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Dear Golf Travelers,

I hope you are all keeping well, and you and your families are safe and sound while we all continue to do our collective most to win the battle with COVID19. The Golfasian team, like you, is eagerly awaiting international travel to make a return, and we look forward to providing everyone with a fantastic golf holiday experience.



There has been some good news in the region over the last few days, with the announcement by the Thai government that [Thai golf courses](#) will be able to open May 3rd, with proper social distancing measures in place. This is great news for the Thai golf community. One of our Golfasian team members, Pond, has been in touch with some of the courses to find out what the courses have been doing during the shutdown, and what specific steps will be taken in order to ensure proper social distancing, and the safety of golfers and course staff alike. [Read the full update here!](#)



In addition to Thailand, after quite some time on lockdown Vietnam has also started to open back up. [Golf courses in Vietnam](#) are now accepting bookings and it is an exciting time for golfers in Vietnam who will be able to get back on the course. Our Saigon-based team member Bill has been in conversation with the courses in Vietnam to check what steps they are taking. [Read the full update here!](#)

The courses aren't the only venues opening up. Thailand and Vietnam are starting to slowly open other parts of the country such as restaurants, parks, malls, clinics and driving ranges. Of course, this will be done with proper social distancing in mind. Domestic air travel in both countries is slowly opening up however international arrivals are currently on hold. As with most countries, things will open up in stages to guard against the second wave and to take care in ensuring everyone is following the rules. All told, it is some very positive news in what has been a tough time for everyone.

Over in Cambodia, all of the golf courses are open with the exception of [Angkor Golf](#) which is closed until the end of July. It is possible to visit Cambodia and there are international flights in and out of the country, however a fit-to-fly certificate would be required in order to enter the country. A select few nationalities are not able to travel into Cambodia and there is no quarantine upon arrival unless you have been in one of the countries that are not permitted to travel into Cambodia. For the most part however, Cambodia is open for travel and is a great spot if you have not played in Cambodia before.

The entire Golfasian team stands ready to assist you with any questions or golf holiday experience requirements you may have. Please feel free to [contact us at any time](#). Stay safe and until next time, keep it in the fairway!

Happy Golfing,
AJ Easton
Director of Sales

GOLF TRIP MEMORIES



Above: Brett B. & friends at TPC Kuala Lumpur. Below: Mike R & friends at Nikanti, BKK.



While we cannot travel now, it's a good time to relive our previous trips and good times while in South East Asia. Post your videos or pictures from your previous Golfasian golf trips on our [Facebook Group](#), and tag them with the hashtag #Golfasian. We'll pick a monthly winner who will get a great prize and feature in the Golfasian newsletter the next month! We have a few memories from previous trips to share here,

with Mike R. and his group at Nikanti in Bangkok, and Brett B. and his group at TPC Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia.

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Golfasian is pleased to announce the launch of our first [Golf Cruise](#). The tour package is a combination of some of the best sightseeing in Asian as well as some of the best quality championship courses Vietnam and Cambodia have to offer. The tour starts in north of Vietnam, cruises the two main cities in Cambodia, before finishing the tour in Saigon in the south of Vietnam.

[View the Complete Itinerary](#)

MEET OUR GOLFSASIAN TEAM

Meet Pond, Japanese Sales & Marketing Executive at Golfasian:



Hi everyone! My name is Warittha and my nickname is Pond, I'm Thai and 24 years old now. I graduated from King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang, majoring in Japanese. I have been working at Golfasian for almost 2 years as a Japanese Sales and Marketing. My favorite part of working here is to having the chance to go to beautiful golf courses in Thailand. Every courses has its unique point, modern facilities, and are internationally designed golf courses, with excellent infrastructure. To me, it is just amazing to see it and experience it! If you're interested to play golf in Thailand please let me know! I will recommend my favorite course to you!

During this lockdown in Thailand, I have spent some time playing play board games with my family and watching movie together. Recently I've watched 'Spirited Away' for the third time. Spirited Away is a 2001 Japanese animated fantasy film from Studio Ghibli. It's a very beautiful, thrilling and heartwarming story. If you haven't watched this yet, please go check it out!

[Contact Pond](#)

VIDEO OF THE MONTH



[View the Full Video Here.](#)

BEST OF THE INTERNET

BEST OF THE BLOGS



Steeped in Tradition

Golfers like tradition, and who has dreamed of playing St Andrews in Scotland, arguably the home of golf.

Well as the British empire expanded across the world during the 19th Century, the Scots were being employed to build new factories, bridges and railroads, and in their spare time, decided that Asia could do with a few of its own golf courses.

[Read More Here!](#)

GOLF TIPS



What is the Hardest Hole?

Have you ever wondered about the stroke index shown on your scorecard?

A common misconception is that stroke index simply gives an indication of a hole's difficulty. I.e, the hardest hole on the course is stroke index 1, second hardest is 2 and so on.

In fact, difficulty is just one of the many criteria considered when distributing stroke indexes.

[Read More Here!](#)

KEEPING BUSY OFF THE GOLF COURSE



Golfasian has some great contests, articles and posts happening on our Facebook and Instagram pages. We encourage you to head over and take a visit to see what's going on, and to [join the community](#) and leave us your golf stories and comments.

This includes the current Golfasian Golfer's Choice tournament with the top courses in Thailand competing for your vote, to see who becomes the champion. The round of 16 is almost complete, with Black Mountain, [Siam Country Club Old Course](#), Laem Chabang and [Red Mountain](#) having already advanced to the quarterfinal round. Head over to our Facebook page to vote for your favourite courses.

We here at Golfasian have all been watching some exciting movies and series over the past month and some of our team would like to share their recommendations with you! We hope you enjoy them, and we would love to hear some recommendations from you too.

Recommended by Troy from Operations: No Country for Old Men (movie)
Recommended by Richard from Sales: Hangover 2 (movie)
Recommended by Niki from Sales: Money Heist (series)
Recommended by Emmy from Reservations: Prison Break (series)
Recommended by PK from Accounting: Crash Landing on You (series)
Recommended by Pascal from Marketing: Our Planet (series)
Recommended by AJ from Sales: Looper: The Caddy's Long Walk (documentary movie)
Recommended by Sirirat Sales: Gladiator (movie)
Recommended by Jaja from Reservations: Extraction (movie)

As with all aspects of the new normal, golf will have some changes to ensure everyone is safe while on the golf course. The R&A has recently released some guidance on the rules of golf in light of COVID19 and Social Distancing measures. There is currently a [discussion going on about the guidance on our Facebook page](#). Please head over to view the guidance and leave us a note about your thoughts on the guidance.

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