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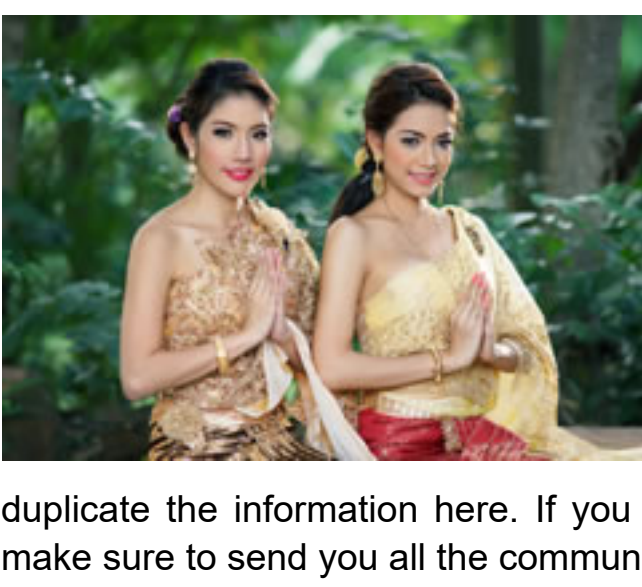
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March 2020 Edition

Dear Golf Travelers,



Welcome to the March 2020 issue of the Asian Golf Nation, the source for news breaking information about golf in Asia. Also, unique golf playing tips for South East Asia's tropical environment, announcements of golf travel promotions, and our latest tournament offers are all parts of this newsletter.

The coronavirus still dominates the news. My dedicated weekly updates cover relevant travel information and on-the-ground reports so that I won't duplicate the information here. If you have not received the updates, let me know, and I will make sure to send you all the communications.

The year is already moving fast as we are changing seasons from winter to spring. The northern destinations, including Hanoi and Laos, come out from a dreary overcast winter into warmer sunny days and the most time for golf. Our other destinations are warming up and starting to get some much-needed rain after a long dry three months. Bangkok and Pattaya have seen their first showers, and the additional water is welcome to replenish golf course supplies and surrounding greenery.

Due to the reduced travel demand, almost all of our suppliers will implement low season rates earlier than normal. From April onwards, rates drop at hotels and golf courses by 50% or more. There will be some extra special deals going out shortly. Inquire here to receive advanced information. Also, our 2020 golf tournament schedule is available to facilitate planning.

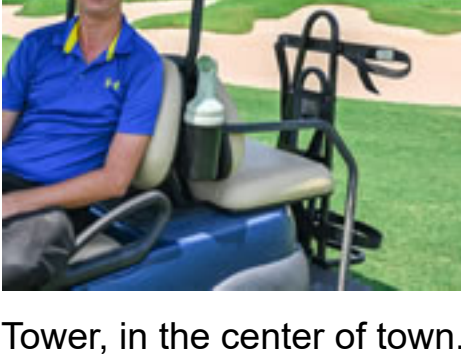
Our 2020 Asia Golf Guide, with new golf courses, destination information and things to do has just been finalized and you can get your free copy here.

Until the next month, happy golfing!
Happy Golfing,
Mark Siegel
Managing Director

GOLF DESTINATION REVIEW: Phnom Penh



A personal destination review from Sylvester van Huisstede, Sales & Marketing Manager at Vattana Golf Resort in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.



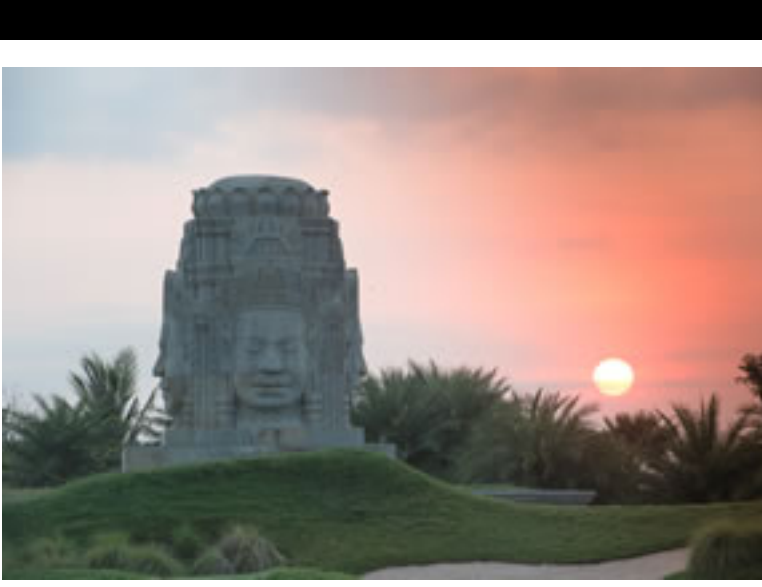
Cambodia, centered between the 2 golfing nations of Thailand and Vietnam, has come a long way in recent years to put themselves on the map as a golf destination. First with Siem Reap where you can play 3 courses close to the world wonder of Angkor Wat and now Phnom Penh establishing itself on the map as the next premier golf destination of the region.

Phnom Penh is one of Asia's fastest developing cities and has more and more on offer for tourists. International hotel chains have also found their way with Rosewood Hotel who opened their doors recently on top of the city's highest tower, Vattana Tower, in the center of town.

Along the Mekong river in the center of town is where the nightlife takes place with numerous hotels, (rooftop) bars and restaurants catering food from all over the world. During day time, tours through the city where you pass by the historic colonial French architecture of the city mixed with modern developments gives you a real idea of how the city develops.

[Read the Full Destination Review](#)

FEATURED GOLF COURSE & RESORT



Vattana Golf Resort



Palace Gate Hotel

Sitting on the outskirts of Phnom Penh, Vattana Golf Resort includes two contrasting Nick Faldo designed 18-hole golf courses located 15 kilometers from the center of Cambodia's capital. The East Course is publicly accessible, while the West Course is a private members layout. The par-72 East Course plays to over 7,400 yards and through the scale models of pre-Angkorian structures including Preah Vihear Temple, Bayon Temple, and Angkor Wat.

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FEATURED GOLF PACKAGE



Best of Cambodia Golf Package

Explore one of golf's best up-and-coming destinations. Visit the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh and site of the Angkor temples: Siem Reap. Golf at the top golf courses in each location and in between learn about and experience the ancient Khmer sights and culture. Experience this once-in-a-lifetime exotic golf package with all of the comforts!

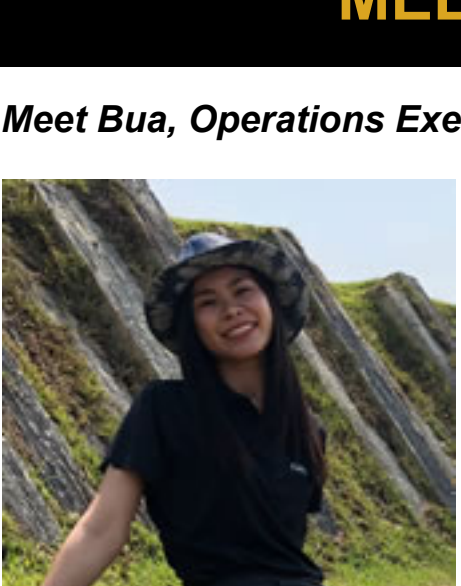
[View the complete tour itinerary](#)

GOLF TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

Pattaya Open 18 - 21 Mar. 2020	Amarl Hua Hin Skins Golf Week 21 - 26 Mar. 2020
Centara World Masters Golf Championship 7 - 13 Jun. 2020	AVANI Pattaya 2 Ball Golf Championship 14 - 20 Jun. 2020
AccorHotels Vietnam World Masters 13 - 19 Sep. 2020	Mercuria Pattaya Men's Open Golf Week 6 - 12 Sep. 2020

MEET OUR GOLFSIAN TEAM

Meet Bua, Operations Executive at Golfasian:



My name is Bua (which means Lotus Flower) and I was born 30 May 1994 in Bangkok but grew up in Saraburi province. I am an only child and live with my cousin and mother.

I did my undergraduate degree at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, where I studied Science and am now working on a Masters Degree at Chulalongkorn University in Economics.

I have worked at Golfasian for close to 2 years, and have enjoyed every minute of it. The best part of my job is meeting happy golfers who are enjoying all that golf in Thailand has to offer. I don't play golf yet, but I am working on getting my swing going so hopefully I can join our golfers out there soon.

The country I want to travel to most is Australia, as I know many people from there and it would be great to learn about where they come from and see golf there.

[Contact Bua](#)

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



The ARB Cup from Singapore at Loch Palm Golf Club in Phuket.

VIDEO OF THE MONTH

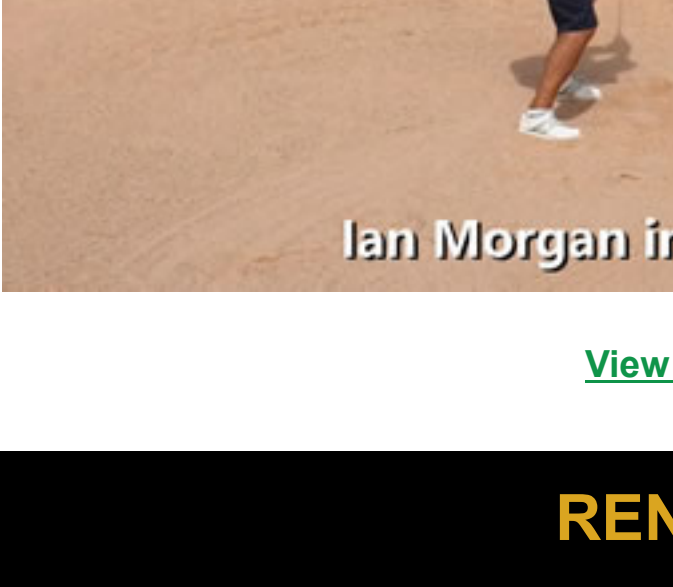


Ian Morgan in Phnom Penh, Cambodia

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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.

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GOLF TIPS



Tips for Planning Your Next Golf Holiday to Asia

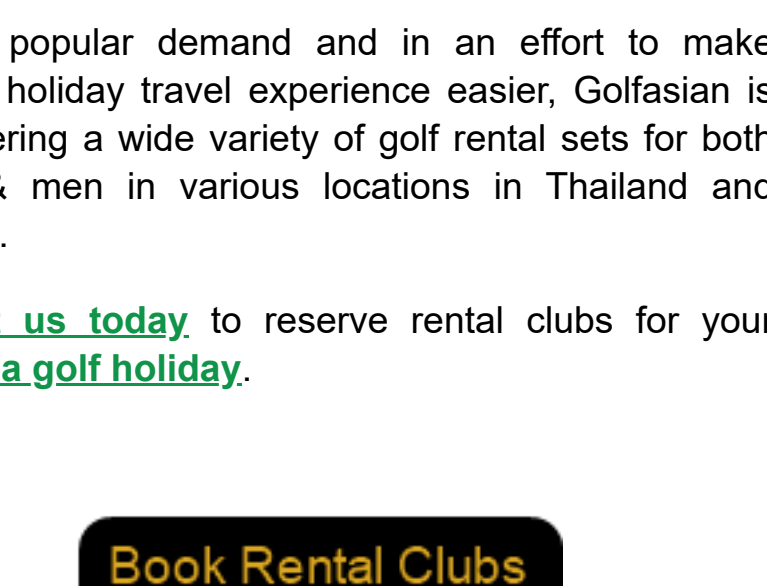
A tradition enjoyed by golfers all over the planet! Here are some tips to get the most out of it.

- Look at different destination and time to visit
Time of year to travel is Asia will have a big impact. During the rainy season you can take a chance with the cheaper prices or come in High season when the temperatures are lower.

- Choose a great group of people! Is this a fun holiday with friends and family or a seriously competitive trip? Consider the ability of the group, prizes or trophies for each division!

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BEST OF OUR BLOGS



The Thrill of Teeing Off on a New Course

Back home, you get used to playing regularly at your local golf club. Same pairings, same fairways, same challenges, same cold weather, so there are no surprises along those 18 holes.

Therefore, it is not only great fun to take a vacation in a tropical climate, but also it comes with the thrill of playing on completely new and different courses.

Just arriving on the 1st tee at an Asian golf course feels so different. First there are your surroundings, which are completely different from say your average golf course back in Europe.

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GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCES & CLOSURES

Thailand
Bangkok
• **Alpine Golf and Sports Club:** Course will be undergoing coring greens during 7-10 April.
• **Lam Luk Ka Country Club:** Course will be closed during 15-16 April for Songkran.
• **Nisanti 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.
• **Tiwi Country Club:** Course will be undergoing coring greens during 30 March - 7 April and 18 April - 8 May.
Hua Hin
• **Banyan Golf Club:** Course will be undergoing tees and fairway maintenance as well as coring greens during April.
• **Royal Hua Hin Golf Course:** Course will be closed on 21 March for a tournament.
• **Sea Pines Golf Club:** Course will be undergoing maintenance during 26-31 March.
Pattaya
• **Chee Chan Golf Resort:** Course will be undergoing coring greens and top dressing during 23 March - 6 April.
• **Siam Country Club, Old Course:** Course will be undergoing coring greens during 13-16 April.
• **Siam Country Club, Plantation Course:** Course will be closed during 19-20 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 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. Course will be undergoing light top dressing during 9-11 March.
• **Phuket Country Club:** Course will be closed on 15 March for a tournament. Course will be undergoing maintenance during 21 March - 1 April and 22 & 28-29 April and 20 May.
• **Red Mountain Golf Club:** Course will be undergoing green top dressing during 18-20 March.
Chiang Mai
• **Mae Moh Golf Course:** Course will be closed on 7 & 21 March for tournaments.
Kanchanaburi
• **Grand Prix Golf Club:** Course will be closed 5-15 March for the Asian Tour.
Khao Yai
• **Khimaya Golf Resort & Spa:** Course will be undergoing coring greens during 20-23 April.

Vietnam
Danang
• **All courses are in good condition.**
Hanoi
• **BEG Kings Island Golf Resort:** The Kings Course will be undergoing coring green on 12 May.
• **Sky Lake Resort & Golf Club - Sky Course:** Course will be undergoing maintenance on 9-10 & 23-24 March.
Nha Trang
• **Diamond Bay Golf & Villas:** Course will be undergoing maintenance during 10-23 March.
Ho Chi Minh City
• **The Bluffs Ho Tram Strip:** Course will be undergoing green renovation during 9-25 March.

Indonesia
Bali
• **Bali National Golf Club:** Course will be closed during 9-12 July for a private function.
• **Niraxa Bali Golf Club:** Course will be closed until 31 July 2020 for major renovation.

Malaysia
All courses are in good condition.
• **Kota Permai Golf & Country Club:** Course is closed until 16 March for the Malaysian Open.

Cambodia
Siem Reap
• **All courses are in good condition.**

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