



7 DAYS OF SPECTACULAR GOLF IN THE PORTUGUESE ALGARVE

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

If you love great golf and sunshine, the Algarve is the perfect venue for a fall, winter or spring break. Well known to golfers from all over the world, the Algarve's 30 + courses are prized for the beauty and quality of their layouts, many of them designed by some of the most highly regarded course architects. You can look forward to some good weather, some good golf, great food and even some fine wine. We have selected 3 fine hotels in great locations, to suit most budgets.

Your itinerary has outstanding golf courses, including many of the classics, as well as the brand new **Monte Rei Golf Club**, set in the hills at the eastern end of the Algarve and destined to become one of the most sought after courses in Portugal. A Jack Nicklaus Signature Course, it features 18 totally unique golf holes, including 5 par 5's and 5 par 3's, and is already receiving rave reviews having just opened in June 2007.

The tour would not be complete without the lovely **Vila Sol** golf course, a classic Donald Steel design from 1991 and featuring the toughest opening holes in the Algarve. Vila Sol fits beautifully into the environment in which it was laid out, and in 2005 Golf Digest rated it the 8th best course in Portugal, an award which is fully justified. It has a difficult start, and the first three holes are ranked 5th, 3rd and hardest holes on the course. It also has a great 19th hole, which sits directly beside the final fairway. This provides those who have already finished a fine opportunity to watch approach shots to the 18th wind up in their cocktail glass.

You will also play the classic **Vilamoura Old Course**, one of the first Golf Clubs built in the Algarve and designed by the great Frank Pennink along the lines of a classic British Inland layout. Often described as the Grande Dame of Algarve courses, it meanders throughout impressive umbrella pine trees, the principal hazard, over gently undulating natural terrain.

Another highlight will be the outstanding **San Lorenzo Golf Club**, surely one of the best courses in the world, set amongst the estuary of the Ria Formosa Nature Reserve, and featuring several seaside holes together with abundant wildlife. In 2005, San Lorenzo was ranked as the best course in Portugal by Golf Digest and one

Another outstanding course on your tour will include either **Quinta do Lago, North or South Course**, the latter home to the Portuguese Open on no less than 8 occasions. Quinta do Lago has been ranked by Golf Digest magazine among the world's top 20 golf destinations.

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- ◇ For fast quotes, call Athlone Golf and Sports at +1 250.864.4051 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
- ◇ All local taxes and fuel surcharges are included and are correct at the time of publication, but are subject to change.
- ◇ Golf Handicap certificates are asked for at a number of Portuguese clubs. Generally, 26 is the maximum for men and 36 for ladies
- ◇ 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 carts. If preferred, for a small fee payable on the day pull carts are always 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: Good weather for almost the whole year in the Algarve. The coast of Africa is not far away! You can get very lucky with the weather in December and January—and pricing outside Christmas can be very competitive. The rain tends to come and go very quickly, but is warm. Ideal months are March through November. The summer is very hot indeed, temperatures in the mid 30's are not uncommon. Course aeration and maintenance tends to happen in mid to late October.

Photo: Quinta do Lago