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## Golf

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### Alentejo

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#### Benavente

##### Ribagolfe I

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**Timetable and reservations:**

7.30am - 7.30;

**Characteristics and Services:**

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 2004;

Author/architect: Peter Townsend; Professional length: 6707 m;

Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 72; Main

events:: Torneios FPG / Qualifying School - European

TourStageCaddies; Electric trolleys;

**Practice Areas:**

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

**Payments:**

Credit cards accepted;

Because of the nature of its terrain, environmental characteristics and specific layout, this golfing complex rivals the best courses that Europe has to offer and occupies a third of the area of the Vargem Fresca Estate.

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##### Ribagolfe II

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**Timetable and reservations:**

7.30am - 7.30pm;

**Characteristics and Services:**

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 2004;

Author/architect: Michael King; Professional length: 6214 m;

Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 72; Main

events:: Torneios FPG / Campeonato Europeu de

SenioresCaddies; Electric trolleys;

**Practice Areas:**

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

**Payments:**

Credit cards accepted;

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### Algarve

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## Albufeira

### Balaia Golf Village

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#### Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Clubs hire; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 2001; Author/architect: Southern Golf; Professional length: 984 m; Number of holes in course: 9; Par of the course: 27; Electric trolleys;

#### Practice Areas:

Chipping area;  
The Balaia Golf Village is a small, 9-hole course in an area of the Algarve that is one of the most popular with visitors.

Based on a 9-hole (all par 3) loop, the Balaia Golf Village is an ideal course for beginners or for perfecting distance control. The undulations of the fairways and the excellent condition of the greens are also attractions, as well as the convenient location close to the road between Albufeira and Vilamoura. All 9 holes can be seen from the first tee.

An old wooden bridge divides two lakes opposite the green at the first hole and is the main feature of the landscape. The length of the holes varies between 67 and 160 metres, requiring special precision when driving off. The third hole is the shortest with a high, sloping green, well-protected by a bunker; the next hole is the longest, flanked by oak trees and with two bunkers on the right.

After the sixth hole, the course heads back to the imposing clubhouse that dominates the complex: the bar and restaurant lead on to a large terrace that overlooks the course, the complex and the Atlantic distance.

Nearest golf courses: Pine Cliffs, 7 km; Salgados, 14 km

## Castro Marim

### Quinta do Vale Golf Resort

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#### Timetable and reservations:

Summer - 7am / 7pm winter - 7.30am / 6pm ;

#### Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 2008; Author/architect: Severiano Ballesteros; Professional length: 6511 m; Men's championship length: 4801 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 72; Main events: East Algarve Trophy; Electric trolleys;

#### Practice Areas:

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

#### Payments:

Credit cards accepted;

Designed by Severiano Ballesteros, Quinta do Vale Golf Resort features an 18-hole Championship layout including 6 Par-5's, 6 Par-4's and 6 Par-3's. Marvelously integrated in the landscape and with a luxurious view over the Guadiana River, the course

### Pine Cliffs Golf & Country Club

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#### Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Clubs hire; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 1991; Author/architect: Martin Hawtree; Professional length: 2227 m; Men's championship length: 1805 m; Number of holes in course: 9; Par of the course: 32; Electric trolleys;

#### Practice Areas:

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

#### Payments:

Credit cards accepted;

Perched 200 feet above the golden sands and blue water of the Atlantic Ocean lies the immaculate Pine Cliffs Golf Course. The location of the resort is unique. It extends across 168 acres of naturally beautiful land set above a stunning cliff top, beneath lies an expanse of golden sand beach and the deep blue water of the Atlantic Ocean. The dark red of the sandstone cliffs contrasts sharply with the immaculate green of the golf course above and the sparkling blue ocean below.

This is one of the country's most original golf courses, built in a pinewood setting, with tree lined fairways running parallel along the Atlantic Ocean, giving it's guests breathtaking views along the Algarvian coastline. Architect Martin Hawtree's main concern was to keep the natural surroundings as it was before the course was built.

The jewel of this perfectly kept course is the Par 3, Devil's Parlour sixth hole. The championship tee is built over a ravine that requires a 198 metre carrying shot over the cliffs to a deep but narrow green.

sits into a natural valley always overlooked from the Clubhouse. At Quinta do Vale, players will notice Seve's creativity as well as his promise: To please everyone no matter what their handicap is. Numerous dogleg holes, wide fairways and obstacles enhance the course quality and its breath-taking surroundings...The challenge waits at Quinta do Vale Golf Resort.

## Lagoa

### Gramacho Pestana Golf Resort

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<http://www.pestanagolf.com>

#### Timetable and reservations:

winter: 7am - 6pm summer: 7 am - 8pm;

#### Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 1991; Author/architect: Ronald Fream #E\_COMERCIAL#& Nick Price; Professional length: 6107 m; Men's championship length: 4777 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 72; Main events:: Ladies Open 2007 ; Electric trolleys;

#### Practice Areas:

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

#### Payments:

Credit cards accepted; Travellers Cheques accepted; Nick Price, the former world Nr.1 player, has teamed up with the well-known golf course architect, Ronald Fream, to create a uniquely designed 18 hole course with 27 varied greens that enable the golfer to play the same course several times with different greens and new challenges.

In 2005 and 2007 The Gramacho Course hosted the Portuguese Ladies Open. The design technique has positioned the greens and protective bunkers so that an 18 hole round is a genuine challenge. The characteristics already existing on the site, from the boulder outcrops and dry stone walling to the fig, carob and olive trees, have been complemented by art fully positioned lakes and bunkers.

These hazards complete the challenging but attractive course.

## Olhão

### Colina Verde Golf Maragota

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#### Timetable and reservations:

open everyday - 8am ;

#### Practice Areas:

Putting green; Chipping area;

#### Characteristics and Services:

Clubs hire; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 2002; Author/architect: António Cavaco; Professional length: 1145 m; Number of holes in course: 9; Par of the course: 3; Electric trolleys;

#### Payments:

Credit cards accepted;

Our 9 hole Executive par 3 golf course is suitable for players of all levels. Straightforward enough to be enjoyable for beginners, but also testing enough for the experienced player wishing to

### Vale da Pinta Golf Course

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#### Timetable and reservations:

winter: 7am - 6pm summer: 7 am - 8pm;

#### Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 1992; Author/architect: Ronald Fream; Professional length: 6127 m; Men's championship length: 4866 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 72; Main events:: European Seniors Tour qualifying school; Electric trolleys;

#### Practice Areas:

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

#### Payments:

Credit cards accepted; Travellers Cheques accepted; The Pinta Course is one of the best-designed courses in Europe. It is a Championship course with an exceptional layout designed by the famous American golf course architect, Ronald Fream.

Since 1992 it has earned a deserved reputation for the outstanding level of maintenance of the course, and its design, which makes it a challenge to golfers of all standards. The Pinta Course was 8 consecutive times host to the Seniors Tour.

Two ornamental lakes influence play at four different holes around the course. The rolling terrain is dotted with carob, fig, almond and olive trees. A very special feature of this course is one olive tree that dates back more than 1200 years.

sharpen their ironplay and short game. With average playing time of one and a half hours, there is plenty of time if you so wish to take in one of the 18 hole championship courses in the locality the same day.

## Portimão

### Morgado Golf Course

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#### Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 2003; Author/architect: European Golf Design, Russel Taley; Professional length: 6399 m; Men's championship length: 4824 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 73; Main events:: Etapa do Euro Pro Tour, Campeonato Nacional Absoluto, Campeonato Nacional InterClubes Electric trolleys;

#### Practice Areas:

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

#### Payments:

Credit cards accepted;

Located in a valley in the inland Algarve, between Portimão and Monchique, the Morgado Golf Course is challenging both to amateurs who are just starting out in the game and to highly-experienced golfers seeking to put their technique to the test. This is a par 73 course but its length is attenuated by the generous width of the fairways. However, you may be penalised if your less successful strokes happen to land in one of the bunkers scattered around the course.

The Morgado Golf Course has the typical characteristics of a links course - with flat fairways and Scottish-inspired bunkers - but which, instead of being beside the sea, like a traditional links, is set in an area of parkland. Surrounded by the region's traditional trees, golfers playing on the Morgado Golf Course will come into contact with a different Algarve, an Algarve where the peace and quiet provide the perfect setting for a memorable round.

### Penina Sir Henry Cotton Academy Course

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#### Timetable and reservations:

Winter : 7am - 8pm Summer: 7am - 6.30pm ;

#### Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 1977; Author/architect: Sir Henry Cotton; Professional length: 1851 m; Number of holes in course: 9; Par of the course: 30; Main events:: Daily Telegraph Seniors' Match Play (2000/1), a Final Nacional da Audi Corp, assim como grandes competições internacionais e de caridade nomeadamente o Sir Henry Cooper Charity Golf Classic e o Open de Portugal, o qual acolheu por 10 vezes.; Electric trolleys;

#### Practice Areas:

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

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#### Timetable and reservations:

Winter: 7am - 8pm Summer: 7am - 6.30pm ;

#### Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 1972; Author/architect: Sir Henry Cotton; Professional length: 2987 m; Number of holes in course: 9; Par of the course: 35; Main events:: "Open Portugal" (5); "Open Algarve"; Camp. Mundial Juniors; Electric trolleys;

#### Practice Areas:

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

#### Payments:

Credit cards accepted;

Besides the Sir Henry Cotton Championship course, the property also encompasses two 9-hole facilities: the Academy course and the Resort course, both are opportunities to fine-tune one's short game, while providing gentle training grounds for beginners.

The Resort Course, a more recent nine holes on the north side of the hotel, strategically demanding, can also be considered a challenge for the more experienced players and equally provides gentle training grounds for beginners. The Academy Course, winding through the fairways of the Championship Course, is an interesting "executive" nine holes par 30 (three par 4's and six par 3's. Originally designed for the casual or intermediate golfer it provides the ideal course for all year round holiday golf. The greens are relatively small and therefore accuracy off the tee and for approach shots is required and it also provides players the opportunity to fine tune their short game.

### Pestana Alto Golf

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#### Timetable and reservations:

Summer - 7am / 8pm winter - 7am / 6pm;

#### Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 1991; Author/architect: Sir Henry Cotton ; Professional length: 6125 m; Men's championship length: 5233 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 72; Main events:: Open TAPElectric trolleys;

#### Practice Areas:

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

#### Payments:

Credit cards accepted;

Located between the picturesque village of Alvor and the

**Payments:**

Credit cards accepted;  
Previously The Penina, but known as the Sir Henry Cotton Championship Course, the main 18 holes provide the most demanding test of a player's skills in the Algarve, if not in Portugal.

With the inevitable difficulty that a flat landscaping and terrain creates with club selection, the holes are crossed and flanked by a series of streams, ditches and water hazards, demanding precisely executed shots to avoid trouble and achieve par.

The course is beautifully maintained, winding past tall stands of eucalyptus and clumps of palm to mainly elevated greens which have subtle slopes and sometimes treacherous speeds. Learn more in [www.lemeridien.com/peninagolf](http://www.lemeridien.com/peninagolf)

**Álamos Golf Course**

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**<http://www.nauhotels.com/golfe.html>**

**Timetable and reservations:**

open everyday: 7am / 8pm;

**Characteristics and Services:**

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 2006; Author/architect: European Golf Design, Russel Taley; Professional length: 5641 m; Men's championship length: 4291 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 71; Electric trolleys;

**Practice Areas:**

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

**Payments:**

Credit cards accepted;

Despite its relatively short length, Álamos Golf Course is a challenging test for any golfer. Affording splendid views over the Monchique mountains, lakes and farmland, the sensation here is one of being far from everything. This is a shorter course than Morgado Golf Course (Par 71), but it has all the necessary features to meet the expectations of the most demanding golfer. Rather than simply a test of your golfing skills, this course clearly demonstrates that man and nature can come together in harmony.

## Silves

**Oceânico Academy Course**

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**Characteristics and Services:**

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area; Short Game area; Clubs hire; Practice balls; Restaurant; Shops; Video analysis; Trolleys; Electric trolleys;

**Payments:**

Credit cards accepted;

The 9 hole flood lit Academy Course located between the Oceânico Faldo Course and the Oceânico O'Connor Jnr. Course is

bustling tourist resort of Praia da Rocha, Alto Golf has established itself as one of the most popular golf courses in the Algarve.

Designed by the legendary golf course architect Sir Henry Cotton, the rolling fairways and elevated greens test the low handicap golfer whilst providing an enjoyable experience for the average player. With the combination of a fantastic golf course, professional and friendly staff, a fully serviced golf clubhouse, state of the art driving range and PGA professional golf academy, Alto will cater to your every golfing need.

Located close to numerous stunning beaches and a wide variety of traditional and international restaurants and bars, Alto Golf is the perfect location for that much needed break in the sunshine.

**Oceânico Faldo Course**

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**Timetable and reservations:**

Summer - 7am / 8pm winter - 7.30am / 7pm ;

**Other informations:**

Location- The Amendoeira Golf Resort, set in an area of outstanding natural beauty, is perfectly positioned in the central Algarve, a world-class golfing region close to the most south-

ideally suited to beginners and those who wish to sharpen up their short game. It has been built to the same high standards as the Oceânico Faldo Course and Oceânico O'Connor Jnr. Course. Three teeing options vary the line of play into each hole and maximize every hazard designed into the green complex.

The 7th is the feature hole on the course, where two of the teeing options play over water. The 9th hole Academy Course will become a firm favourite with all the family and a must to play alongside its big brothers.

### **Oceânico O'Connor Golf Course**

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#### **Timetable and reservations:**

Winter - 7.30 - 7pm Summer - 7am - 8pm ;

#### **Characteristics and Services:**

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 2008; Author/architect: Christy O'Connor Jnr.; Professional length: 6274 m; Men's championship length: 5242 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 72; Caddies; Electric trolleys;

#### **Practice Areas:**

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

#### **Payments:**

Credit cards accepted;

Designed by Christy O'Connor Jnr., this course complements the neighbouring Oceanico Faldo Course and also takes full advantage of being situated in a fertile valley. Its various water features, both lakes and watercourses that are spread throughout the entire course, demand accuracy and test from all golfers, and the rich topsoil has been skillfully landscaped and planted with mature palm trees, affording a lush, ornamental setting like an extensive oasis.

This course has tees that are generally connected to the fairways, but its greater overall distance, the water hazards and big greens provide its challenge. Golfers must also be prepared to read the subtly contoured putting surfaces that are strong features.

Holes 7, 8 and 9, average length par 4's, offer a particular challenge as all three run alongside lakes, so golfers' concentration and accuracy of tee-shots as well as approaches are vital. 3rd and 17th holes are both excellent par 3's.

Two consecutive par 4's, the 14th and 15th with large rolling greens, are tough hurdles to overcome at such a critical stage of the round, and then the finishing hole, 356m off the white tee, requires a precision drive to set up the approach to a two tier green benched into the hillside. Christy's 18th hole brings the course to a fantastic finish, a gentle climb with the river running along the right hand side. 'This hole is a humdinger; once you get up here and look down on the golf course, you will feel you have been blessed.

westerly tip of Europe. The Resort is just 35 minutes drive from Faro along the A22 motorway, 4 kilometers inland from the beach resort of Armação de Pêra.;

#### **Characteristics and Services:**

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 2008; Author/architect: Nick Faldo; Professional length: 6598 m; Men's championship length: 4703 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 72; Caddies; Electric trolleys;

#### **Practice Areas:**

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

#### **Payments:**

Credit cards accepted;

Designed by Nick Faldo, with strategic play in mind, this course demands careful positioning to score well, rocky outcrops, meandering watercourses and views to the distant mountains and orange groves defining its essential character. In a modern twist of a traditional recipe, cacti and wild herbs replace the role of Sunningdale's heather, spartan Holm oaks and ancient olive trees take the place of a lush English woodland, and desert scrub bunkers of crushed limestone replace Berkshire's sandy tracts in a golf course that revels in the classic principles of strategic play. The course opens with a testing uphill, par 4, focusing the player on the challenge which lies ahead.

The opening holes play through mature trees, offering a number of "risk and reward" opportunities. The downhill, par 5, fourth encounters a meandering watercourse, which comes into play on three of the front nine holes and two of the inward. The inward nine holes include several which will become the talking point of the "19th hole cognoscenti". Mastering the massive par 5 thirteenth, descending, with the wind behind, will demand consistent shot making all the way to the green. Holes 14 and 15 continue the challenge, playing amongst rocky outcrops. After leaving high ground to the west, the eighteenth brings the final chapter to a close with a magnificent par 5.

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#### **Timetable and reservations:**

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#### **Characteristics and Services:**

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 2007; Author/architect: Fausto Nascimento; Professional length: 5615 m; Men's championship length: 4728 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 70; Electric trolleys;

#### **Practice Areas:**

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

#### **Payments:**

Credit cards accepted; Travellers Cheques accepted;

Silves is a serene spot, but the course is anything but the proverbial walk in the park. A drive at the opening hole has to flirt with two water hazards on both flanks. A heroic and straight shot will reward the player with an easy uphill approach. Silves encourages and rewards attacking play.

The excellent condition, all year round, is ideal for low scoring. A relentless test in precision, this course has no peers. It is the "archetype" of man-sized parkland golf.

Most holes offer a spectacular mountain and valley view, overlooking palm trees and olive groves.

The severity of the bunkering is enough defence against the onslaught of the games big guns.

## Tavira

### Benamor Golf

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#### Timetable and reservations:

March - October: 7am - 8pm  
November - February 7am - 7pm; Reservations:: Recommended;

#### Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 2000;  
Author/architect: Sir Henry Cotton; Professional length: 5497 m;  
Men's championship length: 5197 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 71; Main events:: Drive Project (juniors) + Benamor Classics Electric trolleys; Ladies' championship length: 4760 m;

#### Practice Areas:

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

#### Payments:

Credit cards accepted;

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#### Timetable and reservations:

Summer - 7am / 8pm winter - 7am / 7pm;

#### Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 2002;  
Author/architect: William Roquemore Jr.; Professional length: 6053 m; Men's championship length: 4977 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 72; Main events:: "PGA Europro Tour in 2003 and 2004; Portugal Algarve Seniors Open 2005; European Seniors Tour Qualifying School in 2006, 2007 and 2008; Portugal Algarve Ladies Open 2008; Electric trolleys;

#### Practice Areas:

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

#### Payments:

Credit cards accepted;

The first of the two PAR 72 golf courses extends itself in a spectacular location on the coast of the eastern Algarve, locally known as "Sotavento".

Quinta da Ria Golf situated in the Ria Formosa Nature Reserve has already been described by experienced golfers as the most beautiful course in the region.

In fact, perched above the Ria Formosa estuary, the views down to the sand below, the tidal waters and the ever flowing currents are quite breathtaking. The concentration will drop, the mind will wander... Keeping your score at the forefront of the thought-process may not be so easy... and, in fact, you may not want to!

### Benamor Golf - Academia

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#### Timetable and reservations:

March - October: 7am - 8pm  
November - February: 7am - 7pm;

#### Characteristics and Services:

Owner: Benamor Atividades Turísticas (Benamor Golf);  
Instructor: Bart van der Wind; Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area; Short Game area; Clubs hire; Practice balls; Restaurant; Shops; Video analysis; Trolleys; Electric trolleys;

#### Payments:

Travellers Cheques accepted;

#### Training Programmes:

Group Lessons - Max. 6 persons;

### Quinta de Cima

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**E-mail:** [info@quintadaria.com](mailto:info@quintadaria.com) **Website:** <http://www.quintadaria.com>

#### Timetable and reservations:

Summer - 7am / 8pm winter - 7am / 7pm;

#### Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 2002;  
Author/architect: Rocky Roquemore; Professional length: 6586 m; Men's championship length: 5032 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 72; Main events:: PGA Europro Tour in 2003 and 2004; Portugal Algarve Seniors Open 2005; European Seniors Tour Qualifying School in 2006, 2007 and 2008; Portugal Algarve Ladies Open 2008; BMW International Cup 2008; Electric trolleys;

#### Practice Areas:

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

#### Payments:

Credit cards accepted;

This magnificent 18 hole golf course is a formidable test of golf off any of the tees and a truly exceptional challenge.

The whole area is blessed with a profound peacefulness. From Quinta de Cima Golf the views are spectacular and inspiring: from any part of the course, both the sea and the Algarve Mountains are a delight to anyone's eyes.

Old centenary olive and carob trees, together with the surrounding orange trees and vineyards, maintain the originality of the region landscape. It looks like as if the course has been there since centuries ago.

This is a protected area and hopefully will remain this way forever!

## Vilamoura

### Laguna Golf Course

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#### Timetable and reservations:

high season – 7am / 8pm low season – 7am / 7pm;

#### Other informations:

Clubhouse, pro-shop, restaurant, bar, buggy bar in the course, putting-green, driving range with bunker and chipping area.

#### Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 2000; Author/architect: Joseph Lee; Professional length: 6121 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 72; Caddies; Electric trolleys;

#### Practice Areas:

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

#### Payments:

Credit cards accepted;

Laid out over low lying coastal terrain, this course, with its many water hazards and few trees, is considerably different from the other ones at the resort and many of its holes convey a links atmosphere.

U.S. golf architect Joseph Lee designed this course which was opened in 1990 and many previous visitors will recognise it as part of the former 27th hole Vilamoura III course. It has been subject to continual improvements over the years.

Measuring 6,121 metres from the white tees, the par 72 course includes several lakes which influence play on a total of 11 holes. In addition to acting as hazards and emergency water reservoirs, these lakes serve a useful purpose in attracting a variety of aquatic birds, both resident and migratory, as well as amphibians, otters, terrapins etc.

Apart from the lakes and an impressive total of 79 bunkers, another hazard is the wind that frequently blows over this somewhat exposed location. Oceânico Laguna is located on relatively flat, open terrain. The basis of its modern design is strategic placement of bunkers and water hazards, all of which demand accuracy of play.

Laguna shares a large, welcoming clubhouse with the neighbouring Millennium Course.

### Old Course Golf Club

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#### Timetable and reservations:

high season – 7am / 8pm low season – 7am / 7pm;

#### Other informations:

Clubhouse, pro-shop, restaurant, bar, buggy bar in the course, valet - service, putting-green, driving range and chipping area.

#### Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 1969; Author/architect: Frank Pennink (Remodelled by Martin Hawtree in 1996);

### Millennium Golf Course

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**Telephone:** +351 289 310 188

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#### Timetable and reservations:

high season – 7am / 8pm low season – 7am / 7pm;

#### Other informations:

Clubhouse, pro-shop, restaurant, bar, buggy bar in the course, putting-green, driving range with bunker and chipping area.

#### Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 2000; Author/architect: Martin Hawtree; Professional length: 6157 m; Men's championship length: 4767 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 72; Caddies; Electric trolleys;

#### Practice Areas:

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

#### Payments:

Credit cards accepted;

The course is particularly open, although some holes (the 3rd to the 7th) wind between pine trees and are similar to the neighbouring fairways of the Old Course and Pinhal. In this more wooded area, the fairways are narrower and require greater accuracy - while the rest of the course has a clear landscape enriched by lakes at the 4th, 17th and 18th holes. The arrival of the Millennium Course made Vilamoura one of the main - if not the main - European golf destinations. The well-established UK golf Architects Hawtree & Sons were contracted to plan this modification and design work which has culminated in the creation of the new, exciting 18-hole Millennium Golf Course.

Refurbishment to the existing nine holes commenced in May 1999 and included the complete rebuilding of the tees, greens and bunkers. Changes were made to the layout or structure of the old nine holes, but several new design features were incorporated with a view to simplifying the strategy of the course and in order to make it more golfer-friendly. This applies especially to holes 8 and 9, the only ones on this loop with water hazards. Also, many of the bunkers have been re-shaped and the smaller greens expanded. This renovated North course has been joined together with the new 9-hole loop to offer a layout of different character, style and playing quality to the remaining Laguna Course. The two nines of the Millennium Course complement each other handsomely and have strong traits.

### Pinhal Golf Course

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**E-mail:** [booking@dampedrogolf.com](mailto:booking@dampedrogolf.com) **Website:** <http://www.dampedrogolf.com>

#### Timetable and reservations:

high season – 7am / 8pm low season – 7am / 7pm;

#### Other informations:

Clubhouse, pro-shop, restaurant, bar, bar on the course, putting-green, driving range with bunker and chipping area.

#### Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 1976; Author/architect: Frank Pennink; Remodelled by Robert Trent Jones in 1985;

Professional length: 6254 m; Men's championship length: 5086 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 73; Caddies; Electric trolleys;

**Practice Areas:**

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

**Payments:**

Credit cards accepted;

Situated in the heart of the Vilamoura seaside resort a mere 20-minute drive from Faro airport, this Frank Pennink designed parkland style layout is one of the oldest in the region and renowned all over the golfing world.

Often described as the Grande Dame of Algarve courses, it meanders throughout impressive pinetrees - the principal hazard - over gently undulating natural terrain. Although it opened in 1969, the course was completely renovated and modernised 27 years later although no major changes were made to the magnificent layout.

In addition to raising the Vilamoura Old Course to new heights of quality, an attractive new clubhouse and adjacent putting green were also built at that time. As with all Vilamoura courses, environmental protection practices are strictly adhered to by means of detailed management systems in line with guidelines established by ISO 14001 standards, Green Globe and Committed to Green programmes.

This is one of the courses in Portugal that will always stay in the memory of visiting golfers.

### **Victoria Golf Course**

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**<http://www.dampedrogolf.com>**

**Timetable and reservations:**

high season - 7am / 8om low season - 7am - 7pm;

**Other informations:**

Clubhouse, pro-shop, Valet Service, restaurant, bar, buggy bar in the course, putting-green, driving range with bunker and chipping area.

**Characteristics and Services:**

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 2004; Author/architect: Arnold Palmer; Professional length: 6609 m; Men's championship length: 4726 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 72; Caddies; Electric trolleys;

**Practice Areas:**

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

**Payments:**

Credit cards accepted;

The Victoria Golf Course is a championship course of 18 hole par 72 course, occupying a total area of 90 hectares and with a total distance of 6.560 meters. Every care has been taken to ensure the preservation of the existing wetlands, the typical vegetation of carob, olives and almond trees, and several lakes, occupying 13 hectares, providing mirrors of water and strategic reservoirs for watering purposes.

With 5/6 tees per hole, wide and undulating fairways, extensive water obstacles and well positioned bunkers; Oceânico Victoria will reward heroic and ambitious shots. another major attraction is formed by an axceptional driving range and by an enormous

Professional length: 6353 m; Men's championship length: 5206 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 72; Caddies; Electric trolleys;

**Practice Areas:**

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

**Payments:**

Credit cards accepted;

This was the second golf course built in Vilamoura and inaugurated in 1976, having originally been designed by Frank Pennink, the architect of the nearby Vilamoura Old Course.

Several refinements were incorporated over the years, the most significant one by Robert Trent Jones Sr. in 1985. It is typified by rolling parkland terrain covered with numerous umbrella and Atlantic pines that line many of the fairways and a few even stand out on fairways or near greens.

Ponds and a stream come into play on five holes but are not serious threats to above-average golfers. To keep up with modern technical advances in clubs and balls, several holes have recently been lengthened and the par-72 course now measures 6,353 metres off the white tee markers.

The clubhouse was completely renovated and modernised at the turn of the millennium and from the large verandah one can enjoy a panoramic view over the excellent driving range and practice facilities.

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putting green area of around 2.500m<sup>2</sup>.

One extraordinary fact concerning Victoria is that the Palmer design team masterly created 18 greens with totally different shapes and sizes. This is one of the distinguishing characteristics of the course, and for which local knowledge will be an advantage.

## Centro de Portugal

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### Óbidos

#### **Praia D'El Rey Golf & Beach Resort**

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<http://www.praia-del-rey.com>

#### **Timetable and reservations:**

Summer - 7.30am / 8.30pm winter - 7.30am / 6.30pm ;

#### **Other informations:**

Registration No.: 25/2007;

#### **Characteristics and Services:**

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 1997; Author/architect: Cabell B. Robinson; Professional length: 6434 m; Men's championship length: 4874 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 73; Electric trolleys;

#### **Practice Areas:**

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

#### **Payments:**

Credit cards accepted;

Set between the sea on one side and a patch of green countryside on the other, this golf course stretches over dunes, cliffs and pinewoods, forming a natural backdrop for a game of golf on one of the sunniest stretches of the Portuguese coast.

The Praia d'El Rey course is full of surprises: on the 2nd hole, you play with a view towards the nature reserve of the Berlengas Islands; on the 12th, the Atlantic Ocean is your constant companion; while, on the 14th, golfers have to contend with the changing moods of the wind, and, on the 17th, they have to hit the ball a full 570 metres before reaching the green. After all the excitement of your round, you'll find a restaurant waiting for you with a panoramic view over the sea, priding itself on its professional and genuinely personalised service.

A few kilometres away is the unforgettable town of Óbidos, encircled by a mediaeval wall, where you will find a most fascinating historical heritage, and a little further on is the city of Caldas da Rainha, a former spa resort that has become famous for its artistic pottery making, an age-old tradition resulting in the production of some highly picturesque and typically Portuguese pieces, whose history you can discover at the Ceramics Museum.

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## Torres Vedras

### Campo Real

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#### Timetable and reservations:

Summer - 7.30am / 8pm winter - 7.30am / 6pm ;

#### Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 2005; Author/architect: Donald Steel; Professional length: 6009 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 72; Main events:: Torneios de vários clubes nacionais; Ladies Open 2010 e 2011; Caddies; Electric trolleys;

#### Practice Areas:

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

#### Payments:

Credit cards accepted;

This par-72, 18-hole golf course was designed by the architect Donald Steel and has been perfectly integrated into the surrounding landscape, giving the impression that it has always been there. And there is a surprisingly pleasant harmony in the way in which it blends together with both existing buildings and those planned for the surrounding development.

The clubhouse has an enormous terrace overlooking the 18th hole and offering a breathtaking view over the whole of the course, so that it definitely represents the ideal meeting place for all those seeking to enjoy a peaceful drink on a summer's evening. The restaurant and bar interact in a quite innovative way, spreading from the inside out onto the terrace in a space where the Chef Vítor Cardoso invites diners to choose from a highly creative menu, with meals ranging from a light and sporty snack to a tasty lunch with friends or business clients.

The CampoReal golf club provides its members and visiting golfers with service of the highest possible standard, and it is generally considered as a benchmark of real quality in the Lisbon region. The golf course surely meets the 5-star quality standards set for the Hotel, Spa and Residences.

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## Lisboa Region

### Cascais

#### Clube de Golfe Quinta da Marinha

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<http://www.quintadamarinha.com>

#### Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 1984; Author/architect: Robert Trent Jones; Professional length: 5870 m; Men's championship length: 4758 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 71; Main events:: Em 1988, Ladies Masters, prova que integrava o Circuito profissional de Senhoras; Em Outubro de 2002, PGA Seniors Tour Championship; Em Junho 2007, Challenge Tour ; Caddies; Electric trolleys;

#### Practice Areas:

#### Quinta da Marinha, Oitavos Dunes, SA

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<http://www.oitavosdunes.pt>

#### Timetable and reservations:

Summer - 7.30am / 8.30pm winter - 8.30am / 6pm ;

#### Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 2001; Author/architect: Arthur Hills; Professional length: 6303 m; Men's championship length: 4573 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 71; Main events:: Open de Portugal 2005, 2007, 2008 e 2009 ; Electric trolleys;

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

**Payments:**

Credit cards accepted; Travellers Cheques accepted;  
Lying between the intense, lively and cosmopolitan towns of Estoril and Cascais and the majestic beach of Guincho is the Quinta da Marinha golf course, where you will find one of the most distinctive holes in Portuguese golf, a par 4 making its way down the hillside to the sea.

The Quinta da Marinha course forms part of a luxury development, where you can spend a few days most pleasantly, for, besides enjoying a round of golf, you also have the possibility of horse-riding, lunching in the clubhouse or enjoying a pleasant stroll amidst the thousands of pine-trees planted here, with the great spectacle of the Atlantic Ocean as your constant companion.

Built by the architect Robert Trent Jones, who started with a flat terrain, the course was designed with five par-5 and six par-3 holes; the course's most spectacular hole is the 13th, a 339-metre par 4 sloping down towards the sea and ending in a green that has the Atlantic Ocean as its backdrop. There are countless bunkers and some lakes to make things more difficult for the golfers, perhaps the best example being the 10th hole, where the green is surrounded by water.

This is an extremely beautiful hole, whose backdrop is the sea and the impressive outlines of the hills of Sintra in the distance.

## Sintra

### Lisbon Sports Club

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**Timetable and reservations:**

8am - 6pm;

**Other informations:**

A new motorway (A16) can now be used for those who to reach "Lisbon Sports Club" coming from Cascais, Estoril and Sintra. Take A5 or IC19 to access the A16 and leave at junction 11 (Telhal / Vale-de-Lobos). Take the left exit at the roundabout, direction Vale-de-Lobos, and follow straight ahead. At the first junction turn right, direction Belas. After passing Belas Clube Campo, "Lisbon Sports Club" can be found on the first entrance on the right. ;

**Characteristics and Services:**

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 1922; Author/architect: Hawtree #E\_COMERCIAL#&& Sons; Professional length: 5303 m; Men's championship length: 4638 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 69; Main events:: "Lisbon Cup"; Coronation Cup; Selby Cup; Taça VIII Centenário; Electric trolleys;

**Practice Areas:**

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

**Payments:**

Credit cards accepted;

Originally Lisbon Sports Club dates back to 1880, when a group of English residents living in the Lisbon area, founded a Sports Club. By 1890 they had built a small six hole golf course in Alges. In 1922 the Club moved to Alto da Ajuda to a nine hole course. Then, in 1962, the Club moved again, this time to Casal de Carregueira, where it remains today situated between the village of Belas and Vale de Lobos, about 20 km from Cascais and

**Practice Areas:**

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

**Payments:**

Credit cards accepted;

Oitavos Golfe lies within the Sintra-Cascais Natural Park. It is set among pine woods and reforested dunes, in an area of great natural beauty. Being a seaside golf course, the ocean view is present all the time, although some of the more fantastic scenery come from the Sintra mountains and Cabo da Roca the Europe's most western point in Europe, seen from the 9, 10, 11 and 14 holes.

The layout has been carefully crafted by one of the greatest golf architects of our times, ex-president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects, Arthur Hills.

Hills has maintained and preserved the unique characteristics of the land, creating a 6.303 metre, par 71 golf course. The environmental certification was done in cooperation with Audubon International, an American environmental association. The sustainability of the resources is the prior objective, and because of that the flora and fauna peculiar to the region are strictly protected, being some areas closed to people and machines. Quinta da Marinha Oitavos Golfe is the 1st Golf Course in Europe and the 2nd in the World being recognized as a Certified Signature Sanctuary - Gold. It is already set as one of the best golf courses in Europe and were on the TOP 100 golf courses in the world, where a non stress round of golf can be played all year round.

### Penha Longa Golfe

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**Timetable and reservations:**

Winter - 7.30am / 9pm Summer - 7.30am / 6.30pm;

Reservations:: Recommended;

**Characteristics and Services:**

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 1992 / 1995; Author/architect: Robert Trent Jones Jr.; Professional length: 6290 m; Men's championship length: 5414 m; Number of holes in course: 27; Par of the course: 72; Main events:: Open de Portugal - 1994, 1995, 2010 Caddies; Electric trolleys;

**Practice Areas:**

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

**Payments:**

Credit cards accepted;

Ranked in the top 30 Courses in Continental Europe, the 27-hole course at **Penha Longa Resort** designed by the famed Robert Trent Jones, Jr. is escapist golf at its best. With its bold drives, courageous approaches and artful greens, it is both an adrenalin rush and a soothing journey through one of Portugal's most inspiring landscapes. Exciting at every turn, this championship challenge and host to the Portuguese Open, is a master test of variety and thrills.

Penha Longa Golf courses offer three different circuits: Atlantic Championship, Atlantic North and Atlantic South, providing completely different experiences throughout the amazing hills of Sintra and Penha Longa Resort. The Penha Longa Golf Club,

Lisbon. The course was inaugurated with nine holes, five more holes were added a few years later and then finally in 1992 its eighteen holes were completed.

Situated amidst hills and valleys it is a relatively short course, however the natural layout of the land makes it more difficult than it appears. Concentration and strategy are fundamental. Along most of the course runs a winding water ditch. The narrow fairways lined with beautiful old trees and abundant vegetation blend in perfectly with the natural surroundings. Each hole is so different that no matter how often they are played, there are always new challenges awaiting the player.

The comfortable Club House with its veranda overlooking the magnificent woodland was originally the old Manor House of Casal da Carregueira. Lisbon Sports Club also boasts an excellent swimming pool, three shale tennis courts, a driving range and a small practice area.

### **Pestana Beloura Golf Resort**

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2710-692 Sintra**

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<http://www.pestanagolf.com>**

#### **Timetable and reservations:**

Summer - 7am / 8pm winter - 7am / 6pm ;

#### **Characteristics and Services:**

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 1991; Author/architect: Rocky Roquemore; Professional length: 5716 m; Men's championship length: 5094 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 73; Main events:: Semana de Golfe Costa do Estoril - Torneio da PGA Portugal; Electric trolleys;

#### **Practice Areas:**

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

#### **Payments:**

Credit cards accepted;

The verdant foothills of the Sintra Mountains offer a breathtaking backdrop for the Quinta da Beloura Golf Course. Here the famous American golf course architect Rocky Roquemore has conceived a course that will stretch both your imagination and ability yet provide an enjoyable challenge to golfers of all levels.

Over 40,000 Eucalyptus, Oak, Pine, Magnolia, Palm and other exotic trees and plants have been planted on this gently undulating Par 73, 18 hole course that measures 5,846 metres from the Men's Tees and 4,952 from the Ladies Tees. Water comes into play on many of the holes as they meander between the various lakes and streams that border the Fairways. The course is irrigated automatically from its own water supplies, guaranteeing crisp lies on lush tifton 419 fairways and true, holding greens from a green sward of creeping bents.

The Course is complimented by excellent practice facilities and qualified teachers. The magnificent Clubhouse incorporates the Golf Shop from which rental and other golf equipment is available.

founded in 1992, hosts today more than 100 golf members, tailoring activities such as, competitions with other golf clubs and several social events. The Penha Longa Golf members can enjoy their own reserved tee times, access to the Members Lounge in the Club House and their own private dressing rooms equipped with sauna, jacuzzi and plunge pool.

## **Madeira**

## Funchal

### Palheiro Golf

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#### Timetable and reservations:

08.00h - 19.00h;

#### Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 1993; Author/architect: Cabell Robinson; Professional length: 6086 m; Men's championship length: 5448 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 72; Main events:: Palheiro Open, Salva de Aniversário, Royal Savoy Classic, BES Kids, Moynihan's Open; Electric trolleys;

#### Practice Areas:

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

#### Payments:

Credit cards accepted;

Situated close to the famous gardens of Quinta do Palheiro, which date back to the beginning of the nineteenth century and are famous for their wide range of exotic flora, the Palheiro course offers fabulous views over Funchal bay, the sea and the Ilhas Desertas in the distance.

The par-72 course was designed by the architect Cabell Robinson, a former assistant of Robert Trent Jones, who had already done work in Portugal and took care to make the most of the hills, mountain peaks and deep valleys that are a typical feature of the Madeira landscape, in order to provide golfers with an exciting and competitive round.

At the Palheiro course, there are five par-3, nine par-4 and four par-5 holes, including the final hole which leads up to the beautiful clubhouse, built in the Madeira style and offering golfers the chance to relax and enjoy the unforgettable panoramic view over the city of Funchal.

## Ilha de Porto Santo

### Porto Santo Golfe

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#### Timetable and reservations:

April / October: 8am / 8pm November / March: 8am / 6pm;

#### Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 2004; Author/architect: Severiano Ballesteros; Professional length: 6434 m; Men's championship length: 5357 m; Number of holes in course: 72 + 9; Par of the course: 72; Main events:: Madeira Islands Open - European Tour (2009, 2010 e 2011); Caddies; Electric trolleys;

#### Practice Areas:

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

#### Payments:

Credit cards accepted;

Spreading out over the idyllic island of Porto Santo, the layout of the course was planned in such a way as to blend harmoniously with the landscape and to respect the island's ecosystems,

taking advantage of the native plant species and the various lakes already existing there.

It is an extensive and demanding course set in a spectacular landscape, one that is capable of attracting not only professional players, but also less experienced golfers, being divided into two different areas.

The southern course comes close to the traditional style of the best American courses, with a number of lakes and the island's long beach as a backdrop. It calls for a good and accurate long game. The abundance of strategically placed lakes is a good test of any golfer's power of concentration.

The northern course is enhanced by the island's high cliffs and combines the best features of British links courses with spectacular scenery, providing an unrepeatable challenge for golfers. Amongst its most impressive holes are numbers 13, 14 and 15, which run along the cliff top and allow players to enjoy magnificent views over the sea as they contemplate the jagged shoreline.

## Porto and the North

### Chaves

#### **Vidago Palace Golf Course**

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#### **Timetable and reservations:**

8am / 5pm; Reservations:: Necessary;

#### **Other informations:**

The course dress code requires shirts with collars and sleeves. Jeans and track suits may not be worn on the course. Use of soft spikes is mandatory.

#### **Characteristics and Services:**

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 1936 / 2010; Author/architect: Mackenzie Ross (1936) / Cameron & Powell (2010); Professional length: 6308 m; Men's championship length: 5903 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 72; Electric trolleys; Ladies' championship length: 4797 m;

#### **Practice Areas:**

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

#### **Payments:**

Credit cards accepted;

The award-winning Vidago Palace Hotel Golf Course was redesigned by the firm Cameron & Powell from an original by Mackenzie Ross built in 1936, has been transformed into a par 72 course.

The Vidago Palace Hotel Golf Course is a course of striking contrasts, all with a particular respect for the natural surroundings. Distinctive features of this course include the support walls of all the tees, which are made of local stone, and the century-old trees, almost all of which have been preserved. The first four holes, played within the Centenary Park of the Vidago Palace Hotel, anticipate the next 11, newly built in the Oura valley. The last three are played in the upper part of the Centenary Park, and afford magnificent views to the neighbouring hills and villages. Every hole is a challenge and

each of the last nine is completely different from the one before, giving golfers the opportunity to deploy their full range of shots.

## Santo Tirso

### Vale Pisão Nature Resort

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**Santo Tirso**

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#### **Timetable and reservations:**

Winter: from Monday to Friday; 8.30 / 7pm; Saturday and Sunday:

8am / 7pm Summer: Monday to Friday: 8.30am / 9pm; Saturday and Sunday: 8am / 9pm;

#### **Characteristics and Services:**

Shops; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 2008; Author/architect: Jorge Santana da Silva; Professional length: 3288 m; Number of holes in course: 9; Par of the course: 74; Electric trolleys;

#### **Practice Areas:**

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

#### **Payments:**

Credit cards accepted;

## Vidago

### Vidago Palace Golf Course - Academia

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#### **Timetable and reservations:**

Open all year, from 8am to 5pm;

#### **Characteristics and Services:**

Owner: V.M.P.S - Águas e Turismo S.A.; Instructor: Paulo Ferreira;

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area; Short Game area;

Clubs hire; Practice balls; Restaurant; Shops; Video analysis;

Trolleys; Electric trolleys;

#### **Payments:**

Travellers Cheques accepted;

#### **Training Programmes:**

1h - €45

Groups (between 4 and 12) - €15 / person

Juniors (<21 years old) - 50% Discount

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Golf academy with a 340 m driving range, a chipping area and two putting greens.