



7 DAYS OF GOLF ON THE LISBON COAST

Enjoy award winning golf and Algarve sun, in sea and coastal settings unique in Europe

For those that love great golf and beautiful hotels, this holiday is a perfect fit. The Estoril & Sintra Golf Coast, with its big sandy beaches, has nine superb golf courses to choose from. These are truly wonderful designs by the world's most famous golf course architects, in stunning locations, and many have lovely sea views. This unique part of Europe, just half an hour from Lisbon International Airport, offers good weather all year round among its many attractions. Here you will find Europe's largest casino, excellent hotels and restaurants, Sintra's World Heritage area full of culture and history, sparkling nightlife, great shopping and a whole lot more. All within easy driving distance of our three fabulous hotels!

Arriving into Lisbon Airport, your holiday begins with a short journey north. About 20 minutes up the coast is the out-standing 5 star **Hotel Palacio**, the centrepiece of Estoril and one of the great European landmarks. Wherever you choose to stay, you will have an opportunity to play the wonderful McKenzie Ross **Estoril Golf Club**. This classic course was home to the Portuguese Open for many years, but is distinguished by its very challenging Par 3's. After golfing in Estoril, you can enjoy one of the grandest Casinos in Europe, or perhaps some of the excellent seaside restaurants, a short walk up the beach in Cascais.

Another favourite is the 5* resort of **Penha Longa**, a 15th Century monastery converted into one of the finest resorts in Europe, and now owned by the Ritz-Carlton chain. Penha Longa is home to one of the finest Golf courses in Portugal, designed by Robert Trent Jones and opened in 1992. This championship course is ranked among the best in Europe. It hosted the Portuguese Open in 1994 and 1995, and the Estoril Open in 1999.

Another outstanding course, and also home to a very fine resort, is **Quinta da Marinha**. This carefully maintained par-71, 18-hole golf course was also designed by Robert Trent Jones. It offers stimulating challenges amidst the natural beauty of a variety of forest and ocean landscapes. **Oitavos Golfe** is set among pine woods and reforested dunes, in an area of great natural beauty, surrounded by the Sintra mountains to the North and by the Atlantic Ocean to the South and West. It was also home to the Portuguese Open in 2008.

Praia D'El Rey, near the medieval town of Óbidos on Portugal's unspoilt west coast, is arguably the most stunning golf course in Europe. It is set among extensive pine forests and undulating dunes, with spectacular views over the Atlantic and the Berlenga Islands beyond. In 2007 it was ranked as the best Golf Resort in Europe by the International Association of Golf Tour Operators. (IAGTO).

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- ◇ For fast quotes, call Athlone at +1 250.865.4051, or e-mail wayne@athlonegolftours.com
- ◇ Some of the featured Golf courses are Private, member owned Golf Clubs. Visitors are restricted to certain days and times of the week, and members events and competitions have priority on many days.
- ◇ Tee-times at all golf clubs are booked a maximum of 90 days in advance.
- ◇ Sometimes we have to substitute courses due to availability, but we will always make you aware of any substitutions and use equivalent courses only.
- ◇ These clubs have a dress code, both on the course and in the Clubhouses. Please respect it and avoid tee-shirts, denim, and clothing with large, non-golf related logo's
- ◇ Golf Handicap certificates are asked for at a number of Portuguese clubs. Generally, 26 is the maximum for men and 36 for ladies
- ◇ All local taxes and fuel surcharges are included and are correct at the time of publication, but are subject to change.
- ◇ Caddies are rarely available in Europe.
- ◇ Carts = Buggies. Buggies are often available in Europe, and some of the more modern courses have long distances between greens and tees or are built on very hilly terrain. In these cases, we will usually recommend For a small fee, payable on the day, pull carts are al-ways available, as well as battery powered self propelling carts
- ◇ Car Rentals, are generally standard transmission, not automatic. Please specify if you wish to have automatic.
- ◇ Weather: November, December and January and early February can be cool and very wet. Atlantic storms are common and these months are to be avoided. From March onwards the weather improves, and the summers can be very hot, with temperatures in the mid 30's not uncommon. September is an excellent month, and so is October, but sometime in this month courses often undergo significant Maintenance and greens tees and fairways are usually aerated at this time, making play less enjoyable.

Photo: Estoril