Golf

“They say golf is like life, but don’t believe them. Golf is much more complicated.” *Gardner Dickinson.*
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“Golf is a game where you place a ball less than two inches in diameter on another ball over 8,000 miles in diameter. The whole thing is to hit the small ball without hitting the big ball.” Charles Chaplin.
The Region of Valencia, an ideal destination for enjoying golf

The Region of Valencia has taken up the challenge of becoming a major golf destination and offers over thirty courses across its scenic territory. The outstanding facilities have good transport links, are located between the Mediterranean Sea and the inland mountains, and are surrounded by native vegetation. Here, water is used in ways that make sustainability a reality, not a dream. Costa Blanca, Benidorm, València Terra i Mar, Castellón Spain and Valencia are the tourist areas in which anyone can enjoy a good game of golf 365 days a year. And the spectacular golfing possibilities are complemented by an exceptional climate, age-old cultural attractions, beaches, mountains, a wide choice of hotels and many other leisure options, including an enticing array of quality culinary delights.

Most of the golf courses in the region flank the Mediterranean, so a round of golf here becomes a true privilege thanks to the sun and scenery. Players can feel free to enjoy the fantastic outdoor life, knowing that they are also being respectful towards nature. The Mediterranean bathes the Region of Valencia along its 600 kilometres of coastline and makes it the ideal location for golf fans. Thanks to their natural surroundings, courses feed thousands of pines, kermes oaks, olive trees, carobs, almond trees and a wide variety of shrubs and palms. This is one of the most attractive areas in Europe for people who are passionate about the exciting world of golf. The sunshine and inspiring Mediterranean light make the Region of Valencia the ideal place not only for golfers themselves, but also for their companions. Everyone enjoys the cultural offerings, beaches and gastronomy in a destination like this, so golf can always be combined with interesting things to do. The courses themselves are
sometimes daring, sometimes imaginative, always exciting and top quality, so there’s no lack of variety whatever your skill level. The courses offer the ideal conditions for amateurs interested in making the most of their free time, and also hosting challenges on the international calendars. These courses will soon become major venues for European golf. And only more so in the future, thanks to the start-up of new facilities designed by some of the world’s top players, bringing significant advantages to the Region of Valencia in terms of tourist development. These courses are also a source of wealth, creating sustainable jobs for the future. They are a driving force for the regional economy thanks to tourism in general and golf tourism in particular. They are places where visitors can first feel the attraction of the Valencian mix of tradition and innovation, perhaps in the form of Mediterranean cuisine, or perhaps by enjoying the culture and entertainment at Terra Mitica, the City of Arts and Sciences and Castelló Cultural -sites that contribute towards the Region of Valencia’s international stature as a major 21st-century rendezvous for people seeking quality.
“Putting is above all a matter of sensation, touch and a superior judgement of distances.”

Tom Watson.
Golf courses in the Region of Valencia
Alicante Golf

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www.alicantegolf.com

DESIGNER: Severiano Ballesteros.
HOLES: 18.
PAR: 72.

HOW TO GET THERE
Exit 1 from A-70, direction San Juan de Alicante. Turn right on the N-332 to Avda. Pintor Pérez Gil until Avda. Locutor Vicente Hipólito. Main entrance is located in number 37, opposite Hotel Alicante Golf.

CLOSEST AIRPORT
El Altet (Alicante) 15 km.

OPENING TIMES
8.00am till dark. All year round. Except 25/12 and 01/01.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
Visa, MasterCard and 6000.

CLUB SERVICES
- Restaurant.
- Bar-Café.
- Shopping area.
- Gym.
- Outdoor and underground parking.
- Club, cart and buggy hire.
- Shop.
- Golf tuition.
- Practice range.
- Putting green.
- Chipping area.
- Practice bunkers.
- WCs at holes 5, 10 and 14.
- Water fountains on the round.
- Changing rooms.
- Sauna.
The shores of the Mediterranean await you at Alicante Golf, located on the beautiful San Juan beach just 5 minutes from the city of Alicante. Set like a green lung within a residential area, the course features a number of broad fairways replanted with thousands of trees, where care for the environment and water savings are priority aspects. This is so much the case, in fact, that this is the only golf course in Spain to obtain both of the highly prestigious environmental quality certificates: ISO-14001 and the Q-Plus certificate. The golf genius Seve Ballesteros designed this spectacular par-72 course with a unique six par 3s, six par 4s and six par 5s, one-of-a-kind on the Iberian Peninsula, enabling players to vary on each hole during the round, an option that makes playing fun and entertaining, and, sometimes, provides some good birdies. Sevvy designed 5 big lakes on the course, affecting twelve of the 18 holes. This is an attractive challenge for golfers of all levels. The APG professional circuit chose this course for various competitions, namely the 2002 and 2003 APG Spanish Championship, the Grand Finale of the Peugeot Spanish Tour in December 2004, won by pros JM Carriles, Ignacio Garrido and Santi Luna, respectively.

Alicante Golf is considered as one of the best designed and best maintained courses in all of Spain, with a very comprehensive training area. Another of the course’s attractions are the ruins of a 1st BC Roman villa near the 14th hole. These were unearthed during construction work and shots have to be directed over them to get to the green. At the 18th hole is the Alicante Golf Hotel. A visit to the Alicante Golf restaurant is de rigueur, because it’s famous for its exquisite rice dishes and Mediterranean cuisine.

Alicante Golf is a noble course with broad fairways and no blind shots along the way. The stars of the show are the greens, which are fast, top-level competition and groomed to perfection. Alicante Golf, a true oasis within the city, can definitely be classed as a challenge for players and a pleasure for visitors.
El Plantío Golf Course

CAMPO DE GOLF EL PLANTÍO
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elplantio@elplantio.com
www.elplantiohotelresort.es

DESIGNER: Manuel Ferry Ruiz.
FIRST OPENED: 1993 (par 3s), 2000 (par 72).
HOLES: 18 + 9.
PAR: 72.

HOW TO GET THERE
Along the A-7 motorway, take exit 17B Alicante-Puerto and then turn off at A-79 Torrellano-Eib.

CLOSEST AIRPORT
El Altet (Alicante) 3 km.

OPENING TIMES
8.00am till dark. All year round.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
Visa and MasterCard.

CLUB SERVICES
- Club, cart and buggy hire.
- Putting green.
- Practice bunkers.
- Shop.
- Changing rooms.
- Gear repair.
- Restaurant.
- Golf tuition.
- Bar-Café.
- Practice range.
- Parking.
- Aparthotel El Plantío.
These are actually two courses in one. There's a par-72 18-hole, and another par-3 9 hole course. In all you can play a 27-hole round. Excellently located just three kilometres from the Alicante international airport, this course welcomes thousands of visiting players who are attracted by the high-quality facilities. This is a course that should be paced out, studied from every angle and then enjoyed. If you decide to take it lightly, the results may be regretful. Flanked by exuberant vegetation, the fairways and greens are perfectly designed and very carefully tended. It's a course that is best played calmly and thoughtfully. These 9 par-3 holes are simply delightful. The course design is not only modern in shape, but also in its sustainability criteria. This is why it has received various distinctions, such as the noteworthy Madera Verde 2008 award, as well as being listed as a “sustainable golf” site by the AER (Assembly of European Regions). In its day it pioneered the use of waste water for irrigation purposes following the installation of a water treatment system. The 18 holes of this par-72 course are well laid out on a terrain that demands skill and precision from every kind of player. Each flag seems to offer something new, meaning that players have to approach each green with a different mindset, building a new strategy for the occasion. The compact design is pleasant, as it makes the rounds much more fluid. Distances from the green of one hole to the next tee are minimal. Thus, long walks that only contribute to impoverishing the game can be avoided. A highly notable feature of this course is the carefully designed placement of the lakes, which break up the fairways just enough to challenge the more daring or confident players. Apart from the fish, the water is usually home to ducks, geese, turtles and herons, making it picturesque as well as entertaining. El Plantio lives in perfect harmony with the environment. It is a place where nature seems to nourish the spirit. The vegetation planted around the course gives this facility a personality of its own. Lots of reforestation work has been done here, and it shows.
Golf La Finca

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DESIGNER: José Gancedo.
HOLES: 18.
PAR: 72.

HOW TO GET THERE
By the motorway AP-7 take exit number 745 (Torrevieja Norte). In the first roundabout take exit to San Miguel de Salinas and in the second roundabout take exit to Algorfa.

CLOSEST AIRPORT
El Altet (Alicante) 45 km and San Javier (Murcia) 55 km.

OPENING TIMES
7.30am till dark. All year round.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
Cisa and Master Card.

CLUB SERVICES
- Clubs, cart and buggy hire.
- Spa.
- Pro-Shop.
- Changing rooms and lockers.
- Practice range.
- Golf tuition.
- Putting green.
- Bowling green.
- Tennis.
- Paddle.
- Gym.
- Restaurant.
- Bar-Café.
- Chipping area.
- Parking.
- 5* Hotel.
This is a course that attracts attention, for quite a few reasons, but largely thanks to the ample fairways and spectacular greens, with designs that vary greatly from one to another. One instance is the green at number 7, which is totally square and flanked by a grandiose bunker that resembles a broad sandy beach. Holes 5 and 6 are accompanied by spectacular waterfalls and impressive lakes. These not only lend beauty to the atmosphere, but they also complicate things a little for an exciting game. The uniqueness of the layout contributes to playing enjoyment, rewarding good strokes at every point. When the course was designed, the emphasis was on protecting the environment, which is quite evident from the abundant native vegetation all around.

Every player who comes here seems to return at some point, as a great day is guaranteed. Good shots are always rewarded. This facility has interesting prospects for the future; it is a course that boasts all the qualities needed to host a major tournament on the European circuit, and this is what the managers are working towards.

Managed by TRON GOLF, Las Colinas Golf & Country Club has a target: to offer the best services and amenities so that every single guest enjoys a unique experience.
Altea Club de Golf

How to get there
Take the AP-7 motorway and then exit at junction 64 Altea - Calp. After the toll booth, take the first left towards Altea la Vieja.

Closest airport
El Altet (Alicante) 60 km.

Opening times
8.00am till dark. All year round.

Credit cards accepted
Visa and MasterCard.

Club services
- Cart and buggy hire.
- Club sets.
- Shop.
- Gear repair.
- Golf tuition.
- Practice range.
- Putting green.
- Chipping area.
- Changing rooms.
- Restaurant.
- Bar-Café.
- Parking.

Altea Club de Golf
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Designer: Gregorio Sanz and Pedro Barber.
First opened: 1974.
Holes: 9 (18 tees).
Par: 72.
Luis Campomanes, set within the “El Aramo” residential estate on the Sierra de Altea mountainside, made a firm bid for a golf course back in 1974, when Spain had hardly any players in this sport and even fewer followers. Located within the municipal district of Altea, this site stands out for its proximity to the Mediterranean, its beautiful vistas and the light and sunshine of this exceptional enclave along the coast. The course sits between the Sierra Bernia and the sea, offering spectacularly beautiful scenes. The layout is highly attractive and if we add to this the fantastic surroundings, this course has everything for a great game of golf.

As a semi-private club, it is open to the public, so members sometimes play alongside green-fee players. In recent years, lots of work has been done to improve its fairways, slopes, pine forests and landscaping in general. The bunkers contain marble sand, which is ideal for hitting the ball if it happens to fall into one of these strategically placed traps. The tee-offs have also been remodelled to provide two complete rounds that are different despite this course only being a nine-hole. There are plans to renew the irrigation system in the immediate future and for an upcoming connection to a treatment plant as well as a new artificial lake set in amongst the fairways.

From each hole around the course, players command excellent views of the course layout, the town of Altea, the Mediterranean Sea and mountains surrounding the Marina Baixa area.

One of the most difficult holes to be found in the entire Region of Valencia is waiting for brave players here. It’s the 15th, a par 3 at 150 metres. The green is very narrow, positioned high up and complicated, with a front bunker and surrounded by out of bounds areas. Any bad results will surely be compensated for with the mountain views of Sierra Bernia and the seascape.
Club de Golf Ifach

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DESIGNER: Javier Arana.
HOLES: 9.
PAR: 60 (30+30).

HOW TO GET THERE
Take the AP-7 motorway to Benissa. In Benissa, take the road to Teulada; from Teulada to Moraira, and from here take the turnoff towards Calp. The course is located inside the Urbanización San Jaime, at km 3 along the road from Moraira to Calp.

CLOSEST AIRPORT
El Aitut (Alicante) 72 km.

OPENING TIMES
08.00am till dark. All year round.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
Visa y Mastercard.

CLUB SERVICES
- Cart and buggy hire.
- Shop.
- Golf Club hire.
- Club repair.
- Golf tuition.
- Putting green.
- Practice bunkers.
- Approach zone.
- Changing rooms.
- Restaurant.
- Bar-Café.
- Tennis.
- Swimming pool.
- Parking.
This course is not totally flat, as it has 3 holes located on higher ground, but it is accessible and comfortable to play for golfers of any age and level. What is required here is a good combination of playing skills, unless you just want to have a nice walk in some picturesque countryside. It has a nine-hole layout (6 par 3s and 3 par 4s) and although these are quite short, they can be tough and technical in view of the rolling terrain and the narrow fairways. You have to know how to use all the clubs in your bag if you want to avoid serious trouble. Precision is always required when approaching a flag, but here it is even more important. Overconfidence during the drive won’t work, and short shots can be treacherous too.

Sometimes, apparently easy shots can become frustrating when you review your scorecard. Both trees and bunkers provide additional excitement at some holes, making the game challenging.

This course is located in Benissa, on an estate that gives players some of the finest panoramas in the Region of Valencia. Among these are views of the Rock of Ifach and the bright blue Mediterranean. This course won’t dishearten beginners or tire out first-time visitors even if they choose the hotter summer months for a game. The dense vegetation cultivated over the past few years not only provides shady areas and cooling breezes, but also contributes to the beauty of the layout, whilst making it slightly more complicated.

For lower handicap players, things may get a little tough, as control is required at all times from start to finish. Higher handicap players, however, will be able to allow themselves a few errors. In either case, no one should get too distracted, because this course can give any player a surprise every now and then. That’s what is so great about it.
La Sella Golf

LA SELLA GOLF
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03749, Jesús Pobre - Dénia (Alicante)
Tel 966 454 252
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www.lasellagolf.com

DESIGNER: José María Olazábal.
HOLES: 27
PAR: 72.

HOW TO GET THERE
Take exit 62 from the AP-7 motorway, to Dénia.
Turn right at La Xara, and follow signs to Jesús Pobre.

CLOSEST AIRPORT
El Altet (Alicante) 95 km and Manises (Valencia) 95 km.

OPENING TIMES
8.00am till 8.00pm. All year round.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
Visa, MasterCard and American Express.

CLUB SERVICES
• Club, cart and buggy hire.
• Shop.
• Golf tuition.
• Practice range.
• Putting green.
• Practice bunkers.
• Changing rooms.
• Restaurant.
• Bar-Café.
• Parking.

TOURNAMENTS
Pepe Bañó insisted and achieved the construction of a golf course in close proximity to the mythical Montgó mountain, only 6 km away from the Mediterranean town Dénia. For its design, he bet on a young golf player, who just began to excel at the European Tour with three victories in 1986 at the Swiss Open, Ebel Masters and Sanyo Open. The player was José María Olazábal (winner of the Masters in 1994 and 1999). In 1987 Olazábal stroke the inaugural ball, which disappeared in the pine and almond trees, baobabs and ancient stone terraces. Bañó bet on Olazábal (then aged 22), when he could have bet on Nick Faldo, who was the player in vogue.

The result is a stunning course that impresses by its fantastic views to the mountains and the nearby Mediterranean sea. Over the years the course has experienced different modifications, always supervised by Olazábal aiming to improve his original design. Among those carried out is the change to hole 8, a par 3. The small lake right in middle of the fairway, was dried out, as it never hadn’t played a role in a professional competition and only penalized excessively the amateur. Another modification affected hole 5, a par 3, where the green was made larger. It’s a very intense green comprising two heights and infinite drops. In January 2013, José María Olazábal inaugurated the new 9 holes of La Sella, so that today players from all over the world can enjoy its 27 holes. La Sella do have also the Amen Corner (in Augusta style) formed by holes 3 and 7. These two wiggle through the La Sella hills, and besides of being a continuous challenge for any player, the views they are offering to the Montgó Natural Park are strikingly beautiful. The sight of lush greenery and woods mingling with hundred-year-old olive trees and baobabs convert the game into an unforgettable walk through this unique Mediterranean scenery.

The player who is visiting La Sella for the first time marvels at the course, its strength and extraordinary views. The three circuits, each of 9 holes, are named after the area’s dominating winds: Llebeig, Gregal and Mestral which offer the player multiple of options to enjoy golfing on 365 days of the year.
Escuela de Golf Elche

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03293 Elx (Alicante)
Tel 966 364 036
info@escuelagolfeleche.com
www.escuelagolfeleche.com

DESIGNER: Rivero Design.
HOLES: 9.
PAR: 54.

HOW TO GET THERE
Autovía A-70, salida Elx-Aspe, seguir por la Ronda Oeste de Carrús, CV-8510 dirección Hospital Vinalopó.

CLOSEST AIRPORT
El Altet (Alicante) 21 km.

OPENING TIMES
09.00am – 08.00pm. Closed on sunday afternoon and monday.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
Visa y MasterCard.

CLUB SERVICES
- Club and cart hire.
- Golf club storage.
- Shop.
- Golf tuition.
- Practice range.
- Putting green.
- Chipping area.
- Practice bunkers.
- Tee line with 21 covered and lighting posts.

- Swing analysis Lab.
- Changing rooms.
- Bar-Café.
- Parking.
The Golf School of Elche, located in the city centre, close to the mall El Corte Inglés and the Hospital Vinalopó, has 53,000 square meters for teaching and playing golf. A 9-hole double tee Pitch & Putt course with a 18 hole course. The difficulty of the course is the demanding fast greens in perfect conditions throughout the year. It has a unique practice area including a tee line with 21 covered and lightened posts, putting-green, chipping green with bunkers as well as a complete swing and fitting analysis Lab. The School offers its services at reasonable prices for all citizens who wish to practice golf.
Alenda Golf

HOW TO GET THERE
Take the Alicante - Madrid (A-31) dual carriageway, and at kilometre 15 take the exit to Elx-Aspe.

CLOSEST AIRPORT
El Altet (Alicante) 15 km.

OPENING TIMES
8.00am till dark. Open all day.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
Servired 6000, Visa, MasterCard.

ALENDA GOLF
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Urbanización Alenda Golf
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www.alendagolf.com

DESIGNER: Golden Fairways / Roland Favrat.
FIRST OPENED: 1999.
HOLES: 18.
PAR: 72.

CLUB SERVICES
- Club, cart and buggy hire.
- Club sets.
- Shop.
- Practice range.
- Covered and lighted driving range.
- Putting green.
- Chipping area.
- Practice bunkers.
- Golf tuition
- Gym.
- Pilates.
- Sauna.
- Paddle.
- Changing rooms.
- Restaurant.
- Bar-Café.
- Parking.
This is a range to be tackled in two different ways. The first nine are fun, easy even, with broad fairways flanked by thick native vegetation. A good drive and some wood along the fairway won't offer too many problems for experienced players. After this, though, the second nine flags require some good concentration. Technical skill is required to reach the green in suitable conditions. The 17th and 18th are definitely the most complex, as these are the ones that will make or break a good scorecard at the end of the round. The 17th is a par 4 at 392 metres, and is the toughest on the course, with an uphill, blind tee-off. Watch out for the water hazard on the right, and don’t get fooled by the narrowing fairway as it approaches the green. Power and aim and the two elements that will help avoid ruining any good work done up to here. The 18th hole is a par 4 at 368 metros. It dog-legs to the left, bordered by a lake. The green sits on high ground, with five fast platforms. This is why players should take a good look at the situation of the 18th when they come to the 10th hole next door. Doing so gives some vital information that comes in handy afterwards.

The layout does a good job of respecting the original lie of the land and the native vegetation on this former estate, as aggressive earthmoving was avoided during the building phase. It has a total of 49 hectares of land. Alenda Golf is located in the Alicante town of Monforte del Cid, in privileged natural surroundings at the foot of the Sierra de las Águilas (the “eagles’ mountains”) overlooked by the San Pascual chapel, with abundant Mediterranean flora, and dotted with vineyards – all in all quite a tourist attraction.

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Font del Llop Golf Resort

Ctra. Alicante-Aspe CV-847, km. 38
03679 Monforte del Cid (Alicante)
Tel: 966 126 767
info@fdlgolf.es
www.fdlgolf.es

DESIGNER: Blake & Martin Signature.
HOLES: 18.
PAR: 72.

HOW TO GET THERE
Motorway A-31 Alicante-Madrid o autovía del Mediterráneo A-7 dirección Madrid, salida Aspe, CV-847.
Main entrance to the club is 4 km on CV-847.

CLOSEST AIRPORT
El Altet (Alicante) 15 km.

OPENING TIME
08.00am till dark. All year round except 25/12 and 01/01.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
Visa AND Master Card.

SERVICIOS DEL CLUB
- Clubs, electric and manual trolley, buggies hire.
- Clubs repair.
- Golf shop.
- Driving range.
- Putting green.
- Chipping area.
- Practice bunkers.
- Locker room.
- Restaurant.
- Bar-cafeteria.
- Parking.
A new complex in Alicante, 18 holes. American design and Scottish layout that will be a challenge and delight for all kind of players. Just 10 minutes from the International Airport of Alicante with direct flights to the main cities of Europe and Spain. You would find us on highway crossing A7 and A31, on ASPE CV847 road. 4kms from Elche, city Two Times World Heritage from the UNESCO, 20kms from Alicante, cosmpolitan city with wonderful leisure options. High Speed Train will arrive this year to both cities connecting our course with Madrid. The golf course has a marvellous Spanish Finca as Club House, which includes an area for events, a pro-shop, lockers and a club storage. One of the main attraction in the area is the Mediterranean Gastronomy, with a diversity of colours and flavours. You can not forget its magnificent Restaurant with a large terrace from where you can contemplate the view of 12 holes.

Our Golf Academy, is directed by a professional team. An experience and an exceptional human touch, that will help you to improve your golf, for all kind of players. Golf lessons will be given in English or Spanish.

Font del Llop Resort, is surrounded by beautiful sceneries and its location invites you to enjoy spanish culture in the cities and towns nearby, in where sport, leisure, services and gastronomy have a special place. 15kms from the golden virgin sand beaches and with more than 320 days of sun per year, Font del Llop becomes a perfect option for your golf holidays. We can offer you Special Packages in Hotels, Resorts, or Rental Appartments.
Golf & Spa Bonalba

HOW TO GET THERE
Along the AP-7 motorway, take exit 1, to Xixona. Take the N-340 and then the road to Busot and Bonalba.

CLOSEST AIRPORT
El Altet (Alicante) 20 km.

OPENING TIMES
8.00am till dark. All year round.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
Visa and MasterCard.

GOLF & SPA BONALBA
Partida Bonalba, s/n
C/ Vespre, 6bis
03110 Mutxamel (Alicante)
Tel 965 955 955
golfbonalba@golfbonalba.com
www.golfbonalba.com

DESIGNER: Ramón Espinosa.
HOLES: 18.
PAR: 72.

CLUB SERVICES
- Buggy, club, hand and
electric cart hire.
- Shop.
- Golf tuition.
- Practice range.
- Putting green.
- Chipping area.

TORNEOS
Final del Circuito Nacional de Golf Profesional (1997 y 98), Challenge España (2000),
Campeonato de España Júnior y Boys (2000), Campeonato Internacional de España
Senior Masculino Dobles e Individual (2001), Campeonato Internacional de España
Senior Femenino Dobles e Individual (2007), Campeonato Internacional de España
Senior Masculino Dobles e Individual (2008), Campeonato de España Masculino 3ª
Just two kilometres from Playa de San Juan in the municipal district of Muxamel, this course has exceptional scenery, a great climate and exciting terrain.

It features a grandiose and spectacular design, where all kinds of conditions combine to ensure playing enjoyment, with a good mix of difficulties along the way and some chances to raise your self-esteem too. The course is characterised by a good variety of holes. There is no monotony here, as five lakes lie in wait alongside 10 holes, meaning players afraid of water hazards can start to worry. Another of the trademarks of this facility is what we can call the bitter bunker line-up. No less than 96 sit there waiting, strategically located to put players to the test. So you might as well succumb and start practising those sand trap shots. All this is part of the excellent design, calling for precision accompanied by strategy when it comes to finding the shortest path around water and sand hazards.

The greens are grand, some of them enormous, with lots of movement. The flags are always located to provoke complicated puts. Reaching the flag is not excessively hard, but once on the green the normal two puts are by no means guaranteed to work. All players who have been here before know that the first nine are pretty technical, with water invading five of the holes. The three last holes of this section of the course are extremely tough, and are now being called the “Amen Corner of Bonalba”. These are low handicap holes capable of messing up any good scorecard. The second nine are also technical, but they require a harder shot, and are also right out in the fickle sea breeze. This breeze mostly comes down the fairway, and means that players have to shuffle through their bags to get the green on good terms. The trees contribute to the beauty of the layout. This magnificent course is complete with an indoor swimming pool, an outdoor pool and a spa. The practice range has a 9-hole par 3 Pitch & Putt, quite a novelty in fact, as they are laid out on artificial grass.
Villamartín Golf Course

CAMPO DE GOLF VILLAMARTÍN
Av. las Brisas, 8
Ctra. Alicante - Cartagena, km. 50
03189 Orihuela Costa (Alicante)
Tel. 966 765 170/966 729 188
info@gruporquara.com
www.gruporquara.com

DESIGNER: Paul Puttman.
HOLES: 18.
PAR: 72.

HOW TO GET THERE
Along the AP-7 motorway (Alicante - Cartagena) take exit
763 (La Zenia). Follow towards San Miguel de Salinas.

CLOSEST AIRPORT
El Altet (Alicante) 60 km and San Javier (Murcia) 35 km.

OPENING TIMES
7.30am till dark. All year round.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
Visa and MasterCard.

CLUB SERVICES
- Club, cart and buggy hire.
- Shop.
- Gear repair.
- Practice range.
- Putting green.
- Chipping area.
- Golf tuition.

TOURNAMENTS
National Professional Golf Circuit Final (1997 & 98),
Spanish Challenge (2000), Spanish Junior and Boys
Championship (2000).
This is one of the oldest and well consolidated golf courses in the Region of Valencia. It is considered to be one of the best golf courses in Spain because of its extraordinary design and its location in the incomparable natural surroundings. The trees and vegetation found here are well established, as this facility has been around for over 35 years. The tree cover makes things picturesque along the route, but also presents difficulties that players have to know how to tackle.

The layout is sure to challenge players on all 18 holes, and everyone has to think carefully regardless of their handicap to come out on top. In other words, you have to know how to use every club in your bag. The course provides enjoyment to both low handicap players and those who are already well seasoned in this noble sport. The design of the greens at Villamartín is complicated, and contributes to raising the level of play. The water hazards dotted around the route seem to keep the temperatures down, but also contribute to the challenges of the demanding course. Because of this, it has served as the setting of important competitions.

In 1997 it hosted the Mediterranean Volvo Open on the European circuit, which ended up giving the omnipotent José María Olazábal the championship. The quality of this course has also made it the venue for a variety of national and international trials. Many players on the European circuit use Villamartín for training purposes. Emilio Rodríguez is one of the club’s pros and is one of Europe’s most charismatic golf players thanks to his friendly temperament. He’s always ready to crack a joke and smile. At present he provides tuition here and participates on the European Seniors circuit.
CLUB DE GOLF
LAS RAMBLAS DE ORIHUELA

Ctra. Alicante-Cartagena, km. 47
03189 Orihuela Costa (Alicante)
Tel. 966 774 728/966 729 188
golfstrasramblas@grupoquara.com
www.golfquara.com

DESIGNER: José Gancedo.
HOLES: 18.
PAR: 72.

HOW TO GET THERE
Along the AP-7 motorway (Alicante - Cartagena) take exit 763. Then take the N-332 to Cartagena.

CLOSEST AIRPORT
El Altet (Alicante) 60 km and San Javier (Murcia) 35 km.

OPENING TIMES
7.30am till dark.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
Visa and MasterCard.

CLUB SERVICES
• Club, cart and buggy hire.
• Shop.
• Gear repair.
• Practice range.
• Putting green.
• Chipping area.
• Practice bunkers.

TOURNAMENTS

• Golf tuition.
• Changing rooms.
• Restaurant.
• Bar-Café.
• Parking.
This is a perfectly consolidated golf course and a major reference point in the development of Costa Blanca golf. It is designed and built in a natural setting enjoying spectacular views over the Mediterranean. It’s a design that has been carefully conceived, reaching up into mountainous terrain where it winds its way up the slopes, crisscrossing a stream bed in exuberant vegetation, thanks to the pines growing all round. These trees give the course its personality and add a few more difficulties to an already challenging course. These luxuriant Mediterranean pines accompany players along the way and pose a few surprises to the less attentive. There are magnificent views over the sea from a number of spots around the course and the air is fresh and cool in the shady spots, making this course ideal for a great game of golf even in the hottest months of the year. The round is unforgettable. Its quality is recognised at home and abroad. This is a course that leaves its mark on a player. To succeed here, you have to think twice before hitting the ball.

Haste will cost you dearly. At every step of the way, the prestige and imagination of course designer José Gancedo is evident, in both the smaller and larger details. The innovative and creative mind of Gancedo can be seen everywhere. Intelligent players soon find out that they must rise to the challenge of the many hazards found here. Enjoyment means confronting a course that poses quite a few threats. Over the 18 holes, players will be put to the test and made to give their very best shots, where both execution and the final outcome of each stroke are the key factors. The mountainous terrain alongside this meandering stream bed requires shots that combine skill and precision at all times.

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REAL CLUB DE GOLF CAMPOAMOR

Ctra. Alicante - Cartagena, km. 48
Urbanización Lomas de Campoamor
03189 Orihuela Costa (Alicante)
Tel. 965 321 366 / 965 320 410
golf@lomasdecampoamor.es
www.lomasdecampoamor.com

DESIGNER: Carmelo Gracia Caselles.
HOLES: 18.
PAR: 72.

HOW TO GET THERE
At km 48 of N332 road in La Regia, follow the road to San Miguel de Salinas and Castillo de Don Juan, we are right after the water chanel.

CLOSEST AIRPORT
El Altet (Alicante) 50 km and San Javier (Murcia) 25 km.

OPENING TIMES
8.00am 9.00pm. All year round.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
Visa, MasterCard and Maestro.

CLUB SERVICES
- Club, cart and buggy hire.
- Shop.
- Gear repair.
- Golf tuition.
- Practice range.
- Putting green.
- Chipping area.
- Practice bunkers.
- Tennis.
- Paddle.
- Changing rooms.
- Restaurant.
- Bar-Café.
- Parking.
- 4* Hotel.
Hole number 9, a par 4, handicap 1, is the toughest on the course. To come out on top of this challenge, players need a good shot from the tee, falling to the right of the fairway. The drive has to be precise as there are unexpected problems lurking on both sides of the fairway. The second shot, when performed properly, can indeed reach the green, but it is well protected with sand traps. The second shot is a real beauty, as the ball has to fly over a water hazard. Not all players feel up to such a drive. So this is a hole where par or bogey will be a welcome score for an amateur.

This course was first opened in 1988, by Don Juan de Borbón, the Count of Barcelona (King Juan Carlos’ father). Every year a tournament is held in his name, in remembrance of a man who long supported golfing in Spain. The course has a semicircular shape due to its layout over two interconnected valleys. It is surrounded by small hills that beautify the atmosphere and protect the player to a certain extent from the wind. It enjoys a privileged geographical position, providing it with a special microclimate that makes golf playing possible at any time of the year.

The course aims to please both professionals and amateurs. The fairways are long and broad, with most of the difficulties at the greens and the sloping fairways. During its construction, most of the existing native vegetation was preserved. In fact, nature was coaxed into being even more beautiful here – it is an eco-friendly course if ever there was one. The design lends itself to be made into a tricky round for demanding players with low handicaps or can be more accommodating for beginners or for players with higher handicaps.

What this course won’t do is leave anyone indifferent, as it is constantly being improved. In recent years, a number of holes around the course have been remodelled to suit them to today’s tastes in golf-playing.
LAS COLINAS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
Ctra. Campoamor a San Miguel de Salinas
CV-941, km. 6
03189 Orihuela
Tel. 965 324 004
reservations@lascolinasgolf.es
www.lascolinasgolf.es

DESIGNER: Cabell B. Robinson.
HOLES: 18.
PAR: 71.

CÓMO LLEGAR
Alicante, 40 km. away. AP-7 toll road, exit 768 (Dehesa de Campoamor). For Las Colinas Golf & Country Club, take the CV-941 towards San Miguel de Salinas, exiting at km. 6.

CLOSEST AIRPORT
El Altet (Alicante) y San Javier (Murcia).

OPENING TIMES
07.30am - 06.30pm.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
Visa, Master Card y Maestro.

CLUB SERVICES
- Rental Clubs, Hand and electric Trolleys, buggies.
- Golf Shop
- Golf lessons
- Driving Range
- Putting green.
- Chipping area.
- Changing rooms.
- Restaurant UNIK and enso sushi bar.
- Gym
- Car Park.
- Tennis.
- Paddle.
- Apartments and villas.
- L’Orangerie Conference room.
- International School of Falconry.
Las Colinas offers an exclusively designed 18-hole championship golf course. It is included in Golf World’s latest ranking of the Top 100 golf courses in Europe, which describes the course as Spain’s most exciting new course. The width of its fairways, the design of its extensive undulating greens and the numerous tees at each hole give the course great versatility, making it suitable for professional competitions while also offering any player, regardless of his or her level, a pleasant, enjoyable and affordable game.

Designed by the prestigious North American architect Cabell B. Robinson, the golf course of Las Colinas is a faithful reflection of the originality and versatility that characterise his work, which includes internationally renowned courses such as La Reserva, in Sotogrande; Finca Cortesín, on the Costa del Sol; Praia d’El Rey, in Portugal; and the Royal Golf d’Evian, in France.

In addition to its exclusive design, the defining characteristic of Las Colinas golf course is that it adapts to the special contours of the terrain to naturally blend into the surroundings.
Vistabella Golf

VISTABELLA GOLF
Ctra. CV-945 - Urb. Entre Naranjos
03310 Orihuela
Tel. 966 107 846
bookings@vistabellagolf.com
www.vistabellagolf.com

DESIGNER: Manuel Piñero.
HOLES: 18.
PAR: 73.

HOW TO GET THERE
AP-7 exit 751, at the roundabout take the CV-945 towards Orihuela and 3 km to the right is the Vistabella Urbanization and the golf course.

CLOSEST AIRPORT
El Altet (Alicante) 60 km. San Javier 35 km.

OPENING TIMES
8:15am - till dark.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
Visa, Maestro y Master Card.

CLUB SERVICES
- Trolley and buggies hire.
- Pro-shop.
- Golf lessons.
- Paddle.
- Putting green.
- Changing rooms.

- Restaurant.
- Bar-Café.
- Parking.
Designed by Manuel Piñero former partner of Seve Ballesteros in the 1985 Ryder Cup, and with more than 30 years experience in the world of golf, he has coupled this knowledge with his playing experiences from the best courses in the world and applied it to Vistabella Golf. Vistabella has been developed to offer four different tee positions; wide fairways and numerous strategically placed bunkers all fully integrated into natural surroundings, with a responsible use of resources. It’s a fresh and attractive course a welcome addition to the Costa Blanca golf circuit, located in Jacarilla, and near Orihuela and Torrevieja. Desert style areas are okay to play from and they look effective breaking up the fairways well. The green side bunkers are exceptional, with just the right amount of sand and with fairways riddled with some big bunkers, but they can be avoided.

The club house matches the good things about Vistabella Golf making it a very sociable centre. It’s a lovely set up, and will get better over the years with plants maturing to make it harder if you’re off line, the additional seven holes are played from the other tee boxes.

A truly interesting course which will be enjoyed by the most expert professionals and also those new to the game. It makes for a very fascinating golfing experience that brings you back again and again.

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Lo Romero Golf

**LO ROMERO GOLF**

Ctra. CV-925 Pilar de la Horadada – Orihuela, km. 29
03190 Pilar de la Horadada (Alicante)
Tel 966 766 887 / 616 478 869 / 680 991 587
info@loromerogolf.com
www.loromerogolf.com

**DESIGNER:** Jorge Gallén and Enric Soler.
**FIRST OPENED:** 2008.
**HOLES:** 18.
**PAR:** 72.

**HOW TO GET THERE**
Located at km 29 along the road from Pilar de la Horadada to Orihuela. Using the AP-7 motorway, take exits 770 or 774 between Cartagena and Alicante.

**CLOSEST AIRPORT**
El Altet (Alicante) 70 km and San Javier (Murcia) 25 km.

**OPENING TIMES**
8.00am till dark. All year round.

**CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED**
Visa and MasterCard.

**CLUB SERVICES**
- Club, cart and buggy hire.
- Shop.
- Golf tuition.
- Practice range.
- Putting green.
- Practice bunkers.
- Changing rooms.
- Restaurant.
- Bar-Café.
- Parking.
The title hole here is reserved for the end, at the 18th hole, where players face a par 4 of 302 or 370 metres, depending on their colours. This handicap challenge is not only memorable for being so difficult to stay on par (or even to get a bogey), but also for being steeped in beauty. Tee-off is from higher ground, giving a good view of the entire play. The spectacular greenery can be seen clearly, surrounded by water and resembling a new island in the Mediterranean. The green measures 731 square metres, with hardly a slope, as if it wanted to welcome any ball with precision and skill. A hole like this has to be played with your head, staying cool and rational.

A long initial drive is a good option to start with, as long as you are capable of dropping the ball in the middle of the fairway, well placed between the left and right bunkers. This is the only way to get the ball to the green in two shots so you can opt for a birdie or stay on par. Nevertheless, the majority of medium handicap players can feel happy about scoring a bogey here. It’s a true challenge for any golfer. The design concentrates on creating a traditional and practical course without too many different levels. The holes are varied and entertaining. Fairways and greens are broad, with enough margin to allow players to make a few mistakes. Several streams, eight lakes and 57 bunkers are here to keep players focused. But the design also allows players to come out feeling satisfied regardless of their playing level.

The idea is to serve up some good sensations so that people will come back to this course time and again, and still be surprised and impressed when they do.

The first nine holes run through ground that was once used for growing oranges. It is pretty smooth and rolling. Then come the final nine, which are steeper, running through pines that lend them personality and sea views. The local flora and fauna have been respected and even intensified, as replanting and reforesting work has been undertaken. Squirrels, partridges, rabbits and birds (local and migratory) enjoy the area, which is a haven for nature conservation. The environment has been scrupulously respected here.
La Marquesa Golf

LA MARQUESA GOLF
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DESIGNER: Justo Quesada Samper.
HOLES: 18.
PAR: 72.

HOW TO GET THERE
Take exit 740 from the AP-7 motorway, between Alicante and Cartagena, and drive towards Rojales.

CLOSEST AIRPORT
El Altet (Alicante) 40 km. and San Javier (Murcia) 40 km.

OPENING TIMES
8.00am till dark. All year round.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
All.

CLUB SERVICES
• Club, cart and buggy hire.
• Shop.
• Gear repair.
• Golf tuition for beginners and advanced.
• Practice range.
• Putting green.
• Chipping area.
• Practice bunkers.
• Changing rooms.
• Restaurant.
• Bar-Café.
• Shopping area with supermarkets.
• Parking.
This course is located in a flattish valley between the hills, protected by a unique microclimate that allows players to enjoy a game all year round. It has already celebrated its 20th birthday, and the surrounding area has been built up in recent years. Villas and other buildings accompany players throughout their round.

In other words, this is an urban golf course and has outstanding amenities in the vicinity. Getting round this 18-hole course is quite comfortable, with no excessive slopes, and relatively short distances between tees and greens. There’s a perfect combination of long and short holes, providing a breather every now and then, which is good, especially when your scorecard is already crying out for fewer shots. This is an ideal course for players of any age. It can be, and should be, toured on foot to appreciate all the attractions it offers, particularly when it comes to the blind shots required here.

These may unsettle you at first, but they do provide great satisfaction afterwards if they haven’t gone astray. The best example is hole 4, a par 4 at 312 metres. The initial drive should be played to the left of the fairway to gain a direct view of the green. Players unable to manage this will fall right and be left with a blind shot to the flag. An 8 or 9 iron, depending on your strength and skill, may leave the ball correctly positioned on the green and ready for par after successfully passing through hazardous mountain terrain.

The 15th is a par 3 at 162 metres with a green located uphill on various tiers, and steep slopes with water behind and beside it, and a large bunker protecting it. Your stroke should be precise here. And the course finishes with a par-5 18th at 570 metres, with water hazards (both streams and lakes) protecting it. These difficulties are devised to put your playing strategy to the test. It’s impossible to get bored on this course. There are infinite possibilities for fine shots. And there’s a great golfing atmosphere too.
Club de Golf de Jávea

Club de Jávea. Xàbia (Alicante). 38° 44' 45" N 0° 8' 55" E

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administracion@clubdegolfjavea.es
www.clubdegolfjavea.com

DESIGNER: Francisco Moreno.
FIRST OPENED: 1981.
HOLES: 9.
PAR: 72 (36+36).

HOW TO GET THERE
Using the AP-7 motorway, take the exit to Xàbia and then take the first right to Benitxell.

CLOSEST AIRPORT
El Altet (Alicante) 90 km.

OPENING TIMES
8.00am till dark. All year round.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
Visa and MasterCard.

CLUB SERVICES
- Club, cart and buggy hire.
- Shop.
- Gear repair.
- Golf tuition.
- Putting green.
- Chipping area.
- Practice bunkers.
- Changing rooms.
- Restaurant.
- Bar-Café.
- Tennis.
- Swimming pool.
- Parking.
A course with lots of charm. Set under the shelter of the Cape of San Antonio. The fairways are broad and trick players into thinking that they are on a course that’s easy to play. But, let the player beware! There are 34 bunkers along the way, many of which are deliberately set to protect the greens. There are also gentle slopes that can be deceptive when the ball falls.

It is also located in an area with pine trees surrounding most of the terrain. Good use has been made of the Mediterranean vegetation, which is strategically located around the course to give things more interest. The greens are very well tended, with fairways that are wide enough to encourage players to make strong drives and go for an approach with their second stroke, on the par 4s, for example.

The most complicated hole is the 6th, a par 4 at 355 metres with a definite curve to the right. The design does allow players to gain splendid picturesque vistas. To stay on par, an amateur has to be very precise with his or her first shot so as to make an approach to the green on the second, or at least try. If you can do this, two more putts and it’s mission accomplished. If things don’t work out, a good approach and one more putt may make you smile in relief and come out stronger than ever after tackling the course’s toughest hole. There is a plan to expand this course and give it an 18-hole layout. This should actually happen soon, as it has been on the books for quite some time now.
Las Rejas Sol de Poniente

**LAS REJAS SOL DE PONIENTE**

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www.lasrejasopenclub.com

**DESIGNER:** Antonio Espinosa.
**FIRST OPENED:** 2006.
**HOLES:** 9 par 3.
**PAR:** 54 (27+27).

**HOW TO GET THERE**
From the AP-7 motorway take exit 65. From the N-332 take the Terra Mitica exit and continue towards Playa de Poniente.

**CLOSEST AIRPORT**
El Altet (Alicante) 45 km.

**OPENING TIMES**
9.00 am till dark. All year round.

**CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED**
Visa and MasterCard.

**CLUB SERVICES**
- Golf clubs, trolleys, buggy and golf club room.
- Golf lessons.
- Pro shop.
- Driving range.
- Putting green.
- Bunker practice.
- Bar.
- Free parking.
- Local bus gets to the club.
Las Rejas Benidorm is a superb parkland 9 hole Par 3 Golf Course located in Benidorm. It is situated in Playa de Poniente (Poniente Beach) and integrated in the urban district of the city. It is only 1.000 mts to Poniente Beach and easy to get by bus or taxi. The design of the course has been made to offer the players a fun game, putting into practice approximation swings in a privileged area surrounded by Mediterranean pine. Both beginner and expert players will enjoy the course because of its strategically positioned par 3 holes. The golf course is ideal for beginners and advanced players who do not have enough time. Still being ideal for beginners, the course requires utmost concentration to meet their handicap because the greens are well protected by bunkers and native pines. It is the perfect golf course for someone being introduced to this sport. The experienced players will also be able to strengthen their skills around the green.

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DESIGNER: Nicklaus Design.
FIRST OPENED: 2006.
HOLES: 18.
PAR: 72.

HOW TO GET THERE
Along the AP-7 motorway, take exit 65 (Terra Mitica).

CLOSEST AIRPORT
El Altet (Alicante) 60 km.

OPENING TIMES
8.00am till dark. All year round.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
Visa, MasterCard and American Express.

CLUB SERVICES
• Club, cart and buggy hire.
• Shop.
• Golf tuition.
• Practice range.
• Putting green.
• Approach green.

• Changing rooms.
• Video room.
• Bar-Café.
• Parking.
Next to the Terra Mítica theme park in Benidorm, on the slopes rising up from the Mediterranean, there are two exceptional golf courses that were designed and supervised by Nicklaus Design, the company pertaining to the mythical Jack Nicklaus, the golden bear, and one of the most exceptional players in the history of this game. All the knowledge acquired, for example, in his 18 Grand Slam victories gave Jack many options to leave his mark on golf courses around the world. Benidorm has benefited from this in two of its courses: Course Levante (par 72) and Course Poniente (par 62). Course Levante has broad fairways with good perspectives and views of the horizon, where the unmistakable silhouette of cosmopolitan Benidorm can be enjoyed every step of the way. But astute players will remember that width is not equivalent to easy shots. The slopes are deceptive and can cause the overly-confident or the hasty to get into trouble along the way. Depending on where you set the ball, your feet may be higher or lower, and you therefore have to decide on the right stance before proceeding to perform your swing and how to hit the ball. A few seconds for reflection are always beneficial in such cases. This is quite a young course, and as the vegetation starts to grow stronger it will contribute to an increase in the difficulty level. On the other hand, there are already 104 bunkers set out on this course, and these can become a true nightmare for those who are reluctant to fit in some ever-challenging bunker shot practise during the week. The greens here are always beautifully kept, with varying levels of difficulty. They have been designed for all types of players. The position of the flagstick and the forever changing sea breeze may help or hinder at some holes. All in all, this is a course designed and ready for leading European and world-class events. If it is chosen as the setting for a European circuit trial in the future, it is sure to show the whole world all the quality and beauty of an exceptional course.

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**DESIGNER:** Nicklaus Design.
**FIRST OPENED:** 2006.
**HOLES:** 18.
**PAR:** 62.

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**HOW TO GET THERE**
Along the AP-7 motorway, take exit 65 (Terra Mítica).

**CLOSEST AIRPORT**
El Altet (Alicante) 60 km.

**OPENING TIMES**
8.00am till dark. All year round.

**CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED**
Visa, Mastercard and American Express.

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**CLUB SERVICES**
- Club, cart and buggy hire.
- Shop.
- Golf tuition.
- Practice range.
- Putting green.
- Approach green.
- Changing rooms.
- Video room.
- Bar-Café.
- Parking.
This course is set within the lower part of a gentle, pine-clad valley with views of the mountains and the sea. Players face a highly technical layout where experience is a good asset at all times. One must have a good command of the shorter irons and the course is quite demanding for low handicap players. The tees and greens on different tiers contribute to the beauty of this course and also provide lots of emotion. You have to be precise off the tee and know how to use all the clubs in the bag with a good level of skill. Players with high handicaps can also enjoy this facility as the course offers various alternatives, or recovery shots. A par 62 course is quite innovative for Spain, but they are very popular in the United States. There are ten par 4s and eight pars 3s. The whole layout is in a beautiful spot chosen for its ravines, slopes, water obstacles and abundant vegetation. Course distances are convenient for those who can only find short slots in their working schedules to practise some golf. But if you do get the chance, satisfaction can only be guaranteed if you leave all other thoughts aside and focus on golf and golf only, with no worries affecting the first shot off tee 1. Disaster may occur if worries are combined with hastiness, so relax, shake off all your cares and go for it.

Out of respect for nature, the gullies and ravines have been preserved. Changes in levels are a constant here and water hazards add to the psychological difficulties for any players unaccustomed to these obstacles.
Club de Golf Escorpión

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escorpion@clubescorpion.com
www.clubescorpion.com

DESIGNER: Ron Kitby / Alfonso Vidaor.
FIRST OPENED: 1975.
HOLES: 27.
PAR: 71, 72 and 73.

HOW TO GET THERE
Take the Valencia-Llíria dual carriageway (CV-35), exit at Salida 14 (San Antonio de Benagéber) and drive towards Bétera.

CLOSEST AIRPORT
Manises (Valencia) 16 km.

OPENING TIMES
8.00am till dark. All year round.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
Visa and MasterCard.

CLUB SERVICES
- Club, cart and buggy hire.
- Shop.
- Gear repair.
- Golf tuition.
- Practice range.
- Putting green.
- Chipping area.
- Practice bunkers.
- Changing rooms.
- Restaurant.
- Bar-Café.
- Gym.
- Nursery.
- Parking.
- Tennis.
- Swimming pool.

TOURNAMENTS
This private club has good quality facilities with almost 2,000 members, making it one of the leading golfing sites in the Region of Valencia and the rest of Spain. There are additional services for members, such as a gym, a nursery, tennis courts and a swimming pool. Its 27 holes enable players to combine three different rounds, where technique and strength are the main features for success. The course is sheltered by a well-established and quiet forest and the presence of water at many of the holes is a special attraction to those who can’t resist a challenge. The nine traditional holes in the area around the Club House are laid out on flat ground. To get the best from this part of the course, players have to hone their technical skills. Two lakes that make a pretty picture come into play at holes 5, 6, 8 and 9. If you think this through, these hazards should not penalise you too much and will help lend rhythm to the game, while providing a beautiful backdrop with abundant vegetation. All nine holes in the Los Lagos lake area present water hazards. Front and side water affects five holes. The 8th, a par 3 at 160 metres, is known as “El demoni” or the devil. The water lies to the right and runs all the way from tee to green. It is very difficult, as halfway along the fairway to the left there is another water hazard. Then a huge bunker protects the green. Self-assured players will go straight for the green, whereas those conscious of their limitations will opt for a medium-length shot and then make their approach before risking a shot plunked into the water. These lakes, however, hold more than a stray ball or two, as the picturesque surroundings attract migratory birds on their way up and down the coast. The last nine holes recently incorporated into the course are simply called “Los Nuevos” or the new ones. They present a more sloping terrain with three par-5 holes, where getting an eagle is a major success for any amateur player. There is no water in this part of the course, but the impressive views of the Sierra Calderona are the main attraction here. The greens are slightly uphill although it is not that difficult to surmount the slope successfully. The bunkers are large however and everyone has to reckon with them at some point, whether amateur or pro. Carlos del Moral grew up on this course before turning pro and in November 2008 received his card for the European circuit in 2009.
Club de Golf Escorpión Pitch & Putt

HOW TO GET THERE
Take the Valencia-Lliria dual carriageway (CV-35), exit at Salida 14 (San Antonio de Benagéber) and drive towards Bétera.

CLOSEST AIRPORT
Manises (Valencia) 16 km.

OPENING TIMES
8.00am till dark. All year round.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
Visa and MasterCard.

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DESIGNER: Alfonso Vidaor / Dionisio García Comín.
PAR: 54 (27 +27).

CLUB SERVICES
• Club, cart and buggy hire.
• Shop.
• Gear repair.
• Golf tuition.
• Practice range.
• Putting green.
• Chipping area.
• Practice bunkers.
• Changing rooms.
• Restaurant.
• Bar-Café.
• Gym.
• Nursery.
• Parking.
• Tennis.
• Swimming pool.

TOURNAMENTS
Spain-France International Match (2008).
Club Escorpión members wanted to get the most from the land they own, so after expanding from 18 holes to 27, they opted to build a Pitch & Putt range. It can be classified as a true 21st century course and is the result of some outstanding work on a great design. It has a double function, as it can be used as a 9-hole par-3 course or an 18-hole Pitch & Putt course. Since its opening it has become quite an attraction for members. Veteran players have a new place to play at the club and enjoy some new experiences, whereas others use this section to perfect their short-range skills. It also provides juniors joining the golf school here with a great chance to start out in golf and gain some valuable future skills.

Creator Dionisio García Corín, a club member who has won various competitions, used all his imagination to design this part of the course. He placed special emphasis on the greens, which are fast and generally quite difficult. Precision is a prerequisite in any approach to the flag to keep your scorecard healthy. The slopes and silhouette of the greens always call for precision putts. The penalties are tough for those who can't find the right level. What's more, the designer didn't forget the bunkers to keep the greens staunchly protected at all times. And from the teeing ground you always have to shoot to the narrowest side of the fairway, making it quite an exciting experience requiring skill and precision. A battalion of century-old carob trees show off the historic perspective of this course, adding an eco-friendly and aesthetic touch. One of the major features of this course is the distance to the holes. Most are over 80 metres in length and more than one surpasses the 100 metre mark. First-time players to this course will come off satisfied. Simply remember to judge difficulties in advance, because this great little course generously compensates the good, but relentlessly chastises the errant.
La Galiana Golf

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DESIGNER: Moon Masters
(Felipe Rodríguez)
FIRST OPENED: 2011.
HOLES: 18.
PAR: 72.

HOW TO GET THERE
From Valencia, head for the A-7 Alcante-Albaceite Motorway. Follow along the A-7 to exit 872 (CV-50 L’Alcúdia Centro - Carlet-Alzira) and take direction Altura-Tavernes de la Valldigna. When you reach Altura, continue along the same road CV-50 direction Tavernes de la Valldigna. Cross the town of Barraca d’Aigües Vives and 1 kilometre on the right you will see a sign to La Galiana Golf Course (when you reach the Hospital d’Aigües Vives Monastery).

CLOSES AIRPORT
Manises Airport (Valencia) 60 km.

OPENING TIMES
8.00am - 08.00pm.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
All.

SERVICIOS DEL CLUB
- Trolley and buggies.
- Pro-Shop.
- Golf lessons.
- Gear repair.
- Practice Bunker.

- Gear repair.
- Changing rooms.
- Bar cafe.
- Parking.
- Driving range.
- Putting green.
- Approach zone.
La Galiana Golf is a golf course with a 18 hole round, Par 72, 6,216-metres of white marks (professional) situated in the Barraca de Aguas Vivas in the municipal area of Carcaixent in Valencia. La Galiana has been designed by the company Moon Masters that, in addition to the brothers Santi, Salva and Kiko Luna, has Felipe Rodríguez as the person directly responsible for the design. The result is a course buried in a valley with wide and well defined fairways, with some spectacular views, in the middle of nature.

There are 6 teeing grounds in each hole for both Professionals, Men and Women, with spacious greens flanked by strategically positioned sand bunkers or lakes (10 in the entire course), which will force us to be accurate with the strokes approaching the green. The course has spacious tracks for buggies and you can drive on the fairways, observing the driving tees and surrounding areas of the green. But it is not only the beautiful landscape that is important, together with the planting of over 5,000 indigenous species, the course has been built using the best means available, and an example is the modern irrigation system it has, the collection and reuse of rainwater using a sophisticated drainage system, which will allow keeping water consumption to a minimum.

We want La Galiana Golf to be a demanding golf course, and entertaining at the same time, as the design of each hole has been studied so that it is a constant challenge even for the most accomplished players and where each one with their handicap can enjoy a enjoyable day of golf. The layout of the greens and bunkers and the dozens of water obstacles distributed along the course, guarantee a fine contest, as they will test the player's skills, where they will be obliged to use their best repertoire of strokes.

Galiana Golf is the first golf course in the Valencian Community where you do not have to be a member to play, so that you can have your tee-off time any day and any time just phoning us. Furthermore, it is a course where we are going to look after everything that is important for the players, personalised attention, service, and special care in looking after the course: the condition of the fairways, green, driving tees, etc.

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Masía de las Estrellas Pitch & Putt

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**DESIGNER:** Octavi Creus.
**FIRST OPENED:** 2006.
**HOLES:** 9. Pitch & Putt.
**PAR:** 54 (27+27).

**HOW TO GET THERE**
Take the dual carriageway to Torrent and exit at Albal.
From Albal use exit CV33 Catarroja-Paiporta.

**CLOSEST AIRPORT**
Manises (Valencia) 17 km.

**OPENING TIMES**
All year round.
Summer, 8.30am till 8.30pm. Winter 08.30 till 06.00pm,
from Saturday to Thursday.

**CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED**
Visa and MasterCard.

**CLUB SERVICES**
- Club and cart hire, club sets.
- Pro-shop.
- Golf tuition.
- Practice range.
- High performance Golf Academy.

- Changing rooms.
- Restaurant.
- Bar-Café.
- Parking.
This is a tough, technical but charming course. The design seeks to make demands on low handicap players while enabling the less experienced to enjoy a good game. This combination has been well achieved. The added difficulties lie in the placement of the flags and the numerous possibilities available at each green. Set amongst orange trees and the town, with nine holes and a double teeing ground, this course is prepared for top competition but aims to serve as an initiation ground for new golfers. Olive trees, shrubs and palms form part of the vegetation and have been planted or preserved due to their low water requirements and their visual appeal. A large central lake dominates the game and also provides a spectacular touch to the whole course, while of course fulfilling its purpose of storing rainwater, distributing it around the course and ensuring proper recycling. This is why the course is exceptional. Any approach to the flag has to be made with precision; it is recommendable to visually scan the green from the tee to try and devise possible slopes around the stick. Players just starting out at Masía de las Estrellas will be pleased to find a group of highly competent professionals to help them, and they can enjoy a practice range on two levels, with 56 driving stalls for some great practice.

This is actually the first facility of its kind in the Region of Valencia. The range is 250 metres long. The real treasure of this course is something the player will never see, because it’s all located in the subsoil. Practically eighty percent of the water used for irrigation winds up in the large central lake, through a perfect drainage system from fairways and greens, and a complex system of underground piping. Water here is a major priority and work is underway to develop new grass species that need less water to grow properly. At Masía de las Estrellas, the Club House is an ancient farmhouse dating back to 1886 and its refurbishment called for quite a bit of skilled craftsmanship. Everything was painstakingly restored and looks great. It is absolute luxury located right next to the great city of Valencia (ten minutes by car).
Club de Golf El Bosque

CLUB DE GOLF EL BOSQUE

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DESIGNER: Robert Trent Jones Sr.
FIRST OPENED: 1975.
HOLES: 18.
PAR: 72.

HOW TO GET THERE
Along the A-3 dual carriageway (Madrid) take exit 337 for Godelleta. Drive towards “Urb. El Bosque” (km 4.1).

CLOSEST AIRPORT
Manises (Valencia) 20 km.

OPENING TIMES
8.30am till 8.30pm. All year round.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
Visa, MasterCard and American Express.

CLUB SERVICES
- Club, cart and buggy hire.
- Shop.
- Gear repair.
- Golf tuition.
- Practice range.
- Putting green.
- Chipping area.
- Practice bunkers.
- Changing rooms.
- Turkish baths.
- Restaurant.
- Bar-Café.
- Parking.

TOURNAMENTS
Robert Trent Jones Sr. created this marvellous green island out of barren terrain in the mid-1970s to give shape to one of the finest golf courses in Europe. It is built on the slopes of a large undulating valley, where the lie of the land poses serious problems for players. The design makes spectacular use of this privileged geographical location and the irregularity of the terrain. The gullies, lakes and the small stream (that flows better in spring and autumn than at other times of the year), all come into play here. So visitors to this club will be faced with lots of ups and downs around the course. Stances vary notably at each stroke, requiring lots of concentration and a precise analysis of each hit. A number of water hazards provide the charm and sometimes the harm on this course. Its 96 sand traps add to the difficulties in the journey from tee to green, as they are strategically placed to catch off-course drives along the fairway or bad approaches to the green. The sloping, multi-shaped greens are very demanding, with fast surfaces. The fairways are mostly wide and well communicated, meaning that they do permit an errant ball or two, but things do get more complicated if a second shot is required.

The front nine offers three holes that are characterised by their difficulty and beauty: 7, 8 and 9. At the 8th, a par 3, the ball has to fly over a stream bed and a large lake to land on the green, providing quite a degree of excitement. The 7th hole, a par 5, presents a cluster of pine trees to the right, sucking in many a poor drive, whereas hole number 9 has a high green that can intimidate just about any player. El Bosque has hosted quite a few tournaments on the European circuit.

Fairways and greens have been walked by international players of the likes of Spaniards José María Cañizares and José María Olazábal, and the Fijian Vijay Singh, who before entering the American circuit made a name for himself on this course in 1990 when he won the El Bosque Open and lowered the course record to 65 strokes. Two years later it was José María Olazábal who came off with a brilliant triumph at the Mediterrania Comunitat Valenciana Open. In 1990 José María Cañizares teamed up with Tania Abitbol and won the Benson & Hedges Mixed Team Trophy.
Balneario de Cofrentes Pitch & Putt

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DESIGNER: Pepin Cabo.
FIRST OPENED: 2006.
HOLES: 9 Pitch & Putt.
PAR: 54 (27+27).

HOW TO GET THERE
Located in the Valle de Ayora, in the inland area of the Region of Valencia, 105 km from the capital.

CLOSEST AIRPORT
Manises (Valencia) 100 km

OPENING TIMES
All year round, excluding January and February.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
Visa, MasterCard and American Express.

CLUB SERVICES
• Club and cart hire.
• Golf tuition.
• Changing rooms.
• Parking.

• And all the services of the Cofrentes spa.

TOURNAMENTS
Senior Spanish Championship 2009.
Set in privileged surroundings, this outstanding sports facility was set up in 2006 and is currently managed by the Mediterráneo Golf Management firm. It is located right in the middle of the Valle de Ayora-Cofrentes valley, bordering on the provinces of Albacete, Alicante, Murcia and Cuenca, only 105 kilometres from Valencia city centre. People living in the more densely populated urban areas find this sports complex the ideal place to let off some steam and enjoy some of the most picturesque areas of the Region of Valencia. This Pitch & Putt has another advantage: it is close to the historic spa of Balneario Hervideros de Cofrentes, whose waters were first declared to be of public utility under a Royal Decree dated 15 November 1902.

In addition, visitors can enjoy the cuisine of this inland area, and find time for recreation and hikes through its attractive pine forests, so a visit to this complex is always a great experience that makes people want to return as soon as possible. The course itself is a result of the imagination and knowledge of a historic figure in Spanish golf, Pepín Cabo. After years of competing in golf, followed by teaching activities, Pepín now devotes all his efforts to designing and building new facilities. This is a pleasant course, with double teeing grounds and a series of water hazards that contribute to the appeal of this layout. The greens are mostly kind to approaches, but great care has to be taken in finding the right landing spot due to the slopes. The difficulty level of this course depends largely on flag placement on each particular day. A good command of short play is fundamental to successfully complete a round and sign a card where birdies and pars stand out above bogeys. All in all, this is a spectacular course that serves really well as a learning or initiation course, whilst giving more experienced players the chance to develop their shorter play.

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Real Club de Golf Manises

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DESIGNER: Javier Arana.
FIRST OPENED: 1954.
HOLES: 9.
PAR: 72.

HOW TO GET THERE
Take the A-3 dual carriageway Valencia-Madrid, and exit at km 4 towards the Manises Airport. Continue towards Ribarroja. The course is next to the airport.

CLOSEST AIRPORT
Located next to the airport.

OPENING TIMES
8.30am till dark. All year round.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
Visa.

CLUB SERVICES
• Cart hire.
• Shop.
• Golf tuition.
• Practice range.
• Putting green.
• Chipping area.
• Practice bunkers.
• Changing rooms.
• Restaurant.
• Bar-Café.
• Swimming pool.
• Parking.
This is the birthplace of golf in Valencia. It is a historic course with lots of attractive Mediterranean vegetation. It is also a technical course, where hitting the rough can bring severe penalties. In line with the original spirit of the course, designer Javier Arana opened a new, remodelled course in 2008 following the expansion of Valencia International Airport at Manises. This was supervised by the Alfonso Vidaor and Magí Sardá team. This is an outstanding practice course where it is impossible to expand to 18 holes due to lack of terrain. Manises is a jewel for both nature and golf lovers. It is a green lung for the population of Manises, but it has actually been in danger of being removed in different moments of its history. Ten thousand trees, most of which are over fifty years old, protect the course from outside noise. Some 650 olive trees, 500 pine, 350 carob trees and 200 Holm oaks are strategically placed amongst the Mediterranean shrubbery. Nowadays the course has been upgraded from being predominantly flat to offering a little more speed. Players who trained at the old Manises now notice that they have to change their stance slightly. They also have to be on the lookout for other details that were not there before. Similarly, a lake at the 2nd hole tee box makes things difficult for a newcomer. The creation of this artificial lake was one result of the remodelling of the course. Manises still has 9 holes with three par 3s, three par 4s and three par 5s. In addition, it has another three pairs of par 3s that will at some point become nine, located nearby. Manises has produced some outstanding players. José Manuel Lara, who is defending his position on the European circuit, is one of this course’s major symbols. The majority of golf teachers in Spain started off at this practice course. Manises has now celebrated its 50th birthday, and it is always consulted in golfing decisions made in Valencia and throughout Spain. A club and course backed by tradition.
Club de Golf Oliva Nova

HOW TO GET THERE
Take the AP-7 motorway Valencia - Alicante to exit 61 (Oliva) or 62 (Ondara). The course is next to the town of Oliva, at km 209 along the N-332.

CLOSEST AIRPORT
Manises (Valencia) 92 km and El Aldet (Alicante) 98 km.

OPENING TIMES
8.00am till dark. All year round.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
Visa, MasterCard and American Express.

CLUB SERVICES
• Club, cart and buggy hire.
• Club sets hire.
• Golf shop.
• Clubs and gear repair.
• Golf tuition.
• Driving range.
• Putting green.
• Chipping area.
• Practice bunkers.

TOURNAMENTS

CLUB DE GOLF OLIVA NOVA
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DESIGNER: Severiano Ballesteros.
HOLES: 18.
PAR: 72.
Oliva Nova was designed by Seve Ballesteros and developed on smooth and level ground, 200 meters away from the sea shore. Walking while playing golf is a pleasure. At 6,300 meters it is a long course with five sets of tees for men, and three for ladies, including green markers not far from the greens, ideal for beginners and juniors. Fairways are wide and generous, but water hazards provide a challenge as players approach the greens. Fairways are generous, but they do have spectacular curves. Players have to decide from the tee whether to risk a power drive or play conservatively, looking for safer areas from where to approach the green. The approach in the design, though, is to provide players of all abilities the opportunity to enjoy their favorite sport according to their strengths and expectations.

Water comes into play in 15 holes. The only ones free from water hazards are the 2nd, 13th and 14th. Hole number 6, a par 3, known as “Seve’s revenge”, is one of the toughest on the whole course. Distance has to be carefully calculated to avoid the water and retain the ball on the green for a birdie, or a par. It’s a hole with the unmistakable stamp of Seve Ballesteros. When Ballesteros designed this course his brilliant playing history had already been written. He still remains the only Spanish professional to win two Grand Slam tournaments: the Augusta Masters (1980 & 1983) and the British Open (1984 & 1988). And taking inspiration from Augusta, Oliva Nova also has its own Amen Corner, comprising holes 13, 14 and 15, where strategies and wind directions are the determining factors in the final countdown. In a competition, these three holes either give a player a bad record on the scorecard near the end, or raise them out of the pack and lift their self-esteem when emerging unscathed.

Another Spanish golf wizard, Miguel Ángel Jiménez, set the record for the course in 1999 with a scorecard of 63 strokes, 9 under par. He achieved this with an extremely technical approach. In recent years, Golf Oliva Nova course has been the venue for important charity events, in which many famous singers, actors and international sportspeople have taken part, as well as legendary European ex-footballers.
Foressos Golf

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DESIGNER: José Gancedo.
HOLES: 18+1.
PAR: 72.

HOW TO GET THERE

CLOSEST AIRPORT
Manises (Valencia) 40 km.

OPENING TIMES
8.00am till dark. All year round, except 25 December and 1 January.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
Visa, MasterCard and Diners Club.

CLUB SERVICES
• Club, cart and buggy hire.
• Shop.
• Gear repair.
• Golf tuition.
• Practice range.
• Putting green.
• Chipping area.
• Practice bunkers.
• Changing rooms.
• Restaurant.
• Bar-Café.
• Parking.
Foressos is an excellent course, designed by José Gancedo, who is known as the “Miró” of golf due to his ability to paint courses on the fly, after quickly assessing the available space. You only have to compare his initial sketches and his final design to see how he was right first time, although he continues to improve things with each new line afterwards. This is a course that begs for admiration. With fairways that are alternately wide and narrow. Some of the impressive greens are on higher ground, whilst the majority are on fairway level with complicated entries and slopes. They call for respect and require a good green-reading before putting. It is practically impossible to roll a ball onto the green. A good stroke is essential to be able to watch it fly before dropping onto large greens, which are well protected with bunkers and water. This course has undoubtedly some of the finest greens in the entire Region of Valencia. Some greens are actually shared between holes, either two and even three. Interestingly, the green at hole number 7, a par 3 at 170 metres, is the longest in Europe, measuring over 70 metres. A good round at Foressos is priceless, as is your personal satisfaction upon securing a good score, but a bad round can seriously affect a player’s self-esteem. To play here, you have to come more than once, and people know this – even internationally-renowned Valencian players such as Sergio García, José Manuel Lara and Carlos del Moral, who have turned this facility into their regular practice course. Water plays an important role here, and it has to be reckoned with at all times. 14 interconnected lakes can be found here, whose mission is not just to look good or even complicate things for the players, but rather to collect and store the rainwater for drought periods and summer months. Hole number 19, a par 3 at 110 metres, was a gift from José Gancedo to the course owners. Both the tee box and the green are set on tiny peninsulas. The water practically surrounds you. Here, only precision shots are any good. This hole does not usually enter in any of the competitions. It’s an exhibition hole. Since this is a newly built course, it was decided that no homes would be located near the fairways. Instead over 3,000 palms, trees and shrubs were planted. The vegetation and the wildlife were made a priority, and now birds from the nearby Albufera lagoon often visit the lakes of Foressos Golf. Life has found another oasis.

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Golf El Tejo

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DESIGNER: Following the instruction of various members of Club Requena Golf.
PAR: 68.

HOW TO GET THERE
Take the A-3 dual carriageway and exit at El Rebollar (297). Take the service road (Vía de servicio) and follow signs for 2 km.

CLOSEST AIRPORT
Manises (Valencia) 70 km.

OPENING TIMES
8.00am till dark. All year round.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

CLUB SERVICES
• Practice range.
• Parking.
A group of local golf fans got together to ask the Requena Town Council to grant them a plot of unproductive land to be turned into a place to practice golf. They started work in 2000. It was an exemplary effort, involving very few resources and lots of unpaid work. The result is a 9 hole course with double teeing grounds, making it look like a regular 18-hole. On 23 February 2009 the Golf Federation of the Region of Valencia certified it as an approved golf course. It is therefore the only approved “rustic” golf course in the Region. It is a difficult course, highly entertaining, thoroughly technical, and the irregularity of the terrain means that the ball makes unexpected landings. The tees are in artificial grass, the fairways are in natural grass and the greens are in sand, except for the 8th and 17th holes, where the grass is artificial. The course is only watered with rainwater, making it look dry and the ball slide along the fairways at a good speed, achieving better distances than those of a conventional grass course. It is located in a valley in the municipal district of El Rebollar and takes its name from a nearby mountain peak called “El Tejo”. These dry lands of the higher plateau are home to almond trees, pines, kermes oaks and olives. Members of the Requena Golf Club who are concerned about protecting the environment have planted new trees to increase the overall cover and provide some much needed shade, as well as marking off the play areas and flanking some of the fairways. Around the greens, newly planted trees are grouped into semicircles to help players see the green from afar and make better guesses at the distances involved. All the vegetation here is native to the area. Since late 2008, a total of 800 new trees have been planted, and another 400 seedlings of pine and other species. Playing at this course enables players to appreciate the differences between this kind of game and conventional grass courses. It has so many attractions that most players will want to return and try it again. The rural surroundings provide plenty of clean, fresh air, and soon players will see the AVE high speed train rushing by, as it runs parallel to the practice range.
El Saler Golf Course

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DESIGNER: Javier Arana.
FIRST OPENED: 1968.
HOLES: 18.
PAR: 72.

HOW TO GET THERE
From the north, use the V-30 and take exit to El Saler CV-500, towards Perelló. From the south, along the AP7 motorway, take the Cullera exit and use the Nazaret-Oliva coastal road towards Perelló, or exit at the Favareta toll station and take the N-332 towards Cullera.

CLOSEST AIRPORT
Manises (Valencia) 30 km.

OPENING TIMES
8.30am till dark. All year round.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Diners Club.

CLUB SERVICES
- Club, cart and buggy hire.
- Shop.
- Gear repair.
- Golf tuition.
- Practice range.
- Putting green.
- Chipping area.
- Practice bunkers.
- Changing rooms.
- Restaurant.
- Bar-Café.
- Parking.

TOURNAMENTS
Whoever plays at El Saler knows that it is one of the finest courses in the world, located in a privileged seaside location, well loved by all Valencians and visitors: the Dehesa area of El Saler. Opened on 3 June 1968, this is one of designer Javier Arana’s masterpieces. It is nature at its best, on the fairway, stepping up to the tee and on the greens. The air is pure, with a sea breeze from the Mediterranean close by, meaning that this is a course where you can enjoy or suffer, as the case may be. The difficulty lies precisely in the wind and depends greatly on it. The result of one day can be completely different from the next, not only due to the placement of flags on the greens, but mainly to the wind – a factor to be taken into account at any course, but particularly at El Saler. Located next to Valencia’s Parador, El Saler greens can see many different flagstick layouts, as the 700 square metres size allows for different games, with several tiers that lend each game a personality of its own. There are 95 bunkers around the course, more than one of which is totally natural, without any alterations by designers. The sour fig (Carpobrotus edulis) ground cover beside the fairways and in some unthinkable places makes things very difficult indeed if you have the bad luck of having to extricate a ball from it. In recent years, windstorms and thunderstorms have damaged some of the forest cover, so work is constantly being done on replacing and replanting trees and shrubbery here. This is true Mediterranean vegetation, in an oasis-like, protected nature reserve. The course record is still held by the German master Bernhard Langer, who in 1984, during the fourth day of the Spanish Open, reduced the round to only 62 strokes. He only putted 22 times. And of course won the final triumph. The woman’s record is held by Nuria Iturrios, with 65 strokes in 2012. El Saler has hosted important national and international trials in different categories, in particular the Spanish Open in 1984, 1989, 2001 and 2013, as well as the Seve Trophy in 2003. Some of the finest players in Europe have competed here. Severiano Ballesteros, Spain’s best player of all time, was a firm admirer and defender of El Saler golf course.
Club de Campo del Mediterráneo

HOW TO GET THERE
Driving by AP-7, take the Castellón Norte Exit towards Castellón, and 700 meters away turn right when you see the sign. Take the major road 340 towards Castellón. After approx. 1 km you will find on your right-hand side a road which leads to the Golf Course. Driving by CV-10, take the “Borriol Norte” Exit, and follow the “Urbanización La Coma” indications.

CLOSEST AIRPORT
Benidorm (Castellón) 24 Km.
OPENING TIMES
8.00 am till 9.00 pm. All year round.
CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
Visa and Master Card.

CLUB SERVICES
- Club, cart and buggy hire.
- Shop.
- Gear repair.
- Golf tuition.
- Practice range.
- Putting green.
- Chipping area.
- Practice bunkers.
- Changing rooms.
- Restaurant and Bar-Café.
- Nursery.
- Parking.
- Tennis and paddle courts.
- Football pitch.
- Covered indoor pool.
- Gym and Spa centre.

TOURNAMENTS
This is a benchmark course in Valencian golf. It has achieved international fame as it is the place where Sergio García, one of the finest players in the world, began his training. Amateurs visiting this course may even have the chance to coincide with one of Sergio García’s training sessions, which is another attraction offered by this club. It has hosted tournaments on both amateur and professional levels, whether national or international. In the professional category it has been chosen for the Castelló Masters, the OKI Castellón Open de España Senior Tour, the Ladies European Tour and 4 Tours, which serves as the “final course” for Spanish golf. After playing here in October 2006 during the OKI Castellón Open de España Senior, Australian Greg Norman known as the “White Shark” (winner of the British Open in 1986 and 1993) commented that this course “makes you think. There are blind shots. It has a unique layout. You have to be sure of where you want to go.” It is also an easy course to walk, with natural shady areas thanks to the thick Mediterranean tree cover growing here. Among its thousands of trees is an ancient carob tree known as “La Mare de Déu” (the Holy Virgin), which gives its name to hole number 4, a par 5 at 530 metres, in the middle of the fairway, making things tough for an approach to the green. This carob tree is still owned by the heirs of the original owners of the estate that the course is now located on. The owners never wanted to sell the carob tree. They refused all offers and always defended the idea of the tree as something sentimental, as it provided enough fruit for them to feed their household mule for many months of the year. They cherished it so much that the owner would even come and prune and care for it personally. The course was substantially remodelled in 2008 to host the 1st Castelló Masters Costa Azahar, a European Tour event, which took place from 23 to 26 October 2008, with Sergio García coming out on top. The finest players from Europe were here and even the Colombian Camilo Villegas left the American circuit for a week to come to Castellón. Some twenty thousand people watched this event live during the four-day competition. During the remodelling, much work was done at the 2nd hole, where the lake now enables 7,000 cubic metres of rainwater to be stored for course maintenance purposes and the construction of a new lake by the hole number 7.
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DESIGNER: Ángel Pérez de Leza.
HOLES: 9.
PAR: 35.

HOW TO GET THERE
Take the Castellón Sur exit from the AP-7 motorway, and drive towards Grao. From Grao, take the turnoff for Benicàssim along the coast.

CLOSEST AIRPORT
Manises (Valencia) 74 km.

OPENING TIMES
8.30am till 9.00pm. All year round.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
Visa.

CLUB SERVICES
- Club, cart and buggy hire.
- Shop.
- Golf tuition.
- Practice range.
- Putting green.
- Chipping area.
- Practice bunkers.
- Changing rooms.
- Restaurant.
- Bar-Café.
- Tennis.
- Parking.
- Paddle.
This is a simple golf course, but a charming one too. The fact that it lies less than 50 metres from the sea in abundant clusters of pines means that it is a course for players who prefer to test their technique rather than their distance. The layout is lined with well-established pines that give a very picturesque image to this club. These idyllic surroundings are only 6 kilometres from the centre of Castellón de la Plana and 12 from the coastal resort of Benicassim.

Players can enjoy a course that features more nature than man-made components. During a round you can enjoy both the beauty of the Mediterranean Sea and breathe in the pine-filled scent. The fairways are well protected. Pines have grown in all their splendour and mark off the terrain respectfully, although they can sometimes penalise an errant shot or two. You always have to follow a straight line out – something that all players say they can do, but not always actually achieve. When you reach the greens, it becomes obvious that they are not as large as they seem, so the approach has to be precise. With any lack of precision the ball will fall too far from the flagstick to give you a good score.

Of note during the round is hole number 7, a par 3, 141 metres from the yellow marker. The green is well protected by bunkers. Despite this, it looks easy, but players soon see that to get onto the green there is a two-tiered plateau awaiting them that makes things rather tricky when putting. What looks like a recovery hole is actually yet another risk of even more penalisation if you don’t pay close attention and stay precise.

And of course, before each stroke, you need to take a good look at the club bag and patiently think through the stroke before choosing one iron or another. This is a technical course with lots of cover from tall and well-established trees. Excess bravery is usually paid for dearly, meaning that more strokes are required than what might usually be the case for the particular player’s physical and technical characteristics. So here perhaps more than elsewhere, take things unhurriedly, each step at a time.
Panorámica Golf & Country Club

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DESIGNER: Bernhard Langer.
HOLES: 18 holes + 3 par 3.
PAR: 72.

HOW TO GET THERE
Along the AP-7 motorway, take exit 42. Drive along the N-238 towards Valencia for 800 metres, and then turn off towards the village of Sant Rafael. Located in the Urbanización Panorámica residential estate.

CLOSEST AIRPORT
Bemloch (Valencia) 70 km.

OPENING TIMES
8.00am till 9.00pm. All year round. Except 25 December.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
Visa, American Express and Diners Club.

CLUB SERVICES
- Club, cart and buggy hire.
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TOURNAMENTS
The exceptional German player Bernhard Langer won the Augusta Masters in 1985 and 1993. At one of the high points in his sporting career, he flew over the 80 hectares of terrain where he would later design the Panorámica golf course. This is the only golf course in Spain designed by a German player. Its layout has a particularly American flavour, combining everything this man wanted to find on a course: difficulties, recovery areas, variety and breadth of strokes... in short, good fun. 70 bunkers accompany players along the 18 holes from tee-ground to final green. The lakes are also combined with both wide and narrow fairways. They are very fast, large sized greens. Flat terrain and a comfortable but demanding stance. 5 par 3s, 5 par 5s and 8 par 4s make for a pleasant round. It is a course designed for all types of players regardless of their handicap.

For the first few holes players will have the chance to demonstrate their skills and even sign off a birdie if their handicaps are low. After this though, there are much more demanding holes. For example the 5th, a par 3 at 133 metres, with an island green where the water will frighten away the indecisive players and encourages the braver ones to keep calm as they seek the centre of the green. This is a stroke that players congratulate themselves on, if it comes off alright. Also of note is the 11th, a par 5 at 502 metres.

Along the last 200 metres before the green, the entire left-hand side is a lake. Panorámica Golf currently hosts the trials for the Ladies European Tour, which allows spectators to see some of the finest ladies players on the Old Continent. This competition enjoys a quality course which is expertly groomed. Panorámica Golf, like Foreossos Golf in Picassent, Valencia, is one of the courses that belong to Aymerich Golf Management, a leading firm in course management across Europe with over forty clubs throughout Spain.
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