



The Asian Golf Insider

Welcome to the December 2023 issue of the Asian Golf Traveler, the source for information about golf travel in Asia. Also, unique golf playing tips for South East Asia's tropical environment, announcements of golf travel promotions, and our latest subscription offer are all integral parts of today's newsletter.



As December unfolds, the allure of Southeast Asia for golf enthusiasts reaches its zenith. The region, now bathed in cooler temperatures, dry weather, and sunny skies, offers a golfing paradise that is both comfortable and captivating. At Golfasian, we're excited to guide you through this idyllic season, ensuring each swing and putt is as memorable as the last.

Our 2024 golf event calendar is officially launched, teeing off with the Amari Skins Golf Week in March, onto the Centara Masters, Avani 2 Ball in June, Double Tree by Hilton in Phuket in July, and the Pattaya Mens and Vietnam Masters in September. A highlight is the newly launched North Vietnam Classic event, showcasing some of the best courses in Hanoi and Halong Bay. These events are not just tournaments; they are celebrations of golf at its finest, set in stunning locations across Southeast Asia.

This month, we shine a spotlight on Cambodia, an emerging gem in the golfing world. The recent opening of the Chhun On Golf Resort in Phnom Penh signals a new era for golf in the country. Cambodia offers a unique blend of challenging golf courses and rich cultural experiences, from the majestic Angkor Wat to the Royal Palace in Phnom Penh. A golf holiday in Cambodia is more than a game; it's an exploration of history and heritage, amidst breathtaking landscapes.

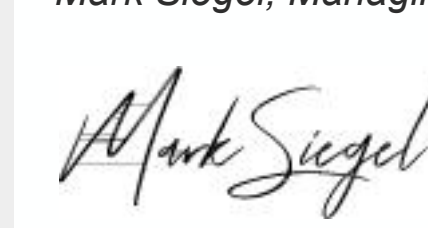
At Golfasian, our commitment to excellence and passion for golf travel is unwavering. Whether you're looking to participate in our tournaments or seeking a bespoke golf holiday, our team is dedicated to creating experiences that exceed your expectations. Our expertise in multi-destination and group trips across Southeast Asia ensures every trip is a journey of discovery and delight.

We invite you to engage with us on our social media channels, where we continuously share insights, travel inspirations, and the essence of what makes a Golfasian vacation extraordinary. Our Facebook and Instagram pages are windows into the soul of Southeast Asian golf, offering glimpses of the experiences that await you.

For personalized, full-service itineraries that cater to your unique preferences and needs, our team is always ready to assist. Chat with us for a consultation and a competitive quote, and embark on a journey that blends world-class golf with the cultural tapestry of Southeast Asia.

Here's to a December filled with perfect fairways, cultural explorations, and the anticipation of a golf-filled 2024. Happy holidays and happy golfing!

Mark Siegel, Managing Director



Tournaments



ASIA GOLF EVENT CALENDAR 2023/2024

- Golfasian Golf Events:**
- Amari Hua Hin Skins Golf Week 24 - 29 Mar. 2024, Hua Hin, Thailand [\[DEAL\]](#)
 - Centara World Masters 9 - 15 Jun. 2024, Hua Hin, Thailand [\[DEAL\]](#)
 - AVANI Pattaya 2 Ball Golf Champ. 16 - 22 Jun. 2024, Pattaya, Thailand
 - Phuket Golf Invitational 24 - 28 Jul. 2024, Phuket, Thailand [\[DEAL\]](#)
 - Pattaya Men's Open Golf Week 8 - 14 Sep. 2024, Pattaya, Thailand [\[DEAL\]](#)
 - Vietnam World Masters 15 - 21 Sep. 2024, Danang, Vietnam [\[DEAL\]](#)



DESTINATION OF THE MONTH: Phnom Penh

Phnom Penh, Cambodia's largest and most vibrant city, is a treasure trove of culture, history, and now, an emerging hotspot for golf enthusiasts. Situated at the confluence of the Tonle Sap, Mekong, and Bassac rivers, this city is not just the political and commercial heart, but also a doorway to an exquisite golfing experience in Cambodia.

Fondly known as the "Pearl of Asia," Phnom Penh's charm lies in its beautiful blend of colonial French architecture, including stunning Art Deco works, and modern sophistication. This juxtaposition creates a fascinating backdrop for visitors. The city's rapid development has ushered in a plethora of international hotel brands such as Rosewood, Marriott, Sofitel, and Peninsula, ensuring that every stay combines luxury with a touch of local charm.

With the recent developments in Phnom Penh's golf landscape, the opening of Chhun On Golf Resort, the city is quickly becoming a golfer's paradise. Envision a city where lush, verdant golf courses are just a short drive away, each offering a unique playing experience. From seasoned pros to enthusiastic amateurs, Phnom Penh's golf courses cater to every skill level, ensuring a memorable round every time.

Phnom Penh is a city that rewards the curious traveler. It's a place where history and culture intermingle with modernity. The city's rich history, exemplified by attractions like the Royal Palace and the National Museum, offers a deep dive into Cambodia's soul. But it's not just about the past; the city's burgeoning food scene is a delight for any palate. Cambodian cuisine, known for its harmonious flavors and fresh ingredients, is a culinary adventure in itself. The national dish, Amok, is a must-try—a delicate blend of fish, coconut milk, and curry paste, steamed to perfection in banana leaves.

Whether you're passing through en route to Siem Reap's majestic Angkor Wat or making Phnom Penh your primary destination, this city is more than just a stopover—it's a destination in its own right. With its unique blend of culture, history, modern luxury, and exceptional golfing, Phnom Penh is an experience not to be missed. Here, every swing is accompanied by a rich tapestry of experiences that extend far beyond the golf course. Come and discover the hidden jewel of Southeast Asian golf in Phnom Penh.

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COURSE OF THE MONTH: Chhun On Golf Resort

Chhun On Golf Resort, a short drive north of Phnom Penh, introduces a new era in Cambodian golfing. Designed by Brian Curley of Schmidt-Curley Design, the resort features two distinct 18-hole courses. The Lakes Course, opening in late February 2024, and The Palms Course, debuting in 2025, offer diverse challenges for golfers, with the longest tees stretching over 7300 yards. Both courses showcase lush Zoylia grass, used in world-class courses, ensuring superb playability and visual appeal. The resort's highlight is the island-green nineteenth hole, a unique, boat-accessible challenge beneath the clubhouse. Chhun On Golf Resort is set to become a premier destination, blending challenging golf with Cambodia's rich cultural backdrop.

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ACCOMMODATION OF THE MONTH: Courtyard Phnom Penh

Nestled in Phnom Penh's heart, Courtyard Phnom Penh is perfect for golfers. Minutes from major courses and sights like the Royal Palace, it melds contemporary comfort with prime location. The hotel features rooms and suites with serene river views, ideal for unwinding post-golf. Guests can savor local and global cuisine at The Mekong or relax with snacks and free Wi-Fi in the Lounge. Amenities include a 24-hour fitness center and an outdoor pool with stunning city views. Evenings at The Deck rooftop bar offer cocktails and live music. Centrally positioned near business hubs and attractions, Courtyard Phnom Penh is a golfer's urban retreat.

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GOLF PACKAGE OF THE MONTH: Vietnam & Cambodia Golf Tour

Now is the time to golf and explore two of Asia's fastest-growing golf destinations. Golf at the top golf courses in Saigon and Siem Reap and learn about the ancient Vietnamese and Khmer cultures. Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) is Vietnam's largest metropolis and its undisputed capital. In Siem Reap, you will find one of the wonders of the world. The temple complex of Angkor spans four centuries, tens of kilometers, and has endured for a millennium. Siem Reap also hosts championship golf courses. [\[View the full itinerary\]](#)

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MEET OUR TEAM - Win Zaw



Introducing Win Zaw, a seasoned tourism connoisseur with over 25 years of experience in the Asian travel landscape. A University of Rangoon alumnus with a Bachelor of Arts degree, Win Zaw's fascination with Asia's cultural tapestry has been the cornerstone of his illustrious career.

Beginning as a travel consultant, he specialized in crafting and leading tours across various Asian countries, with a particular focus on Indochina. Over the past 21 years, his expertise has flourished in experiential travel and hospitality. From devising signature tours for luxury travel companies to managing travel services and scouting for golfing gems, his journey has been diverse and enriching.

Joining the Golfasian team in 2009, Win Zaw has been pivotal in overseeing customer experiences throughout the region. His deep-rooted knowledge and innovative approach to creating golfing experiences have made him an invaluable asset as a travel/product designer.

Passionate about travel, Win Zaw thrives on the excitement of conceptualizing unique tour ideas and immersive experiences that allow travelers to deeply connect with the essence of a country and its people. Whether it's tailoring personalized trips, orchestrating escorted tours, or facilitating seamless transitions into new environments, he ensures each journey is memorable.

In addition to his role at Golfasian Cambodia, Win Zaw cherishes playing golf with his daughters, combining his love for the sport with family time.

Contact our team of golf travel experts to start planning your next golf holiday!



Golfing Adventures Across Borders

Singaporean expert Ernst has discovered an incredible opportunity for golf enthusiasts. He's been exploring the vibrant golfing scene in Thailand and found it's more budget-friendly than playing back home in Singapore. Ernst and his friends have realized that flying out to Thailand for golfing excursions, especially to participate in Golfasian's events, is more cost-effective compared to the high prices at their local clubs in Singapore, particularly for non-members.

Ernst recently joined the Pullman #Pattaya Invitational in Thailand. He shares his experiences and reasons for choosing Thailand as his preferred golf vacation destination. It's not just about the savings; it's about the passion for the game and the excitement of exploring new courses and cultures.

Follow the link and consider your next golf holiday in Thailand! Golfasian is here to make it an unforgettable experience. [Ernst's interview is a must-watch.](#)

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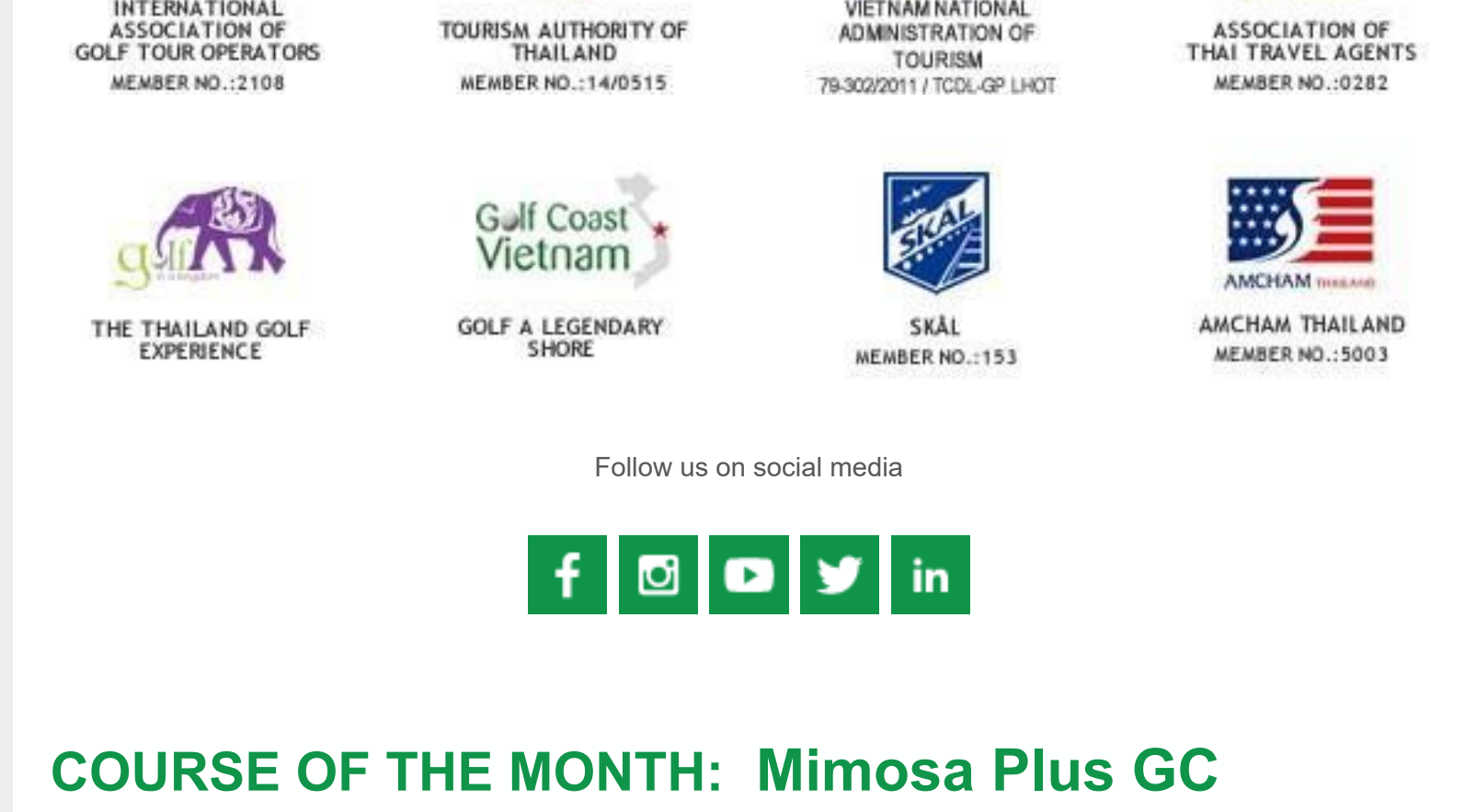
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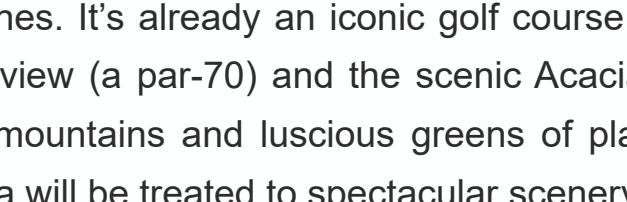
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COURSE OF THE MONTH: Mimosa Plus GC

Around 23 minutes from Angeles City, Mimosa Plus Golf Club is located in the shadow of Mount Pinatubo, close to the ex-American Clark Air Base in the Pampanga region. The Philippine country club is two-hours from Manila, making golf on the day of the drive over a good possibility. Mimosa Plus Golf Course dates back its existence from the time of the Americans in the Philippines. It's already an iconic golf course with two 18-hole courses—the challenging Mountainview (a par-70) and the scenic Acacia Lakeview (a par-72). Set against stunning foothill mountains and luscious greens of plants and trees, golf-minded individuals visiting Mimosa will be treated to spectacular scenery.

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