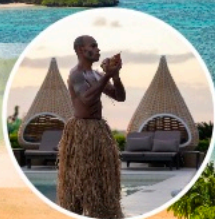


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Portugal has a roll call of all-time golf courses and as far as golfing destinations go, it ticks all the boxes for a unique cultural experience, combined with elite hotel offerings. Go on, make a European golf trip happen in 2026.



Portugal Golf ADVENTURE

FROM LISBON TO
THE ALGARVE



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Are you looking for a golf getaway that combines unparalleled golf with culture, relaxation, delicious food and wine, and delightful weather? Then pack your bags for Portugal, one of Europe's most popular golf destinations. There are over 90 golf courses in Portugal. And with that many options, it's hard to know where to start. So, we've put together an overview of courses and accommodations, from Lisbon to the Algarve.



The beachside town of Cascais is the perfect spot to relax after a round of golf.

Welcome to Cascais, The Portuguese Riviera

After soaking in Lisbon's charm, take a 30-minute drive or train ride to Cascais to begin your golf adventure. Don't miss Aires Estoril, an elevated and hip, Argentinian dining experience in a historical villa near the city center and beach. Cascais boasts seven golf venues, accessible via the Cascais Digital Golf Passport, a unique online booking platform offering the best prices on the market for rounds.

One of the courses on the Passport is the Penha Longa Golf Course, a 27-hole championship course designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr. set within the Sintra-Cascais Natural Park. Stay at the secluded Ritz Carlton Penha Longa Resort for refined luxury and amenities at every turn. Enjoy a post-round massage at the world-class spa then relax in the tranquil gardens or take a nap poolside. Looking for more activity? Explore the walking/running paths or get a workout in at the fitness center. Stroll the gorgeous halls to see the impressive works of art, or do some shopping in the resort's upscale shops. Cap off your day with drinks near the pool or lobby, and choose from seven distinct dining restaurants, two of which are Michelin-starred.

Don't miss the Oitavos Dunes Links Golf Course, a Par 71, 18-hole natural links course set within a property that's evolved through the vision of three generations of the Champalimaud family. Course designer Arthur Hills described this unmatched destination, "Miguel Champalimaud blessed us with one of the finest pieces of golfing terrain anywhere in Continental Europe. The wind is constantly a factor, and the views of the Atlantic Ocean and Sintra Mountain are majestic."

Flying into Lisbon for an overnight stay is the best option to begin your golf getaway. This allows you to adjust to the timezone and explore the city. Wander cobblestone streets amid its colorful buildings and sample Portugal's Mediterranean-inspired cuisine like fresh seafood, seasonal vegetables, and unbelievable wines.

Save your energy for your golf game and hop on a city tram or Tuk-Tuk tour and then rest up in a boutique hotel like the AlmaLusa Alfama Hotel or AlmaLusa Baixa/Chiado, both near the beautiful Tagus River.

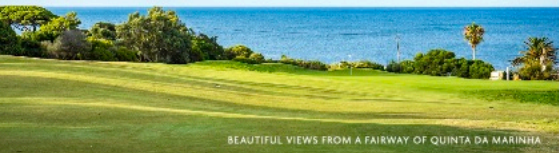
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The setting is truly otherworldly, making it easy to see why Oitavos Dunes Links Golf Course has earned top honors as a Top 100 Course in the World and Top 100 Golf Resort by Golf Magazine. As third-generation Miguel Montez Champalimaud sums up the allure of the course, "Oitavos Dunes is a unique combination of old world and new. There is an old-world Europe feel combined with a great modern-day course that harkens back to some of the well-known Links courses."



AERIAL VIEW OF OITAVOS DUNES LINKS GOLF COURSE

Next up is the top-ranked Quinta Da Marinha Golf Course, a Robert Trent Jones Sr.-designed course that incorporates numerous natural elements like ravines and penalty areas, requiring precision amid breathtaking scenery and views of the Atlantic Ocean and the Sintra Mountains. Travel tip: Bring extra balls for the challenging yet beautiful water holes like 5 and 10. The staff creates a warm vibe, starting with the friendly starter's advice, "Remember, the most important thing is to have a good time!" Cap off your round with a stay at the Onyria Quinta da Marinha Villas and relax poolside, book a treatment at the onsite spa, or enjoy one of its restaurants or bars and live music.

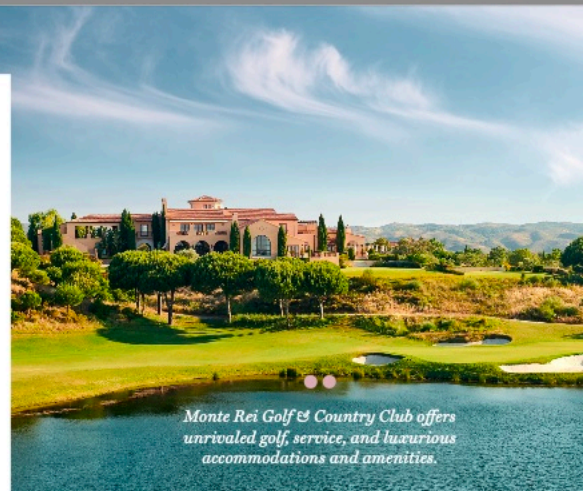


BEAUTIFUL VIEWS FROM A FAIRWAY OF QUINTA DA MARINHA

Next up is Terras da Comporta, a development project on the edge of the Sado Estuary Nature Reserve and home to two unparalleled golf courses, Dunas Golf Course and Torre Golf Course. Dunas Golf Course is an 18-hole David McLay-Kidd-designed course that's been called "Europe's new superstar" since opening in October of 2023, and was named as "Europe's Best Golf Course" in 2024 by the World Golf Awards. Five minutes from Dunas is the new Torre Golf Course, designed by Masters winner Sergio Garcia. A great nearby spot to stay is the AlmaLusa Comporta, an upscale boutique hotel for golfers.

Monte Rei Golf & Country Club

Last but not least, don't miss Portugal's premier golf destination, the Monte Rei Golf & Country Club, set on 1,000 acres in the Eastern Algarve between the Serra do Caldeirão Mountains and the Atlantic Ocean. The Jack Nicklaus Signature Course consistently ranks among the top courses in Portugal and is renowned for its unparalleled golf and impeccable service that elevates every experience on the property. The 18-hole North Course was meticulously designed by Jack Nicklaus to be as beautiful as it is challenging, with penalty areas influencing play on 11 holes. As Jack Nicklaus said, "We're fortunate that the North Course has received tremendous acclaim in the region and throughout the world. We're very proud of what we accomplished."



Monte Rei Golf & Country Club offers unrivaled golf, service, and luxurious accommodations and amenities.

In addition, Monte Rei offers luxurious accommodations, ranging from two- to four-bedroom villas, exquisitely appointed for an unmatched opportunity to combine golf with the ultimate in relaxation. Monte Rei also features a wide range of leisure, cultural, and dining experiences—from its beautiful grounds to its tennis courts, fitness center, spa, steam room, and pools to create an unforgettable stay.

LEFT: ELEGANT VILLAS COME WITH A VARIETY OF AMENITIES. SOME OFFER PRIVATE POOLS.



Seaside Bliss On and Off the Course in the Algarve

The Algarve region offers more possibilities for golf, making it even harder to decide where to play, much less stay. Fortunately, local golf tour operators like Tee Times Golf Holidays are available to manage your entire trip—from transfers and accommodations to tee times and club rentals. They can help you rent a car or hire a driver for your trip!

One amazing option is the adults-only Palmares Beach House in Lagos, where elegance and luxury meet world-class golf. The boutique hotel lies between the 27-hole Palmares Golf Course and the Atlantic Ocean to create one of Portugal's most scenic and highly rated golf experiences. Three distinct nines—a seaside links challenge, an elevated parkland round, and a combination parkland and lakeside nine—offer unique experiences for golfers of all abilities. After your round, spend time poolside or soaking in the views from your balcony, then head to Lagos for dinner and a stroll through the historic old town and marina.



PALMARES GOLF COURSE BLENDS THREE DISTINCT NINE-HOLE GOLF EXPERIENCES. RIGHT: INCREDIBLE VIEWS FROM THE BALCONY OF A ROOM AT THE ADULTS-ONLY PALMARES BEACH HOUSE.



Other Options for Golf

If you prefer a sanctuary where you can get lost in the natural beauty of the Algarve's lush greenery, consider the NAU Morgado Golf & Country Club where you can play the Morgado or Alamos Golf Course and stay at the NAU Morgado Golf Hotel. Looking for more golf? Head to the classic Villamoura Old Course, which is in absolutely pristine condition after an extensive renovation. It's one not to miss. And, don't forget the Quinta do Lago Golf Course & Resort, where your golf experience is shaped by forests, lakes, and the gorgeous surrounding area. Choose from three award-winning courses: the South (which hosted the Portuguese Open), the North, and Laranjal. Beyond the golf experience, there's an entire campus with rental homes & a hotel, plus real estate, a fitness center, restaurants, and more.

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