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December 2018 Edition

Dear Golf Travelers,

It's the last month of 2018, and I trust you have plans arranged for the holidays with friends and family. Here in Asia, December is a month of greeting in cool, dry and lovely weather. Also this year's holiday period be joyful and healthy.

For those in Europe and America, the days are getting shorter, temperatures are dropping, and it's time to bundle up in warm clothing against the cloud, cold and wet. Freezing rain or worse yet snow. If you can't stand the idea of fighting through dark and chilly weather the next few months, check out our latest warm weather golf holiday tours and destinations.

December is our best chance gear up for the busiest time of the year in Asia golf travel. The booking outlook for the next few months is very positive, and our key golf course and hotel partners share the same sentiment. However, please be advised that during January and February, Chinese New Year falls on the 5th and 6th of February 2019. This will make it difficult to confirm peak tee times bookings and for hotel rooms at the best nearby for last minute inquiries. Please contact our office for updated information as soon as you know your travel plans.

Now on to December and up-to-date edition of the Asian Golf Nation, the source for news, information and inspiration for golfers in Asia. Inside you will find updates on golf courses, hotels, tropical environment, announcements of special tours, golf tournament updates, and some interesting golf traveler feedback are all integral to today's newsletter.

While terms say that Asia's incredible golf courses are the main attractions, its really the rich Asian experiences and very friendly locals encountered along the way that make Asia a golf destination like no other. Golfasian is committed to ensure that these other aspects are not forgotten.

Anyway, thanks to you, Golfasian remains Asia's top golf tour operator providing services centered around authentic golf experiences. Your recognition of our quick responsiveness, attention to detail and tailor-made personalized service is what is at the heart of the points that set us apart.

Complete full service itineraries created for your specific travel preferences, expectations, group size, and budgets are our specialty. Please contact us for a personal quote.

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

Mark Siegel
Managing Director

GOLF NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

Vietnam

Vietnam has now the title of Asia's best golf destination for the second consecutive year at the World Golf Awards, which honors excellence of golf travel and tourism industry operators, agents, and media, as well as golf travelers. Vietnam's golf scene has been developing golf facilities many with amazing links-style courses built along the dunes that the far-reaching Vietnam coastline provides. Examples of impressive new courses in development and Vietnam will shine as Asia's star golf destination for years to come.

Danang, Vietnam

Another rave one, Ba Na Hills Golf Club was honored with the title of the 2018 Asia's Best Golf Course at the World Golf Awards. Nestled in the cool and fully-stocked golf course among Danang's designer semi-private seaside resorts, Ba Na Hills is a perfect place to enjoy any from the Vietnamese to an course operations right through to after golf food and beverage. Ba Na Hills golf course operations are responsible for Blue Canyon Country Club in Phuket, designed Haiphaphone, Melia Vinpearl Golf Course in Danang, and Ocean Dunes in Lagi, and contributing to conditions of a private members club. Give this rave course a try, it may be your next stop on the "Rave of the North" that much sooner.

Hanoi, Vietnam

Can you believe another spectacular Schmidt-Curley designed course opened for play in Hanoi last month? Yes, Ecopark Golf Resort is a region better known for river tours and Ming Kong movies is a good as they come. The 18-hole course features 6 lakes, over 1,000 trees and features dominate grass bentgrass, greens, and tees in one of the most user-friendly golf courses you will find in Asia. The front nine plays in a natural valley with an expansive land rock, while modest elevation changes on the back nine lead to a final scoring three holes on hilltop. Bag on land.

Chiang Mai, Thailand

New golf courses are few and far between these days, but the Ninda gem is well worth a visit. Located just 30 minutes from Chiang Mai, Mahasarakham Golf Course is an excellent 9-hole, par 36 championship layout. Japanese and Korean golfers are the main target market, also responsible for Blue Canyon Country Club in Phuket, designed Haiphaphone, Melia Vinpearl Golf Course in Danang, and Ocean Dunes in Lagi, and contributing to conditions of a private members club. Give this new course a try, it may be your next stop on the "Rave of the North" that much sooner.

Desaru, Malaysia

The Malaysia Tourism Council awarded the Ely Club Desaru Coast 2018 Best Resort Course. Ely Club Desaru Coast is a golf resort located about 1 hour drive's drive from Singapore. These exclusive Ely Designs golf courses are located in Desaru and are over the island of Langkawi. The three courses together are certainly the best golf courses in Southeast Asia, and it's no coincidence that Those rank all three facilities. Make golf clubs should consider Ely Designs of golf course management companies and joint ventures.

GOLF DESTINATION REVIEW: Danang

A personal destination review from Wayne Johnson, Golfasian Danang:

Danang, located on the coast of the South China Sea, marks the halfway point between the Vietnamese capital Hanoi to the North and the vibrant city of Ho Chi Min to the south. The South largest city in Vietnam, Danang is a bustling port city with a population of nine and first its located close by and well worth a visit on a day off from the golf course.

Danang is rapidly rises climbing ranks as Vietnam's Golf Coast, the Vietnamese coastline stretching along the coastline waters of the South China Sea based many fine hotels and internationally acclaimed golf courses. Danang is home to the amazing mountain scenery of the Ba Hills, and three of Vietnam's golf courses. Since its Danang is becoming a "must place" golf destination.

To the north of the City is the Ba Na Hills designed Laguna Lang Co which hope the shoreline and provides a great test of golf, especially as the sea breeze picks up in the afternoon. Laguna Lang Co is a Greg Norman Signature Golf Course. Ba Na Hills designed by European great Luke Donald and recently acclaimed as Asia's best course at the 2018 World Golf Awards. As we move more southerly to the real time of Danang, we come to the Ocean Dunes Golf Course designed by Greg Norman. The Ocean Dunes Golf Club which is a real gem of a course for the connoisseur and the equally challenging Montgomerie Links next door.

Read the entire destination review

FEATURED GOLF COURSE AND HOTEL

Ba Na Hills Golf Club

Award-winning Ba Na Hills Golf Club is set in the foothills and valley floor of the famed Ba Na Hills, only 20 minutes from Da Nang City. Ba Na Hills Golf Club is located in one of the most impressive mountain ranges in the region complementing the Luke Donald designed course. The mountain setting and which nature provided delivers a great experience for golfers of every level with fairways that feature dramatic elevation changes and every hole framed by a beautiful backdrop of the native area.

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Pullman Danang Beach Resort

Pullman Danang Beach Resort, sits directly on My An Beach. This beachfront property is perfect for golfers as it is only 5 minutes from Danang Golf Club and 15 minutes from Ba Na Hills Golf Club and 30 minutes from Hoi An. The hotel features a long pool corridor, day beds, and a pool bar. The hotel is a contemporary styled and modern with light colors and wood accents. BBQ Danang and Vietnamese cuisine are available. Rooms include. from the Pullman Danang Beach Resort.

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FEATURED GOLF PACKAGE

Vietnam Golf Coast Exclusive

Play at only Vietnam golf courses, stay at one of many beautiful resorts on one of Asia's best golf coasts, and enjoy Vietnam's amazing cuisine and culture. All that more can you wish for than great golf, excellent accommodations, and a treasure of beauty?

View the complete tour itinerary

GOLF TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

Asian Heritage Stone Golf Week
10 - 16 Mar 2019

Asian Heritage Golf Championship
9 - 15 Jun 2019

Mercure Pattaya Men's Open Golf Week
15 - 22 Jun 2019

Accorhotels Vietnam World Masters
8 - 14 Sep 2019

Sofitel Pattaya Golf Championship
10 - 22 Jun 2019

Sofitel Pattaya Golf Golf Championship
11 - 20 Nov 2019

VIDEO OF THE MONTH

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Andrew Ratcliffe and Party at Lake View Resort & Golf Club.

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Where to Golf in Thailand

Thailand has 5 main golf destinations, two are cities (Bangkok and Chiang Mai) and four are beach resorts (Hua Hin, Pattaya, and Phuket). Golf is a year round sport in Southeast Asia. However, it's safe to say that Bangkok has the most golf courses of any destination in Thailand. Hua Hin has the most golf courses within 1 hour from the center of Bangkok and which 20 or so are well suited for visitor play.

Read it all here!

GOLF TIPS

Check out local bars & restaurants

Just because you may be staying in a hotel and playing golf doesn't mean you have to eat and drink at just those two places!

Thailand has probably one of the widest choices of dishes to choose from, most of the time at incredible value and taste!

Ask us for places to eat and drink to experience the real Thailand!. Trust.

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GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCES & CLOSURES

Thailand

Bangkok

- Bangkok Golf Club, Course will be closed on 1, 7, 18-21, 24 and 27-29 December for tournaments.
- Kiarti Thanee Country Club, Course will be closed until April 2019 for renovation.
- Lakeside Golf Club, Course will be closed every Wednesday for vertical green until end of December.
- Riverside Golf Club, Course will be closed on 7, 14, 28 & 29 December for tournaments.
- Vintage Golf Club, Course will be closed on 12 December for a tournament.

Hua Hin

- Banyan Golf Club, Course will be closed on 20, 22 & 25 January for tournaments.
- Black Mountain Golf Club, Course will be closed on 21 & 24 January for tournaments.
- Imperial Golf Club, Course will be closed on 7 December for a tournament.
- Lake View Resort & Golf Club, Course will be closed on 21 December for tournaments.
- Royal Hua Hin Golf Course, Course will be closed on 22 December for a tournament.
- Sea Pines Golf Course, Course will be closed on 2 February for a tournament.

Pattaya

- Laem Chabang Country Club, Course A will be undergoing using green between April - 30 November.
- Phoenix Gold Golf & Country Club, Course will be closed on 8 December for a tournament.
- Siam Country Club, Old Course, Course will be closed 4-288 February for the Honda LPGA, tournament.

Phuket

- Phuket Country Club, Course is undergoing using green during 6-7 November. Course will be closed on 28 November for a tournament.

Chiang Mai

- Chiang Mai Inthanon Golf & Natural Resort, Course will be closed on 22-23 December for a tournament.
- Gassan Lagoon Golf Club, Course will be closed on 2 December for a tournament.
- Gassan Panorama Golf Club, Course will reopen on 1 December after extensive renovation.
- Mae Ka Golf Club, Course will be closed on 16 December for a tournament.

Chiang Rai

- Golden Triangle Golf Course Club, Course will be closed on 3, 11, 19-23 & 30 November for tournaments.

Khao Yai

- All courses are in good condition.

Vietnam

Danang

- Lagoon Lang Co Golf Club, Course will be closed on 3 November for a tournament.

Dalat

- All courses are in good condition.

Mui Phong / Halong Bay

- All courses are in good condition.

Hanoi

- All courses are in good condition.

Nha Trang

- All courses are in good condition.

Saigon

- Jasmine Country Club, Course will be closed on 21 November for a tournament.
- Long Thanh Golf Club, Course will be undergoing maintenance on various holes on 3,4, 10-12, 17-19 & 24-26 November. Course will be closed on 28 November for a tournament.
- Twin Doves Golf Club, Course will be closed on 5-6 December for a tournament.
- Vietnam Golf Club, Course will be closed on 13 & 16 December for tournaments.

Vung Tau

- All courses are in good condition.

Indonesia

Bali

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

Malaysia

Kuala Lumpur

- All courses are in good condition.

Cambodia

Siem Reap

- Angkor Golf Resort, Course will be closed in the mornings of 7-11 November for the Lady European Tour School Qualifying Tournament.

Phnom Penh

- Garden City Golf Club, Course will be closed in the morning of 2, 5, 10 & 16 November for tournaments.

Singapore

- All courses are in good condition.

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