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August 2018 Edition

Dear Golf Travelers,



Welcome to August and latest edition of the Asian Golf Nation, the source for news breaking information about golf and golf travel in Asia. Also, unique golf playing tips for SE Asia's tropical environment, announcements of special tours, updates on boutique golf tournaments for amateur golfers, and some interesting golf traveler feedback are all integral to today's newsletter.

It's summer in Europe and North America, winter in Australia, and low golfing season here in Asia. Low season means great deals and fewer crowds at the golf courses and resorts. It's my favorite time of year to golf as the weather is overcast (e.g., no so hot) and in spite of being the so-called "rainy season," precipitation is mainly confined to late afternoons or early evenings.

On the golf tournament side of things, we continue to promote three events in September and October, and we are launching two new events for high season 2019. Check out our dedicated tournament website for more details.

For those of you wanting to travel to Asia this winter to try something unique, we've developed a suite of hosted golf tours that enable the everyone to experience the very best of Asia's golfing and culture together with some of the region's off-the-beaten-track hidden gems.

As usual, there are lots of 'happenings' around the region so with that; I invite you to enjoy this edition of the Asian Golf Nation, learn about what's new in golf travel from around the region.

While some say that Asia's incredible golf courses are the main attractions, its really the rich cultural experiences and very friendly locals encountered along the way that often leaves the fondest impressions. Just consider the caddie experience, and you will know what I mean.

Anyway, thanks to you, Golfasian remains Asia's top golf operator providing services centered around authentic golf experiences and great value. Your recognition of our quick responsiveness, impeccable attention to detail and tailor-made personalized service is what sets us apart.

Complete <u>full-service</u> itineraries created for your specific travel preferences, expectations, group size, and budgets are our specialty. Please contact us for a competitive quote.

Until the next newsletter, happy golfing and I hope to see you in Asia very soon!

Mark Siegel Managing Director

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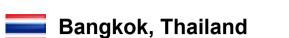






GOLF NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION





Golf course management and name changes seem to be the rule here in Bangkok as many of the original courses built in the mid-nineties come to the end of life and need fresh investments to flourish into the future. Muang Ake Wangnoi Golf Club is now Wangnoi Prestige Golf & Country Club and the former countryside course past the Don Muang International Airport has been brought up to international and tourist-ready standards. The new playing option is welcome news for Bangkok golf visitors, especially for those flying from the domestic and low cost carrier airport.



The Robert Trent Jones II Golf Course golf course that's under construction and part of the Hoiana mega-project south of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Hoi An will be Hoiana Shores Golf Club. Located on the coast of the South China Sea, approximately 8 kilometers south of Hoi An, known as 'The City of Lanterns,' and Trent Jones first project in Vietnam, Hoiana Shores is part of a major destination development with the ambition of becoming one of the most compelling golf experiences in Asia. Hoiana Shores Golf Club scheduled to open in mid-2019.



Singapore

Golf in Singapore is at an interesting stage of development and is facing challenges as leases for some five of the twenty or so golf courses expire, and they close over the next few years. Interesting though, **Raffles Country Club** which was dated for closure on July 31 to make way for the terminus of the Singapore – Malaysia high-speed railway, may still be open as the recently elected Malaysian government has second thoughts on the entire mega rail link project. That's good for us golfers!

GOLF DESTINATION REVIEW: Bangkok



A personal destination review from John Blanch General Manager at Thai Country Club.



Bangkok is one of the best destinations for a **<u>golf holiday</u>** in the Asia Pacific region. The capital of Thailand boats one of the regions busiest airports, Suvarnabhumi and Don Muang airport, which are frequented by hundreds of airlines from most major airports in the world. There is an abundance of hotel options to select that will satisfy the most discerning traveler - from budget boutique hotels all the way to the ultra-luxurious which are far more affordable than their sister properties elsewhere in Asia and every type of option in between.

What is there not to do in Bangkok - Golden palaces, floating markets, majestic temples, incredible roof top bars, a seemingly endless choice of dining options to satisfy every taste and amazing nightlife. Savor mango sticky rice at a food stall before taking in the gilded splendor of the Grand Palace you've never seen a capital city quite like Bangkok.

And then comes the golf with a myriad of fantastic golf courses from championship courses such as Thai Country Club, Alpine Golf Club, Nikanti Golf Club and others whose fairways have been trod by Tiger, Sergio and others to more humbler courses which are just as much fun to play. Bangkok is also the perfect place to either start or end a golfing trip should you choose to venture to Hua Hin, Pattaya or Chiang Mai with a game on day of arrival into or departure from Thailand.

Bangkok is one of the most spectacular and fascinating cities in the world offering incredible value for money and the opportunity to play some of the finest golf courses that Thailand has to offer.

Read the Entire Destination Review



FEATURED GOLF COURSE AND HOTEL



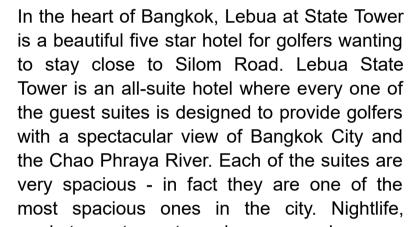


Lebua at State Tower

Thai Country Club

Thai Country Club is a Peninsula Hotels managed prestigious member's course. One of the best golf courses in Bangkok, Thai sets the standard for service excellence.

Designed to USPGA standards by Denis Griffiths, the course opened in December 1996. The design adapts to everyday member use up to very tough challenges for major international and PGA tournaments.



most spacious ones in the city. Nightlife, markets, restaurants and massage shops are not far from the hotel, making it a perfect spot for a Bangkok golf holiday.

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GOLF TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

AccorHotels Vietnam	<u>Mercure Pattaya Singles</u>	<u>Shangri-La Chiang Mai</u>
World Masters	<u>Golf Week</u>	<u>Golf Week</u>
9 - 15 Sep. 2018	16 - 22 Sept. 2018	28 Oct 2 Nov. 2018

Cambodia World Masters Golf Championship

10 - 16 Feb. 2019

Golf Week 10 - 16 Mar. 2019

Amari Hua Hin

GOLF TOURNAMENT SPECIALS



Pattaya Singles Golf Week

At the Mercure Pattaya Ocean Resort Golf Week, you will join a community of solo golf travellers who share your passion and thirst for golf, travel and fun!

Play four of Pattaya's top golf courses: Siam Country Club (Waterside, Plantation, Old) Laem Chabang GC

There's an extensive prize table, quality gift pack, sensational lucky draw prizes and the nightly parties and entertainment are great fun.

At the heart of the event's success is the camaraderie developed among participants.

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August and play one extra round of golf including cart, caddie and transfers worth

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Shangri-La Golf Championship

Discover why Chang Mai was voted in the top ten cities in Asia by Travel & Leisure at the Shangri-La Chiang Mai 2 Ball Golf Championship.

Chiang Mai Highlands Golf Resort, Alpine Golf Resort & Gassan Legacy Golf Club will give you the ultimate golfing experience. You will be spoiled by Thailand's friendly caddies.

The 5* Shrangi-La Hotel Chiang Mai is perfectly located in walking distance to nearby bars, restaurants & Chang Mai's renowned Night Market.

Get set for an exceptional week of golf, entertainment and plenty of delicious Thai

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August and get 10% off for 2 or more

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VIDEOS OF THE MONTH

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players.

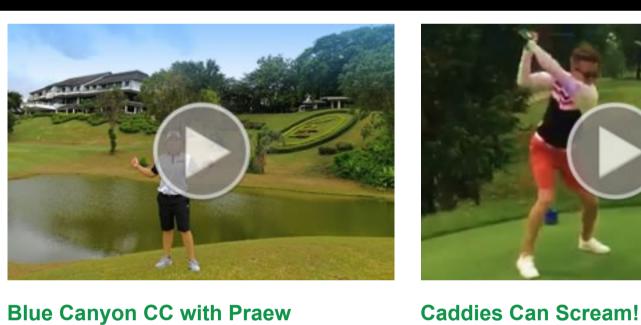




PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Tom Buchanan & Party (Al Ain Golf Club) at Sea Pine Golf Course in Hua Hin, Thailand.

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What Makes Nikanti an Unusual Golf **Course?**

It seems like the golf architect Pirapon Namatra (Ope) of Golf East listened quite a lot to Tina Turner's famous song 'Break every rule' when he designed Nikanti Golf Club, Asia's first 18 hole, par 72 golf course comprising three six-hole layouts each with two par-threes, two par-fours and two parfives. Thailand's 291st golf course was opened in May 2014. The Nikanti Golf Club is almost adjacent to Suwan Golf Club.

GOLF FUN

Don't forget these essentials!

Travelling overseas requires a bit of planning. It has happened to the best of us that we have forgotten the one or other essential.

We have put together a check-list for you to print out when packing your bags for your next golf holiday in Asia.

Let us know if we forgot anything!



Read it all here!

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GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCES & CLOSURES

Thailand

Bangkok

- Kiarti Thanee Country Club: Course will be closed until April 2019 for renovation. • Lotus Valley Golf Resort: Course will be closed in the afternoon of 3 August for a
- tournament. • Muang Kaew Golf Club: Course will be closed on 15 August for a tournament.
- Suwan Golf & Country Club: Course will closed on 9-10 August for a tournament.
- Thana City Country Club: Course will be closed on 5, 9, 17 & 23 August for tournaments.

Hua Hin

- **Black Mountain Golf Club**: Course will be busy during 10-14 March 2019 for the Children's World Tournament.
- Majestic Creek Country Club: Course B will be closed until 31 August for maintenance.

Pattaya

- Greenwood Golf & Resort: Course A will be closed for coring green during 1 April 20 August, course C during 1 July - 30 September.
- Khao Kheow Country Club: Course will be closed on 17, 24 and 31 August for a
- tournament. • Laem Chabang Country Club: Course A will be undergoing coring green between April - 31 October. Course will be closed on 3 August for a tournament.
- Pattaya Country Club & Resort: Course will be closed in the afternoon of 28 August and 29 September for tournaments.
- Rayong Green Valley Country Club: Course will be closed on 10 & 24 August for
- tournaments. • Silky Oak Country Club: Course will be closed during 18-19 August for a tournament. Phuket
- All Courses are in good condition.

Chiang Mai

renovation.

- Alpine Golf Resort Chiang Mai: Course A will be undergoing coring green during 1 August -
- 30 September. • Gassan Panorama Golf Club: Course will reopen on 1 December after extensive

- Chiang Rai
- Santiburi Chiang Rai Country Club: Course will be undergoing hole maintenance for holes 1-18 during 27 August - 20 October.

Khao Yai

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📩 Vietnam

Danang

- **Ba Na Hills Golf Club**: Course will be closed in the morning of 13 September for the
- AccorHotels Vietnam World Masters Golf Championship. • **<u>BRG Da Nang Golf Resort</u>**: Course will be undergoing maintenance on holes 1-9 until 10 August and holes 10-18 until 31 August. Course will be closed in the afternoon of 10 and
- morning of 14 September for the AccorHotels Vietnam World Masters Golf Championship. • Montgomerie Links Vietnam: Course will be closed in the afternoon of 11 September for the AccorHotels Vietnam World Masters Golf Championship.

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- Hai Phong / Halong Bay
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Hanoi

- All courses are in good condition.
- Nha Trang
- All courses are in good condition.

Saigon

- Jeongsan Country Club: Course will be closed for maintenance on 20 August, 17
- September & 15 October. • Long Thanh Cold Club: Lake course will be closed in the morning of 16 September for a
- tournament. • Tan Son Nhat Golf Course: Course will be closed on 14 August for a tournament.
- Vietnam Golf & Country Club: The East Course will be closed in the mornings of 2, 6, 16, 20 & 30 August. The West Course will be closed in the mornings of 9, 13, 23 & 27 August.

Vung Tau

• <u>The Bluffs Ho Tram Strip</u>: Course will hold the Ho Tram Player Championship during 6-9 December.

Indonesia

- Bali
- Nirwana Bali Golf Club: Course will be closed until 31 July 2020 for major renovation

💶 Malaysia

Kuala Lumpur

• TPC KL, East Course: Tee times only available in afternoon until 31 Aug 2018. • TPC KL, West Course: Course will be closed for renovation until 31 Aug 2018.

Cambodia

Siem Reap

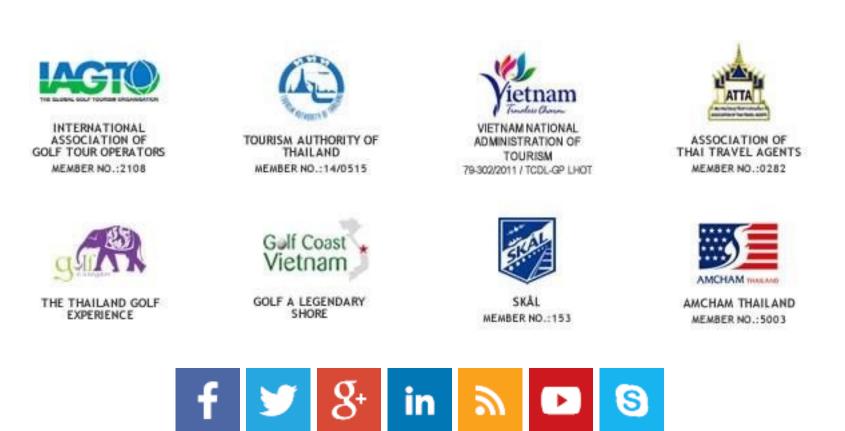
- Angkor Golf Resort: Course will be closed in the morning of 4-5 August for the Angkor
- Amateur Open. • **Phokeethra Country Club**: Only 9 holes are open for play in the afternoons of 1-15 August. Phnom Penh
- Garden City Golf Club: Course will be closed in the morning of 26 August and 23 September for tournaments.

Singapore

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