



The Asian Golf Insider

Welcome to Asia's Best Golf Holidays

Welcome to the October 2020 edition of Golfasian's "The Asian Golf Insider", your go to source for the latest Asian golf travel insider news and updates.

With global Covid-19 related ICU admissions and mortality rates decreasing sharply, it gives us great hope that international travel will resume fully in the coming months.

Thailand, Vietnam and many other Southeast Asian countries have in recent days extended their lists of travelers permitted into the country and are looking at decreasing the duration of the quarantine. This will hopefully lead to a full opening of borders and zero quarantine in the coming months - watch this space!

For updates on each country covid-19 situation, please click on the respective country flag. We will also keep this updated weekly so you can check back for the latest updates:



Last month, the Golfasian team has been joined by Boyd Barker as the role of General Manager. Boyd's hospitality industry experience of 32 years with Marriott and Minor Hotels is an excellent asset to the Golfasian team. Boyd will be focusing on new products and unique experiences so that once travel resumes, you will have the best choices for golf travel in Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Cambodia and Laos. He has also implemented Covid hygiene and safety standards for travelers and golfers. You can be assured of your safety and wellbeing during these critical times in the world. You can contact Boyd at any time at boyd@golfasian.com.



Golfasian has been **SHA (Safety & Health Administration) accredited** by the Tourism Authority of Thailand in September 2020. 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.

For anyone looking to play in our **Asia golf tournaments**, head on over to the event websites (listed below) to register - limited spots available!

Thank you to everyone voting for us at the World Golf Awards. The winners will be publicly announced at the end of October.

Finally, the Golfasian team has been visiting golf courses and hotels in the region to stay up to date on the quality and maintenance of our partners and we are ready to provide you with a **non-obligatory quote** for your future travel.

All of us at Golfasian are looking forward to hosting you here in Asia very soon.

Stay Safe,
Mark Siegel, Managing Director



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DESTINATION NEWS



In conjunction with his Faldo Design team and **Laguna Golf Láng Cỏ** Director of Golf, Adam Calver, Sir Nick has created a new, coastal par-3 to add an original hole at the award-winning course he designed and opened for play in 2013. The newly-added feature hole was recognized as an opportunity to stage an idyllic natural links experience, with panoramic views of the course's neighboring beach and mountain backdrop framing the extraordinary setting.

IMG Designed **Hilltop Valley Golf Club** in Hanoi will open its third 9 holes on October 10th, adding to the existing 18 hole layout that is proving to be very popular with Hanoi based golfers.

FEATURED GOLF COURSE & HOTEL



Ba Na Hills Golf Club

Ba Na Hills Golf Club is 25 minutes inland from Danang Vietnam near at the foothills of the cable car station leading to Bana Hills. The IMG managed Da Nang golf course is the first Luke Donald designed course not only in Asia but the world. Ba Na Hills is laid out in several valleys of the surrounding mountain ranges.

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The Anam, Nha Trang

The **Anam Nha Trang** is an excellent 5-star colonial style resort on the shores of the South China Sea which reminds golfers of a bygone era. From the architecture and design, right down to the smallest details, golfers staying at the Anam will feel they have traveled back in time. The experience is unique in Cam Ranh & Nha Trang.

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GOLFASIAN PARTNER VIDEO



Check out our "Golfasian Partner Interview" with Henrik Friis, Director of the Turf & Irrigation Division at Jepsen and Jessen. Hear what Henrik has to say about the current state of golf in Asia, what can be improved and why you should plan your next golf holiday to this amazing region of our planet. [Watch the video here.](#)

ASIA GOLF EVENT CALENDAR

- **Hua Hin Skins Golf Tournament** 6 – 8 Nov. 2020 *Hua Hin, Thailand*
- **The Old English Cup Bangkok** 15 Nov., 2020 *Bangkok, Thailand*
- **Alpine Bangkok Golf Tournament** 29 Nov., 2020 *Bangkok, Thailand*
- **Pattaya 2 Ball Golf Tournament** 4 – 6 Dec., 2020 *Bangkok, Thailand*
- **Amari Hua Hin Skins Golf Week** 20 – 24 Mar. 2021 *Hua Hin, Thailand*
- **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*

SOUTHEAST ASIA COVID-19 UPDATES

Thailand

The first wave of the pandemic ended after 100 days passed without a community transmitted virus case. The Thai government is expanding the groups of foreigners who can enter Thailand. On September 28, the government also approved the Special Tourist Visa (STV) for tourists from low risk countries for stays of 90 days. Those interested should contact their nearest Thai Embassy to enquire about the STV.

[Read the entire update](#)

Vietnam

Vietnam has gone over a month without domestic transmission of the coronavirus. It has so far recorded 1,096 infections, of which 38 remain active. From September 22, Vietnam is resuming international commercial flights to six destinations: Guangzhou, Taiwan, Seoul, Tokyo, Phnom Penh, and Vientiane. Currently the country is only offering entry to diplomats, experts, investors and their family.

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Malaysia

Malaysia remains closed to international tourists currently. Covid-19 is currently under control; restrictions are steadily being lifted and the government is working on a solution to reopen its borders to international tourists. The country is operating under moderate travel and business restrictions, known as the "Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO)", which is scheduled to remain in place until 31st December.

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Indonesia

Indonesia's borders remain closed to international arrivals for the time being. New cases of Covid-19 are still relatively high, so the Government has postponed plans for reopening until the domestic – and international – situation has stabilised. The CDC still has Indonesia under a Level 3 warning, meaning all non-essential travel should be avoided. Government officials are suggesting the country may likely reopen in early 2021.

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