



Parque da Floresta

# GOLF COURSES



Penina Golf Course

#### PARQUE DA FLORESTA GOLF COURSE

The setting of this course is in the most western part of the Algarve. The architect of this course has created a fascinating course that presents visually attractive views of the surrounding countryside lined on the horizon by the sea. The fairways roll up and down through hills demanding accurate shots and good placing. The Par-3 fifteenth hole of 159 meters is a golfer dream.

##### Description of the course

Nº holes: 18; PAR: 72; Handicaps: Men - 28, Ladies - 36

**Facilities:** Driving Range · Putting Green · Golf Academy · Pro Shop · Tennis · Bowling · Horse Riding · Restaurant & Bar · Heated Outdoor & Indoor Pools · Children's Pool · Gymnasium · Health & Beauty Centre

#### PALMARES GOLF COURSE

This course is laid out on the side of a south-facing hill overlooking the Bay of Lagos. It is questionably the most attractive location of all the golf courses in the Algarve. The views as you play your round are quite breathtaking. Five of the holes are placed on the sand dunes with the fifth, a par-5 of 550 meters making a real challenge. At present there are no villas clustering the fairways so the feeling of openness as you play is very refreshing.

##### Description of the course

Nº holes: 18; PAR: 71; Handicaps: Men - 28, Ladies - 36

**Facilities:** Driving Range · Putting Green · Pro Shop · Restaurant & Bar

#### MORGADO DO REGUENGO

Lying to the north of Portimão it is laid out in a large 980 hectare estate through undulating small valleys. The immediate main characteristic factor is its large greens which place demand on good putting skills. Also, the accuracy of the player's shot will be questioned by deep aggressive bunkers. A further 18 hole course is already in the planning stage.

The Clubhouse, with its sober architecture and spacious social areas, has a perfect location and a wonderful view over Morgado Golf Course, particularly from the south terrace which looks out over the entire driving range and twelve of the eighteen holes. At 6,399 meters long, the PAR 73, Morgado Golf Course, is one of the longest in the region.

##### Description of the course

Nº holes: 18; PAR 73; Handicaps: Men - 28, Ladies - 36

**Facilities:** Driving Range, Putting Green, Buggies, Trolleys, Club Hire, Pro-shop, Golf Academy, Restaurant, Bar.

#### PENINA ACADEMY GOLF COURSE

The Academy Course originally nicknamed the North Course remains a pleasant 9 Holes with an inviting large lake on the par-3 third and a generously long par-5 on the fourth.

##### Description of the course

Nº holes: 9; PAR: 30;

**Facilities:** Driving Range · Putting Green · Golf Academy · Pro Shop · Tennis · Restaurant & Bar

#### PENINA CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSE

Sir Henry Cotton, is the grandfather of courses in the Algarve and a permanent living memory to its architect and active promoter. Originally paddy fields for rice growing rice have been converted into a flat challenging course and especially for the stronger player. Something short of half a million shrubs and trees were planted in the conversion. As the fairways are flat Henry Cotton introduced strategically placed water hazards to catch the unwary long hitter.

##### Description of the course

Nº holes: 18; PAR: 73; Handicaps: Men - 27, Ladies - 34

**Facilities:** Driving Range · Putting Green · Golf Academy · Pro Shop · Tennis · Restaurant & Bar

#### PINTA GOLF COURSE

This is a well laid out and interesting course. Set in a truly Algarve landscape with almond, olive and carob trees decorating the course that rolls through small valleys and hills. Some of the olive trees are reputed to be in the region of 1,500 years old. Two holes that deserve special mention are the par-3 tenth and the par-5 thirteenth. The former has a large bunker defending the green against your shot, the latter, winds through a valley for 541 meters.

##### Description of the course

Nº holes: 18; PAR: 71; Handicap: Men - 28, Ladies - 36

**Facilities:** Driving Range, Putting Green, Pitching Area with Bunker, Buggies, Trolleys, Club Rental, Golf Academy, Pro-Shop, Esplanade, Snack Bar, Apartments.

#### SALGADOS

Situated in one of the best-known regions of the Algarve, between Albufeira and Armação de Pera, Salgados is already one of the symbols of the Portuguese golf. In fact, the proximity of the sea and the variety of lakes make this a very interesting test of golfing skills, different to other courses in the Algarve.

The original project is by the Portuguese designer Pedro de Vasconcelos, with more recent contributions from other Portuguese architects. But the final layout has been heavily influenced by Robert Muir Graves.

The 6,000 metre links, replete with water obstacles, is not very long, yet you will need all your skills to reach the greens. The accuracy of the drive is crucial for achieving good scores, thus making the course a pleasant experience, especially for technically-skilled players.

The eighteen holes are well balanced, as each half of the course has two Par 5 holes of around 500 metres and three Par 3 of more than 170 metres.

##### Description of the course

Nº holes: 18; PAR: 72; Handicap: Men - 28, Ladies - 36

**Facilities:** Driving Range, Putting and Chipping Green, Practice Bunker, Academy, Trolleys, Buggies, Club Hire, Pro-Shop, Restaurant, Bar, Beach.



Laguna Golf Course

#### GRAMACHO GOLF COURSE

This was originally a nine hole course which has been extended and cleverly redesigned to become a fully fledged 18-hole course. A formidable challenge to its designer! The course covers undulating terrain with olive, almond and carob trees scattered as planted years before by the local farmers. The course is designed for the player to be technically accurate and to know which club to choose before hitting the ball. Anything less will quickly increase his score.

##### Description of the course

Nº holes: 18; PAR: 71; Handicaps: Men - 28, Ladies - 36

**Facilities:** Driving Range, Putting Green, Pitching Area with Bunker, Trolleys, Club Rental, Pro-Shop, Buggies, Golf Academy, Restaurant, Snack Bar, Villas, Apartments

#### THE OLD COURSE

The Old Course was designed by architect Frank Pennink. Opened in 1969, it was completely remodeled in 1996 when several improvements were introduced and a new clubhouse built. The course is renowned for the way the designer skillfully utilized the natural contours of the land, maintaining the native vegetation, consisting mainly of pinewoods. This is one of the courses in Portugal that will always stand out in the memory of visiting golfers.

##### Description of the course

Nº holes: 18; PAR: 73; Handicap: Men - 24, Ladies - 28

**Facilities:** Club House, pro-shop, restaurant, bar, buggy bar in the course, valet service, putting-green, driving-range.

#### LAGUNA GOLF COURSE

Laguna Golf Course comprises holes of widely varied playing conditions, a typical trait of American designer, Joseph Lee. This applies to both the opening nine holes, inaugurated in 1990, and the back nine, which were ready for play in 1993. Unlike the other Vilamoura courses, Laguna is located on relatively flat, open terrain. The basis of its modern design is its strategic placement of bunkers and water hazards, which demand accuracy of play.

##### Description of the course

Nº holes: 18; PAR: 72; Handicap: Men - 28, Ladies - 36

**Facilities:** Clubhouse, pro-Shop, restaurant, bar, buggy bar in the course, putting-green, driving-range with bunker and chipping area.

#### PINHAL GOLF COURSE

Pinhal Golf Course opened in 1976. The original course was designed by architect Frank Pennink, and in 1985 the famous architect, Robert Trent Jones, introduced several modifications. As a result, different styles are apparent in the layout. The first nine holes wind through umbrella pine woods while the back nine, returning gently uphill, move through terrain that opens up to magnificent sea views.

##### Description of the course

Nº holes: 18; PAR: 72; Handicaps: Men - 28, Ladies - 36

**Facilities:** Clubhouse, pro-shop, restaurant, bar, bar on the course, putting-green, driving-range with chipping area.

#### MILLENNIUM GOLF COURSE

Millennium Golf Course was designed by architect Martin Hawtree, and opened in May 2000. A great deal of forethought went into the planning and the Millennium Golf Course is surely destined to become one of the most attractive courses built to date in Portugal. In a beautiful setting within the pinewoods and natural countryside it has a layout that offers variety and interest for the golfer.

##### Description of the course

Nº holes: 18; PAR: 72; Handicaps: Men - 28, Ladies - 36

**Facilities:** Clubhouse, pro-shop, restaurant, bar, buggy bar in the course, putting-green, driving-range with bunker and chipping area. South/north direction, when hitting from the northern tees, one may appreciate a magnificent view of the mountains as well as of the Ocean. But from any part of the course, both the sea and the Algarvean mountains are a delight to anyone's eyes.

#### VICTORIA CLUBE DE GOLFE

Victoria Clube de Golfe is a championship course occupying a total area of 90 hectares and with a total distance of 6,560 meters. Every care has been taken to ensure the preservation of the existing wetlands, the typical vegetation of carob, olives and almond trees, and several lakes, occupying 13 hectares, providing mirrors of water and strategic reservoirs for watering purposes. With 5/6 tees per hole, wide and undulating fairways, extensive water obstacles and well positioned bunkers; Victoria will reward heroic and ambitious shots. Another major attraction is formed by an exceptional driving range and by an enormous putting green area of around 2,500m<sup>2</sup>. Playing on this course will become a unique and unforgettable experience, to any player. Arnold Palmer's most recent project in Portugal is destined to become one of the best and most sophisticated golf courses in Europe. One extraordinary fact concerning Victoria is that the Palmer design team masterly created 18 greens with totally different shapes and sizes. This is one of the distinguishing characteristics of the course, and for which local knowledge will be an advantage.

##### Description of the course

Nº holes: 18; PAR: 72; Handicap: Men - 24, Ladies - 28

**Facilities:** Driving Range, Putting Green, Pro-Shop, Buggy-Bar, Restaurant and Bar of the Club House



San Lorenzo Golf Course

#### PINHEIROS ALTOS

Bordering the 18,300 hectare Natural Park of Ria Formosa - which provides a habitat for many species of birds and has much interesting vegetation - Pinheiros Altos was designed by Ronald Fream of the USA. Later the course was redeveloped by Peter McEvoy and Howard Swan.

This is a highly original and distinctive course, with two sets of nine holes that possess completely opposing characteristics. While the first nine holes are over rolling sandy underground with gentle pine trees, the shorter second half runs through hills dotted with lakes that present the main obstacles for the golfers on this course. Since its inauguration in June 92, the course has gained a reputation as the favourite pre-season practice ground for several of today's top professional golfers. They are drawn to the large practice ground which includes three putting-greens, areas for bunker, chip shots and several greens. There are also comprehensive programmes of tuition for golfers of all levels. Weekly programs with individual lessons include video analysis of golfers' swings.

##### Description of the course

Nº holes: 18; PAR 73; Handicaps: Men - 28, Ladies - 36

**Facilities:** Driving Range, 3 Putting Greens, 2 Pitching areas (with bunkers), Proshot Computers, Trolleys, Buggies, Caddies, Club hire, Pro-shop, Restaurants, Bars. Golf Academy fitted with the A Star 400 Series Golf Teaching System - individual or group tuition, multilingual PGA instructors.

#### QUINTA DO LAGO NORTH GOLF COURSE

The course has four great par-5 Holes requiring power and accuracy to play them well, also providing superb views. The par-3 Holes are well influenced by the wind. Hole 14 is outstanding. The par-4s are all doglegs except for Holes 10 and 13. Precision driving is vital to set up the chance of a low score. The lakes on Holes 13 and 18 claim many victims. The course favors the player who can draw the ball.

##### Description of the course

Nº holes: 18; PAR: 72; Handicaps: Men - 28, Ladies - 36

**Facilities:** Driving Range · Putting Green · Chipping Green · Golf Academy · Pro-Shop · Restaurants & Bars

#### QUINTA DO LAGO SOUTH GOLF COURSE

This is the course that has been used several times for the Portuguese Open. The course favors the long hitter, but requires the player to pick a particular route to score well. Although both anti-clockwise loops, the first nine suggests a draw, whilst the second favors a fade from the tee. Holes 3, 15 and 17, feature lakes that must be negotiated. Holes 8, 10, 15 and 18, are the most testing for the scratch player while Holes 2, 3, 5, 12, 13 and 17, offer the best possibilities of birdies. An enjoyable experience for players of all standards.

##### Description of the course

Nº holes: 18; PAR: 72; Handicaps: Men - 28, Ladies - 36

**Facilities:** Driving Range · Putting Green · Pro Shop · Golf Academy, Restaurant & Bar

#### BENAMOR GOLF COURSE

This course is endorsing its growing reputation for its player enjoyment and with the recent improvement of the access from the "Via de Infante" to Tavira this makes the whole area much quicker to reach. The course is laid out on mainly undulating land the course offers pleasant views both to the Atlantic Ocean and the hills of the Serra do Caldeirão. Players' accuracy is particularly called upon by the architect's retention of as many of the old trees as feasible. These natural obstacles coupled with strategic placed bunkers and occasional water hazards make the course a worthwhile challenge.

##### Description of the course

Nº holes: 18; PAR: 71; Handicap: Men - 28, Ladies - 36

**Facilities:** Driving Range · Putting Green & Putting Course · Golf Academy · Pro Shop · Restaurant & Bar

#### SAN LORENZO

The superb and well frequented San Lorenzo Golf Course, designed by Joseph Lee and owned by Le Meridien Dona Filipa, was recently considered one of the best golf courses in Europe and, in 1993, was voted Continental Europe's third best golf course by the magazine Golf World.

The hotel and golf club are unique when it comes to outstanding views, a calm and tranquil setting, and shows nature at its best. The golf club is a member of the Audubon Co-operative Sanctuary System.

The course features large fast greens and undulating fairways which meander through avenues of pine trees. There are some spectacular holes overlooking the sea, which border lakes abundant with wildlife.

Situated in the Quinta do Lago development and forming part of the Natural Park of Ria Formosa, a round on this course begins with an enticing but almost unachievable Par 5, before continuing to the three following holes along rolling, pine tree-fringed fairways. It is from hole number 5, however, that the most extraordinary part begins, offering wonderful views over the Atlantic Ocean. At hole number eight the course turns back inland and faces the largest of the lakes. For the next four holes the course again turns seawards and ends with the daunting 18th, with a semi-island green, to quote a cliché, is one of the best finishing holes in golf. San Lorenzo is beautifully maintained and set in an unspoilt area of natural beauty. A handicap limit of 28 for men and 36 for ladies applies. The course also has an excellent practice area.

##### Description of the course

Nº holes: 18; PAR 72; Handicaps: MEN 28, Ladies - 36

**Facilities:** Driving-range, Chipping and Bunker practice area, putting green, Club Hire, Trolleys, Buggies, Academy, Golf Shop, Bar, Restaurant



Quinta da Ria Golf Course

#### QUINTA DA RIA GOLF COURSE

The first of two 18-hole golf courses extends itself in a spectacular location on the coast of the eastern Algarve, known locally as "Sotavento". Quinta da Ria, situated in the Ria Formosa Nature Reserve, has already been described by experienced golfers as the most breathtaking golf course in the Region.

In fact, there will be no houses, or villas, or apartments to distract you from your game: just you and nature. And, please, "Don't let the view spoil your golf either!". The other 18-hole golf course - Quinta de Cima - is also available. Together with Quinta da Ria, this new 36-hole parkland golf complex will be a must in the eastern Algarve: it is not possible to hide it any longer!

##### Description of the course

Nº holes: 18; PAR: 72; Handicaps: Men - 27, Ladies - 35

**Facilities:** Golf Lessons · Pro Shop · Snack Bar

#### QUINTA DE CIMA GOLF COURSE

Eighteen holes skilfully scattered by an area of 620.000 m<sup>2</sup>, the Cima Course show themselves very competitive with dog-legs to the right and to the left and greens well protected by sand hazards and lakes, particularly holes 16, 17 and 18. A stream with dams and permanent flowing water crosses holes 4, 5, 6 and 13. The course is bordered to the north by the National Road 125 and spreads to the south, where its limits are a municipal road that leads to the Ria Course.

The greens have been seeded with Bent Crenshaw. Tees and fairways are covered with Zoysia.

In one of the Driving Ranges, with generous dimensions and built in the south/north direction, when hitting from the northern tees, one may appreciate a magnificent view of the mountains as well as of the Ocean. But from any part of the course, both the sea and the Algarvean mountains are a delight to anyone's eyes.

##### Description of the course

Nº holes: 18; PAR: 72; Handicaps: Men - 27, Ladies - 35

**Facilities:** Golf Lessons · Pro Shop · Snack Bar

#### CASTRO MARIM GOLF COURSE

Located close to the historic town of Castro Marim the course runs through undulating hills dotted with pines and occasional views across the River Guadiana to neighboring Spain. This course calls for careful play with strategically placed water hazards and fairway terrain that can place you in trouble. This is not mention the well placed bunkers waiting for an erring ball. The par-3 on the seventeenth is a hole that calls for special club selection with bunkers in front of the green and a lake behind, whilst at the same time subject to the prevailing winds off the sea.

##### Description of the course

Nº holes: 18; PAR: 71; Handicaps: Men - 28, Ladies - 36

**Facilities:** Driving Range · Putting Green · Golf Academy · Pro Shop Restaurant & Bar

#### ISLANTILLA

Designed by Enrique Canales and Luis Recasens this 27-hole course has opened in 1992. Already one year later it hosted the PGA European Challenge Tour.

The course is immersed in a forest of pine trees with wonderful views to the Atlantic Ocean and the beach. It has three choices of 18 holes for 3 different styles of play: Blue Course very demanding and designed for low handicappers Green Course, combines the needs for accuracy and length; ideal for average handicaps Yellow Course, the easiest one, and perfect for higher handicappers.

##### Description of the course

Nº holes: 3x9 PAR : 71

#### CLUB DE GOLF BELLAVISTA

The Bellavista golf course, located three kilometres away from the sea, which can be seen from the course, has wide fairways and several doglegs in the first part.

The twelfth hole is one of the most difficult, a par 2 requiring a good drive to be in a good position to send the next shot to the green.

##### Description of the course

Nº holes: 18 PAR : 69

#### PENHA LONGA

Penha Longa is a fabulous eighteen-hole course situated in Sintra, only twenty minutes from Lisbon. It forms part of the Protected Landscape Area of Sintra and Cascais.

Robert Trent Jones II, the architect of the course, designed it to best take account of the steeply sloping terrain and excellent views of the surrounding landscape, across the mountains to the sea beyond. This means that the first three holes and the final three are laid out in a valley wooded with pines and studded with granite outcrops.

The sixth to the 13th holes, meanwhile, have been built on a hill offering extensive views over the region.

Its championship characteristics - as well as its excellent level of maintenance - contributed to its being selected, just two years after its inauguration, to host the Portuguese Open Championship. It was unanimously voted by golf professionals as one of the best courses on the European Circuit. In 1995 Penha Longa inaugurated a new nine hole course - Mosteiro.

##### Description of the course

Nº holes: 18 ; PAR 72 Handicaps: Men - 28, Ladies - 36

**Facilities:** Driving Range, Putting Green, Pitching Aea (with bunkers), Trolleys, Buggies, Club Hire, Pro-shop, Restaurant, Bar, Hotel



Victoria Clube de Golfe

#### LISBON SPORTS CLUB

Established in 1880 by English residents of Lisbon, it was only in 1964 that the club took up its permanent home, the Casal da Carregueira, which is in Belas, some 15 kilometers from Lisbon.

The course, which originally had only 14 holes, has recently been enlarged to 18 holes. Its overall length is now 5,233 meters for a Par 69.

Crossed by a stream that influence the game on at least 12 holes, the round starts out with a Par 3. A number of difficulties - woods to the left, stream on the right, and bunkers on both sides - challenge the player even with his first shot.

Then, before the golfer is properly warmed up, he has to face another Par 3, though this time with even greater difficulties because of its 180 metre length. Up until the final hole (a tricky Par 4 crossed in the middle by the stream) the player can enjoy unforgettable contact with nature, and admire the cypresses, the eucalypti and wild flowers, while at the same time facing up to shots that tax his imagination. The original house on the property has been converted into the clubhouse. Its colonial style is very welcoming, and from its terrace one can see the fairways of holes 5 and 18.

##### Description of the course

Nº holes: 18 ; PAR 69

**Facilities:** Driving Range, Putting Green, Pitching Green (with bunkers), Trolleys, Caddies, Club Hire, Pro-shop, Children's Nursery, Restaurant, Bar, Tennis Courts, Sauna, Swimming Pool, Golf Shop.

#### ESTORIL

Internationally famous for its location near the luxurious beach resort of Estoril, the course was designed by Mackenzie Ross. However a number of alterations have been made to its original layout.

The architect has made excellent use of the pine trees and eucalyptuses, which together with the uneven terrain make this course challenging in terms of accuracy rather than distance.

It is a short course, covering 5,200 metres for a Par 69, providing an engrossing challenge. Its hole number 16 is internationally well known; a Par 3 of 184 metres. The Estoril course hosted the Portuguese Open Championship between 1953 and 1972, and also in 1977 and 1987, as well as several non-Pro international Championships. For that reason famous golfers of the calibre of Ramon Sota, Max Faulkner, Seve Ballesteros, Bernard Gallacher, Peter Aliss and many others have played here.

For less experienced golfers there is another nine holes.

##### Description of the course

Nº holes: 18 + 9 ; PAR 69 + 34; Handicaps: Men - 28 , Ladies - 36

**Facilities:** Driving Range, Putting Green, Pitching Area, Trolleys, Caddies, Club Hire, Pro-shop, Restaurant, Bar, Swimming Pool.

#### QUINTA DA BELOURA

This is one of the newest golf course built on the Estoril Coast, set in a 60 hectare area half way between Cascais and Sintra.

It was designed by Rocky Roquemore of the United States.

The Quinta da Beloura course forms part of a residential development; it is very flat and so provides a pleasurable but not exhausting game. Its eighteen holes, with excellent views over the Sintra mountain range, extend over 5,878 metres for a Par 72.

Along the fairways, more than 40,000 trees have been planted. Oaks, pines, palm trees, cedars and magnolias all create a beautiful green landscape. Several lakes help to create an enchanting scenery. These lakes are also the spots where golfers will experience greater difficulties. The parallel holes 16 and 17 have narrow fairways with a lake between them, requiring very accurate drives.

At the eighteenth hole, a 384 metres Par 4, the green is hidden behind the largest lake, which creates an exciting and a beautiful finish to your game.

##### Description of the course

Nº holes: 18 ; PAR 73

**Facilities:** Driving Range, Putting Green, Trolleys, Buggies, Club Hire, Pro-shop, Restaurant, Bar, Meeting Rooms, Health Club.

#### QUINTA DA MARINHA

Located on the famous Estoril Coast, 25 kilometers from Lisbon, the Quinta da Marinha course was designed by Robert Trent Jones and is set in a private estate of 110 hectares, wooded with pine trees.

The architect has worked on the flat terrain, laying out the course over 6,071 metres for a Par 71.

The most spectacular hole on this course is hole number 13, a Par 4 of 339 metres sloping down towards the sea. Once on the green, the golfer has the Atlantic Ocean as background. The whole of Quinta da Marinha's course is surrounded by beautiful panoramic views. The following hole (a Par 3) requires a very precise shot for the ball to cross a cliff and reach a wide but not very deep green.

For most of the course, however, the fairways face inland with the beautiful outline of the Sintra mountain range forming their background. Many bunkers and a number of lakes make the player's task even more difficult. Hole number 10, for instance, has a green entirely surrounded by water. In 1988 this course hosted the EMS - Quinta da Marinha Ladies Masters, a test which forms part of the Women's Professional European Circuit. It was won by the South African Laurette Maritz-Atkins.

##### Description of the course

Nº holes: 18 ; PAR 71; Handicaps: Men - 28 , Ladies - 36

**Facilities:** Driving Range, Putting Green, Trolleys, Buggies, Club Hire, Pro-shop, Restaurant, Bar, Tennis Courts, Swimming Pool, Hotel.