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Ranking and rating the 100 best places to stay and play



WELCOME

Never have I wanted to have more pages for a Top 100 ranking than this month. It is nearly 40 pages in size and dominates the magazine – I don't think anyone can suggest we aren't taking these Top 100s seriously! But there are so many more resorts I would love to have showcased with bigger pictures.

I've tried to pick out resorts from different parts of the world and with a different look in a bid to illustrate the fact there is something for everyone.

There are resorts from 33 countries and with so much variety – some are very golf-centric, others have especially amazing accommodation, plenty have so much to do away from the course. Among this diversity, there are two themes: many are spectacular seaside entries; and many are expensive.

I do realise that precludes many from ever going to them, and we are very conscious of that; we want these Top 100s to be relevant and to be used as a guide to plan your trips. But adding a value element would have been so hard, given there are so many packages for so many resorts. Tracking all the deals available via third parties would have made this ranking impossible!

We have produced a GB&I £60 and Under ranking already and an Under £35 will follow in 2022. Believe me, we are very conscious of the cost of the top-end destinations.

And finally on this, we also hope there is some escapism, as we plough through a British winter, in looking at pictures of and reading about so many sun-kissed foreign fields.

HOW DID WE DO IT

Firstly, what is a golf resort? It's an important point to clarify as it explains why Resort X made it in yet Resort Y didn't. We define a resort like this: the course and accommodation have to be owned by the same company and the accommodation has to be on-site. Any time there is a short transfer time involved, the resort loses a mark in the 'setting' category.

Led by myself (I've been to 59 of the 100), well-travelled figures from the golf travel industry, in addition to our GB&I and continental Europe panels, assessed all 100 in these categories:

■ GOLF COURSE/S

The quality of the course/s – with second or third courses duly

recognised. **40 marks**

■ ACCOMMODATION

The range, quality and quantity of the accommodation. **20 marks**

■ NON-GOLF AMENITIES

Additional facilities that can make a resort a family and couples attraction. **20 marks**

■ SETTING

Lots of 14s and 15s for standard countryside locations, but those that drop jaws get a boost with 18 and 19s – occasionally even higher. **20 marks**

Golf is clearly still the key category in all of this, but we take accommodation and non-golf amenities into account fairly strongly, because we didn't want a list of 'courses with rooms' and to end up with a list of Top 100-ranked courses with a dormy house. We wanted to include rounded resorts that could appeal to couples and families as well as those for absolute golf nuts.

I hope you enjoy these next 30-plus pages – just be prepared to start feeling the travel itch very strongly.

Chris Bertram, Top 100 Editor



GOLF DU MEDOC
RESORT
BORDEAUX - FRANCE

MORE THAN JUST GOLF



CHÂTEAUX COURSE



Punta Espada, Eden Roc,
Dominican Republic



VIGNES COURSE



THE SCOTSMAN WHO STARTED A DYNASTY

David McLay Kidd on his big Bandon break

My father was a greenkeeper and eventually estates manager at Gleneagles, so I was around golf all my life. I took a landscape architecture degree and worked a little in the industry before joining Gleneagles myself. They had been bought by Guinness, who decided they were going to spread the Gleneagles brand by creating more Gleneagles-inspired resorts all over the world; Gleneagles New York or Gleneagles Caribbean. They created a small team to start that process and I spent the next few years travelling the world, looking at different sites Guinness were buying or thinking of buying. Gleneagles then decided not to build the 10 resorts they were planning and, towards the end of my time with Gleneagles Golf Development, through necessity we started to sell our services to third parties.

One of those services was me, as a course designer. And along came Mike Keiser who, strictly speaking, hired Gleneagles Golf Development to build Bandon Dunes. Every major design firm had looked at the land, but a friend of his, Rick Summers, who is a golf publisher on the East Coast and who also knew Ian Ferrier at Gleneagles, said, "Why don't you hire a Scotsman to do this project?" He said, "I would if I could find any". So that's how we came to be in touch.

I went over to Bandon Dunes with my father for a week and then met Mike and I thought, he's probably not going to hire me, so I was as blunt as a Scotsman can be. I said, "You're going to build a pastiche, American-style course with cart paths and crass things. However, if you weren't going to do that and were serious about building a links, these would be the fundamental things you would have to do. You'd have to make people walk, and keep the clubhouse away from the beach because the way the land is, the only way to get to the clubhouse would be to drive the access road through the course. No Scottish or Irish links would have that. Anyway, Mike liked what he heard and must've thought I had something about me, so invited me back again. In the autumn of 1997 I started building it and was there every single day until it was finished. I had been indoctrinated with this Scottish golfing sensibility my entire life and, aged 27, I found myself building a links in America. So I was spewing forth that fairways had to be wide, bunkers had to be strategic not penal, greens had to look like they were seamless in the landscape.

Did I think it would become the Mecca it is today? When we were building Bandon Dunes, Mike mused as to whether to offer only Bud or include Bud Light, and whether there would only be cheeseburgers on the menu. The expectation was that there would be fewer than 10,000 rounds a year, so the amenities would be minimal. So I guess the answer is a 'No'!

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BANDON DUNES

 PORTLAND, USA

Courses **40 (+10)** Accommodation **16**
Amenities **12** Setting **19** **TOTAL 97**

It had to be Bandon Dunes. With a staggering FOUR courses in our World Top 100 and the fifth a contender for that list, this golf Mecca in Oregon simply had to be our No.1 resort. As our marking system indicates, we want resorts that offer more than just great golf, and while Bandon's accommodation and especially non-golf amenities are limited compared to many in this list, four World Top 100 courses is simply bewildering. So much so that Mike Keiser's resort broke our marking system. Scoring Bandon 40/40 for its courses would have meant scoring other resorts unflatteringly low to compensate. We've thus adapted Bandon's marks, so the rest can look sensible. The five 18-holers – by David McLay Kidd, Tom Doak (2), Bill Coore-Ben Crenshaw (2) – plus a brilliant 13-hole Par 3 are the reasons you fly to Oregon. There are two inns, 44 cottages, a massage centre, fishing and hiking. But this is all about the golf – and it is, in no uncertain terms, the greatest show on earth.



A TOUCH OF CLASS

GLENEAGLES PERTH, SCOTLAND

Courses **36** Accommodation **20**
Amenities **20** Setting **18** **TOTAL 94**

Just three marks between Gleneagles and Bandon Dunes, yet they are so different in terms of what they offer. Of course Gleneagles has world-class golf of its own, with a World Top 100 entry (King's), a GB&I Top 100 entry (Queen's) and a Scottish Top 100 entry (PGA Centenary), but it can't compete with Bandon for quality and quantity of course. Nowhere can. Where Gleneagles becomes a much more attractive resort for many is in terms of its accommodation and non-golf amenities.

There was never any doubt Gleneagles would earn top marks in both categories. The bedrooms and public rooms of the grand hotel are exquisite, mixing old-world character with new-age luxury and amenities. The bathrooms alone are an experience in themselves; even those of us who dwell only briefly on pampering will linger longer among the opulence of the retro bath, sleek shower, high-end toiletries and fluffiest of towels.

The food has no peer, and regular readers will know we consider the breakfast at Gleneagles to be a bucket-list experience. Take your pick from the various watering holes, but take our advice and find time for at least one cocktail in The American Bar.

No resort in this ranking has more to do away from the course. There is gundog handling, archery, air rifle shooting, tennis, survival training, a spa and fitness centre, indoor and outdoor heated pools, off-road driving, horse riding, bike riding, fishing and many more we have forgotten.

But let's not overlook the golf. In the James Braid-designed King's and Queen's it has two of Britain's finest inland courses, courses that ooze enduring class and atmosphere. The King's is the star, a World Top 100 course that has a perfect balance between challenge and enjoyment for club golfers. The Queen's is a delight; playable and cute, a course you'd like to play time and again. And while the PGA Centenary is regarded as the No.3 here, that is very relative; it is a fixture in our Scottish Top 100 and a Ryder Cup host.

So, not the wealth of golf riches of Bandon, but for families and couples in particular, there is not a finer golf resort in the world. Very possibly the greatest No.2 we have had in all of our Top 100s. What a place.



Above The Gleneagles Estate is home to three championship courses, an elite practice facility and a nine-hole par 3 course.

Far left You may never want to leave the opulence of your bathroom.

Left The luxury hotel is surrounded by more than 850 acres of hill, field, stream and green. A 'glorious playground' for all.



Fancourt South Africa



3 171 HOLES ON SITE!
PINEHURST
 NORTH CAROLINA, USA
 Courses 40+2 Accommodation 18
 Amenities 17 Setting 16 **TOTAL 93**

Pinehurst has NINE courses and scores 93 yet isn't even second on the list – that's the mind-blowing quality at the top of this ranking. It's a list of one resort after another you'd give anything to visit. Its golf offering is akin to adding all the courses at Carnoustie to all those at Woburn to all those at Rosapenna. And they also have a fabulous nine-hole par 3 designed by Gil Hanse, The Cradle, which has quickly become a 'must play' part of any trip here. Like Bandon, it 'broke' our golf mark system. Among the 18-holers, No.2 is in our World Top 100 at No.8, a Donald Ross design that was renovated by Coore-Crenshaw before the US Open won by Martin Kaymer. The anchor site for the US Open, it is simply a

masterclass in course architecture. But it's not just about No.2 – far from it. In fact some even think it might not even be the best course on the property. No.4, by Hanse, has its fans, as does No.1, where it all started in 1898. No.3, created by Donald Ross in 1910, is a fun, sporty course that has all of the great Scot's design characteristics. Away from the 171 holes, there are three hotels, condominiums, villas, six restaurants, spa, lawn sports, tennis, hiking/ biking trails, fishing, fitness – as if you'll have time for anything but golf! And the hotels are top class. The Carolina has been dubbed the 'Queen of the South' and is a grand, century-old building with 230 rooms. A touch of class.

A Golfers Paradise...

Fancourt embodies a flawless fusion of leisure and world-class golfing. With all three of its golf courses ranked among The Top 100 courses 2020 ranking of the top 20 courses in the country, it boasts a proud legacy of sporting excellence. The Links, a privately owned club, is currently No. 1 in South Africa and was ranked 56th in the world in 2019 by Golf Digest USA. The Montagu and Outeniqua golf courses are both ranked in the Top 20 in South Africa.

Fancourt's golf courses were designed by a dynamic team spearheaded by Gary Player and the estate's owner, Dr. Hasso Plattner. Fancourt has been voted South Africa's Best Golf Hotel for 2019, 2020 and 2021 by World Golf Awards. With its own Golf Academy, practice facilities and every modern convenience, Fancourt is every golfer's paradise.

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BARNBOUGLE DUNES

TASMANIA, AUSTRALIA

Courses **38** Accommodation **17** Amenities **14** Setting **20** **Total 89**

There are two bucket-list courses here – Barnbougle Dunes by Tom Doak and Mike Clayton, and Lost Farm by Coore-Crenshaw – which are No.19 and 28 respectively in our World Top 100 ranking. Then there’s a fabulous new short course as well as a 50-room Lodge, located at Lost Farm, 22 two-bedroom cottages,

and three four-bedroom, four-bathroom villas, each with its own large living room and kitchenette. There are also two-bedroom ocean villas. A Spa at Lost Farm and good dining lead the relatively limited amenities. This is mainly awesome golf, but worth every mile of the journey to Tasmania.



4 TURNBERRY

AYRSHIRE, SCOTLAND

Courses **36** Accommodation **18** Amenities **18** Setting **20** **Total 92**

An entry that frankly needs little description, other than to say the overhauled Ailsa (by Martin Ebert) is a masterpiece and the King Robert the Bruce is also much improved. We gave it one of the highest golf marks, the setting is epic and the hotel is also hugely improved.



5 PEBBLE BEACH

PEBBLE BEACH, USA

Courses **37** Accommodation **18** Amenities **15** Setting **20** **Total 91**

You think it is all about *that* course, but it isn't. Pebble Beach has under its umbrella three hotels, with 492 rooms and suites in total, five courses (Pebble, Spanish Bay, Spyglass Hill, Del Monte and a nine-hole par 3), 10 restaurants, a spa, hiking/biking trails, and equestrian centre. No.5 feels low.



6 STREAMSONG

FLORIDA, USA

Courses **39** Accommodation **17** Amenities **17** Setting **17** **Total 90**

It would have been a very worthy No.1, because its golf offering is sensational and it has at least as good accommodation and better amenities than Bandon. Streamsong comprises one hotel, three World Top 100 courses, four restaurants, spa, fishing, clay-shooting, archery, pool. Tempting, isn't it?



8 KIAWAH ISLAND

SOUTH CAROLINA, USA

Courses **36** Accommodation **18** Amenities **16** Setting **19** **Total 89**

We think you'll agree the strength in depth of this top 10 is crazy. Another South Carolina entry, this time the 1991 Ryder Cup and 2021 US PGA host. It boasts 242 rooms and 13 suites, 400 villas, five courses headlined by World Top 100 entry the Ocean, fitness, spa, pool, tennis, and 15 restaurants and bars.



9 CABOT CLIFFS

NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA

Courses **38** Accommodation **18** Amenities **12** Setting **20** **Total 88**

Canada's top resort is in the top 10 on the back of two World Top 100 courses. Cabot Cliffs by Coore-Crenshaw is No. 22 and Cabot Links by Rod Whitman, Coore's right-hand man, is No.45. Both enjoy a breathtaking Cape Breton setting. Chic Golf Villas and Lodge Rooms. Limited amenities.



10 TERRE BLANCHE

NICE, FRANCE

Courses **30** Accommodation **20** Amenities **20** Setting **18** **Total 88**

The only entry in the top 10 without a World Top 100 course among its attractions. Continental Europe's No.1 resort has two terrific courses though, and they are backed up by high-class accommodation, a wealth of amenities and a delightfully tranquil setting. Terre Blanche ticks all the boxes.



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AFRICA'S FINEST

FANCOURT

GEORGE, SOUTH AFRICA

Courses **34** Accommodation **18** Amenities **18**
Setting **18** **TOTAL 88**

This super-resort lies on 613 hectares of lush countryside, sheltered by the Outeniqua Mountains. There are three Gary Player-designed courses including one in our World Top 100, The Links, which is backed up by Outeniqua and Montagu as well as the six-hole Bramble. The Fancourt Hotel offers 115 luxurious

rooms and suites while the Spa boasts an indoor heated Roman Bath and wellness treatments. The Leisure Centre has an array of facilities, while there is a Kidz Club, teen lounge, gym, cinema, indoor heated and outdoor swimming pool. Tennis, running and walking trails, bird watching and fishing complete the scene.



« Come as a guest,
leave as a storyteller »



11 COSTA NAVARINO

KALAMATA, GREECE

Courses **32** Accommodation **19**
Amenities **19** Setting **18** **Total 88**

Another entry from Continental Europe, this one with two courses in our Top 100 mainland Europe ranking – the technical Dunes by Bernhard Langer/Ross McMurray, and the scenic Bay by Robert Trent Jones Jnr. Two wonderful hotels and amenities that include a mini water park.



12 CASA DE CAMPO

PUNTA CANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Courses **34** Accommodation **18**
Amenities **18** Setting **18** **Total 88**

Three brilliant courses – Teeth of the Dog (World Top 100 entry), Dye Fore and The Links – all by Pete Dye. A Caribbean setting that is medicine for the eyes. A variety of rooms and suites as well as luxury villas – some oceanfront. A spa, pools, and a wealth of sports such as tennis and water sports.



14 ADARE MANOR

LIMERICK, IRELAND

Course **32** Accommodation **20**
Amenities **19** Setting **17** **Total 88**

Adare can celebrate being the World's No.1 single-course golf resort. It's a serious honour... just look at the awesome multi-course resorts beneath it. A hugely improved course is allied to accommodation that has no peer in this list – that's saying something. Just an incredibly special place.



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SEASIDE SETTING

VERDURA

ITALY, SICILY, ITALY

Courses 33 Accommodation 19
Amenities 16 Setting 19 **TOTAL 87**

Kyle Phillips-designed golf courses and a Rocco Forte hotel sounds like it should be pretty impressive – and the reality truly is. Add in a cliff-edge and beachside setting and Verdura's allure is pretty obvious.

The two courses have actually changed significantly in the past year after a freak storm required redesign work by Phillips. Once very equal in status as far as we were concerned, the West just pipping the East, now the latter is clearly superior. And it is really, really good.

Phillips is one of the world's great architects and he has made the most of the cliff-edge stretch while creating memorable holes on the less dramatic ground inland.

The hotel more than matches the golf, with accommodation set down in a succession of low-rise apartments, all with course or sea views. It is all done incredibly tastefully, as luxury meets elegance and comfort at every turn.

The amenities start with an infinity pool that is just yards from the gorgeous white sand beach and continue with the water sports available in the azure Med. There is also a superb gym and spa, plus a kids' club.

There is an appealing, relaxed vibe to Verdura, illustrated by the fact you get about the resort on vintage cycles. And guess what, it's Italy, so the restaurants serve food to die for.



15 SUN CITY

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

Courses 32 Accommodation 19
Amenities 20 Setting 17 **Total 88**

Home to two 18-hole courses designed by Gary Player – Lost City and Gary Player – complemented by an incredible array of five-star accommodation, from the exquisitely designed The Palace to the chic Cabanas. Amenities range from a world-class water park and nightlife to Big 5 safari.



18 PGA CATALUNYA

GIRONA, SPAIN

Courses 32 Accommodation 19
Amenities 19 Setting 17 **Total 87**

A top-20 continental European course, the Stadium, that is complemented by a very good No.2, the Tour. Both are beautifully presented. There are two hotels, the Camiral and the Lavida, plus villas to rent. The Camiral is absolutely gorgeous with plenty of facilities. A terrific all-rounder.



22 ROSAPENNA

DOWNING, IRELAND

Courses 37 Accommodation 17
Amenities 14 Setting 18 **Total 86**

The brand-new St Patrick's Links by Tom Doak is a game changer for Rosapenna. Certain to be in our next World Top 100 Courses, combined with the existing Sandy Hills and Old Tom Morris, it makes it one of the strongest golf offerings in the world. Limited amenities, but a large hotel.



16 DIAMANTE

CABO SAN LUCAS, MEXICO

Courses 33 Accommodation 18
Amenities 17 Setting 19 **Total 87**

Headlined by Davis Love's The Dunes, a World Top 100 course that weaves through Pacific dunes with views of beach and ocean from nearly every hole. There's also Tiger Woods' El Cardonal design, luxury studios and villas, a 10-acre saltwater lagoon for water sports, plus a spa and fitness centre.



20 THE AMERICAN CLUB

WISCONSIN, USA

Courses 36 Accommodation 18
Amenities 15 Setting 18 **Total 87**

All under the Kohler umbrella, the AC has 2021 Ryder Cup course Whistling Straits, its sister Irish, as well as Blackwolf Run's River and Meadow Valleys and a par 3 course. Two hotels, four cabins, seven restaurants, pools, tennis, fitness, hiking/biking... but it loses a Setting mark for a 10-minute transfer.



23 BELLE MARE PLAGE

POINTE DE FLACQ, MAURITIUS

Courses 31 Accommodation 18
Amenities 18 Setting 19 **Total 86**

Two courses and a five-star hotel located on the edge of the Indian Ocean. The Links, by Peter Alliss and Rodney Wright, opened in 2002 while the Legend was designed by former European Tour player Hugh Baiocchi in 1994. The hotel is a delight, and packed with amenities, the setting dreamy.



17 SANDY LANE

ST JAMES, BARBADOS

Courses 32 Accommodation 19
Amenities 18 Setting 18 **Total 87**

The famous Green Monkey – the Tom Fazio layout carved from an old stone quarry which is exclusive to Sandy Lane guests – plus The Old Nine and The Country Club are lush, immaculate parklands. The high-end villas and suites make you feel like you have the resort to yourself. Exceptional spa.



21 CARYA

BELEK, TURKEY

Courses 33 Accommodation 19
Amenities 19 Setting 16 **TOTAL 87**

Two continental European Top 100 courses (Carya and The National) are backed up by the wonderful Regnum Carya hotel, which is luxurious, stylish and is beaten by very few in this ranking in terms of non-golf amenities – everything from a water park to bowling alley. Amazing for families.



24 FAIRMONT BANFF SPRINGS

BANFF, CANADA

Course 32 Accommodation 18
Amenities 17 Setting 18 **Total 85**

Located in Banff National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the 757-room Banff Springs hotel – Canada's 'Castle in the Rockies' – is a landmark in the eponymous alpine town. The Stanley Thompson course, No.78 in our World Top 100, is complemented by a spa, bowling, fitness and a kids' club.



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SECRET ESCAPE

MUKUL
 **MANAGUA, NICARAGUA**

Course **26** Accommodation **20** Amenities **18** Setting **20** **Total 84**

Yes, Nicaragua. And yes, it really is good enough for the top 30. A David McLay Kidd course – called Guacalito de la Isla – is just the start. It has a tropical feel as it winds among native vegetation in an area known as the Emerald Coast, and, as our picture shows, pops its head out onto the Pacific shore. The individual villas with

private pool are simply out of this world and just yards from a pristine beach that is a dream for kids, surfers and runners. The spa is exceptional – and one of the very best in this ranking. There is tennis, a kids' club, yoga and hiking. Yet perhaps Mukul's USP is its atmosphere, it has an uncommon magic about it.

ONE FOR 2022
 Cabot St Lucia is a guaranteed entry next time, with a Coore-Crenshaw design in a spectacular setting, plus high-end lodging. It looks special.



25 SAND VALLEY
 **WISCONSIN, USA**

Courses **37** Accommodation **16**
 Amenities **14** Setting **17** **Total 84**

Two courses in our World Top 100 – Sand Valley by Coore-Crenshaw (2017) and Mammoth Dunes by David McLay Kidd (2018), plus The Sandbox, a 17-hole short course. There are stylish Lodge rooms and cottages, two restaurants, porch dining, food truck and tennis. One for the connoisseur.



26 QUINTA DOLAGO
 **ALGARVE, PORTUGAL**

Courses **33** Accommodation **17**
 Amenities **17** Setting **17** **Total 84**

Part of what is a large village in the Algarve, there wasn't a hotel attached to the courses until they acquired the enjoyably quirky Magnolia. Add it to the courses – the South is a Top 100 fixture, the revamped North has been one and Laranjal easily could be – plus fantastic sports, and QdL has much to enjoy.



28 PRAIA D'EL REY
 **OBIDOS, PORTUGAL**

Courses **34** Accommodation **16**
 Amenities **15** Setting **19** **Total 84**

Two courses in the top 30 of our continental European list, plus a Marriott hotel quietly at least as good as many more vaunted spots. West Cliffs is one of Europe's new superstars, epic in scale and aesthetics, while Praia D'el Rey is an old favourite that still inspires. Superb Atlantic Ocean setting.



29 FAIRMONT JASPER PARK
 **ALBERTA, CANADA**

Course **32** Accommodation **18**
 Amenities **15** Setting **19** **Total 84**

It took 50 teams of horses and 200 men a year to clear boulders and debris on land for the No.71 in our World Top 100 Courses. A Stanley Thompson design, it sits between the Rockies and glistening lakes. There are 442 delightful bedrooms and luxury cabins. The spa headlines the non-golf appeal.



30 LE TOUESSROK
 **TROU D'EAU DOUCE, MAURITIUS**

Course **26** Accommodation **19**
 Amenities **19** Setting **20** **TOTAL 84**

One of the world's great locations for golf, Le Touessrok sits picture-perfectly on Ile aux Cerfs (island of deer), made all the more memorable by the boat trip to get there from the hotel jetty. The Shangri-La hotel is set down on fingers of land stretching into the Indian Ocean. Just an amazing place.



31 THE BROADMOOR
 **COLORADO SPRINGS, USA**

Courses **31** Accommodation **19**
 Amenities **18** Setting **16** **TOTAL 84**

Has two courses, the East and West, both influenced by Donald Ross and Robert Trent Jones Sr. The former has staged the US Women's Open and Jack Nicklaus' first US Amateur win. Enjoyed by presidents and celebrities, there are 84 rooms, a spa, pools, 10 restaurants, fitness centre and tennis.



32

LEMURIA

IDYLIC ISLAND

PRASLIN, SEYCHELLES

Course 25 Accommodation 19
Amenities 19 Setting 20 **TOTAL 83**

A beach recognised as one of the world's most beautiful is a good start to a resort. Anse Georgette (top left on this picture), really is that good, too. It is the achingly beautiful backdrop to the all-world 15th, a drop par 3 that takes some beating as an Insta brag or screensaver. That is the outstanding highlight of a lovely course

that is just one small part of the awesome Lemuria experience. This picture gives you a good taste of what to expect, but also add in the cute little white-wood villas just yards from the lapping waves of the Indian Ocean. Watersports, tennis, a spa, yoga, a gym and terrific food complement the peerless setting and accommodation.



36 EDEN ROC

CAP CANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Course 30 Accommodation 19
Amenities 16 Setting 18 **TOTAL 83**

Jack Nicklaus' Punta Espada design is routed along cliffs and next to beaches and waterfalls. Opulent accommodation ranging from boutique villas with private pools to beachfront suites. Amenities range from mountain bikes to scuba. A high-end resort done exceptionally tastefully.



37 GLORIA

BELEK, TURKEY

Courses 30 Accommodation 18
Amenities 19 Setting 16 **TOTAL 83**

Three courses and three hotels all within a drive and a mid-iron from each other make this one of Europe's great resorts. The golf is consistently good across all courses and the hotels offer something a little different to cater for all tastes. The common theme is luxury, with an incredible array of amenities.



38 THE GREENBRIER

CHARLESTON, USA

Courses 33 Accommodation 18
Amenities 16 Setting 16 **TOTAL 83**

The Old White by icons Seth Raynor and Charles Blair Macdonald opened in 1914. Raynor then added The Greenbrier, which has hosted the Ryder and Solheim Cups, and The Meadows. Plus a wealth of rooms, restaurants and bars plus spa, pool, fitness.



39 THE K CLUB

DUBLIN, IRELAND

Courses 29 Accommodation 19
Amenities 18 Setting 17 **TOTAL 83**

Enjoying a real renaissance at the moment, with investment on and off the course, the 2006 Ryder Cup host is a brilliant all-rounder. The courses are two of Ireland's finest, with the Palmer (now the Palmer North) offering a thrilling finale, while the rooms are absolutely fabulous.



33 ONE&ONLY PALMILLA

LOS CABOS, MEXICO

Course 26 Accommodation 20
Amenities 19 Setting 18 **TOTAL 83**

Opened in 1992, this was Jack Nicklaus' first signature course in Latin America. It has three nines with four lakes and notable elevation changes. The range and quality of accommodation has few peers in this list. There are non-golf experiences for families and couples. Simply a stay in paradise.



34 SANDALS EMERALD BAY

GREAT EXUMA, BAHAMAS

Course 28 Accommodation 18
Amenities 18 Setting 19 **TOTAL 83**

This oceanfront resort in Great Exuma boasts a Greg Norman design with six holes hugging the coastline of a gorgeous peninsula. Host of the Bahamas Great Exuma Classic on the Korn Ferry Tour. There is a huge spa, a deepwater marina, 11 restaurants and stylish accommodation.



35 SEA ISLAND

SEA ISLAND, USA

Courses 32 Accommodation 18
Amenities 16 Setting 17 **TOTAL 83**

Three courses – the Seaside, which looks like a links and is characterised by tidal creeks, dunes, salt marshes and the Atlantic – the Plantation, where Davis Love grew up and has been remodelled – and the fun Retreat. Three hotels, cottages, hunting lodge, 13 restaurants and a host of outdoor activities.



40 FOUR SEASONS LANAI

HAWAII, USA

Course 27 Accommodation 18
Amenities 19 Setting 18 **TOTAL 82**

This adults-only, luxury retreat is famed for its wellness consultations, spa treatments, fitness and wellbeing classes. A Jack Nicklaus course on lava outcrops hugs the Pacific on three holes. Accommodation is achingly chic. Five restaurants, tennis, pool, cultural tours, fishing, and fabulous setting.



41 HERITAGE AWALI

BEL OMBRE, MAURITIUS

Course 27 Accommodation 19
Amenities 18 Setting 18 **TOTAL 82**

Stay at Heritage Awali or nearby sister hotel Le Telfair and play at Heritage Golf Club, a couple of minutes away by transfer. The Peter Matkovich design is technically excellent and tranquil. Beachside Awali has an Africa-themed design; a wonderful hotel with a peerless spa and superb dining.



42 ARDFIN

JURA, SCOTLAND

Course 33 Accommodation 20
Amenities 9 Setting 20 **TOTAL 82**

The marks tell the story; a wonderful course in a breathtaking setting with world-class accommodation... but it is very much a break for golfers because if you want non-golf amenities, it's not for you. The Bob Harrison course is already one of Scotland's finest, and the bedrooms simply exquisite.

Paradise Found on Sicily's South Coast

Welcome to Verdura Resort: 230 hectares of sun-kissed Mediterranean coastline, countryside, spa and golf.

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Verdura Resort is an oasis, a centre of wellbeing, escapism and indulgence set against the backdrop of charming Sicilian villages, ancient Greek and Roman sites and the beautiful, blue Mediterranean Sea.

Luxury accommodation comes in the form of suites and family rooms, to the brand-new Rocco Forte Private Villas.



Rocco Forte Private Villas

VERDURA RESORT UNVEILS NEW-LOOK EAST COURSE

Verdura Resort has returned to 45 holes with the reopening this autumn of the spectacular, new-look East Course following a major redesign at the award-winning Sicilian venue.

Globally acclaimed golf architect Kyle Phillips returned to the site of his original creation to upgrade the 18-hole championship layout and has spent the last three years reworking his magic at the resort, a Rocco Forte Hotel.

The extensive renovation has seen a number of new features added and modifications made to the routing of the East Course and the neighbouring West Course. The reordering of hole numbers has allowed for the restoration of former favourite holes and brings exciting new additions, while the planting of fescue grasses throughout the course gives the



layout added definition.

Phillips said: "We have certainly made the most of the terrain available to us. The course is new and fresh and I think it will be really well received. It has definitely reached the level we were striving for."

Home of the European Tour's Rocco

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43 HALF MOON JAMAICA

🇯🇲 MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA

Course 27 Accommodation 19
Amenities 18 Setting 18 **Total 82**

A course by Robert Trent Jones Snr from 1962 that's routed through an old sugar cane estate, hugging the slopes of hills overlooking Half Moon. There are 210 elegant rooms and 27 villas. Resort amenities start with two miles of beach plus gym, tennis, scuba, water sports, squash and horse riding.



44 LAUCALA

🇫🇯 LAUCALA ISLAND, FIJI

Course 27 Accommodation 19
Amenities 17 Setting 19 **Total 82**

Owned by Red Bull magnate Dietrich Mateschitz, this tropical hideaway has 'just' 25 villas or it would be higher. They are all luxury versions of traditional Fijian houses, with pool and mod cons. David McLay Kidd course is predictably spectacular. There are five bars and restaurants, a spa and stable.



45 CARTON HOUSE

🇮🇪 DUBLIN, IRELAND

Courses 31 Accommodation 18
Amenities 17 Setting 16 **Total 82**

Would not have looked out of place 15 places higher - that's how good it is, but also how high the quality is. Two courses of even standard - the Montgomerie and O'Meara - are beautifully presented, while the hotel is five star and then some. Can charm couples, groups and families very, very easily.



46 LE PARADIS

🇲🇺 BEL OMBRE, MAURITIUS

Course 27 Accommodation 18
Amenities 18 Setting 19 **Total 82**

Spread out between the mountains and white sand of Le Morne peninsula, the course offers Insta-worthy moments on more or less every hole. There are 299 stylish rooms, suites or villas. Sister hotel Dinarobin next door gives it a total of eight restaurants. A wide range of activities.



47 DOONBEG

🇮🇪 KILKEE, IRELAND

Course 31 Accommodation 19
Amenities 12 Setting 19 **TOTAL 81**

What it lacks in quantity it makes up for in quality. Just one course, a relatively small amount of accommodation and limited non-golf amenities, but the golf and rooms are indubitably world-class. The setting for both, perched on the edge of the Atlantic, is magnificent. Oozes effortless class.



48 CAPE KIDNAPPERS

🇳🇪 HAWKE'S BAY, NEW ZEALAND

Course 33 Accommodation 16
Amenities 12 Setting 20 **TOTAL 81**

Runs a little contrary to our mantra of eschewing 'courses with rooms' as only a handful of guests can stay at one time. The accommodation *is* exquisite, though. And there is a gorgeous spa and farm to explore. And did we mention the Tom Doak-designed clifftop, World Top 100 course?



49 GOLF DU MEDOC

🇫🇷 BORDEAUX, FRANCE

Courses 33 Accommodation 16
Amenities 14 Setting 17 **Total 80**

A Bill Coore-designed course - with echoes of Walton Heath - when he wasn't the huge name he is now is the big attraction here, but there's a second entry in our continental Top 100 too (by Coore's right-hand man, Rod Whitman). Neat hotel, nice spa, food and the wine (note the location) is naturally divine.



50 FINCA CORTESIN

🇪🇸 MALAGA, SPAIN

Course 27 Accommodation 20
Amenities 16 Setting 17 **Total 80**

The top-ranked single-course resort in continental Europe has a Cabell Robinson-designed layout on an adventurous landscape. Immaculately manicured, with flawless brand-new greens. A hotel of class and opulence with very few peers, even among this most illustrious company.



51 ATLANTIS BAHAMAS

🇧🇸 PARADISE ISLAND, BAHAMAS

Course 26 Accommodation 19
Amenities 17 Setting 18 **Total 80**

Ocean Club is a part of the Atlantis Resort on Paradise Island, and you have a choice of several excellent hotels, each offering high-end accommodation and amenities. The Tom Weiskopf-designed course has seven holes that border the ocean and all but one have views of the Bahamas' blue waters.



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52 SANDALS ST LUCIA

🇧🇱 GROSILET, ST LUCIA

Course 26 Accommodation 18
Amenities 18 Setting 18 **Total 80**

Sandals St Lucia is a Greg Norman-designed course featuring dramatic elevation changes as it travels between lush Caribbean vegetation. Luxury hotels at La Toc (has nine holes on site) and Halcyon, but Grande St Lucian is far the best option as it is five minutes away. A gorgeous spot.



53 LA QUINTA RESORT

🇺🇸 PALM SPRINGS, USA

Courses 33 Accommodation 16
Amenities 15 Setting 16 **Total 80**

The well-regarded Stadium at PGA West, the Mountain (nestled at the base of the Santa Rosa Mountains) and the faux links Dunes – all by Pete Dye – plus designs by Jack Nicklaus and Greg Norman in a five-course offering. More than 1,000 rooms, seven restaurants, a spa, pool and tennis.



54 ANAHITA

🇲🇺 BEAU CHAMP, MAURITIUS

Course 25 Accommodation 19
Amenities 17 Setting 18 **Total 79**

Set among 213 hectares of tropical gardens, this five-star resort features an Ernie Els-designed course with six ocean-front holes and a high-octane climax. Also add in gorgeous accommodation, two beaches, spa, boutiques, fitness centre, tennis courts, kids' & teens' club and a water sports centre.



55 WESTIN ABU DHABI

🇦🇪 ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Course 27 Accommodation 18
Amenities 18 Setting 16 **Total 79**

A course of impressive technical merit that has hosted one of the European Tour's flagship events for many years and which is always in fabulous condition. The 1st tee is a gap wedge from the Westin hotel, with many bedrooms overlooking the course. Facilities led by a super spa. Epic breakfast.



56 SANDALS OCHI

🇯🇲 OCHO RIOS, JAMAICA

Course 26 Accommodation 18
Amenities 18 Setting 17 **Total 79**

Formerly known as Upton, Sandals renovated the course they acquired in 1992 and turned it into one of the finest in the Caribbean. Rolling fairways in lush hills of Ocho Rios offer sea and mountain views, but Sandals Ochi Beach and Royal Plantation are 15 minutes away, hence a lost mark.



58 DOM PEDRO VILAMOURA

🇵🇹 ALGARVE, PORTUGAL

Courses 31 Accommodation 16
Amenities 15 Setting 16 **Total 78**

Surpassed by few in this ranking in terms of quantity; the Dom Pedro group have five courses and three hotels to choose from. The Old (a continental Top 100 fixture) and European Tour venue Victoria are joined by Laguna, Millennium and Pinhal. Three tidy hotels near the beach/Vilamoura marina.



59 FOURSEASONS HUALALAI

🇺🇸 KAILUA-KONA, HAWAII

Course 28 Accommodation 17
Amenities 15 Setting 18 **Total 78**

A sleek hotel with 25 villas, suites and rooms, six restaurants, fishing, spa and triathlon clinic among its amenities. The Jack Nicklaus course begins in a lush oasis before flowing across green fairways set against black lava, then returning to the ocean for the finale. All-round class.



60 PGA NATIONAL TURKEY

🇹🇷 BELEK, TURKEY

Courses 30 Accommodation 16
Amenities 17 Setting 15 **Total 78**

Two courses of very balanced quality, with the Sultan a European Tour host that is a fixture in our continental Top 100, and the Pasha an entertaining and high-class No.2. There are two hotels, the Kempinski and the Sirene, both packed with amenities. A brilliant option for groups and families.



61 REYNOLDS LAKE OCONEE

🇺🇸 ATLANTA, USA

Courses 32 Accommodation 16
Amenities 14 Setting 16 **Total 78**

This American super-resort halfway between Atlanta and Augusta has 251 rooms, five restaurants, a spa, fitness centre, tennis and swimming pools. But the golf is the main attraction, with five courses by the likes of Jack Nicklaus and Tom Weiskopf set in tranquil lake and woodland locations.

57

AFRICAN ALPINES

MICHLIFEN

🇲🇦 IFRANE, MOROCCO

Course 28 Accommodation 17
Amenities 16 Setting 17 **Total 78**

Let's start with the setting. Michlifen sits in the heart of the Atlas Mountains at an altitude of 1,650m. This Alpine-esque twist in North Africa gives the Jack Nicklaus course constantly changing elevation and character as it traverses craggy ravines, winds through forests and follows the edge of bluffs. The Alpine theme continues in the gorgeous accommodation. Fewer amenities than some, but a truly world-class destination.



62 PUEBLO BONITO

🇲🇽 CABO SAN LUCAS, MEXICO

Courses 28 Accommodation 16
Amenities 15 Setting 19 **Total 78**

"I've never seen any place that has three holes hanging out over the ocean like this. They are unbelievable." So says Quivira's designer Jack Nicklaus. The course is only open to guests of Pueblo Bonito, an adults-only luxury resort with facilities and accommodation of a dreamy level.



63 KAURI CLIFFS

🇳🇿 MATAURI BAY, NEW ZEALAND

Course 31 Accommodation 16
Amenities 12 Setting 19 **Total 78**

A World Top 100 course in a breathtaking setting is the main allure of this resort. Like sister property Cape Kidnappers, it is close to a 'course with rooms'. But if you aren't seeking lots of amenities, you will love the spectacular course and the limited (in number) but opulent accommodation.



64 MAZAGAN BEACH

🇲🇦 EL JADIDA, MOROCCO

Courses 30 Accommodation 17
Amenities 15 Setting 16 **Total 78**

In a location that takes in 7km of beach, add 492 rooms and suites to 13 restaurants and bars, plus myriad non-golf activities, and you have a very attractive proposition. Into that mix also add a Gary Player-design golf course in immaculate condition and with sea views for another Moroccan superstar.

The Palace in the Glen

Gleneagles, the iconic Scottish hotel and sporting estate, is the World's #1 Golf Resort outside of the USA. Guests visiting this spectacular 850-acre 'Glorious Playground' can expect an indulgence of history-laden golf, a wealth of leisure pursuits and the finest hospitality.



Inspired by Gleneagles' roaring 1920s heritage, this quintessentially British hotel and sporting estate continues to reaffirm its position as a leading, one-of-a-kind luxury destination.

Set beneath the Ochil Hills, in the heart of Perthshire, it has been a must-go destination for nearly a century, beginning its life in the glamorous age of travel when guests arrived in great style at Gleneagles' own railway station, still in use today.

The 850-acre estate showcases the natural beauty for which Scotland is famed and offers guests a playground of country pursuits and activities, with golf sitting proudly at its core.



The Queen's - Hole 10

GOLF

You are spoiled for choice when you arrive at the world-famous Gleneagles hotel. With three 18-hole championship golf courses - all featuring in the Golf World Top 100 rankings - the wealth of golf on offer is staggering. The courses each offer very different experiences, so there is something for everyone, and every ability.

The addition of the Wee Course, a 9-hole par three course, a state-of-the-art PGA

National Golf Academy and a pitch & putt course, makes Gleneagles a perfect solution for beginners, social groups and families.

For aficionados, the two classics designed by James Braid - The King's and The Queen's - have been welcoming golfers for more than 100 years.

The King's brings links-style golf to the heather-dotted Perthshire heathland, with a mix of rolling fairways and

greenside run-offs, marrying perfectly with intricate green complexes and a host of testing drives.

Its sister course, The Queen's, is a slightly more relaxed affair, but no less challenging.

Often referred to as one of the finest par 68 layouts in the UK, it requires precision and patience to master its pristine fairways and greens. It's a course that requires thought, ingenuity and copious amounts of

short-game skill. For many guests, there is no better course for a late-afternoon stroll, as the sun slowly sets on the estate.

Finally, for those wishing to follow in the footsteps of Ryder Cup and Solheim Cup heroes, The PGA Centenary Course awaits. Designed by Jack Nicklaus, it has been the setting for some of the most dramatic scenes in professional team golf.

Its modern layout, with large greens, accommodating fairways and lush, all-year-round conditioning make it a perfect setting for a competitive match among friends. You'll need to be strong and straight off the tee to master what has become one of Scotland's finest contemporary inland layouts, and a perfect partner to Braid's more intricate classics.

BEDROOMS

As glorious as the landscape that frames them, every bedroom at Gleneagles offers a luxury 5-star hotel feel.

All are individually inspired by the mountains and moorlands, rivers and lochs of the Perthshire countryside and epitomise country house elegance, each carefully designed to offer warm, home-from-home comforts.

Eight different categories of rooms and suites are available, either from within the sweeping staircases and historic nooks of the main house, or the more modern, Braid House, which offers guests convenient access to the wellness facilities including a gym, pool and spectacular spa.

TEE IT UP IN 2022

From March 2022, enjoy one night in the hotel and one round of golf on any of the three championship courses from £435 per room, based on two people sharing a room and a round of golf each.

Including breakfast, you'll also have complimentary access to the Health Club facilities, pitch & putt, outdoor tennis and Pashley bikes.



Manor Room



The King's - Hole 1

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Nowhere exemplifies the hotel's style better than its restaurants and bars. There is something for everyone, from relaxed clubhouse lunches in The Dormy to fine dining at Andrew Fairlie, Scotland's only two Michelin-starred restaurant experience.

The Dormy's laid-back charm makes it a firm favourite with golfers, families and their friends. With an open fire and inspiring views across The King's and The Queen's courses, it creates the perfect place for post-round relaxation.

A hearty menu of grill classics, and specialities from the tandoor ovens, will appeal to all tastes and appetites.

PURSUIITS

Gleneagles offers the perfect retreat for those looking for authentic relaxation, fun and adventure. It has an unrivalled range of pursuits including over 50 outdoor activities, led by passionate experts who are all leaders in their field.

Among the many experiences offered, you can try your hand at falconry with Harris Hawks, archery, clay target and air rifle shooting, horse riding at the equestrian centre, indoor and outdoor tennis, off-roading, cycling, gundog training and fly fishing.

WATCH THE GOLFING GREATS AT GLENEAGLES

Following on from the huge success of The Ryder Cup (2014) and The Solheim Cup (2019), Gleneagles will host The Senior Open Presented by Rolex in 2022 (July 21-24).

Played on The King's Course, the 35th edition of the tournament will welcome a host of golfing stars, including some of golf's most decorated players, among them a host of Major winners.



Spa

SPA

2021 saw the opening of a newly refurbished spa at Gleneagles, a soothing haven from everyday stresses where spirits are lifted and your body can rest, recover and restore.

With beautiful new spaces for restoration and rejuvenation, spa treatments and experiences have been designed in collaboration with some of the world's leading wellness brands including Dr. Barbara Sturm and Tata Harper.



The Century Bar



Clay Shooting

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PGA Centenary - Hole 18

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65 HAMBANTOTA

🇱🇰 AMBALANTOTA, SRI LANKA

Course 24 Accommodation 19
Amenities 17 Setting 18 **Total 78**

Designed by Rodney Wright, the course at Shangri-La's Hambantota on the south-east coast of Sri Lanka is a delight. Set among a coconut plantation and framed by lakes and the Indian Ocean. Its exquisite, effortlessly good beachfront hotel has many amenities. For the connoisseur, quietly magnificent.



66 BANYAN TREE, PHUKET

🇹🇭 PHUKET, THAILAND

Course 26 Accommodation 18
Amenities 17 Setting 17 **Total 78**

Luxury, all-pool villas nestled around a lagoon, surrounded by lush greenery and edged by the sweeping white sands of Bang Tao Beach. Laguna Golf Phuket was renovated by Paul Jansen in 2014 and offers an enjoyable test. Kids' club, fitness, pools, tennis and yoga make it a complete package.



67 GRAND WAILEA

🇺🇸 MAUI, HAWAII

Courses 30 Accommodation 17
Amenities 14 Setting 17 **Total 78**

Three courses with awesome views of Mount Haleakala and the Pacific. The Blue is on the lush lower slopes, the Trent Jones Gold is a real test, the Emerald a fun round. There are 383 rooms, four restaurants, a spa, tennis, pool, and fitness in 40 acres of tropical gardens just a few steps from Wailea Beach.



68 OMNI HOMESTEAD

🇺🇸 VIRGINIA, USA

Courses 28 Accommodation 17
Amenities 16 Setting 17 **Total 78**

Sitting in the natural beauty of the Allegheny Mountains, the two championship courses – Cascades and the Old – have entertained Presidents Taft, Eisenhower and Bush. There are 423 rooms, five restaurants, a spa, pool, hiking/biking, zipline, fishing, pools and equestrian.



69 CELTIC MANOR

🇨🇪 NEWPORT, WALES

Courses 29 Accommodation 17
Amenities 17 Setting 15 **Total 78**

A course that has been in our GB&I Top 100 and has the 'experience' factor of having hosted a Ryder Cup is backed up by two other 18-holers – a good start. Add to that a five-star hotel – with extensive amenities – and other accommodation options and you have an exceptionally rounded offering.



70 FRENCH LICK

🇺🇸 LOUISVILLE, USA

Courses 30 Accommodation 16
Amenities 16 Setting 16 **Total 78**

Nestled in Hoosier National Forest, this is an American resort oozing pedigree. It is home to two historic hotels, two spas, and even a casino in addition to 45 holes of golf. The great Donald Ross' 1917 creation hosted the 1924 US PGA and was later joined by Pete Dye's 18 and nine by Tom Bendelow.



THREE COURSES

73

LA CALA

🇪🇸 MALAGA, SPAIN

Courses 30 Accommodation 16
Amenities 16 Setting 16 **Total 78**

La Cala's cosy hotel is perfect for a relaxing afternoon by the pool, enjoying a world-class spa and indulging in La Bodega's to-die-for tapas. But all that is topped by its golf offering. It has 54 holes and good luck trying to do a 1-2-3 of the courses, they're so evenly balanced. The common theme? They've just been impressively renovated.



71 THE BELFRY

🇬🇧 SUTTON COLDFIELD, ENGLAND

Courses 30 Accommodation 15
Amenities 18 Setting 15 **Total 78**

A three-course resort, a refurbished hotel and a definite feeling of an 'experience' given its Ryder Cup history. The Brabazon is in truth by far the best of the trio, but expect all three to be in perfect condition year round. Lots for the family to do away from the course, inside and out.



72 MOUNT JULIET

🇮🇪 KILKENNY, IRELAND

Course 28 Accommodation 18
Amenities 17 Setting 15 **Total 78**

A course by Jack Nicklaus that has hosted the European Tour and a WGC. It is a beautifully manicured parkland that's regarded as one of the top three inland courses in Ireland. A luxury hotel that is a wonderful retreat and will leave even the most discerning traveller satisfied.



74 FAIRMONT ST ANDREWS

🇸🇨 ST ANDREWS, SCOTLAND

Courses 27 Accommodation 17
Amenities 16 Setting 18 **Total 78**

Lacks for absolutely nothing. Want an Insta-worthy setting? Feast your phone camera on its cliff-edge holes. Want more than one course on site? Try its two Scottish Top 100 fixtures. Want a stylish hotel with amenities to keep everyone happy? The Fairmont effortlessly obliges.



75 LOUGHERNE

🇮🇪 ENNISKILLEN, NORTHERN IRELAND

Courses 29 Accommodation 16
Amenities 15 Setting 18 **Total 78**

The Nick Faldo design has been in our GB&I Top 100 and makes the most of its setting among lakes. Sprinkled with memorable holes, this excellent parkland is backed up by the Castle Hume layout. There is a wonderful hotel offering a luxury stay in a very characterful building.



76 THE GROVE

🇬🇧 WATFORD, ENGLAND

Course 27 Accommodation 17
Amenities 18 Setting 16 **Total 78**

A country estate on the outskirts of London, The Grove is a true all-rounder. The Kyle Phillips course has been a GB&I Top 100 entry and is in sensational nick all year round. The hotel hosts the England football team, as an indication of its quality. Loads of amenities for all the family.



77 FOUR SEASONS TROON NORTH

🇺🇸 SCOTTSDALE, USA

Courses 29 Accommodation 15
Amenities 16 Setting 17 **Total 77**

This Scottsdale resort has more than 200 rooms, four restaurants, a spa, tennis, hiking and biking, all in an exhilarating desert setting. The golf is a short transfer away at the celebrated Pinnacle and Monument courses, the latter by Weiskopf and Morrish.



78 OLD COURSE HOTEL

ST ANDREWS, SCOTLAND

Course 25 Accommodation 19

Amenities 17 Setting 16 **Total 77**

A five-star hotel with opulent rooms and a wealth of facilities that has a mystical setting, given it overlooks 17 and 18 of the Old Course. The golf is the heathland Duke's, however, a short drive away (which loses it a point). Otherwise majestic.



80 THE MACHRIE

ISLAY, SCOTLAND

Course 31 Accommodation 16

Amenities 13 Setting 17 **Total 77**

Probably the oldest resort in the ranking, but it's had the most wonderful and comprehensive makeover in every sense. DJ Russell has made the links playable yet still super fun and the hotel is high end. For the links lover, absolute perfection.



83 LETOUQUET

LE TOUQUET, FRANCE

Courses 31 Accommodation 16

Amenities 12 Setting 17 **Total 76**

A tale of refurbishment on and off the course. La Mer has been renovated by Frank Pont and is just brilliant. There are two more courses, too. The hotel, which used to feel a little tired, is now fresh, characterful and an ideal base for a break.



86 BOYNE HIGHLANDS

HARBOR SPRINGS, USA

Courses 30 Accommodation 16

Amenities 15 Setting 15 **Total 76**

Boyne has three resorts close to each other, but too far apart for us to deem it one entry. Mountain and Inn Harbour are terrific but Highlands is the No.1, with four 18-holers and lots of accommodation intended to feel like an English country estate.

79 ADDRESS MONTGOMERIE

DUBAI, UAE

Course 25 Accommodation 19

Amenities 16 Setting 17 **Total 77**

Sits very close to the centre of Dubai's buzz, yet in its own little tranquil, green setting. The course is very playable and has the famous skyline to line up against. Limited rooms but they are wonderful. Pool and gym head the facilities.



81 LA MANGA

MURCIA, SPAIN

Courses 29 Accommodation 14

Amenities 19 Setting 15 **Total 77**

Don't dismiss La Manga. It has echoes of tabloid tales of football teams in the '90s, but the courses are all good – the West the pick – and the facilities are so comprehensive. The hotel lets it down a little, but the townhouses are excellent.



82 TROIA

LISBON, PORTUGAL

Course 29 Accommodation 16

Amenities 15 Setting 17 **Total 77**

A course by Robert Trent Jones Snr that has an enviable seaside location just south of Portugal's capital, plus a few hotel options to choose from that offer non-golf entertainment too. The course is continental top-10 standard.



85 MONTGOMERIE MAXX

BELEK, TURKEY

Course 25 Accommodation 19

Amenities 17 Setting 15 **Total 76**

When we say the hotel is probably the most glitzy and opulent in Belek, you know it's pretty flashy – it rivals the UAE for sparkle! Lots of amenities (standard Belek) and a course that has been in our continental Europe Top 100.



88 BANYAN TREE LANG CO

DA NANG CITY, VIETNAM

Course 26 Accommodation 17

Amenities 16 Setting 17 **Total 76**

Luxurious all-pool villas between the azure waters of Vietnam's East Sea and the Truong Son mountains. All very chic. The course at Laguna Lang Co is a Sir Nick Faldo design with stunning views. A gym and yoga head the amenities.



87 ELSALER

VALENCIA, SPAIN

Course 31 Accommodation 15

Amenities 13 Setting 17 **Total 76**

Arguably the best-designed course in Spain and one of the best on the whole continent. The Javier Arana masterpiece has an exhilarating seaside setting and is backed up by a pleasant hotel with views of the course and Mediterranean.

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Its sister layout, the Tour Course, is nestled among pine forests and lakes, offering a different challenge, suitable for all levels of experience.



The Stadium Course's signature 13th



But while the lure of its golf courses, and best-in-class Golf Hub practice facilities, continue to attract families and aficionados from across Europe and beyond, a major programme of investment has seen the introduction of a host of new leisure amenities to enhance the visitor experience.

WORLD-CLASS WELLNESS

The new Wellness Centre is the first facility in Spain to implement a MECOTEC double cryotherapy chamber and provide photobiomodulation treatments. It is also the only one to collaborate with NADClinic, a pioneering IV infusions clinic in London, to provide guests with cutting-edge therapies.

Visitors can now benefit from personalised healing and high-tech treatments, akin to those found at specialist clinics and elite athletic facilities, which include specifically tailored immune booster, DETOX, anti-ageing and sports recovery programmes.

The Centre's Thermal Pavilion is the perfect place to relax and fully unwind, offering unobstructed views of the resort and the Montseny massif as its backdrop.

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A multitude of outdoor activities to enjoy PGA Catalunya's natural environment

and natural environment.

The weaving cycle routes enable families to discover the estate's 500 hectares of unspoiled landscape, while the on-site forest adventure park offers thrilling zip-wire experiences through majestic pines. The forest trails, with the in-house biologist, never fail to captivate young guests, while older generations can opt for calming yoga classes at sunset or indulgent wine tasting sessions within PGA Catalunya's vineyards.

RE-ENERGISE IN LUXURY

A stay at five-star Hotel Camiral affords the opportunity to enjoy some of the region's freshest and finest produce that combine to



The Wellness Centre's relaxing Thermal Pavilion

create the famed local gastronomic scene of Catalunya.

With five different dining options, all overseen by Executive Chef, David Vives, who hails from the famous El Celler de Can Roca, a triple winner of the prestigious Best Restaurant in the World accolade, guests can sample diverse menus, all featuring seasonal high-quality ingredients, sourced locally.

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- Full buffet breakfast + nutritious lunch
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89 BIG CEDAR LODGE

MISSOURI, USA

Courses 30 Accommodation 15
Amenities 13 Setting 18 **Total 76**

There are 302 rooms, five courses (three 18-holers, one 13-holer and a nine-holer) designed by Woods, Nicklaus, Palmer, Watson, Player, Fazio, Coore-Crenshaw, plus 12 restaurants, a pool, spa, fishing and shooting. All in the gorgeous Ozarks.



92 ROYAL PALM MARRAKESH

MARRAKESH, MOROCCO

Course 25 Accommodation 18
Amenities 16 Setting 16 **Total 75**

A resort course of real character that was designed with skill and real effort by Cabell Robinson. It is complemented by a hotel whose rooms are laid out in a series of well-appointed low-lying apartments. Excellent spa, pools and restaurants.



95 TRUMP ABERDEEN

ABERDEEN, SCOTLAND

Course 33 Accommodation 19
Amenities 5 Setting 18 **Total 75**

Limited in quantity, endless in quality. Just one course, but it is a breathtaking high-dune links of GB&I top-10 level. Only a handful of rooms in MacLeod House, but the luxury is epic. Only dining as amenities, but this is bucket-list stuff.



98 VILLA PADIERNA

MALAGA, SPAIN

Courses 25 Accommodation 19
Amenities 16 Setting 15 **Total 75**

Three courses to enjoy – Flamingos, Alferini and the short and fun Tramores – amid a palazzo-style resort plotted amid Tuscan-style gardens. The Anantara hotel is just exquisite, with lots of luxury leisure and wellness facilities on hand.



90 OITAVOS DUNES

LISBON, PORTUGAL

Course 28 Accommodation 17
Amenities 13 Setting 18 **Total 76**

The golf and hotel both benefit from an invigorating Atlantic Ocean setting. The course, by Arthur Hills, is a continental Top 100 fixture and has several memorable moments. The hotel is uber-chic and minimalist.



93 ARCHERFIELD

GULLANE, SCOTLAND

Courses 31 Accommodation 18
Amenities 11 Setting 15 **Total 75**

Falls close to the 'courses with rooms' category, to be honest, but the two courses are both fixtures in the middle of our Scottish Top 100 and the accommodation is absolutely out of this world. Limited facilities outside of the spa. But... wow.



96 TAGHAZOUT BAY

AGADIR, MOROCCO

Course 26 Accommodation 18
Amenities 15 Setting 16 **Total 75**

Situated on the outskirts of Agadir on bluffs overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, the hotel has 152 stylish rooms and there is a spa, pools and fitness centre. But the main lure is a Kyle Phillips clifftop course that is aesthetically pleasing and fun.



99 DRUIDS GLEN

NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY, IRELAND

Courses 28 Accommodation 17
Amenities 15 Setting 15 **Total 75**

Two courses, the premier Druids Glen and its No.2, Druids Heath, that are always in the middle of our Irish Top 100 and are two of the country's finest inland courses. The hotel does not let the side down; a terrific all-rounder, 40km south of Dublin.



91 MAGDALENA GRAND

LOWLANDS, TOBAGO

Course 23 Accommodation 19
Amenities 16 Setting 18 **Total 76**

Just one course here but a rather nice one, which winds between typical Caribbean vegetation before getting some wonderful beachside and infinity green views. The hotel is a delight, exuding colonial elegance and charm.



94 KATAMEYA HEIGHTS

CAIRO, EGYPT

Courses 26 Accommodation 18
Amenities 16 Setting 15 **Total 75**

A 27-hole course designed by Sir Nick Faldo and Brian Curley that's in terrific condition is the centrepiece for this upscale Cairo resort. The hotel is equally impressive, with delightful modern rooms and a 9,000sq ft spa heading the facilities.



97 GOLF NATIONAL

PARIS, FRANCE

Courses 30 Accommodation 16
Amenities 14 Setting 15 **Total 75**

The main course needs little introduction, being the host of the 2018 Ryder Cup and many Tour events. The Albatros is a thrill-a-minute, water-based parkland and is backed up by the Aigle. The Novotel hotel on site overlooks the golf.



100 PENHA LONGA

LISBON, PORTUGAL

Courses 28 Accommodation 18
Amenities 14 Setting 15 **Total 75**

The Kyle Phillips course travels over adventurous terrain with lots of elevation change. It is a continental Top 100 fixture. There is a second nine too, but arguably the biggest allure is a wonderful hotel. That this is at 100 shows this list's quality.

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THE BEST OF THE BEST

The Top 100 golf resorts in the world, analysed in the four categories they're assessed in

Want to get an idea of just how competitive our inaugural World Top 100 Resorts was? Here are some names that weren't among the top 10 in terms of setting; Bandon Dunes, Kiawah Island, Sandy Lane, Verdura, Belle Mare Plage, Sandals Emerald Bay, Costa Navarino, Praia D'el Rey and Jasper Park. Only a 20/20 score for Setting got you in the top 10 of that category.

Still not convinced? In terms of the Courses category, this lot weren't among the 10 marked most highly; Kiawah Island, The American Club, Casa de Campo, Praia D'El Rey, Diamante Resort, Golf du Medoc, Carya, Verdura, Quinta do Lago, The Greenbrier, Fancourt, Sun City and Sea Island.

We include marks for accommodation and

non-golf amenities because we want to identify resorts that appeal to more than just the absolute devotee of the game, but if you think that waters down the golf aspect, think again.

In the top 10 in terms of Courses, Turnberry was No.10. *Turnberry!* With a World Top 10 course and a fine No.2. It scored 36 out of 40, but that was good enough only for 10th.

Bandon Dunes and Pinehurst broke the system, so deep does their golf offering run, but after that you have resorts such as Streamsong, Barnbough Dunes, Sand Valley and Cabot Cliffs with multiple World Top 100 courses on offer.

The Accommodation category was arguably the most competitive, with a top 10 stacked with opulence and class, but in all

honesty, there's not a whole lot between the No.16 and the No.56 in this sphere.

Non-golf amenities had a clear winner and some clear themes. Gleneagles is the clear, clear No.1 in this area, a playground for all ages and in all weather. Then Belek in Turkey is king, with three of the top 10 for amenities.

The quality from one to 100 was sensational, starting with a top 10 of an insane standard.

And finally, if multiple courses isn't important to you and you're happy having just one to play during your stay, this is where you should be looking: Adare Manor (No.14 overall), Mukul (27), Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge (29), Le Touessrok (30), and Lemuria (31). Continental Europe's top single-course resort is Finca Cortesin (50).

GOLF COURSES

Bandon Dunes
Pinehurst
Streamsong
Barnbough Dunes
Cabot Cliffs
Pebble Beach
Sand Valley
Rosapenna
Gleneagles
Turnberry

SETTING

Lemuria
Le Touessrok
Turnberry
Mukul
Ardfin
Cabot Cliffs
Barnbough Dunes
Pebble Beach
Diamante
Cape Kidnappers

ACCOMMODATION

Gleneagles
Adare Manor
Mukul
Finca Cortesin
Terre Blanche
One&Only Palmilla
Ardfin
Eden Roc
Villa Padierna
Sandy Lane

NON-GOLF AMENITIES

Gleneagles
Adare Manor
Sun City
Terre Blanche
Carya
Gloria
La Manga
Montgomerie Maxx
One&Only Palmilla
Lemuria

BEST STAND-ALONE COURSES

Trump Aberdeen
Ardfin
Cape Kidnappers
Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge
Fairmont Banff Springs
Kauri Cliffs
The Machrie
Adare Manor
Trump Doonbeg
Troia