

Golf

Algarve

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

Salgados Golf Course

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Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 1994; Author/architect: Pedro Vasconcelos; Professional length: 6079 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 72;

Practice Areas:

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

Payments:

Credit cards accepted;

Salgados Golf Course is located next to Salgados beach, with a

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.

long sandy beach on one side and a protected area that is home to various species of birds on the other. This is a links-style course with sea breezes and abundant wildlife. Thanks to its location, the walk on Salgados Golf Course is very easy and pleasant, with the greens and tees very close to each other. The yellow tees will ensure you enjoy a pleasurable round. If you are feeling confident, you could try the white tees, although these are perhaps more advisable for golfers with a single-digit handicap or professionals.

Situated close to the city of Albufeira, Salgados Golf Course enjoys an attractive setting in a nature reserve. This location affords golfers a unique experience, since the course is home to various species of birds, some of them threatened with extinction. The beach is just a few steps away and the sea view from the course undoubtedly adds considerably to the pleasure of playing here.

Almancil

Quinta do Lago Norte

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Timetable and reservations:

7am - 8pm;

Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 1974; Author/architect: William Mitchel; Joseph Lee with the collaboration of Rocky Roquerome ; Professional length: 6126 m; Men's championship length: 4975 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 72;

Practice Areas:

Driving Range; Putting green;

Payments:

Credit cards accepted;

This is one of the four famous courses included in the exclusive resort of Quinta do Lago, all of which benefit from the incomparable beauty of the Ria Formosa Nature Park.

Part of an exclusive tourist resort much frequented by the international jet set, the Ria Formosa course, built in a nature park with a great wealth of fauna and flora, seems quite similar to the Quinta do Lago course, although its challenges are very different. The course has four magnificent par-5 holes. The par-4 holes are generally doglegs (except for holes 10 and 13) and the par-3 holes can be heavily affected by the wind, so that they call for very accurate shots. The lakes on holes 13 and 18 make it difficult to achieve a good score.

The course was designed by several architects: William Mitchell was responsible for holes 1 to 5 and 15 to 18, whilst Joseph Lee and Rocky Roquemore designed the course from holes 6 to 14. The fairways and tees are covered with a mixture of Bermuda 419 and cold season grasses, which helps to keep the course in good condition all year round. The greens, however, are covered with Penn Cross Bent Grass and have a fast regular surface.

Quinta do Lago Sul

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Timetable and reservations:

7.30am / 8pm;

Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 1974; Author/architect: William Mitchell; Professional length: 6488 m; Men's championship length: 5168 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 72; Main events: Open de Portugal por 8 vezes/ Primeira edição da Final Mundial da BMW Golf Cup

Practice Areas:

Driving Range; Putting green;

Payments:

Credit cards accepted;

Situated in a high-quality tourist resort with the Ria Formosa as their backdrop, the Quinta do Lago courses are famous throughout the world of international golf.

The luxury tourist resort of Quinta do Lago had four nine-hole loops with sufficient flexibility to allow for four 18-hole combinations, but a recent transformation divided these four loops into two separate courses. The most famous of these is the Quinta do Lago course, based on the B and C loops and considered by the Golf World magazine to be the 28th best course in mainland Europe.

Designed by William Mitchell and inaugurated in 1974, it allows the player a wide variety of different approaches to the greens. The course hosted the Portuguese Open in 1976, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1990 and 2001 and it was here that Colin Montgomerie gained his first professional title, when winning the Portuguese Open in 1989.

Besides the strategically placed bunkers, attention is drawn to the course's most famous hole: number 15, a par 3, which, when played off the championship tee, calls for a 200-metre shot over a lake and onto the green surrounded by trees.

Castro Marim

Quinta do Vale Golf Resort

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E-mail: golf@quintadovale.com **Website:**

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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 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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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

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

lakes and bunkers.

These hazards complete the challenging but attractive course.

Lagos

Boavista Golf & Spa Resort

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Timetable and reservations:

71.30 am - 8 pm; Reservations:: Recommended;

Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 2002; Author/architect: Howard Swan; Professional length: 6145 m; Men's championship length: 5737 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 71; Ladies' championship length: 4718 m;

Practice Areas:

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

Payments:

Credit cards accepted;

One of the reasons people enjoy playing Boavista is that it's always in first-rate condition. Another is the attractiveness of the course with its far reaching views of the Bay of Lagos to the east and the Monchique mountains to the north.

Designed in 2002 by Howard Swan the golf course uses the natural contours of the terrain and as a result it presents plenty of challenge - especially on holes six and eight where you have to hit your ball across a ravine!

Onyria Palmares Beach Golf Resort

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Timetable and reservations:

open everyday - 7.15am / 8pm;

Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 2010; Author/architect: Robert Trent Jones Jr.; Professional length: 6314 m; Men's championship length: 4886 m; Number of holes in course: 27; Par of the course: 72; Main events:: Europro tour; Torneio das Amendoeiras em Flor

Practice Areas:

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

Payments:

Credit cards accepted;

The New "Onyria Palmares", which has been totally transformed by the American designer and brand leader, Robert Trent Jones Jr, is a mixture of parkland and authentic links - something unique in the Algarve.

The higher part of the course features unforgettable views of the Ocean and Alvor estuary. There are sea views from 90% of the tees. The lower holes near the beach incorporate links dunes and

one olive tree that dates back more than 1200 years.

Espiche Golf

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Timetable and reservations:

Summer: 7.30am - 7pm

Winter: 7.30am - 6pm; Reservations:: Recommended;

Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 2012; Author/architect: Peter Sauerman; Professional length: 5862 m; Men's championship length: 5453 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 72; Ladies' championship length: 5026 m;

Practice Areas:

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

Payments:

Credit cards accepted;

Located within a nature reserve and just five minutes from Lagos, Espiche Golf is an eco-resort which has been perfectly integrated into the surrounding natural environment and offers a unique and authentic experience in the western Algarve.

long grasses and the sound of the sea. Few other courses in the Algarve offer your clients the chance to get so close to the Ocean with their golf clubs!

Olhão

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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 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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bookings@golfedomorgado.com **Website:**

http://www.nauhotels.com/morgado_golf.html

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

Penina Resort & Academy Courses

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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

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;

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

Silves

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-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;

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 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 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;

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.

Pestana Silves Golf

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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: 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.

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.

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;

Quinta de Cima

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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: 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!

Quinta da Ria

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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!

Vila do Bispo

Golf Santo António

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<http://www.saresorts.com/golf-santo-antonio>

Timetable and reservations:

7.45 am - 6 pm; Reservations:: Recommended;

Characteristics and Services:

Shops; Clubs hire; Buggies; Trolleys; Individual lessons; Group lessons; Golf clinic; Restaurant; Inauguration year: 1987; Author/architect: Pepe Gancedo; Professional length: 5712 m; Men's championship length: 5712 m; Number of holes in course: 18; Par of the course: 71; Ladies' championship length: 4619 m;

Practice Areas:

Driving Range; Putting green; Chipping area;

Payments:

Credit cards accepted;

Golf Santo Antonio, formerly known as Parque da Floresta, was designed by the distinguished Spanish golf architect Pepe Gancedo, one of the most famous architects in Spain, whose philosophy of golf construction involves minimal alteration of the existing ground. The course is perfectly integrated into the landscape.

Being the most westerly golf course in the Algarve, Golf Santo Antonio, stretches over the hills behind the fishing village of Salema, near the historic town of Lagos and not far from the Nature Reserve of Costa Vicentina.

Framed by a valley that winds through the countryside creating some undulating fairways, the Santo Antonio golf course in Parque da Floresta is an impressive arena that has hosted the prestigious Europro Tour.

With 18 holes, par 71, the course extends for 5712 meters. Golf Santo Antonio has a driving range, golf academy, practice area, putting green and golf shop.

Whatever your ability, from an absolute beginner to a low handicapper - once you have spent some time with our PGA professional at the Golf Academy you will be better equipped to face the challenges of any course. A simple tip could be all that's needed to change your whole game.

The Clubhouse where you can enjoy a delicious meal, provides spectacular panoramic views of the mountains and the sea, and also an overview of the golf course.