



Woosnam and Campbell confirmed as stars of Legends Tour return to Costa Navarino

After the success of the 2024 tournament, Costa Navarino will again host the Legends Tour Trophy this summer, with the event taking place from June 12-14.

Costa Navarino provided the perfect backdrop last year for a thrilling tournament that saw Clark Dennis claim the sixth seniors win of his career with a dominant performance that featured three consecutive rounds of 66.

Already entered into the 2025 event are Major champions Michael Campbell and Ian Woosnam, Ryder Cup players Peter Baker, Joakim Haeggman, Steven Gallacher and Niclas Fasth, plus eight of the top ten from last season's Legends Tour Order of Merit, including the overall champion, Adilson da Silva. More names will be revealed shortly to confirm who will be teeing it up in June.

Located in Messinia in Greece's southwest Peloponnese, Costa Navarino is part of the European Tour Destinations network. It has raised its profile as a sustainably driven destination in the Mediterranean and offers a world-class golf experience on its four 18-hole signature golf courses.

The Legends Tour event will be played over two of the destination's courses - The Hills Course and the International Olympic Academy Golf Course - and is promoted by the European Tour Group.

Ben Cowen, the European Tour Group's Chief Tournament and Operations Officer, said: "We are delighted to be supporting this tournament for the second consecutive year, providing playing and earning opportunities for our Legends Tour members.

"Costa Navarino, which is home to two of our European Tour Destination courses, was a superb venue for the inaugural tournament last year, and we look forward to returning to Greece this June and showcasing it once more to a global audience."

Phil Harrison, Legends Tour CEO, said: "Costa Navarino is an incredible destination and one which we are delighted to return to in 2025. The golf courses will undoubtedly provide a great test for our players, who I'm sure will also enjoy everything that Costa Navarino has to offer. Broadening the reach of the Legends Tour throughout Europe and beyond is something we are committed to, and our thanks go to the European Tour Group for their support which has made this tournament possible."

David Ashington, General Manager at Costa Navarino Golf, said: "Following the success of last year's inaugural tournament, it will be a pleasure to have the opportunity once again to showcase our array of golf, sports, hospitality and leisure activities to so many new and familiar faces on the Legends Tour.

"The stage is set not only for a great professional golf tournament but for our amateur guests, who this year - via our new Playing Experiences - can compete alongside the stars and mingle with the legends of our game throughout the week. We're looking forward to creating more memories and adding a new chapter to Costa Navarino's history." The Costa Navarino Legends Tour Trophy takes place from June 12-14 and playing experiences are still available for those wishing to participate in the pro-am and sample life as a tour professional.

Staying in one of the destination's five-star resorts - either W Costa Navarino or The Westin Resort Costa Navarino - guests will play in the Championship Pro-Am, enjoy practice rounds on some of Costa Navarino's four signature courses and then savour two further Legends Tour 'shotgun' rounds. This golfing experience also includes a number of exclusive events, including a Legends Tour player clinic and a Q&A event. With luxury hospitality throughout, Players' Lounge access and the up-close opportunity to watch the tournament unfold, it's the ultimate golf experience.

Full details of all the playing opportunity packages are available at <u>https://www.legendstour.com/ticket/costa-navarino-legends-tour-trophy-2025</u>

The Courses

International Olympic Academy Golf Course

Situated at Navarino Hills and offering panoramic views of the historic bay of Navarino, the Ionian Sea and the surrounding countryside, the International Olympic Academy Golf Course measures 6,366m in length. The course was designed by two-time Masters champion and Ryder Cup legend José María Olazábal, to challenge the best golfers in a lush environment with dramatic views and memorable sunsets. Precision over length is the best option on several holes, with trouble lurking for those long hitters who are too aggressive off the tee and stray offline.

The Hills Course

Also designed by Olazábal, <u>The Hills Course</u> offers a scenic golf journey through nature, along the way passing old olive trees, and stunning ravines that carve deep into the Kinigou hills. Measuring 6,280m in length, the par-72 course offers a good balance and variety, with fairways generally wider, offering more changes in elevation than the IOAC. Wind is a constant challenge, with creativity and course management defining a golfer's success on the course.

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About the Legends Tour

Formerly known as the European Senior Tour and the Staysure Tour, the <u>Legends Tour</u> is the men's professional golf tour for members aged 50 and older. Five years after the first edition of The Senior Open, won by Neil Coles in 1987, more than 60 professionals called for a formally structured Tour, which was then created in 1992. Many of the pioneering champions who played on the European Tour during the 1970s, 80s and 90s make up the Legends Tour's active membership.

In September 2020, Ryan Howsam, Staysure Group CEO, acquired a majority equity share in the Tour in a ground-breaking joint venture with the European Tour, a unique structure whereby an individual has the majority ownership in a professional tour.

Colin Montgomerie, Sam Torrance and Woosnam are among the winners of the John Jacobs Trophy, which is awarded to the golfer who finishes first on the Legends Tour Order of Merit presented by Rolex each season.

In 2024, the Legends Tour began new ambassador partnerships with former Ryder Cup captains Paul McGinley and Colin Montgomerie.

The Legends Tour provides unmatched playing experiences for amateur golfers at its <u>Legends</u> <u>Experience</u>, <u>Championship Pro-Am</u> and <u>Celebrity Pro-Am</u> events. These experiences provide golfers with unique once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to rub shoulders with and play alongside legends of the game at competitive events hosted at world-class golfing destinations.

About the European Tour Group

The European Tour group is the overarching corporate brand which administers: the DP World Tour, the Challenge Tour, the Legends Tour and the G4D Tour and, along with the PGA of America, is the Managing Partner of golf's greatest team contest, the Ryder Cup.

Established in 1972, the European Tour group is committed to 'Driving Golf Further' through our guiding principles of being innovative, inclusive and global.

Innovative: We are driving innovation in golf through the creation of award-winning content, pioneering tournament formats and the use of the latest technology and inventive fan engagement. We are committed to attracting new audiences whilst respecting the tradition of our sport.

Inclusive: We are committed to include all who share a love for the game of golf. We are passionate about a closer collaboration with the women's game, golf for the disabled and promoting the many physical and mental health benefits of playing golf.

Global: Since 1972, players from 38 different countries have won tournaments on our main Tour, while our live broadcast reaches more than 490 million homes in more than 150 countries every week, generating in excess of 2,200 global broadcast hours for each event. We also enjoy the support of many of the world's leading business brands with DP World, Rolex, BMW, Emirates, Fortinet and Hilton as Official Partners.

The European Tour group has Strategic Alliances with the PGA TOUR, the Sunshine Tour and Challenger PGA Tour of Australasia. Those Strategic Alliances, combined with partnerships with the China Golf Association (CGA), Japan Golf Tour Organization (JGTO), the Korea Professional Golfers' Association (KPGA), and the TATA Steel Professional Golf Tour of India, provide global pathways for players from across the world to compete internationally on the DP World Tour, the main men's professional golf Tour of the European Tour group.

We ensure we have a positive long-term impact on the courses, countries and the communities we visit through 'Golf for Good', the umbrella name for the European Tour group's commitment to 'Driving Golf Further' in an environmentally and socially sustainable way.

About Costa Navarino

Costa Navarino is a sustainably driven destination in the Mediterranean, located in Messinia in the southwest Peloponnese of Greece. Graced with a breath-taking seaside landscape, this is a region shaped by 4,500 years of history. The Costa Navarino philosophy is driven by a genuine desire to preserve the natural beauty and heritage of Messinia. The destination comprises several distinct sites featuring five-star hotels, luxury private residences, a world-class golf experience, and many year-round activities. Navarino Dunes is home to The Romanos, a Luxury Collection Resort, The Westin Resort Costa Navarino and Costa Navarino Residences. Navarino Bay is the setting for Mandarin Oriental, Costa Navarino, W Costa Navarino and Navarino Agora, a curated marketplace. Both sites have signature golf courses, while at Navarino Hills there are two further signature golf courses.

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