

## SEIGNOSSE GOLF COURSE

## HOSSEGOR, FRANCE

Seignosse Golf course, located some 30 minutes north of Biarritz in the sand dunes which border the Atlantic Ocean, is a big, tough golf course which can sometimes feel like it is made for those of serious golf ability only. With many severe elevation changes, it is cut through pine trees, has long narrow fairways, and excellent fast greens. A number of holes play across and around water as well, so this is a course which tests your mind as much as your skill.

Having laid out this 6800 yard challenge, it is well to say that this is actually a very playable golf course. Plenty of holes are better tackled without the driver, and playing for accuracy might well leave a little longer shot into the greens, but these are usually quite receptive, and well hit shots will hold the putting surface.

Seignosse can be a serious challenge if you find the course well watered with little run - as is often the case during the hot weather in this region. The 18th hole measures over 600 yards uphill and is the epitome of a modern, challenging Par 5. The tee shot appears to favour a slight draw as the fairway bends slightly to the right. However, your second shot, likely to be a fairway wood, requires a shot with a slight fade as you will need to ap-proach the green right of the imposing pine trees which hang over the fairway some 400 yards from the tee. A good second will leave you anywhere from 100 to 200 yards, depending on your length, to a very elevated green which slopes right to left on one side of the green and left to right on the other. The entire green is canted toward you so a shot beyond the pin leaves a very difficult putt for par. This hole is really a masterpiece, and a rare par here will make your classic lunch taste even better

It is important to choose your tees carefully here, particularly during hot periods when there is little run on the fairways. This is a wonderful course which you will remember for years to come.







