featuring a small restaurant and large terrace area, the facility can cater for events of up to 200 people and is managed by Sal Verde – La Hacienda's recently opened beach bar and restaurant – and is one of a number of new investments to be unveiled by the resort as part of its ongoing transformation into one of Europe's leading modern 36-hole golf venues.

Javier Jimenez-Casquet, director general at La Hacienda Links Golf Resort, said: "With its idyllic setting and unbeatable views of the Links course, the Mediterranean, Gibraltar and Africa, *Calma* is a special place. It's something that we are all very proud of, and to be shortlisted for this prestigious accolade is a great honour.

"When we began the renovation of the Links course, we were clear that this location was perfect for an unparalleled halfway house, and the incredible feedback that we have received from everyone that visits has made it clear that we made the right decision.

"We enjoyed a fantastic night at the World Golf Awards last year when the Links course was named as the best in Spain. It would be amazing if we could win another of the top honours and would encourage as many people as possible to vote to help us achieve our dream."

Located in the Cadiz municipality of San Roque close to Sotogrande, La Hacienda Links Golf Resort has undergone a significant redevelopment in the last two years with an array of improvements made on and off the golf course.

As well as the relaunch of its Links course two years ago after a major renovation by American architect Kurtis Bowman and the opening of a new clubhouse, the resort has undertaken a fresh series of upgrades to its golf and leisure amenities including new investment on its other 18-hole layout, the Heathland course.

In addition, the resort is continuing preparations to launch a new Fairmont hotel and villas in the near future – underlining the resort's ambition to become one of the most exclusive and luxurious golf developments in Spain.

For more details <https://lahaciendagolf.com/en/>

MADEIRA SET FOR HISTORIC YEAR

All eyes will be on the picturesque islands of Madeira this November when the Portuguese archipelago hosts the illustrious World Golf Awards and World Travel Awards in the same week.

Uniting leading industry figures from across the world, the showpiece event of the global golfing calendar will take place from November 21-22, culminating in a grand prize-giving evening at Savoy Palace from Savoy Signature.

One of the most exciting weeks in Madeira tourism will continue with the grand final of the World Travel Awards on November 24. Celebrating the very best of travel and tourism, nominees include bucket-list destinations as well as household names from the worlds of hotels, cruising, air travel and more.

Chris Frost, vice-president of the World Travel Awards and managing director of the World Golf Awards, said: "With stunning scenery, first-rate facilities and three world-class golf courses, there's no doubt that Madeira is a dream location to stage both the World Golf Awards and the World Travel Awards this year."

Madeira and its three exceptional golf courses – Clube de Golf Santo da Serra, Palheiro Golf and Porto Santo Golfe are among the leading contenders for some of the top honours at the World Golf Awards, including the coveted 'World's Best Emerging Golf Destination' accolade.

For more details and to vote, go to <https://worldgolfawards.com/vote/madeira-portugal-2024>.

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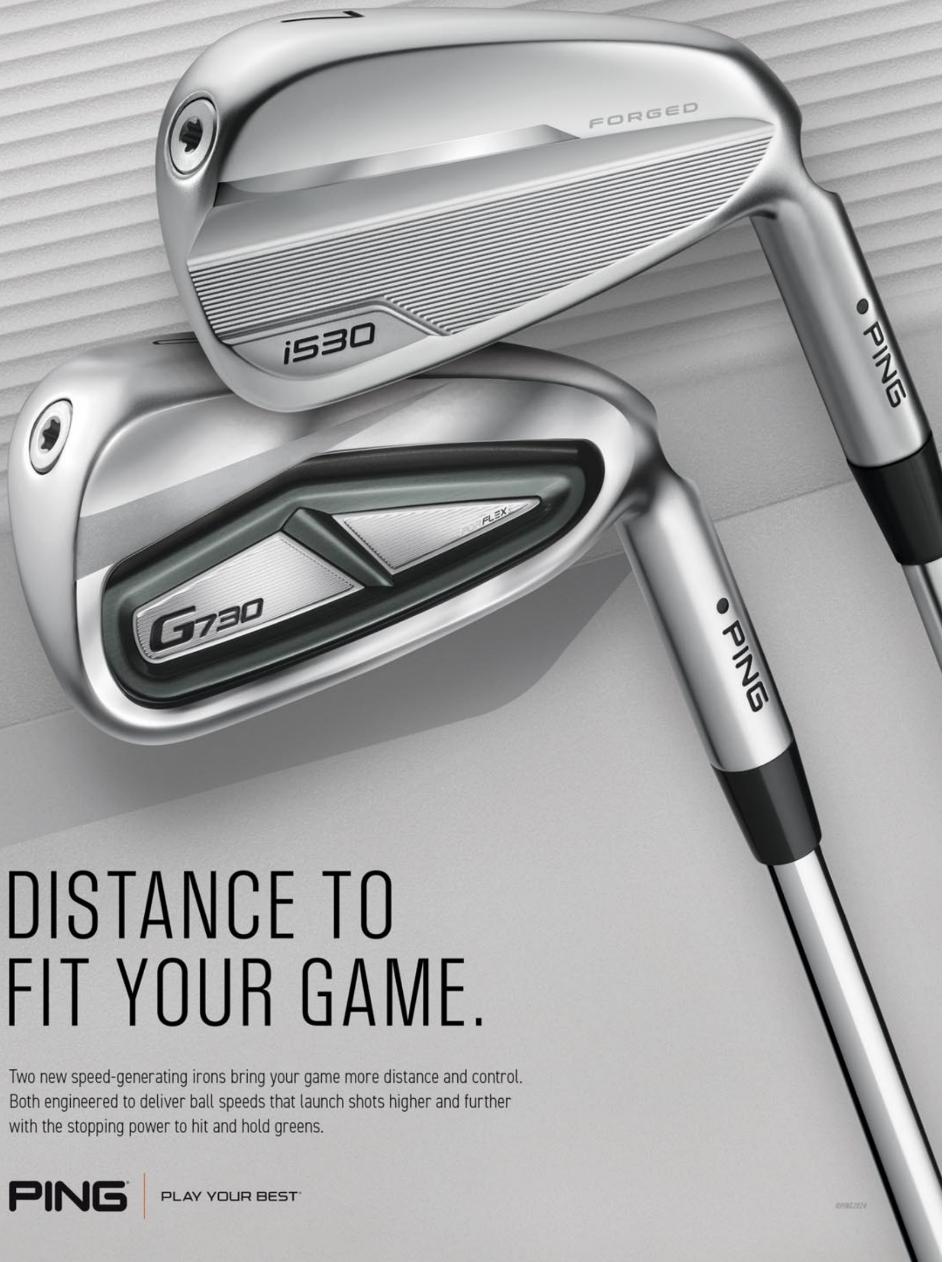
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