

# COURSE FACT SHEET



## HOSSEGOR GOLF COURSE HOSSEGOR, FRANCE

One of the great original golf courses of south west France, this private club exemplifies the French approach to the game, where the focus on gastronomic excellence is treated with almost the same reverence as the game itself.

Originally laid out in 1927, Hossegor is sculpted through, over and around enormous sand dunes, which are almost completely forested with huge pine trees and French Oaks. Although the course is largely flat, there are some significant elevation changes here, and as the course is already quite long for such an old course, many holes are very challenging indeed for the average golfer. Excellent, undulating greens have many subtle breaks compounded by the shifting subsoil over the last 80 years.

The clubhouse features a large stone terrace with a view to the 18th green where a leisurely and very fine lunch is served with an array of local wines to complement your round.

Measuring some 6600 yards, the course is well watered and running fairways are rare. Many holes on this course are out-standing but the par 3 5th hole, measuring some 198 metres from the back tees to a severely uphill green with two tiers is surely one of the most memorable. Miss it short and your ball will likely come rolling back down the approach, miss it left over the path into the gorse and trees and your ball will likely be lost. If misdirected right, the severe slope may be kind enough to throw your ball back to the green or again may be lost in the brush. A par here is a rare treat, and players would be well advised to select their tee according to their ability.

This is a unique, old fashioned club and course. In the years since the course was built, homes and holiday villas of great style have appeared around the course, but it is not in any way a re-sort course of the modern era. There are virtually no buildings on the course grounds itself and in fact, one would hardly know you are playing golf in the centre of Hossegor.

