



The Asian Golf Insider

Welcome to the May issue of the Asian Golf Insider, the source for news-breaking information about golf in Asia. Also, unique golf-playing tips for South East Asia's tropical environment and our latest tournament offers are all parts of this newsletter.



The golf season is here, and it has brought raring-to-go golfers with the news of open borders and typical liveliness. In Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Singapore, and Malaysia, reopenings mark a golf travel revival in South East Asia. Undoubtedly, further travel easing is ahead, and the time has come to plan golf trips to Asia.

On the events side, preparations are underway for Asia's largest club golfer event, the Centara World Masters, and more international golf tournaments. Many things have remained the same, while entirely new courses have sprung up. The entire Golfasian team and all of the locals in the hospitality industry can't wait to show you around the fairways.

Where will you travel in 2022? Contact Golfasian to create your very own non-obligatory Asian golf experience.

We can't wait to welcome you back to Southeast Asia. Until the next month, happy golfing!

Mark Siegel, Managing Director

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SOUTHEAST ASIA TRAVEL UPDATES

- Thailand**
 - Regions Open: Full country
 - Entry Restrictions: Fully vaccinated travelers are no longer required to take a pre-arrival RT-PCR test or an on-arrival test.
 - Local Travel Possible: Yes
 - Quarantine Required: None
 - Read the entire update
- Vietnam**
 - Regions Open: Full country
 - Entry Restrictions: Vaccinated travelers are required to have a negative PCR test 72hrs, or a negative ATK 24hrs, before departure.
 - Local Travel Possible: Yes
 - Quarantine Required: None
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- Malaysia**
 - Regions Open: Full country
 - Entry Restrictions: Fully vaccinated travelers are no longer required to undergo pre-departure and on-arrival tests.
 - Local Travel Possible: Yes
 - Quarantine Required: None
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- Cambodia**
 - Regions Open: Full country
 - Entry Restrictions: For fully vaccinated travelers no testing is required.
 - Local Travel Possible: Yes
 - Quarantine Required: None
 - Read the entire update
- Singapore**
 - Regions Open: Full country
 - Entry Restrictions: Fully vaccinated travelers are no longer required to undergo pre-departure or on-arrival testing to enter.
 - Local Travel Possible: Yes
 - Quarantine Required: None
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- Indonesia**
 - Regions Open: Full country
 - Entry Restrictions: Fully vaccinated travelers will need to show a negative RT-PCR test taken within 48 hours before departure.
 - Local Travel Possible: Yes
 - Quarantine Required: None
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ASIA GOLF EVENT CALENDAR 2022

- Golfasian Major Events:**
- Centara World Masters 2022 8 - 14 May 2022 Hua Hin, Thailand
- AVANI Pattaya 2 Ball Golf Championship 2022 15 - 21 May 2022 Pattaya, Thailand
- Phuket Golf Challenge 27 - 31 Jul. 2022 Phuket, Thailand
- Mercure Pattaya Men's Open Golf Week 2022 4 - 10 Sep. 2022 Pattaya, Thailand
- AccorHotels Vietnam World Masters 2022 11 - 17 Sep. 2022 Danang, Vietnam



DESTINATION OF THE MONTH: HUA HIN

While Hua Hin still remains a royal and high society favorite, this traditional Thai resort has developed many golf courses over recent years, combining the new attractions of a modern golf holiday destination with local charm. Unlike some of Thailand's other golf resorts, Hua Hin has avoided the hectic tourist development and the town maintains an old world character. It's a place to golf, relax, take a stroll, eat great seafood and enjoy the unique experience of golfing in Thailand.

Whether you're traveling alone, as a couple, or with your family, there is something for everyone while escaping to a Hua Hin golf holiday. The beaches are mesmerizing and offer expansive views that can only be taken in property, from a leisurely stroll on the soft sands. This destination's relaxed nightlife and tourism also beckons travelers in a wide range of ages. Come and enjoy the culture and exciting Hua Hin golf on a number of the best greens throughout all of Asia.

To book your tailored travel package and find out more information, please email us.



COURSE OF THE MONTH: Black Mountain GC

Black Mountain was transformed from lush jungle and pineapple plantations and located around 25 minutes west of Hua Hin. Set in a valley surrounded by huge black granite rock covered mountains, the Hua Hin golf course was the site for Asian PGA tour events in 2009 and 2010 and the Europe versus Asia match play Royal Trophy in 2011. In 2012 and each year since Black Mountain was selected as one of the 100 best golf courses outside the USA by Golf Digest magazine. In 2014 Black Mountain hosted the Thailand Classic, the first European Tour event to be staged in Thailand. The Thailand Classic also held in 2015 and 2016, is now a major fixture on the European and Asian Tours.

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RESORT OF THE MONTH: Centara Grand Beach Resort & Villas Hua Hin

Host of the annual Centara World Masters, the Centara Grand Beach Resort & Villas Hua Hin is the original Railway Hotel built in 1923 for Thai and visiting royalty and restored to its old colonial glory in 2005. It is set among tropical gardens on a 4 mile beach in the center of Hua Hin.

The central Hua Hin location makes it a perfect base for a golf holiday as all Hua Hin golf courses are located within 25 minutes of the Centara. Dining is available in 5 on-site restaurants, 3 bars, a tea room, or at any of the 6 swimming pools.

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FIVE GREAT THINGS ABOUT GOLF AND TRAVEL IN VIETNAM

If you haven't already heard, Vietnam is now open to international travelers! No quarantine is required if you're fully vaccinated and there is no requirement for testing on arrival. Vietnam has already established itself as a destination of choice for golf travelers in the know, and as travel picks up pace this year, is poised to again provide astute golfers an impressive array of choices. As noted in the R&A's Golf Around the World report, Vietnam is host to 78 courses. And this was in 2019! The report notes that back then another 43 courses were in development, reflecting the strong interest in and commitment to golf in the country. Check out five great things about golf and travel in Vietnam.



PLEASE VOTE FOR GOLFSASIAN :)

Once again, Golfasian has been nominated for the 2022 World Golf Awards.

If you have travelled with us before and appreciate our service, please be so kind and cast your vote by clicking the following links below. Every single vote counts and we thank you very much in advance.

- Asia's Best Golf Tour Operator
- Thailand's Best Golf Tour Operator
- Vietnam's Best Golf Tour Operator
- Indonesia's Best Golf Tour Operator



ALL NEW 2022 FENIX XCELL COLLECTION

Golfasian has partnered with Fenix XCell to bring you polos that don't just look good on the golf course. Premium materials and eye-catching designs make the Fenix XCell range suitable to wear while out and about, and a good option for a range of social events. Keep comfortable too, with high-quality fabrics enabling air flow and drawing heat away from the body. Check out the new Fenix XCell Collection here.

COVID-19 SAFETY - SHA PLUS

Golfasian has been SHA+ (Safety & Health Administration Plus) 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 Plus) accreditation.

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