

### DOWNLOAD FREE THIS EDITION TO YOUR COMPUTER, iPAD OR SMARTPHONE www.selectmedialtd.com/igwemag.html THE 42nd RYDER CUP

Few would argue that Jim Furyk's bang-inform USA squad will hold a decisive edge over Thomas Bjorn's European dozen when the sides clash in the Ryder Cup at Le Golf National near Paris on September 28-30. It will come as a surprise to most observers should the Yanks fail to end a run of five failures since they last captured the trophy on European soil at The Belfry in 1993. > Turn to Page 18

#### **TOURISM IRELAND TEAM UP WITH SKY SPORTS GOLF**

Tourism Ireland in Britain has teamed up with Sky Sports Golf in its latest campaign to promote our world-class golf. The monthlong promotion has been designed to inspire British golfers to come and visit Ireland and to celebrate the fact that The Open will take place at Royal Portrush in 2019.

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#### HOTEL OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR ADARE MANOR

Awards keep coming for Adare Manor after 'Hotel of the Year 2018' win at the virtuoso 'Best of the Best Awards'. Ireland's 5\* castle and golf resort receives global recognition at world's biggest luxury travel trade show. The Awards ceremony took place recently in Las Vegas as part of Virtuoso Travel Week, which is the largest luxury travel trade show in the world. > Turn to Page 46 AUTUMN GOLF BREAKS 2018 An Irish Experience

tarting in 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 Carriotwohill 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. Close by in Killarney where the natural lakeside courses at Killarney Golf & Fishing

Old Head Links, Kinsale



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

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acclaimed as one of the finest links courses in Ireland.

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

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. > Turn to Page 30



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# News **PAUL McGINLEY AND NICK DOUGHERTY LEND A HAND TO PROMOTE GOLF IN IRELAND**

Portsalon Golf Club



ourism Ireland in Britain has teamed up with Sky Sports Golf in its latest campaign to promote our world-class golf. The month-long promotion has been designed to inspire British golfers to come and visit Ireland and to celebrate the fact that The Open will take place at Royal Portrush in 2019. A series of five different videos - filmed here this summer will be hosted on SkySports.com; and articles about our great golf will also feature on the website. The videos will be promoted on the social platforms of both Sky Sports and

Tourism Ireland, including Facebook and Twitter, and will be seen by an estimated 4 million people across Britain.

Sky Sports Golf pundits Paul McGinley and Nick Dougherty star in three of the videos. Our own Ryder Cup hero Paul takes an in-depth look at some of his favourite golf clubs in the North West – including Ballyliffin, Portsalon and Rosapenna. Golf fans will see him describe the courses, as well as the local area, highlighting just what makes them, and this part of Ireland, so special. Nick talks about two of his favourite courses in Northern Ireland, Royal County Down and Royal Portrush. The final two videos feature interviews with players and fans at this year's Irish Open in Ballyliffin.

#### To view one of the videos fronted by Paul McGinley, check out the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BMITqOWJ5jg&feature=youtu.be "Tourism Ireland is delighted to partner with Sky Sports Golf, to create this engaging suite of films to highlight our world-class golf," said Darren Quinton, Tourism Ireland's Consumer Marketing Manager in Britain. "This is just one element of Tourism Ireland's extensive programme of promotions to mark The Open returning to Northern Ireland next year, for the first time in 68 years."

Great Britain is a vital market for tourism to the island of Ireland. It delivers 47% of all overseas visitors and around 30% of all overseas tourism revenue. Its contribution to the regional tourism economy and to season extension objectives are also significant, with 41% of British visitors arriving between October and March.

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# **ROE PARK RESORT, LIMAVADY RECEIVES AUTISM** ACCREDITATION

n a first for Northern Ireland, the Roe Park Resort, Limavady has been revealed as Northern Ireland's first autism friendly hotel following an endorsement from Assistance Dogs NI, who provide Assistance Dogs for children with autism and wheelchair users.

The achievement follows the resort's recent opening of an autism-friendly room for guests to stay in. Furthermore, staff in the resort have undergone training to help interact with guests with autism and other additional needs as part of an ongoing partnership with Assistance Dogs NI.

Speaking about the accreditation, Sinead McNicholl, Sales & Marketing Manager Manager at the Roe Park Resort said:

"Through our work with Assistance Dogs NI we became aware of the needs of those with autism, and in 2018 we set ourselves the mission of becoming Northern Ireland's first autism-friendly hotel. Following a consultation with Assistance Dogs NI we designed the room to include special lighting, a sensory area plus dine-in room facilities among other changes. We invited a local family to try out the room and to see how they found the experience and the feedback was really positive. We're delighted to have received the accreditation and look forward to welcoming more families and individuals with autism to the resort. This room also caters for Assistance Dogs.'



Fiona Burns-Kirby, who tried out the new room with her family commented: "My son Joe has autism and we find it difficult to go away together as a family. It's been over two years since we've had a break away together, so we were both excited and nervous.

I'm pleased to say it turned out to be a success. We could not have been more impressed by the spec for the autism-friendly suite. The hotel has made every possible accommodation to help facilitate a stay and we would encourage other families and individuals to try the room for themselves."



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n a talk earlier this year, Paul Hurrion, who has worked with some of the best golfers in the world, explained that a poorly fitted putter can make a player worse over time. Even if your putter causes you to aim left or right of your target your body will compensate in order to hole the putt. This is why we see players with figures of eight in their strokes.

Compensations can also include pushes or pulls. This is what the body has learned over the years to get the ball in the hole. If you have ever stood over a dead straight putt and felt it needed aimed left or right this could apply to you. The other problem with compensations is they are difficult to do consistently.

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Over the years the Dunmore East Golf Classic has established itself as the No 1 event of its kind in Ireland. Played over 4 top class golf courses which will both challenge and delight our competitors, the beautiful seaside village of Dunmore East with its renowned restaurants, cafes and bars provides the perfect backdrop to a wonderful few days that for many truly marks the start of summer.

As well as the Overall Winners prizes we also reward the following categories – Best Overseas, Best Irish, Best Ladies, Best Gents and Best Mixed. Players will also contest a Single Stableford Competition on each course each day and the Charlie Boland Perpetual Memorial Trophy will be presented for best overall performance.

All prizes are pieces of the world–renowned Waterford Crystal with a total value this year of  $\in$  10,000.

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The new irons are available for custom fitting and pre-order at authorised PING golf shops around the world. "Unlike a lot of irons on the market, PING irons are created without sacrificing the performance attributes all golfers need to improve the distance, accuracy and consistency they require from their iron play," said John K. Solheim, PING President. "In the i500 and i210, we're offering two distinctly different technology platforms to give golfers additional choices and fitting options. The i500 delivers unbelievable distance with amazingly high ball flights. In our testing, some golfers gained as much as 15 yards with the i500. In the i210 iron, we focused on designing a club that ensures a soft, buttery feel with the distance precision to attack flagsticks. We're already seeing a lot of our tour players seamlessly transition into the i210 iron, including Brandon Stone who shot 60 recently to win the Aberdeen Standard Investments Scottish Open with the 3, 4 and 5 irons in his bag."

The sleek-shaped i500 iron employs much of the same technology as the popular G700 iron in a smaller, more compact, muscle-back appearance. Its forged, C300 maraging-steel face is precision milled and combined with a 17-4 stainless steel body to create metal-wood-like performance, generating significant ball-speed increases and lower-spinning, higher-flying shots with stopping power.

"With the forged, maraging-steel face and metal-wood-like construction of the internal cavity, we're seeing five times the face flexing," Solheim said. "Golfers are experiencing significant ball-speed gains, which translates to more distance and a higher overall ball

**66** The soft feel of the i210 irons is unlike any we've ever offered

flight so the ball holds the green. The trajectory is unlike anything we've seen in an iron its size. They can expect to hit one less club into the green when properly fit for the new i500 iron. They'll be amazed at the power and performance engineered into an iron this size. On top of that, it has a blade-style look at address with less offset, which a lot of golfers prefer."

In the compact i210 iron, PING's engineers put a premium on the feel and precision by leveraging a patented multi-material construction that combines a 431 stainless steel head with a larger and softer elastomer insert. The additional volume of the custom tuning port, which also increases perimeter weighting and provides swingweight fine tuning, allows for a 30% larger insert and creates 25% more face contact, resulting in activation of the elastomer to produce a soft and pleasing feel. They also took great care in refining the shape and look to ensure the iron appealed to the discerning golfer's eye.

"The soft feel of the i210 irons is unlike any we've ever offered," said Solheim. "We know players who rely on precise iron play also require exceptional feel to control their ball flight and trajectories. The improvements to the tuning port and elastomer insert along with the exacting, refined details of the i210 iron offer a new level of performance for this style of iron." The i210 iron's face and grooves are precision milled as is the cavity, giving it a high-end appearance. Tighter groove spacing in the pitching wedge and U-wedge provides greater precision and helps prevent fliers on shots where control matters most. A new hydropearl chrome 2.0 finish repels water to greatly improve consistency from the rough and wet conditions.

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i210 Irons RRP: Steel Shaft £126; Graphite Shaft £136



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isitors to Provence are now able to enjoy a lot more golf for their euro after Golf International Pont Royal signed up to the Provence Golf Pass, which offers savings of up to 30 per cent of tee-times in the region.

There are 24 partner golf courses affiliated to the pass in addition to the Severiano Ballesteros-designed championship course at Pont Royal, which hosted the Challenge Tour's inaugural Hopps Open de Provence in September.

Among those where holders may benefit from reduced green fees are Terre Blanche, Golf de Dolce Frégate Provence, Golf de Servanes, Golf du Luberon, Golf de Roquebrune, Golf du Château de Taulane, and many more top-quality courses. Seasonal passes – autumn/winter and spring/summer – are available in either twoor four-green fee formats, at courses of the golfer's choosing, offering as much as 30 per cent discount on normal green-fee prices, with a two-round pass starting at just  $\in$  66.

Few, if any, can match Pont Royal for its accommodation and leisure options, however, making it the perfect base for any Provence Golf Pass holder. Its traditional Provençal-style domaine includes restaurants, bars, and shops, surrounding a village market square; water parks; a picturesque lake; and France's only Seve Ballesterosdesigned golf course.

Its accommodation options are manifold, too, with the four-star, 102-room Moulin de Vernègues, part of the Châteaux & Hôtels Collection, the three-star L'Hôtel du Golf, or self-catering apartments, villas and houses within the pedestrianised Pierre & Vacances village.

And all of this lies within a region offering scenery which has inspired and entranced many of the world's greatest painters down the years. What's more, each pass purchase comes with a privilege card entitling the holder to a number of advantages and deals at partner hotels, restaurants, and leisure facilities.

Pont Royal's director of golf, Jerome Lauredi, said: "The Provence Golf Pass is an ideal way for visitors to the region to enjoy a round on France's only Seve Ballesteros designed course, take advantage of the accommodation options here on the domaine, and add in an extra round - or three - at other top-quality courses in Provence.

"This is very much an up-and-coming region in terms of French golf and the Provence Golf Pass is an excellent way of seeing it."

Many holes at Pont Royal are blessed with a plateau setting, offering stunning views to the Luberon and Alpilles mountain ranges. Technical shaping of shots is required to reach the true, slick greens, and visitors enjoy an interesting, wide variety of holes that form a smooth and seamless experience. It contains some tough holes - none more so than the 11th, where players face a 215-yard test across a steep rocky valley to a raised green.

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Throughout the design process, Lead Designer Andrzej Bikowski's focus was to ride the wave of success created by ECCO BIOM<sup>®</sup> HYBRID since its launch in 2011. "We approached this project with the question; how can we make the best, better? By combining our new TRI-FI-GRIP<sup>™</sup> innovation with the same technological features

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# **REDISCOVERING GOLF CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

St. Margaret's Golf & Country Club and Lír Restaurant, Co. Dublin



aving been a member of a golf club for over 12 years, I let my membership lapse in 2012. I stuck with playing society golf and the odd online deal to keep my eye in, but that was really it. I decided this summer was the right time to look at re-joining a club again.

I started to check out a number of golf clubs and nothing really caught my eye until I came across the offers advertised by St. Margaret's Golf & Country Club. A pal of mine had mentioned that there had been a lot of changes at the golf club. One Saturday afternoon, I decided to visit the facility and see for myself what was going on. I was instantly impressed by what I found.

After parking the car, I wandered over to the practice facilities which include a Driving Range with covered and grass bays, a Chipping and Pitching Area, a Bunker Green and a large Putting Green. All were immaculately presented and I could easily have lost a couple of hours working on my game here. Being able to call in for some practice after work is a fantastic plus of membership and it was great to see that St. Margaret's offers all of these facilities.

Entering the clubhouse, I was struck by the quality and effort that has been put into every part of the building. I immediately felt at home as I wandered around from the locker rooms and upstairs into the bar, restaurant and pro-shop. I got talking with the PGA Pro John Kelly and he told me that the clubhouse had been fully refurbished recently and little expense had been spared. It has an old school charm that gives you welcoming warmth and encourages you to pick a spot on a luxurious leather sofa, read a golf magazine or enjoy the live sport on show. The clubhouse offers majestic panoramic views of the golf course while having a drink or sampling the menu. This is definitely a place to unwind and relax with the family, after a round of golf or a busy day in work!





The pro-shop is well stocked and carries everything from club polo shirts to shoe spikes. Hanging back a little, it was great to see the craic that the staff in the shop were having with the members coming in off the course. This just added to the homely feeling of the club. John then took the time to show me around the building and he sat down to discuss the membership options available. He encouraged me to nip out and play a few holes before making any decisions. I decided I would take John up on his offer and headed out to play.

Having played the course a few times in previous years, I knew the layout, but my memory of the course from my last visit a number of years ago wasn't hugely positive but today, from the first tee I was impressed. The fairways were expertly manicured, the greens smooth, quick and presented immaculately. As a whole package, I knew this was the golf club for me. I was already looking forward to inviting my pals out to enjoy a game on a long summer afternoon, to get my handicap back and start playing regular competitions at the weekends.

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When I finished, I dropped back into the pro-shop, collected a membership application form and let John know I would like to sign up. That afternoon, I put pen to paper and became a member of St. Margaret's Golf & Country Club. Being able to pay by monthly instalments made the decision even easier and taking advantage of their current membership offer means my golf has been sorted out at a fantastic rate until January 2020.

The next day, as we had nothing organised for dinner, I suggested that we would take a spin out with the family to check out the facilities at St. Margaret's and enjoy the homemade menu. My good wife was just as impressed with the venue, the food and how friendly all the staff were. It was unanimously agreed that this would be a great family venue that could be enjoyed by all of us.

After a couple of weeks of membership, I am now playing regularly at the weekend and have enjoyed getting to know the other members. I never realised how much I missed being part of a club and all the benefits that go along with it. My family is also seeing the benefits and I have introduced my eldest to the game since joining. My advice to anyone that has let a membership lapse, is taking up the game or is thinking of a change of scenery is to make St. Margaret's Golf & Country Club your first port of call!

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# THE RYDER CUP 2018 Charlie Mulqueen looks forward to what promises to be another fascinating clash.

ew would argue that Jim Furyk's bang-in-form USA squad will hold a decisive edge over Thomas Bjorn's European dozen when the sides clash in the Ryder Cup at Le Golf National near Paris on September 28-30. It will come as a surprise to most observers should the Yanks fail to end a run of five failures since they last captured the trophy on European soil at The Belfry in 1993.

While it looks likely that the visitors will pack too much fire power, the one massive advantage favouring the Europeans is that the match is taking place on home territory and over a golf course with which they are all extremely familiar. As the venue annually for the French Open, one of the major tournaments on the European circuit, Le Golf National is like a home from home for the Europeans. On the other hand, the Americans, with the exception of Justin Thomas, will be confronting this water-laden lay-out for the first time.

Thomas went to the trouble of getting to know the Albatros course at this year's French Open and performed creditably. He will have been filling in his teammates about the serious challenge posed by a treacherous back nine where water hazards abound and will surely test the nerves of any nervous golfer trying to defend a narrow lead or to somehow battle back from a parlous situation.

Le Golf National, a par 72 course of 7, 331 yards, was designed 31 years ago by the little-known (outside of France) architects Hubert Chesneau and Robert Von Hagge in collaboration with Pierre Thevenin in Saint Quentin-en-Yvelines near Versailles and they did a great job. The French is the oldest national Open in Europe and has been contested at Le Golf National every year since 1991 except for 1999 and 2001. It will also host the Olympic Games golf tournament in 2024.

It wouldn't have been too difficult to feel a degree of sympathy for Thomas Bjorn as the clock ticked down to the completion of both teams. Whereas he looked across the Atlantic and saw the Americans top eight comprised of an octet that most people would have chosen whether they qualified automatically or not. And as the likes of Bryson DeChambeau emerged as the game's in-form player of the moment, Thorbjorn Olesen was in direct competition with Matt Fitzpatrick and Eddie Pepperell for the last available automatic European qualifying spot.





They were hardly names to inject any sense of dread in the Americans. The Dane Olesen just about clung on to the last place and that left Bjorn to figure out what to do with the likes of Henrik Stenson and Sergio Garcia, both of whom would have been regarded as cast-iron certainties at the beginning of the year but whose form had slumped to such an extent that they didn't make it into the top eight.

That was also the case with other highly experienced and worthy Ryder Cuppers like lan Poulter and Paul Casey while we in Ireland had to acknowledge that Shane Lowry, for all his talents, had dropped out of the reckoning. And there were also several of the younger brigade like Matt Wallace, Matthew Fitzpatrick and Thomas Pieters, the Belgian who distinguished himself when he got the chance two years ago. In the end, the Dane plumped for the veteran quartet using the following logic: "These four were desperate to be part of The Ryder Cup and as soon as they got the call, their minds went straight to, 'right, we've got to achieve something in Paris'.

"I always say there are players who want to be in The Ryder Cup team and there are players who want to play in The Ryder Cup. These four players want to play in the Ryder Cup. They want to be on the golf course and win points. It makes me very happy to see this group of 12. I believe that together we can do great things.

"If I had written down 12 names before I started my captaincy journey, it wouldn't have been far away from this. I'm very delighted with this team and I'm very proud to be captain for these 12 players. They bring so much to European golf, and they are just a fantastic group of guys. We know what we are up against. We know what America brings, but I'm confident that this is the group of guys that can do Europe proud".

Needless to say, Bjorn faced a degree of criticism in certain quarters, most notably in England for passing over three times tournament winner this year in Wallace and in Spain where most observers believed that Rafa Cabrera Bello had done enough to merit a place.

Should the Casey, Garcia, Poulter and Henrik Stenson axis fail to measure up, Bjorn can expect a volley of criticism from the British media with the selection of the badly out of form Garcia especially under the microscope. And it won't stop there with even some of the squad's biggest names needing to prove a point. Rory McIlroy, for instance, both as an inspirational figure and a brilliant golfer fully capable of providing five points out of five, was short of his best until the weather marred BMW Championship in the first week of September. He performed so well in Philadelphia to suggest that he was coming good at the right time where the Ryder Cup was concerned.

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"I think we have the makings of a very strong team and I know that Thomas is going to be a great captain", says McIlroy. "I have chatted with him regularly on the phone, just talking about a few things. He's kept everyone in the loop."

John Rahm, Tommy Fleetwood and Tyrrel Hatten were three of the uncapped quintet of whom most is expected and who almost certainly have to deliver big time if Europe are to have any chance.

"I'm so happy, honoured and extremely proud to have qualified for the team", said Fleetwood. "I absolutely believe it will be one of the best Ryder Cups ever with the quality of both teams being so high. The atmosphere will be amazing at Le Golf National. Honestly, can't wait for the experience"

Rahm needs to lift his game in Paris after a relatively anonymous run in more recent times. But he enthused: "I have to say that I am really excited to make my Ryder Cup debut. I have spoken to a lot of the guys about it and everyone tells me how amazing an experience it will be".

It is important that Hatten can manage to keep his excitable, over the top temperament under control and it's a job that will test skipper Bjorn to the utmost. But the Englishman may have something different and beneficial to offer as he looks forward to the occasion: "I obviously managed to get a lot of my qualification points early in the process so it has been a long wait for me. So to be able to finally get there and get going can't come soon enough".

Having understandably expressed himself happy with the automatic eight of Rahm, McIlroy, Alex Noren, Francesco Molinari, Justin Rose, Hatton, Tommy Fleetwood and, of course, Olesen, ("They have all played some incredible golf to make it. Every single one of them is a world-class golfer who will represent Europe with pride and commitment. I am honoured and extremely proud to be their captain"), Bjorn turned his attention to his four "wild card" picks. Only time will tell if he got it right although in fairness it was a task few would have envied.

In contrast, you can only imagine the sense of calm in the American camp as skipper Furyk surveyed the talent at his disposal. The automatic eight of Brooks Koepke, Patrick Reed, Dustin Johnson, Justin Thomas, Jordan Spieth, Rickie Fowler, Bubba Watson and Webb Simpson more or less picked themselves. They would have been the envy of any captain in previous years, even Dave Marr at Walton Heath in 1981 that contained greats of the game in Jack Nicklaus, Tom Watson, Lee Trevino, Ben Crenshaw, Johnny Miller and Raymond Floyd. Not surprisingly, that side won by double scores, 18 ½-9 ½.

Furyk then considered his "wild card" options and to the surprise of just about nobody, chose DeChambeau, Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson. It would be DeChambeau's first

Ryder Cup coming immediately on the back of a series of outstanding and winning performances. In contrast, Mickelson was set to make his eleventh appearance and even at the age of 48 obviously had a huge amount to offer. Woods was originally set to be one of Furyk's vice captains but performed so well throughout the season that he fully merited a call up as an actual team member. The prospect of making a 7th Ryder Cup appearance, he said, was "beyond special", certainly a big change from his attitude in his hey-day when at times it looked as if the match was little more than a nuisance to him.

As we stressed from the beginning, the American squad looks to be in a different class. But the Ryder Cup, especially when contested in Europe, has the happy knack of producing upsets and hopefully Thomas Bjorn's dozen with the help of a course they know so well and the usual wildly excited 50,000 supporters each day can come up with something, to use Tiger's words, can come up with something beyond special!





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**TURKEY'S GOLF DELIGHTS** 

When one starts to think about international golf destinations, Turkey is not always the first place that springs to mind, but that could all be about to change. The Antalya Belek region in Turkey is tipped to be one of the best golf holiday destinations of 2018, because of its favourable climate, its fantastic range of courses and the amazing value for money. So why not start thinking about Turkey for your next trip?



urkey's Mediterranean coastline has long been a popular destination for holidaymakers, but it has only really hit it off with golf tourists since the turn of the century. Although there are courses across the country, the Belek Antalya region is Turkey's main golf tourist hub. Thankfully, a long history of tourism in the area means that the coastline already has the infrastructure to deal with all of the challenges associated with golf travel. Since its inclusion on the European Tour schedule, Turkey has fast become a favourite destination with many professionals, and we are sure it will become an amateur favourite too. In fact, the final of the Belhaven Best Scottish Club Handicap Championship was even held at the Regnum Carya course in 2015!

Unlike some of Europe's other golf destinations, Turkey's varied landscape means that there is a course for every type of player; from those who like links golf, through to those who prefer perfect parkland courses. What is guaranteed though, is stunning natural views and innovative course design which has been brought to the region by some of the world's leading course architects. A favourable Mediterranean climate means that courses are open all year round, so you will be able to enjoy this destination even when the weather is bad back home in Ireland.

#### SPOILED FOR CHOICE IN THE ANTALYA BELEK REGION

Belek is the capital of golf in the Antalya region. It is well-connected tourist hub which is just half an hour's drive from the airport. There are 14 major tourist courses within 30

minutes drive of the city, so golf tourists have plenty to choose from. Each course has its own unique charm and appeal, so it is recommended that visitors do a little bit of research before committing to multiple rounds at one place. Alternatively, there are plenty of packages available that let visitors mix and match so that they can play a few rounds at different courses.

It is worth booking early to secure a tee time at the Mongomerie Maxx Royal, which was designed by professional Colin Montgomerie. The fairways wind through the endemic natural pine forests between the mountains and the coast, past abundant lakes and carefully sited sand hazards. Golfers must carefully plan every shot in order to maximise their potential and conquer the enjoyable challenges which have been set by the course. If you do find yourself struggling, you won't be surprised to know that the course was chosen to play host to the first Turkish Airlines Open

in 2013. Although the course has changed slightly from the Open layout, it still proves to be a tough test of golfing skill. Players who want a professional experience should also try their hand at the Regnum Carya, which will host this year's Turkish Airlines Open from 1st – 4th November. Designed by world-renowned golf architecture firm Thomson Perrett and Lobb, this course is reminiscent of many of the heathland courses back in Ireland. However, the pine and eucalyptus groves give the land a definitive







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Mediterranean lure. One of the most challenging holes is a 605 yard par-5 in the opening 9, which was one of the longest golf holes in Europe when it was built. The Regnum Carya also has the honour of being the first completely floodlit course in Europe, meaning that visitors have even more opportunities to try their hand at this fantastic challenge. The powerful floodlights cover the whole course, so that play does not have to stop just because the sun has set.

Links fans will love the Lykia Links course, which is just 20 minutes drive from Belek. This fantastic course was the first of its kind in the Southern Mediterranean, but it does not suffer from being a groundbreaker. It is sited next to a wildlife-rich river estuary, and it makes the most of this stunning landscape. Manicured greens must be approached via dune-rolled fairways, but shots must be placed carefully to avoid the bunkers which guard each green. In addition to this, golfers will often have to take a playful sea breeze into account if they want to make par. "Risk and Reward" holes at the Lykia will delight golfers who dare to test their nerve at this course. Whilst it is reminiscent of the links courses back home, it retains a distinctive Turkish flavour.

#### **STAYING IN BELEK ANTALYA**

Belek and the surrounding area are perfectly set up to offer luxury accommodation at affordable prices. Many of the major courses are associated with a resort, but there are plenty of independent hotels and villas in the area too. Although there are budget options available, Belek's main golf resorts cater for visitors who want 4 or 5 star treatment. Some of the larger resorts have luxury spa facilities, multiple swimming pools for guests to enjoy, and a plethora of different restaurants to choose from. Turkish hospitality is legendary, and visitors will be sure to enjoy their time both on and off of the course.

#### AWAY FROM THE COURSE

If you can bear to tear yourself away from the golfing challenges which can be found in the region, then you will be delighted by the historical and cultural sites that await you. The Antalya Archaelogical Museum contains hundreds of specimens which date back thousands of years. Visiting the museum will provide you with the opportunity to understand the rich and varied history of the area. Those who want to spend time relaxing whilst they are away from the course can indulge in a personalised pampering experience or engage in other sporting challenges. Many of the luxury hotels in the region have their own spa facilities, but if you want to try an authentic experience, most locals will be happy to point you towards their favourite hammam. This traditional massage and body scrub will help to take your cares away and set you up perfectly for your next round.

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The coastline around Belek has miles and miles of sandy beaches, which look out across the turquoise waters of the Mediterranean. The region's famous pine forests often extend right down to the edges of the sand, offering the perfect shade for those who don't want to be in the sun all day. The temperate waters are home to a diverse array of sea creatures and are perfect for snorkelling and scuba diving. Lucky visitors may even catch a glimpse of rare loggerhead and green sea turtles!

#### TIME TO GO

It has never been easier to get from Ireland to the Belek Antalya region. From April to October, Turkish Airlines are running two routes per day from Dublin to Antalya, with a connection via Istanbul. Although routes reduce during the winter period, Antalya is still just a couple of flights away. It is also possible to get to the region with stopovers in other major European cities.

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JJW Pro/Am Cup at Penina - 24/10/18

Two days of golf on the Sir Henry Cotton Championship course, including one practice and one championship round, along with welcome dinner, cocktail reception and prize giving. Golfers can expect a hard fought, fun contest on the Algarve's first ever course and ten-time host of the Portuguese Open.

#### JJW Cup at Dona Filipa - 26/10/18

Immediately following the JJW Pro/Am Cup, this three-day extravaganza will take place across the multi-award winning San Lorenzo and Pinheiros Altos Golf Courses. Players will battle it out in two competition rounds, enjoy a host of gourmet fare, and take part in a range of specialist golf workshops.

#### JJW XVIII International Amateur – 24/11/18

A seven-night tournament marathon that features one practice and four competition rounds on the famous San Lorenzo Championship Course. Competitors will enjoy a range of cocktail events, and gourmet dinners in the hotel's Kamal Restaurant... as they fight it out for a range of prizes and accolades.

#### JJW Spring Amateur Golf Tournament – 6/04/19

The first tournament of the year features four competition rounds on JJW's San Lorenzo Championship Golf Course. Players can expect to be entertained in five-star style, amidst a blur of cocktail parties, great company and exceptional golf. This yearly event is a firm favourite for shaking off the shackles of winter.

#### DISCOVER JJW'S COURSES & LUXURY HOTELS San Lorenzo Golf Course

Voted one of the best in Europe for over 30 years, the course is located within the protected Ria Formosa Nature Park and estuary, and boasts fairways that run alongside saltwater marshes, freshwater lagoons and the cooling Atlantic. Constructed in a flowing figure of eight, San Lorenzo delivers breath-taking surroundings... along with hole after hole of challenging and entertaining golf.



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#### Dona Filipa Hotel: Vale do Lobo

Dona Filipa, located on the beachfront of luxurious Vale do Lobo, is one of the Algarve's leading five-star hotels... and perfect for glorious golf breaks, corporate retreats and relaxing beach getaways. Surrounded by lush golf courses, pinewoods and the stunning Atlantic Ocean, the hotel offers guests the chance to play at its two award winning golf courses, Pinheiros Altos and San Lorenzo. Newly refurbished to the highest standards of luxury, the hotel blends modern design with classic Portuguese style and elegance, and boasts: two stunning restaurants, numerous lounges, a winter garden, brand new swimming pool, fully supervised kids club, 3 ATP tennis courts, a games room, and an exclusive private beach area.

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Starting in 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

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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 southwest 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 aspires to host the 2026 Ryder Cup is one of Ireland's finest parklands.



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

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

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

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

Trump International Doonbeg is one of the finest links courses in Ireland. Journey through the dunes and experience open vistas of beautiful Co. Clare coastline.

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. Lahinch Golf Club is home to the South of Ireland Championship and will host the Arnold Palmer Cup in 2020.

Moving into Northern Ireland home to Major Champions Rory McIlroy, Graeme McDowell and Darren Clarke. 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 will host 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 and a private bathroom. 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 is rated among the Top 10 courses in the world and has hosted many great events including The Walker Cup.

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. Quality that has seen four of the clubs, The Royal Belfast, Bangor, Clandeboye and Holywood awarded the "Quality Assurance" stamp by the Northern Ireland Tourist Board, an award only given to 25 clubs in 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 - "IGTOA 2010 Golf Resort of The Year" (Ireland Golf Tour Operator Association) 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.



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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,



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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. Newly opened in March 2009 it is already ranked in the top 21 parkland courses in Ireland and was recently 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 Club 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.

Close by is the highly regarded St Helen's Bay Golf Resort where you can enjoy great value golf & a warm welcome. An 18 hole golf course which offers a Practice putting green. Trolly and Buggy hire. Also available is a fully stocked club shop open 7 days each week selling a wide range of golf equipment and clothing.

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

Kilkenny Golf Club offers a warm atmosphere on its championship golf course and welcomes individuals, societies and groups. It is a course worth visiting in 2018 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



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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 new 9-hole (Par 35) Oakpark Course which opened in 2002.

In County Tipperary and within a peaceful country– side 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.

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 is 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.

**Black Bush Golf Club** 

Dunshaughlin Co. Meath

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 facility has been under New management since November 2014 and since then, has gone from strength to strength.

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 clubhouse, 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.

For over 12 years Stepaside Golf Centre has served as one of Irelands top golf practice and tuition centres, providing golfers of all abilities and ages with an opportunity & facilities to develop their game of golf. The Golf Driving Range and Surrounding Par 3 Golf Course are situated nestled in the foothills of the South Dublin Mountains.

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

Royal Tara Golf Club which is nestled at the foot of the Historic Hill of Tara in the Royal County of Meath and is among Ireland's most enjoyable and conveniently located Golfing retreats. Reputably, it is recognised as one of the finest inland members Golf complexes and renowned for its welcome to visitors. With 27–holes in mature parkland the main features of Royal Tara are the avenue of trees that each golfer must negotiate to come in with a decent score.

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

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

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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.

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

Next stop is County Wicklow and Old Conna Golf Club which was designed by Ireland's renowned golf course designer Eddie Hacket. 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. 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.

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The course incorporates masterfully the natural ebb and flow of the 170 acres estate. Course designer Darren Clarke 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. Golf at Castle Dargan is available to members, residents and visitors alike and with its 4 Bay flood-lit Driving Range, Pitching Area and Putting Green, Castle Dargan Golf Course is an appealing choice for golfers of all abilities.

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

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

And this is by no means the only top–class links course in Co Sligo. Enniscrone Golf Links, affords panoramic views of Killala Bay, Bartra Island and sandy beaches with Nephin and the Ox Mountains forming the backdrop.

Castle Dargan Golf Resort is home to one of the premier parkland golf courses in the North West of Ireland. Making the most of the natural ebb and flow of the Sligo estates grounds, Darren Clarke course designer has woven eighteen beautiful golf holes through majestic trees, natural lakes, burns and around the ancient stone walls and ruins which dominate this romantic landscape.

Moving to Strandhill golf course which contains 5,804m of undulating fairways & unforgiving shortcuts, and a promise of an unforgettable experience by all who play it. The par 70 course is challenging but rewarding!

To County Mayo where you will find Ballina, Westport and Castlebar Golf Clubs. Also recommended is Carne Golf Links in North Mayo which lies in magnificent unspoiled sand dunes overlooking Blacksod Bay and the wild Atlantic. Carne is an 18–hole, par 72 and was the last links course designed by the late Eddie Hackett.

Further North into Donegal where outstanding golfing venues trip easily off the tongue. While in Donegal you should consider Donegal Golf Club at Murvagh, which is an outstanding links golf course. Designed by the legendary course architect, Eddie Hackett, it is continually featured in Golf World's Top 100 courses in Ireland.

The Abbey Hotel Donegal is renowned for its unique setting and idyllic views, situated in the centre of the beautiful and historic coastal town of Donegal, located on the banks of Donegal Bay. Surrounded by the extraordinary beauty of churches, castles, shops and monuments, the Abbey Hotel is an ideal starting point for family, leisure and business travellers. Located near beautiful coastal drives and signature discovery points, the Abbey Hotel is ideally situated for planning your golf visit to the North West.

Also the stunning links of Portsalon where golf has been played since the 1880's. Originally designed by Thompson of Portrush, the layout has evolved over the decades with significant changes being undertaken under the guidance of Pat Ruddy in 2000. Portsalon continues to progress, with the 2014 Ryder Cup captain, Paul McGinley, guiding further improvements.

Bundoran Golf Club is a challenging par 70, which sweeps along the rugged and also picturesque Donegal Bay coastline with a mixture of dunes and undulating terrain making up the 18 holes.

The pages of Irish Golf World will continue to keep you updated on great golfing options throughout our editions later this year and in 2019.



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The award winning Faldo Course with its breath-taking views features 18 spectacular holes, the routing taking advantage of the topography to provide all year round playing conditions. Also onsite is the championship Castle Hume parkland course which has been host to an unprecedented 10 Ulster PGA Championships and offers stunning views with well contoured greens.

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### Guests can also extend their luxury experience at Lough Erne Resort by booking a range of additional options relax with tempting afternoon tea

Additionally, you can breathe in the crisp Fermanagh air while basking in the natural colours of the season during a stay at the picturesque five-star Lough Erne Resort and families will delight in the resort's Friday Night Fright Night package; on Fridays during the month of October, kids can trick or treat round the grounds with bowls of sweets provided to those guests in lodges who wish to participate in the Halloween fun. Prices start from only £299 for a family of four.

For foodies, the Taste of Autumn package will celebrate the best of harvest season local fayre. Guests can indulge in a five-course dinner in the 3AA Rosette Catalina Restaurant, experiencing the latest menu from Executive Head Chef, Noel McMeel and his culinary team before enjoying an overnight stay with an indulgent breakfast the following morning. Prices start from only £107.50 per person sharing.

Alternatively, guests can dine in The Loughside Bar & Grill which specialises in quality Irish fayre from the grill, whilst The Blaney Bar offers a grazing option with a variety of local beers. Guests can also extend their luxury experience at Lough Erne Resort by booking a range of additional options relax with tempting afternoon tea.

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s part of its long term commitment to training for the Irish turfgrass sector, the Teagasc College of Horticulture at the National Botanic Gardens has undertaken the development of a modern turfgrass training academy in the grounds of the Ashtown Food Research Centre. As part of the expansion of horticultural research and training on the Ashtown site, an area of approximately one hectare was allocated to the new turf academy. Work started on clearing the site, which was originally an old quarry, in late December 2016.

The new training academy comprises three golf holes, each measuring between 80 to 100 metres. Each hole has an elevated teeing complex, a green of approximately 200m<sup>2</sup> and two sand bunkers. The three greens were built to the most modern specification using a 10cm gravel raft with herringbone drainage and a 30cm rootzone comprising sand and compost in an 80:20 ratio. This design specification is similar to that introduced by the United States Golf Association in the 1960's. Our choice of design specifications, construction methods and grasses reflects what is now the norm in modern golf course construction where there is a strong emphasis on all year round play on high performance playing surfaces. As we have chosen to use high proportions of fescue grass on the various playing areas, it is hoped that we will be able to adapt a more sustainable approach to management with a much lower reliance on inputs, in particular, fertilisers and pesticides.

Seeding of the academy commenced in early June last year and despite the many weather challenges during the Summer the grass establishment to date has been excellent. The final phase of the development including landscaping, tree planting and bunker construction will be completed shortly. The new Teagasc turfgrass training academy will be officially opened this year.

The Teagasc College of Amenity Horticulture, National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin and Teagasc Kildalton College, Co Kilkenny are both offering a QQI Level 6 component award in Sportsturf Science and Maintenance, which will equip the learner with the knowledge, skills and competence to manage all of the factors that influence the development, quality and maintenance of sportsturf in Ireland. This course will



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This course is designed for anyone already employed in the area of sportsturf management, in particular golf courses, sports fields/pitches, equestrian or any other sports facility using natural turf.

To be eligible to apply for this course, the applicant must have either a Level 5 Certificate in Horticulture (full award) or have 3 years' experience and be currently employed in the industry.

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- Fruit and Vegetable Production
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- Garden Design
- Fruit and Vegetable Production
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## **IRELAND'S 5\* CASTLE AND GOLF RESORT** RECEIVES GLOBAL RECOGNITION AT WORLD'S BIGGEST LUXURY TRAVEL TRADE SHOW

The 9th Hole at Adare Manor

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he Awards ceremony took place recently in Las Vegas as part of Virtuoso Travel Week, which is the largest luxury travel trade show in the world, as Adare Manor scooped the most coveted award of the night. It follows their recent successes at awards, which keep on coming and included making it on the Conde Nast Traveler's 'Hot List' as one of the 'Best New Hotels in the World'. Adare Manor reopened last November after an extensive restoration, refurbishment and expansion programme over 21 months, that has included a new Tom Fazio designed golf course.

The newly designed luxury resort now features a new 42-bedroom wing, bringing the total number to 104 bedrooms. The Spa at Adare Manor is Ireland and the UK's first and only La Mer Spa, making it one of the eleven La Mer spas worldwide.



Our accommodation comprises 29 en-suite bedrooms of which 24 are located in unique lodges adjacent to the main facilities. Rooms are tastefully furnished and include Freeview TV, and complimentary tea and coffee making facilities.

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Adare Manor recently reopened its newly rebuilt, redesigned and remodeled golf course, which was led by world-renowned golf course architect Tom Fazio and is fast becoming regarded among the top golfing resorts in Europe and worldwide. This was followed by the opening of the stylishly relaxed dining experience at The Carriage House Restaurant, Terrace and Bar, which opened last spring.

Commenting on another great achievement for the resort, Adare Manor's CEO, Colm Hannon said: "The entire team at Adare Manor are absolutely delighted and very honoured to be voted 'Hotel of the Year 2018' by the most prestigous group of agents from around the world in the Virtuoso 'Best of the Best Awards'. The international competition within the luxury 'Hotel of the Year' category was outstanding this year and it is with great pride that we bring this worldwide award back to Ireland and Limerick.

"We are delighted to receive this worldwide recognition, as it is testament to the wonderful resort we have here today and its special surroundings, which were meticulously restored and enhanced with newly designed features, following significant investment from its owners. I would like to say a very special thank you to every individual member of our team at Adare Manor, across all departments at the resort. We could not have achieved this extremely special award without the passion and absolute commitment to perfection that each person on our team demonstrates in the way that they welcome and take care of our guests every day."

#### **ABOUT ADARE MANOR**

Set on an 840-acre estate, Adare Manor in Co. Limerick is one of Ireland's leading five star castle properties. The resort re-opened in November 2017 following an extensive restoration, refurbishment and expansion programme over a 21 month period. The largest restoration project of its kind in Ireland, the renovation and expansion honours the building's architectural heritage as a Neo-Gothic masterpiece while incorporating the latest in contemporary luxury. Most notably, the expansion included a new 42-bedroom wing, increasing accommodations to a total of 104 guest rooms, and a ballroom which can host up to 350 guests. The riverside demesne is also home to Ireland and the UK's 1st and only La Mer Spa, elegant fine dining facilities including at the luxury Oak Room restaurant, a championship golf course redesigned by awardwining designer Tom Fazio, trout fishing on the River Maigue and a host of other estate activities, including falconry, archery, and clay pigeon shooting, which will intrigue even the most experienced travellers. Situated in the heart of picturesque Adare Village in Co. Limerick, Adare Manor is surrounded by medieval ruins, walled gardens and winding woodland paths and just 25 minutes from Shannon International Airport.

To find out more about Adare Manor visit www.adaremanor.com or follow @AdareManorHotel (Facebook), @TheAdareManor (Twitter) and @TheAdareManor (Instagram).

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