



# **December 2019 Edition**

## **Dear Golf Travelers**,

World's

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World-class is a goal for Asian golf travel, and today's newsletter is full of information which helps get you there. New course openings, unique golf playing tips for South East Asia's tropical environment, golf travel and tournament updates, and our latest subscription offer are all topics in this month's Asian Golf Nation.

FLC Ha Long Bay Golf Club, Vietnam The 2020's arrive next month, and what a decade it has been. As mentioned last month and thanks to you, the last ten years culminated by seeing us awarded the 'World's Best Golf Tour Operator.' Awards like this don't come easy, and it's from loyal clients, dedicated staff, and continually exceeding expectations service that set us apart from other agencies. I thank everyone who has and continues to make the Golfasian journey a success and look forward to our next meeting.

Here in Asia, the high season is in full swing, and we're set up for the busiest time of the year in golf travel; ready to welcome you on life-changing golfing experiences at the friendliest golf courses on the planet. Its winter in Asia, and with lower temperatures and dry weather comes the best golf weather. Feedback from the top golf courses indicates that tee time demand is very high. Make your bookings now to avoid missing out on the best courses and playing times.

Personalized full service, multi-destination travel, and expert knowledge of Asian golf make us stand out. It's a source of immense pride to be honored in such a fashion. Some of our sample packages and special offers are online. Also, our full 2020 tournament schedule is available to facilitate advanced planning.

These days, everyone is looking for that special golf trip, and I believe that quality experiences are what counts. Our team understands that matching your interests and budgets in the golfing destinations we serve is what matters most, and we are committed to creating a trip that works for you!

Complete full-service itineraries created for your specific travel preferences, expectations, group size, and budgetary requirements are our specialty. Please contact us anytime for a competitive and tailor-made proposal. One of the Golfasian expert golf travel consultants is always available to help you 24/7.

Thank you again for your strong support. The Golfasian team wishes you and your families a happy festive season.

Happy Golfing,

Mark Siegel Managing Director

# **GOLF NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION**





## 📩 Hanoi, Vietnam

# Pattaya, Thailand

Vietnam is one of the most active countries for golf course growth. Forty courses are open for play, and another 60 are in development or under construction. Vietnam is also changing from a destination that golfers only visit once to one, which attracts many repeat golfers. In addition to new courses, beaches, entertainment, food, and gaming all encourage repeat golf trips. The two main centers for golf are the <u>Hue – Danang – Hoi An</u> corridor as well as the Nha Trang - Cam Ranh areas. Expanded golf offerings in the main arrival and departure points around Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City make multi-destination golf trips popular, for golfers from Australia, Asia, and Europe.

lan and I have a personal invitation to play the new Siam Country Club Rolling Hills this month. While not officially open until January 2020, the trial play will gave us a glimpse of what's to come.

Just look at this bunker, and you can get a feel for what's going to be on offer. Most golfers take no less than ten tries before giving up and don't even bother to rake the bunker. I made it out on my first attempt!

As with the other three Siam CC courses, grasses are top-shelf, service second to none, and challenge up to professional levels. I can't wait to get out and see what happens.





A personal destination review from Paul Wilson, Director of Golf at Laguna Golf Phuket.

Phuket is one of the world's premier beach & golf destinations – offering pristine beaches, national parks, shopping, entertainment, cultural experiences, sports activities



and several superb golf courses. Thailand's largest island, Phuket is blessed with beautiful nature, warm year-round temperatures and smiling Thai hospitality. The island's long time popularity is still growing, with the newly expanded Phuket International Airport welcoming almost 10m international visitors and a further 4m domestic arrivals in 2019. This includes 120k flights per year (or 300 per day), from 50 different airlines and direct flights from over 70 cities.

I have lived and worked in the integrated destination of Laguna Phuket for 7 years. Situated on the exclusive central west coast

of Phuket, 30 minutes from the airport, Laguna Phuket covers 1,000 acres of plush topical parkland, 3 km of pristine beachfront and includes 7 hotel resorts. Many golf visitors will choose a hotel in the Laguna Phuket area, as Phuket's other golf courses are all within 30 minutes' drive. I am often asked to recommend which golf courses our hotel guests should visit during their stay.

# Read the Full Destination Review

# **FEATURED GOLF COURSE & RESORT**





Laguna Golf Phuket

(top golf course, host of 2009 Thailand Open) Laguna Golf Phuket features a resort golf course with pleasant breezes from the Andaman Sea. The Phuket golf course not too demanding and reflects the natural beauty and tropical surroundings of Bang Tao Bay.

Phuket Golf Laguna is set on a valley floor overlooked by low wooded hills and marshlands. The Phuket golf course was redesigned in 2014.

Angsana Laguna Phuket The Angsana Laguna Resort & Spa located on the shoreline of Bang Tao Bay in the northwestern part of Phuket is only twenty minutes drive from the airport and Phuket town. The resort is part of the massive Laguna

Phuket complex, one of Asia's most significant developments which include five golf resorts, six palm-fringed lagoons, golf course, parkland, breathtaking seaside and an excellent range of restaurants. Other Phuket golf courses are only a short drive away.

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# FEATURED GOLF PACKAGE



Phuket Golf & Culture Package

Golf holidays in Phuket are the best in Thailand, if not all, Asia. Play golf at all of the Phuket golf courses, laze the days away on one of the white sand beaches, shop at local markets and branded discount outlets, and enjoy the infamous Phuket nightlife. In other words, get prepared for the golf vacation of your lifetime on Thailand's largest island!

# View the complete tour itinerary





We invite you to the 2nd Amari Hua Hin Skins Golf Week from 21-25 March 2020

BOOK BY 15 DECEMBER AND RECEIVE A 15% DISCOUNT OFF THE **TOURNAMENT PACKAGE!! USE CODE GA15DEC TO REDEEM** 

What You Get: \* 5 nights comfortable accommodation \* Golf at Hua Hin's Best Courses with Caddies & Cart \* Welcome Drinks, 19th Hole Functions with Beer & Wine \* All ground transportation - sit back and let us do the work! \* VIP treatment throughout the event \* Don't wait - sign up before it's full!

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# **MEET OUR GOLFASIAN TEAM**

### Meet Emmy, Senior Reservations and Operations Executive at Golfasian:



Emmy, Golfasian's Senior Reservations and Operations Executive has been with Golfasian for over 4 years and is handling anything from golfer's hotel and tee-time reservations to itineraries and custom programs.

An airline business graduate from Suan Dusit University in Bangkok, Emmy has worked at various airlines such as Turkish Airline at Bangkok's Suvarnahbumi Airport. This experience provided her with the opportunity to learn about international customer service excellence. Her airport ground handling work was followed by two years at one of Hua Hin's top courses, **Banyan <u>Golf Club</u>**, where Emmy learned anything related to tee-time reservations and golfer's hospitality.

Emmy is now based at Golfasian's Hua Hin branch and enjoys talking to and meeting Golfasian customers on a daily basis. <u>Contact Emmy</u> for your next Hua Hin golf holiday experience.



# **VIDEO OF THE MONTH**



# **RENTAL CLUBS**

Golfasian is now offering rental clubs to golfers travelling to Asia.



Due to popular demand and in an effort to make the golf holiday travel experience easier, Golfasian is now offering a wide variety of golf rental sets for both ladies & men in various locations in Thailand and Vietnam.

Contact us today to reserve rental clubs for your next Asia golf holiday.

Book Rental Clubs

# **BEST OF THE INTERNET**

**GOLF TIPS** 

### **BEST OF OUR BLOGS**



**Straight Driving For Thailand Golfing** 

Lately I have been taking some golf lessons and I have gone from a controlled fade to a pull hook off the tee. I have begun pulling the ball off the tee. What I want is a straight ball flight so yesterday I went out to Thai Country Club and hit two bags of balls on the range with my driver. To stop pulling my drives I found that I must swing the club on an in-toout swing path and/or change the clubface's position at impact. I was able to do both by implementing one, all, or a combination of the three tips. It was a case of trial and error for me, but these ball straightening cures work wonders.

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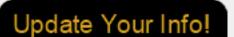
**Double The Fun With Leisure And** Play With A Vietnam Golf Holiday

For those who enjoy treating themselves to nature's beauty, historical culture, and even a little golf while on holiday, Vietnam is the unanimous choice. The tranquil beaches of Danang; the historical pathways of Hanoi; the rocky islands of Ha Long Bay, there isn't a part of this country that isn't worth exploring. And when you combine that with a game or two of golf, you know you're in heaven. With so many Vietnam golf courses at your disposal, you'll double the fun with both leisure and play on your golf holiday.



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# **GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCES & CLOSURES**

Thailand

### Bangkok

- Alpine Golf & Sports Club: Course will be closed on 11 December for a tournament. • Cascata Golf Club: Course will be closed on 23-27 December for a tournament.
- Kiarti Thanee Country Club: Course is undergoing maintenance.
- Lakewood Country Club: Course is closed during 16-22 December for a tournament. • Navatanee Golf Course: Course will be closed on 23 December for a tournament.
- Riverdale Golf Club: Course will be closed on 16 December for a tournament. • Summit Windmill Golf Club: Course will be closed on 13-14 & 16 December for
- tournaments.

# Hua Hin

- Banyan Golf Club: Course will be closed during 5-7 December for a tournament. • Lake View Resort & Golf Club: Course will be closed during 10-15 February 2020 for the Asian Tournament.
- Royal Hua Hin Golf Course : Course will be closed 21 December and 26-28 February for tournaments.

### Pattaya

- Laem Chabang International Country Club: Course will be closed on 25 December for a
- tournament. • Phoenix Gold Golf & Country Club: Course will be closed during 16-22 December for a
- tournament. • Siam Country Club, Old Course: Course will be closed during 21-23 January and during 3-
- 27 February for the Honda LPGA Tournament.
- Siam Country Club, Waterside Course : Course will be closed during 3-15 February, 6-10 April and 8-11 May for tournaments.
- St Andrews 2000 Golf Club: Course will be closed until 31 December for maintenance.

### Phuket

- Blue Canyon Country Club, Canyon Course : Course will be undergoing light top dressing on the greens on 9 & 20 December. • Blue Canyon Country Club, Lakes Course : Course will be undergoing various
- maintenance during 2-16 December.
- Katathong Golf Resort & Spa: Course will be undergoing various maintenance during December.
- Laguna Golf Phuket: Course will be undergoing green top dressing sand on 2 December.
- Loch Palm Golf Club: Course will be undergoing various maintenance during 2-5 & 12-14 December.
- **<u>Red Mountain Golf Club</u>**: Course will be undergoing tee-off top dressing during 14-16 November.
- Chiang Mai
- Mae Jo Golf Club: Course will be closed on 23 December for a tournament.

### Vietnam

- Danang
- All course are in good condition.

### Hanoi

• BRG Kings Island Golf Resort - Mountain View Course: Course will be undergoing maintenance during 30 December - 13 January.

### Ho Chi Minh City

- Jeongsan Country Club: Course will be closed on 20 December for a tournament.
- Long Thanh Golf Club: Lake Course will be closed on 7 December for a tournament. • Twin Doves Golf Club: Course will be closed during 4-8 December for a tournament.

### Indonesia

### Bali

- Handara Golf & Resort: Course will be closed on 14 December for a tournament.
- New Kuta Golf: Course will be closed on 14 December for a tournament. • Nirwana Bali Golf Club: Course will be closed until 31 July 2020 for major renovation.

# 💶 Malaysia

- Kuala Lumpur
- TPC Kuala Lumpur: Course will be closed on 7, 8, 20, 21, 22, 29 for tournaments.

## Langkawi

• All courses are in good condition.

### Johor

• Horizon Hills Golf & Country Club: Course will be closed in the afternoons of 18 & 19 December.

### Cambodia

- Siem Reap • Phokeethra Country Club: Course will be closed on 22 December for a tournament.

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