Golfasian The Asian Golf Travel Nation HOME | GOLF HOLIDAY | GOLF COURSES | GOLF SERVICES | ABOUT US | CONTACT US Vietnam's Best Inbound Golf Indonesia's Thailand's Best Golf Tour Best Inbound Golf Best Inbound Golf Operator Tour Operator Tour Operator Tour Operator **November 2018 Edition Dear Golf Travelers,** Welcome to November and up-to-date edition of the Asian Golf Nation, the source for news breaking information about golf and golf travel in Asia. Also, unique golf playing tips for SE Asia's tropical environment, announcements of special tours, updates on boutique golf tournaments for amateur golfers, and some interesting golf traveler feedback are all integral to today's newsletter. Asia's winter season is officially here with sunny and dry weather. November to March is the very best period climate-wise to golf in Asia, particularly Thailand, Vietnam, and Cambodia. In tandem with the high season, we have expanded our product range to all destinations in South East Asia. Additionally, we see brisk sign-ups for our Spring 2019 golf tournaments - with the details available on our dedicated golf tournament site. Please be advised that many hotels in popular golf destinations have already closed for bookings over the Christmas to New Year's period, and quotas are nearly full for as far ahead as February. Golfasian does have room allocations still available, but if you intend to travel it would be best to confirm your needs as soon as possible. As usual, there are lots of 'happenings' around the region so with that; I invite you to enjoy this edition of the Asian Golf Nation, learn about what's new in golf travel from around the region. While some say that Asia's incredible golf courses are the main attractions, its really the rich cultural experiences and very friendly locals encountered along the way that often leaves the fondest impressions. Just consider your caddie experiences, and you will know what I mean. 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, impeccable attention to detail and tailor-made personalized service is just a few of the points that set us apart. Complete <u>full-service</u> itineraries created for your specific travel preferences, expectations, group size, and budgets are our specialty. Please contact us for a competitive 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** Ha Not 1 31.10.2018 🔀 Hanoi, Vietnam Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam The Great White Shark, Greg Norman, has A brand new golf course located in Long An been appointed as tourism ambassador of province opened for play last month. The former Golden Ponds project is now open as Vietnam. Ambassador Norman will be responsible for enhancing international golf West Lakes Golf & Villas, and it's the first tourism in Vietnam. He already has designed golf course located in western Ho Chi Minh three of the countries top courses, **BRG** Danang Golf Club, The Bluffs Ho Tram, and The courses itself is a Thomson Perret design KN Golf Links Cam Ranh. The fourth with lots of clever mounding, strategically Norman course in Quang Binh province is placed bunkering and the latest turf varieties. under development. These Norman designed West Lakes plays well and has excellent courses along with others from many famous service, especially for the first course in an designers will see Vietnam continue to grow otherwise agricultural area. as a premium destination for worldwide golfers. KUALA LUMPUR Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Khao Lak, Thailand Southern Thailand is becoming more popular The upgrades at the TPC Kuala Lumpur as luxury travelers venture away from the West Course have completed, and the golf main resorts in Phuket and Samui and course reopened for play. Renovation work centered around new turfgrass and minor gravitate to the less developed areas on the layout modifications to enhance everyday mainland. playability. TifEagle Bermuda grass was used The good news is that Phang Nha Province on the greens to provide a consistently fast near the resort of Khao Lak now has three golf and true putting surface while Celebration courses open for play. The first 9-holes at the Bermuda grass has been planted on all the Japanese designed Kirinara Golf Course is tee boxes, fairways, and surrounds. Not exceptional and a great value-for-money coincidentally, the new grasses are identical to during its current soft opening until years end. those at TPC Sawgrass, home to The Players An 18-hole round (9-holes two times) is less Championship, the PGA Tour's annual flagship than USD 40 including caddie and individual tournament in Jacksonville, Florida USA. golf cart! **GOLF DESTINATION REVIEW: Kuala Lumpur** A personal destination review from Sara Salsini, Golfasian Malaysia. Kuala Lumpur is undoubtedly one of the most attractive destinations for golfing in South East Asia. With its extremely well-connected modern International Airport, KL – as Malaysians friendly call their vibrant capital city - is easily reachable from any country, both regionally and globally. Besides the amazing choice of hotel options, from affordable 3-start properties to enchanting 5-star luxury hotels, visitors will be inspired by KL variety of cultures, architectural styles, attractions, sights, spas, shopping, dining, and nightlife offerings. Golf lovers here can experience the <u>magnificent array of golfing opportunities</u>, from TPCKL in the city center, to Palm Garden in Putrajaya. I personally love KL, which has been my home for more than 7 years, both for its fascinating cultural mix, made up of the 3 main ethnic groups and several minorities, and also its amazing food scene, from street food unique delicacies to excellent and internationally renowned finedining restaurants. While the Petronas Towers are perhaps Kuala Lumpur's most impressive attraction, the offer of rooftop bars - with breath-taking views over the city and its surrounding- is just ideal to relax, chill-our an have some entertainment after a long day of sightseeing and/or golfing. Make your next golf trip to Kuala Lumpur, it's a stunning unforgettable experience! Browse our Kuala Lumpur Golf Tours FEATURED GOLF COURSE AND HOTEL Grand Hyatt Kuala Lumpur TPC KL, West Course TPC Kuala Lumpur (formerly Kuala Lumpur The Grand Hyatt Kuala Lumpur Hotel is a luxury property situated next to the Kuala Golf & Country Club) West Course is the longer and more challenging of two private Lumpur Convention Center and gardens of golf courses at the club located near the heart Kuala Lumpur City Park. The hotel offers wellof Kuala Lumpur's sprawling city center. appointed guest rooms that have ceiling-tofloor windows with great views of the Twin Designed by architect Robin Nelson and playing to nearly 7,000 yards from the Towers and downtown skyline. Golfers staying at the Hyatt can relax, enjoy the swimming tournament tees, the golf course is set among the Bukit Kiara hillsides and abandoned rock pool, fitness center, or onsite spa. quarries. FEATURED GOLF PACKAE **Kuala Lumpur and Langkawi Golf Holiday** Combine the city with the beach in this popular golf package to Malaysia. Enjoy golf in the buzzling city of Kuala Lumpur and relax in Langkawi at the beautiful beach - In between rounds explore the Malaysian culture and great food. With great hotel options to choose from don't wait any longer and book your Malaysia golf holiday today. View the complete tour itinerary **GOLF TOURNAMENT CALENDAR AVANI Pattaya 2 Ball Golf Amari Hua Hin Centara World Masters Skins Golf Week Golf Championship Championship** 9 - 15 Jun. 2019 16 - 22 Jun. 2019 10 - 16 Mar. 2019 Pattaya Singles Golf **AccorHotels Vietnam World Masters Week** 8 - 14 Sep. 2019 15 - 21 Sep. 2019 You've never been pampered at a golf tournament like this before. 10 - 16 March 2019 in Hua Hin, Thailanc Play with new people every day of a similar age and handicap. Golfasian GolGelfing THAI AGTO aslangolf Inside Golf www.huahingolfweek.com PRESS RELEASE Golfasian Sweeps the Board at World Golf Awards BANGKOK, Thailand (November 3, 2018) – Asia's largest golf tour operator, Golfasian, has once again swept the board at the World Golf Awards, scooping a quartet of honors at this year's event. The Thailand-based firm, a market leader in golf tourism in Asia since its inception in 1997, has been a star performer at previous installments of the WGA. Last year, it took first prize in three categories at the prestigious event, held annually at the La Manga Club in southern Spain. The company went one better at this edition of the gala ceremony in Andalucía walking off with four winners' gongs. Confirming its status as the region's most prestigious name in golf tourism, the firm took top honors in the category for Asia's Best Golf Tour Operator 2018. In addition, it was named the **Best Inbound Tour Operator 2018 for Thailand and Vietnam**, the fifth consecutive time it has earned those two titles. A notable debut was also achieved at this round of the event, with the operator picking up the award for Indonesia's Best Inbound Golf Tour Operator 2018: the first occasion it has triumphed in that country category. Read the entire Press Release **VIDEO OF THE MONTH** PHOTO OF THE MONTH Hong Kong Plumbing & Sanitary Trade Association Group at Siam CC Waterside. **BEST OF THE INTERNET BEST OF OUR BLOGS GOLF TIPS** After the 18th Hole in Bangkok A Day in the Life of a Golfasian Golfer It's golf day! Your first time in Thailand and A round of golf usually finishes at the 18th your first game! Excitement levels are through hole at most golf clubs. Then it's off home for a the roof! Here is what you can expect... cup of tea or a hot chocolate before bed. Well one of the pleasures of taking a Bangkok golf Before you leave, have you packed your holiday is the fun just does not stop at the change of clothes for after golf? It's customary Bangkok golf course. Bangkok not only has here to shower after the game, all of the over 60 golf courses, but it is also known courses have shower facilities and some globally for its excellent shopping, great better than 5\* hotels! Get freshened up after cultural attractions, great spa and massage, the game, it is well worth it! and of course a wide variety of restaurants and night life. Find Out Here! Read it all here! **Update Your Personal Information** Want to change your preferred email address where you receive our newsletters or complete your profile with your name and travel preferences? Update Your Info! **GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCES & CLOSURES Thailand** Bangkok • Bangkok Golf Club: Course will be closed 6 & 15 November and 1 December for tournaments. • Kiarti Thanee Country Club: Course will be closed until April 2019 for renovation. • Lam Luk Ka Country Club: Course will be closed on 9, 16, 22-23 & 29-30 November for tournaments. • Lotus Valley Golf Resort: Course will be closed on 3, 10-11, 17 & 25 November for • Nikanti Golf Club: Course will be closed every Wednesday afternoon for verticut green until • Suwan Golf & Country Club: Course will be closed on 14 & 20 November for tournaments. • Vintage Golf Club: Course will be closed on 15-16 & 23 November for tournaments. Hua Hin • Banyan Golf Club: Course will be closed on 15, 23 and 30 November and on 20 & 25 January for tournaments. • Black Mountain Golf Club: Course will be busy during 10-14 March 2019 for the Children's World Tournament. • Royal Hua Hin Golf Course: Course will be closed from 27 October - 4 November for a tournament. Pattaya • Greenwood Golf & Resort: Course will be closed on 3 & 10 November for tournaments. • Laem Chabang Country Club: Course A will be undergoing coring green between April - 30 • Phoenix Gold Golf & Country Club: Course will be closed on 8-9 December for a • Siam Country Club, Plantation Course: Course will be closed on 30 November for a tournament. Phuket • Loch Palm Golf Club: Course is green top dressing during 14-16 November and verticut green during 20-21 November. • Phuket Country Club: Course is undergoing coring green during 6-7 November. Course will be closed on 24 November for a tournament. • Red Mountain Golf Club: Course is undergoing coring green during 12-15 November and top dressing during 12-19 November. Chiang Mai • Alpine Golf Resort Chiang Mai: Course will be closed on 19-23 November for a tournament. • Chiang Mai Inthanon Golf & Natural Resort: Course will be undergoing coring green on 1 November. • Gassan Legacy Golf Club: Course will be closed on 10-11, 17-18 & 24 November for • Gassan Panorama Golf Club: Course will reopen on 1 December after extensive • Mae Jo Golf Club: Course will be closed on 11 November and on 16 December for tournaments. Chiang Rai • Santiburi Chiang Rai Country Club: Course will be closed on 3, 11, 19-23 & 30 November for tournaments. Khao Yai • Bonanza Golf & Country Club: Course will be closed on 24 & 29 November for • Kirimaya Golf Resort & Spa: Course will be closed on 16-17 November for a tournament. **Vietnam** Danang Laguna Lang Co Golf Club: Course will be closed on 3 November for a tournament. **Dalat** • Dalat Palace Golf Club: Course will be closed on 17 November for a tournament. Hai Phong / Halong Bay • All courses are in good condition. Hanoi Sky Lake Resort & Golf Club: Lake course will be closed on 5 November for maintenance. Sky course will be closed on 12 November for maintenance. Nha Trang • All courses are in good condition. Saigon • Long Thanh Golf Club: Course will be undergoing coring green during the month of November. • Song Be Golf Resort: Course will be closed on 24-25 November for a tournament. • Twin Doves Golf Club: Course will be closed on 5-9 December for a tournament. • Vietnam Golf Club: Course will holding a tournament on one of its courses on 11, 18 & 24 November. **Vung Tau**  All courses are in good condition. Indonesia Bali Bali National Golf Club: Course will be closed in the afternoon of 17 November for a tournament. • Bukit Pandawa Golf & Country Club: Course will be closed on 24 November for a New Kuta Golf: Course will be closed in the afternoon of 4 November and on 1 December for • Nirwana Bali Golf Club: Course will be closed until 31 July 2020 for major renovation. Malaysia Malaysia **Kuala Lumpur** • TPC KL, East Course: Course will be closed during 24 September - 17 October for the CIMB Classic Tournament. • TPC KL, West Course: Course will open to the public on 1 November. 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. **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 THAILAND THAI TRAVEL AGENTS TOURISM MEMBER NO.:2108 MEMBER NO .: 14/0515 MEMBER NO .: 0282 79-302/2011 / TCDL-GP LHOT Gulf Coast Vietnam GOLF A LEGENDARY SHORE THE THAILAND GOLF AMCHAM THAILAND MEMBER NO.:153 MEMBER NO.:5003 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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