



# The Asian Golf Insider

## Welcome to Asia's Best Golf Holidays

Welcome to the first 2021 edition of Golfasian's "The Asian Golf Insider", your source for the latest Asian Golf travel insider news and updates.

As the pandemic continues to cause grief, Asia is still experiencing increased infections in many countries. Asian governments are taking a very cautious approach to opening borders to tourism. The optimism surrounding vaccines continues to provide us all with hope and 2021 promises to be a better year.

The Thailand Government has just approved the GQ (golf quarantine) with 6 golf resorts allowing you to quarantine and play golf for 14 days. Please see our COVID updates below for more details. This is welcoming news and initiative by Thailand signaling the desire to get keen golfers back to the Land of Smiles.

If you are dreaming about your next golf trip and would like to start planning the perfect golf holiday and destination, **let us know**.

Golfasian has partnered with PGA Professional Andrew Knott and we are featuring his academy at **Thana City**, the Singha Elite Golf Performance Centre. Andrew is a passionate golf coach and those of you in Bangkok will want to **immediately improve your game** with his techniques. Those planning a trip to the kingdom can request a lesson day in your golf itinerary. It is bound to make a huge difference in your game.

For updates on each country covid-19 situation, please scroll down. This information will be updated weekly so you can check back for the latest news on our website.

Stay safe and thank you all for the continued support,  
Mark Siegel, Managing Director

*Mark Siegel*

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## DESTINATION NEWS



Opening late 2021, **Sai Golf Club** in Bangkok, designed by JMP Golf Design's – Bob Moore, will offer golfers the chance to play a PGA level links-type layout compared with Asia's best in Thailand's heart of golf country. Bob Moore transformed once rice paddy field land into a linked-collection of 18 of the most playable holes anywhere. **Watch the course video.**

## FEATURED GOLF COURSE & HOTEL



### Muang Kaew Golf Club, Bangkok

**Muang Kew Golf Club** is one of the more popular and closest to town Bangkok golf courses. The excellent location near to central Bangkok and the new Bangkok airport makes Muang Kaew a perfect choice for golfers wanting to play, but who are short on time. Redesigned by Schmidt-Curley, Muang Kaew has Tiff Eagle turf greens and Paspalum grass fairways, ensuring excellent year-round conditions for all golfers. The Bangkok golf course boasts well-guarded greens; many elevated with large side catchment areas, a unique design aspect hardly ever seen on the flatish Bangkok golf courses.

[More info...](#)



### The Westin Grande Sukhumvit, Bangkok

**The Westin Grande Sukhumvit** is offering accommodation under the Alternative State Quarantine (ASQ) program of the Thai government. **Please contact us** for booking and enjoy golf after spending 15 nights in luxury quarantine. Renew and recharge at Bangkok's best five-star address for golf, business or pleasure. Situated in the heart of Bangkok's prime shopping, restaurant, and entertainment area, and with the added convenience of the sky train and the subway mere steps away, you will be instantly transported to all that Bangkok has to offer.

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## FEATURED GOLF TRIP INSPIRATION



### Thailand Golf Expedition - Top Courses

The Best of Thailand Golf Expedition covers four top golf destinations. This golf package is excellent for first time Thailand visitors wishing to combine the best golf with Thai culture & history. Soft adventure and non-golfer activities included. Play golf and explore each Thai destination all in **one golf holiday package.**

## ASIA GOLF EVENT CALENDAR

- **Centara World Masters 2021** 6 – 12 Jun., 2021 *Hua Hin, Thailand*
- **AVANI Pattaya 2 Ball Golf Championship** 13 – 19 Jun., 2021 *Pattaya, Thailand*
- **Mercure Pattaya Men's Open Golf Week** 5 – 11 Sep., 2021 *Pattaya, Thailand*
- **AccorHotels Vietnam World Masters** 12 – 18 Sep., 2021 *Danang, Vietnam*
- **Amari Hua Hin Skins Golf Week** 19 – 23 Mar. 2022 *Hua Hin, Thailand*
- *Due to the fluid Covid-19 travel restrictions, the above dates are subject change.*

## SOUTHEAST ASIA COVID-19 UPDATES

### Thailand

Thailand has done a great job controlling the virus and the first wave ended in August. The second wave arrived in December which has been a concern over the last few weeks. A number of provinces in Thailand have implemented different levels of travel restrictions, such as Pattaya and Phuket have strict travel restrictions and you cannot travel in or out of these provinces without written approval from the authorities.

[Read the entire update](#)

### Vietnam

Vietnam's borders remain closed to foreign tourists at this time with only very limited exemptions for diplomatic, official duty, and special cases, including experts, business managers, foreign investors, and high-tech workers of businesses involved in important projects as determined by the Government of Vietnam. Vietnam has not had any new community transmission cases since December 2, 2020.

[Read the entire update](#)

### Malaysia

Malaysia remains closed to international tourists and has extended its Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO) until 31 March 2021. Unfortunately, due to the increase in cases in some parts of Malaysia, the country is operating under moderate travel and business restrictions known as Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO). Virtually all social, educational, religious and business activities are permitted with strict precautionary and sanitation measures in place. Interstate and domestic travel is being discouraged to prevent further spread of COVID.

[Read the entire update](#)

### Indonesia

Indonesia's borders remain closed to international tourists for the time being. Arrivals are allowed only for certain and limited purposes such as, business, investment, work, family unification and some other exceptional / emergency situations. Domestic travelling is permitted all over Indonesia. New cases of Covid-19 are still relatively high in Indonesia, but is still under control. Indonesian government started distributing vaccine to all 34 provinces (nationwide). Bali has been a priority for the vaccination to 70% of total population to start a travel bubble.

[Read the entire update](#)

## COVID-19 SAFETY - SHA



Golfasian has been **SHA (Safety & Health Administration)** accredited by the Tourism Authority of Thailand. As Thailand is slowly preparing to re-open its borders for international golf travelers, an initiative by the Tourism Authority of Thailand has provided a selected number of tour operators and DMCs who underwent stringent safety & health checks with the SHA (Safety & Health Administration) accreditation. The stringent measures include frequent deep cleaning of Golfasian vans before each service, drivers wearing masks and frequent washing of hands. All customers will be provided with masks and free hand sanitizer upon arrival. Temperature checks before entering the vans and before golf and sightseeing activities are now standard. We are also making use of QR codes for digital in-van golf guide brochures and provide touchless payment. Our drivers and the operations team are well trained on standardized safety protocols required by the governments strict guidelines.

## GOLFASIAN GOLF TIPS



By **Andrew Knott**, Singha Elite Performance Centre @ Thana City.

As golfers we all have one thing in common, we love hitting good shots... Whether that is stripping a driver down the fairway to holing a 10-foot putt. I don't know about you, but my problem is it just doesn't happen often enough, especially at the times I want it to. But apparently it doesn't have to be that way!

Watch the first tip on 'What it Feels Like to Hit a Good Shot.'

## GOLFASIAN PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



In 2021 Golfasian will team up with Andrew Knott Director of Performance at Singha Elite Golf Performance Centre @ Thana City, to share an insight to different ways you can develop your golf game, experiencing those good shots on a more regular basis and turning that into lower scores.

Andrew will be regularly contributing to our Newsletter, with both written and video tips. You will also get the chance to connect directly with Andrew, his team and experience Singha Elite Golf Performance Centre. As Golfasian subscribers, Andrew will give us special offers including FREE training experiences, consultancies and the chance to WIN special prizes. **Contact us** to connect with Andrew and get an exclusive FREE OFFER or to arrange your next golf lesson in Thailand. [Read the entire announcement here.](#)

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[My first time golfing in Thailand](#)

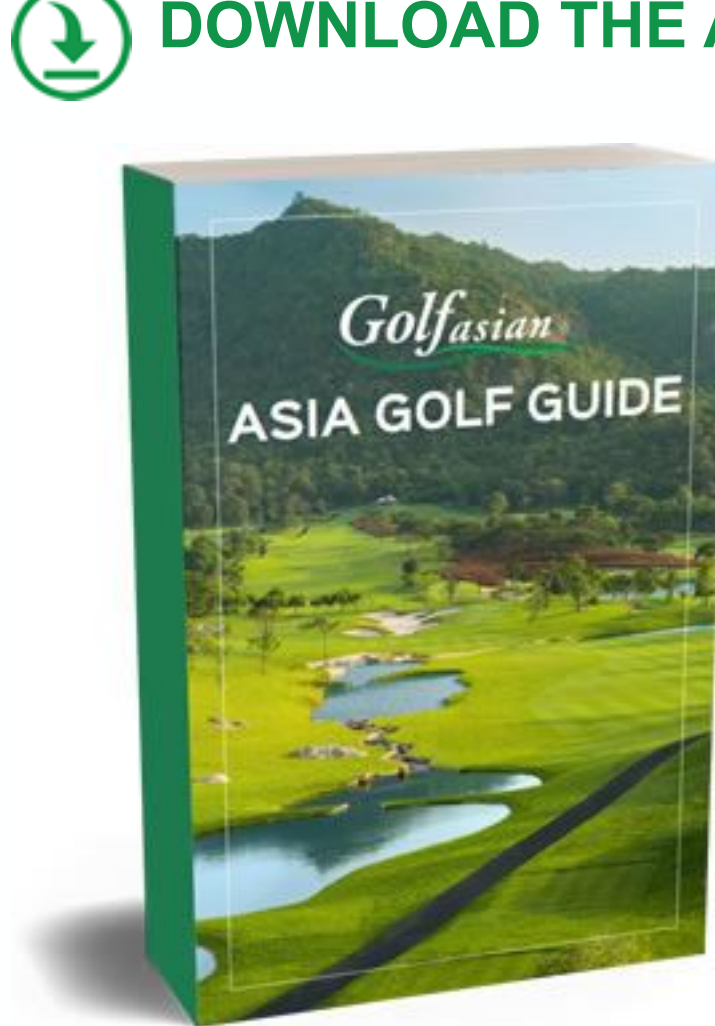


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