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# Aroeira I

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## ABOUT



20 minutes from Lisbon, to the south of the River Tagus, Aroeira offers golfers the perfect combination of a championship course set amidst exuberant natural surroundings.

Frank Pennink designed this course in a pinewood dotted with wild flowers, which is a nature reserve inhabited by many different species of birds. Because of its densely wooded nature, the British press have christened this course the "Lisbon Wentworth", due to its similarity with the famous golf course near London. A wide variety of different playing situations are encountered during a round, calling for almost every club to be used – even though there are no bunkers on the fairways. The par-4 11th hole, designed by Robert Trent Jones, calls for a blind tee shot, before ending in a spectacular green protected by lots of water.

In 1996 and 1997, Aroeira hosted the Portuguese Open (part of the European Tour).

Make sure not to leave the area before taking some time to contemplate the vast expanse of sand, sea and sky close to the course at Costa de Caparica, a beach that lies at the foot of a fossil reef (a protected natural area). This is a formidable red cliff that was formed from the Miocene epoch to the Quaternary period. A little further south, you should also pay a visit to Cabo Espichel, an impressive headland overlooking the sea, where you will find a tiny 15th-century chapel, known as the Ermida da Memória.

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## Characteristics and Services

Shops  
Clubs hire  
Buggies  
Trolleys  
Individual lessons  
Group lessons

Golf clinic  
Restaurant  
Inauguration year: 1973  
Author/architect: Frank Pennink  
Professional length: 6044 m  
Men's championship length: 5186 m  
Number of holes in course: 18  
Par of the course: 72  
Main events:: Open de Portugal; diversos Ladies Open; Qualifying School Ladies European Tour

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### **Practice Areas**

Driving Range  
Putting green

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### **Timetable and reservations**

8am / 8pm

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### **Payments**

Credit cards accepted

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