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Authorities have stepped up screening of passengers from China and implemented quarantine efforts at all international airports, so travelers should expect some delays owing to the increased scrutiny around screening for the virus. We are monitoring the situation closely in each of our destinations and I send out regular updates to ensure all travelers have the most up-to-information. I would also like to add that at times like this, news of a sensationalist nature tends to proliferate more quickly than that which has taken the time to consider all the facts. All golfers should get their information from reputable sources such as your home country's travel website and the World Health Organization website. Now back to golf around the region. While winter is still upon most of us, the weather in Asia can't be better, and the courses around the region are in top playing conditions. For those still thinking about a winter golf trip, some of our <u>sample packages</u> and <u>special offers</u> are online. Also, our full **2020 tournament schedule** is available to facilitate advanced planning. With that, I wish all golf travelers a great winter season ahead. The golf, culture, and beauty of Asia continue to be perfectly suited for an unforgettable golf experience. Tailor-made itineraries fitting your specific needs, expectations, and budgets are our specialties. Drop me an email with your request; you will be surprised at the possibilities. Until the next month, happy golfing, and I hope to see YOU in the area very soon! Happy Golfing, Mark Siegel Managing Director **GOLF NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION** Phang Nha, Thailand Phuket, Thailand Progress continues at the new/old course in Many of you have heard that Loch Palm Golf Phang Nha. Nine holes at Aquella Golf & Club went though some major surgery last Country Club are grassed, and shaping of the year after losing land, mainly around the 10-12 second nine is moving ahead. Hole 12 is the holes. The completed changes are a new parsignature hole along the Ocean, while 18 sits 3 11th - now on the old 17th fairway, a new 5th below the clubhouse. Sleepers (railroad ties), green complex, a shorter 6th hole, and a part of the original Andy Dye designed Thai shortened and reshaped 18th. The new holes Muang, show up in the bunker facing, a nice had to be re-developed into a smaller area, resulting in the par coming down to 71, and touch indeed. the course length now playing to 6,000 yards. Once opened in late 2020, Aquella will be one The changes turned out well and overall of the top golf courses in the South of playability is better than before. The upcoming Thailand. I plan to visit around April to check ow season will see a few more minor changes. things out. Danang, Vietnam The second nine of the new Niklaus designed course at **BRG Danang Golf Resort** is progressing. The first nine holes opened in 2018 were constructed closest to the clubhouse, while the remaining nine holes are further away and mostly adjacent to the Coco River. Most of the new holes feature riverside views with greens framed by wooden timber walls. Look for the opening this spring, after which BRG will have all 36-holes open for play, and there will be seven full 18-hole courses on the Vietnam central coast. **GOLF DESTINATION REVIEW: Langkawi** A personal destination review from Iskandar Zulkarnain, DOSM of The Andaman. Langkawi Island is an island that is not only rich with flora and fauna but also laced with legends and folklores - making it one of the most visited islands in Malaysia. Langkawi is also one of the three islands in Malaysia that is duty-free. Hailing from Kuala Lumpur, these are rather rare for a city boy like me. I first visited Langkawi when I was little and kept on coming back for holidays. Ultimately, I decided to take on a role in The Andaman, a Luxury Collection Resort on the island. Nestled between the 10-million-year-old rainforest and the 8,000-year-old fringing coral reef, the resort is a legend herself where our guests are not only here for relaxation but also to discover what Langkawi has to offer and how they can play their part in protecting the reef through our Coral Conservation Project. Read the Full Destination Review **FEATURED GOLF RESORTS** The Andaman a Luxury The Datai Langkawi **Collection Resort** One of the island's top 5* resorts for golfers, The Datai Langkawi is prefectly located in the Golfers looking for luxurious relaxation will appreciate their stay at The Andaman, a North West of Langkawi, a few minutes from the Els Club Teluk Datai and near the famous Luxury Collection Resort. Located in a Skybridge. Golfers can select from various captivating tropical setting, the Andaman is rooms, suites and villas, all with enchanting tucked away between a 10 million year-old views of the lush tropical rainforest, some with rainforest and an 8,000 year-old fringing coral the breathtaking vista of the Andaman Sea reef. Voted as the "9th Best Beach in the with Tarutao Island on the horizon. World" by National Geographic, enjoy five star luxury in this unparalleled indigenous locale, only at The Andaman. **FEATURED GOLF COURSE** The Els Club Teluk Datai (renovated scenic woodlands track is one of Malaysia's best) Situated on the mystical island of Langkawi, The Els Club Teluk Datai is renowned for its spectacular mountain scenery and virgin rainforest. The golf course opened for play in 1992 as Dalit Bay Golf Club and immediately put Langkawi on the map of premium golf destinations. Datai Bay was voted as The Most Scenic Golf Course in Malaysia and nominated as one of the best golf resorts in Asia. It was also voted as Best Top Ten Golf Course in Malaysia, by Asian Golf Monthly in 2009. In 2012-13 the course was completely renovated and reopened for play in 2014 under the current name of The Els Club Teluk Datai. FEATURED GOLF PACKAGE **Best of Malaysia Golf Holiday** Are you a golf adventurer that would like to play the best golf in Malaysia? This tour features sought after and hidden destinations, top courses, and hand-curated tours. Choose from a wide selection of hotels that let you enjoy everything that Malaysia has to offer you in a style that fits your budget. View the complete tour itinerary **GOLF TOURNAMENT CALENDAR Asia Golf Championship** <u>Pattaya</u> **Bangkok** <u>Open</u> 28 Feb. - 1 Mar. 2020 18 - 21 Mar. 2020 **Amari Hua Hin Centara World Masters Skins Golf Week Golf Championship** 21 - 26 Mar. 2020 7 - 13 Jun. 2020 **Japan Golf Week** Vietnam Open 12 - 17 Jul. 2020 10 - 13 Sep. 2020 **AccorHotels Vietnam Mercure Pattaya** Men's Open Golf Week **World Masters** 6 - 12 Sep. 2020 13 - 19 Sep. 2020 **MEET OUR GOLFASIAN TEAM** Meet Khun Niki, Sales Executive at Golfasian: Niki, Golfasian's sales executive has been with Golfasian for over 1 year. An Eco-Tourism and Hospitality Management graduate from Srinakharinwirot University in Bangkok, Niki also has a Master Degree in Tourism Management from Assumption University. Niki worked at SpiceRoads company as travel consultant for 3 years. During this time, she gained various experience in Thailand's tourism industry. Niki enjoys giving customers tips about golf in Thailand as she has also been a tour guide a few years ago. PHOTO OF THE MONTH The Supergolf Group at Alpine Golf and Sports Club. **VIDEO OF THE MONTH** Centara World Masters Here's what you don't know! View the Full Video Here. **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** FOR REWARD RETRUN TO **What Is Posture And How Important CEO's Lost Golf Balls are a Winner** Is It? Most golfers hate to lose an expensive golf Posture is how you set up to the ball, very ball, but American Mark Siegel doesn't mind, important and one of the main fundamentals of as he has a clever ulterior motive. Siegel is the golf. CEO of Golfasian, one of the most established Everything is built on this foundation and if you inbound golf tour operators in Asia. "About five have a problem here, it'll show up later in your years ago I had the idea of printing my own Titlist golf balls with the simple message. swing, possibly disguised as something else. Reward Offered If you return this ball to www.golfasian.com", said Siegel. Read More Here! Read More Here! **Update Your Personal Information** In an effort to serve you better, we want to make sure we are not crowding your Inbox and only sending you the most personalized and relevant information. Can you please update your preferences through the link below? We know your time is precious, and this won't take more than 30 seconds! Jpdate Your Info! **GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCES & CLOSURES Thailand** Bangkok • Lam Luk Ka Country Club: Course will be closed during 15-16 April for Songkran. • Nikanti Golf Club: Course will be undergoing maintenance during 1-10 May. Course will be closed on 13-15, 19-22, 25-26 & 28-29 May for the BMW Tournament. Hua Hin • Banyan Golf Club: Course will be undergoing tees and fairway maintenance as well as coring greens during April. • 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 26-28 February for tournaments. Pattaya • Siam Country Club, Old Course: Course will be closed during 3-27 February for the Honda LPGA Tournament. Course will be undergoing coring greens during 13-17 April. • Siam Country Club, Rolling Hills: Course will be undergoing coring greens during 7-10 April. • Siam Country Club, Waterside Course: Course will be closed during 3-15 February, 6-10 April and 8-11 May for tournaments. Course will be undergoing coring greens during 11-15 May. Phuket • Laguna Golf Phuket: Course will be closed during 2-6 & 11-17 March for tournaments. **Chiang Mai** • Mae Moh Golf Course: Course will be closed on 23 & 29 February and 7 & 21 March for tournaments. Kanchanaburi • Grand Prix Golf Club: Course will be closed on 8-9, 15 & 22-23 February for tournaments. Kanchanaburi • Kirimaya Golf Resort & Spa: Course will be undergoing coring greens during 20-23 April. **Vietnam** Danang • All courses are in good condition. Hanoi • FLC Samson Golf Links: Course will be closed during 10-16 February for a tournament. • Sky Lake Resort & Golf Club - Sky Course: Course will be undergoing maintenance on 10-11 & 24-25 February and 9-10 & 23-24 March. Ho Chi Minh City • The Bluffs Ho Tram Strip: Course will be undergoing green renovation during 9-25 March. Indonesia Bali • Nirwana Bali Golf Club: Course will be closed until 31 July 2020 for major renovation. Malaysia All courses are in good condition. • All courses are in good condition. Cambodia Siem Reap • All courses are in good condition. **ABOUT US / CONTACT GOLFASIAN** We are a Member of Vietnam INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GOLF TOUR OPERATORS VIETNAM NATIONAL TOURISM AUTHORITY OF ASSOCIATION OF ADMINISTRATION OF THAI TRAVEL AGENTS THAILAND TOURISM MEMBER NO.:2108 MEMBER NO .: 14/0515 79-302/2011 / TCDL-GP LHOT MEMBER NO.:0282 Gulf Coast Vietnam GOLF A LEGENDARY SHORE THE THAILAND GOLF EXPERIENCE AMCHAM THAILAND MEMBER NO.:153 MEMBER NO.: 5003 f y 8 in 5 5 www.golfasian.com | info@golfasian.com | +66 2 714 8470 HOME GOLF HOLIDAY GOLF COURSES | GOLF SERVICES | ABOUT US | CONTACT US

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