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November 2019 Edition

Dear Golf Travelers,

World-class is a goal for Asian golf travel, and our November 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.

Most travelers consider SE Asia as a year-round destination, but the period from November to March is a particularly good time of year to visit as the weather is fairly consistent and dry throughout. My favorite spots this season are **Pattaya, Thailand** (for its range of golf over 30 courses and excellent tee-time availability), **Danang, Vietnam** (for its world-class courses and resorts), and **Batam, Indonesia** (for great prices and to discover a new fun-loving golf destination).

It brings me great honor and pride to report to you that Golfasian has proven quality pays off, and that we can always improve. Last month Golfasian won for a second consecutive quadruple best of awards at the World Golf Awards in Abu Dhabi. Golfasian earned top honors in some of Asia's most competitive markets, Best Inbound Tour Operator 2019 for Thailand, Vietnam, and Indonesia and Asia's Best Golf Tour Operator overall. The real coup de grace came as Golfasian was named World's Best Golf Tour Operator. That's right, "Best in the World."

Your loyalty, feedback, suggestions, and help in our continuous improvement, together with the most capable team in golf travel, are the reasons for our success. Thank you to everyone!

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.

Happy Golfing,
Mark Siegel
Managing Director

GOLF NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

Hanoi, Vietnam

Northern Vietnam has another golf course! **Hilltop Valley Golf Club** in Hoa Binh Province, Vietnam, has officially opened with a new 27-hole course designed by IMG. The views on back nine are amazing as the holes play along a mountain ridge, as opposed to most courses that play in valleys. As expected, there are tons of elevation changes and many Instagram moments through the holes. Thick jungle borders most holes, and there is a fair amount of water in the form of streams and lakes scattered through the course. Hilltop Valley demands accuracy and challenges, even for the best golfers.

Hanoi, Vietnam

Northern Vietnam has even another golf course, and no it is not a misprint! **Yen Dung Golf Resort** in Bac Giang Province, Vietnam has 18-holes open and another 18 in construction. Around 1.5 hours north of Hanoi, it's the first project in Vietnam from American golf architects Albanese and Lutzke. The 18-hole Hillside course opened in 2018, and the second 18-hole Rock Valley course is scheduled to open in 2020. I have not been to the site, so if anyone has played, please do **drop me a line** and let me know your feedback.

Bangkok, Thailand

Thailand is considered a more established golf destination, with many courses dated back to the 1980s or 1990s. That's about to change with some new construction in **Bangkok**. While not much information is available, there are at least four new championship courses being build in the capital of the Land of Smiles. The former Kiarit Thani site transformation to Ban Rakat, a Bangkok located Siam Country Club, Chang's latest golf course, and The National- built to be the best golf course in Thailand are all under construction. All are slated to open by 2021. I can't wait to get a look at the sites, so stay tuned for more information

GOLF DESTINATION REVIEW: Danang

A personal destination review from Adam Calver, Director of Golf at Laguna Lang Co.

My wife and I first visited Vietnam in 2012 while we were living and working at Nirwana Bali Golf Club. We booked a flight to Hanoi as we aimed to visit Ha long Bay. During our short time in the region, we immediately knew we would be back and, as luck would have it, we are now living in **Lang Co in Central Vietnam** (an hour from Da Nang and an hour from the ancient city of Hue in Central Vietnam).

Da Nang is booming and with its appeal and the quality of golf that has recently been developed it has positioned itself as the top tourist destination in the region in just a few years. Over a decade ago, the costal city was known for its endless tropical beaches and jungle clade mountains. And where was once a small fishing village, now lies Vietnam's third largest city with world class luxury resorts rapidly claiming the pristine coastline.

Read the Full Destination Review

FEATURED GOLF COURSE & RESORT

Laguna Golf Lang Co

(exciting Nick Faldo course between Danang & Hue)
Laguna Lang Co Golf Club in central Vietnam near Lang Co Bay and a 3-kilometer beach in the Chan May region of Central Vietnam, an area renowned for its pristine coastline, natural scenery and proximity to UNESCO World Heritage sites. The site located between the ancient city of Hue 30 kilometers to the North and Danang 35 kilometers to the South.

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Pullman Danang Beach Resort

Pullman Danang Beach Resort sits directly on My An Beach. This beachfront property is only 5 minutes from downtown Danang, 15 minutes from the Danang Airport, and 30 minutes from Hoi An. The hotel features a long pool corridor, day spa, and health club. The rooms are contemporary styled and modern with light colors and wood accents. Two Danang golf courses are within 10 minutes from the Pullman Danang Beach Resort.

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FEATURED GOLF PACKAGE

Vietnam Golf Trail - Golf Lifestyle Experience

The Vietnam Golf Trail is a Golf Lifestyle Experience™ journey that includes Hanoi, Halong Bay, Danang, Dalat, Nha Trang, and Saigon. All of Vietnam's top golf courses from north to south feature in this Vietnam golf package.

Golf highlights include BRG Danang Golf Club and Ba Na Hills on the Vietnam golf coast, Van Tri Golf Club in Hanoi, and Saigon's Long Thanh Golf Club. The award-winning Dalat Palace Golf Club in the temperate highlands of Dalat and the spectacular KN Golf Links, Cam Ranh; the best Greg Norman course in the world are two of the other featured golf stops.

View the complete tour itinerary

GOLF TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

Asia Golf Championship Siem Reap

15 - 17 Nov. 2019

Pattaya Open

18 - 21 Mar. 2020

Amari 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

Vietnam Open

10 - 13 Sep. 2020

AccorHotels Vietnam World Masters

13 - 19 Sep. 2020

Mercure Pattaya Men's Open Golf Week

20 - 26 Sep. 2020

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Meet Sophie, Golf Travel Consultant at Golfasian:

My Vietnamese name is Nguyen Binh Nguyen, but most people call me by my nickname Sophie. Based in Ho Chi Minh City, I graduated with a the Bachelors of English Literature in 2008.

After graduation I have been an English teacher for 2 years before joining a travel company as a travel consultant in 2010, where I have worked with suppliers in Vietnam to take care of trips for foreign leisure travelers.

In May 2014 an opportunity arose, allowing me the chance to work as travel consultant at Golfasian, where I have learned a lot about golf tourism and I have the chance to handle business from both overseas agents and direct golfers.

I love working with clients and introduce them to the wonderful golf holiday experience in Vietnam.

Contact Sophie

VIDEO OF THE MONTH

Your Golfasian Drivers Are Ready!
View the Full Video Here.

PRESS RELEASE

Golfasian Wins World's Best Golf Tour Operator Award

BANGKOK, Thailand (October 29, 2019) – Asia's leading golf tour operator, Golfasian, is proving the best can get even better as it bolsters a second consecutive quadruple success at the World Golf Awards with a host of new products and improvements.

The Thailand-based firm, a market leader in golf tourism since launching in 1997, walked away from the awards ceremony, which was held this week in Abu Dhabi, with five World Golf Awards.

In a mirror image of its showing at last year's WGA — an event which is recognized as the most prestigious in the golf tourism industry — Golfasian earned top honours in some of Asia's most competitive categories.

Winning more awards than any company, it was named the Best Inbound Tour Operator 2019 for Thailand and Vietnam, the sixth consecutive time it has earned those two titles. The operator also came up trumps as Indonesia's Best Inbound Golf Tour Operator and Asia's Best Golf Tour Operator for the second time.

And the coup de grace on a memorable night in the Middle East was delivered when Golfasian was named World's Best Golf Tour Operator.

Read the Complete Press Release

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

Why Golfers Book with Golfasian

Golfasian Is the Largest Most Experienced Golf Tour Company in Asia, Which Is Why We Deliver the Greatest Selection, The Best Prices and the Most Reliable Hassle Free Service. Leaving You to Enjoy Your Best Golf Trip Ever! There are lots of tour companies you could choose to book your next golf vacation in Asia but allow me a few minutes of your time and I'll explain why Golfasian books more rounds, more rooms and more tours than any other company…

Read on to find out the Top Ten Reasons to Book With Golfasian.

Read More Here!

BEST OF OUR BLOGS

Thailand Golf, Off the Beaten Track – A Golf Group's Tale

Hi, my name is Gary. I am an Australian, originally from New South Wales, but now very comfortably domiciled in Perth, Western Australia with a wife of 35 years marriage and two grown up kids!

I have played golf since my father stuck a golf club in my hands when I was about 10 years old. At 61 years old now, I guess you could say I have been a long-term golfer. I have been a member of private golf clubs since a junior, and a member of my current golf club, Melville Glades for the last 22 years.

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GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCES & CLOSURES

Thailand

Bangkok

- Alpine Golf & Sports Club: Course will be closed on 8 & 29 November and on 11 December for tournaments.
- Cascata Golf Club: Course will be closed on 8 & 18 November and on 23-27 December for tournaments.
- Kiarti Thanee Country Club: Course is undergoing maintenance.
- Lakewood Country Club: Course is closed during 16-22 December for a tournament.
- Lam Luk Ka Country Club: Course will be closed on 8, 10, 15, 17 & 24 November for tournaments.
- Navatanee Golf Course: Course will be closed on 23 December for a tournament.
- Riverdale Golf Club: Course will be closed on 2 & 16 December for tournaments.
- Summit Windmill Golf Club: Course will be closed on 13-14 & 16 December for tournaments.
- Suwan Golf & Country Club: Course will be closed on 13 & 17 November and 1 December for tournaments.
- Thai Country Club: Course will be closed during 4-10 November for the Thailand Open.

Hua Hin

- Banyan Golf Club: Course will be closed during 29-30 November and 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 on 28-30 November and 21 December 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 for a tournament.
- Silky Oak Country Club: Course will be closed on 16 November for a tournament.
- St Andrews 2000 Golf Club: Course will be closed during 1 May - 31 December for maintenance.

Phuket

- Katathong Golf Resort & Spa: Course will be undergoing various maintenance during 4-27 November.
- Laguna Golf Phuket: Course will be undergoing various coring greens, verticut and topdressing during November.
- Loch Palm Golf Club: Course will be renovating holes 6, 17 & 18 during November.
- Phuket Country Club: Course will be closed on 16 November for a tournament.
- Red Mountain Golf Club: Course will be undergoing tee-off top dressing during 14-16 November.

Chiang Mai

- Alpine Golf Resort Chiang Mai: Course will be closed during 11-15 November for a tournament.
- Mae Jo Golf Club: Course will be closed on 10 November & 23 December for tournaments.

Vietnam

Danang

- Laguna Golf Lang Co: Course will be holding the Laguna Lang Co Invitational during 1-2 November.

Hanoi

- **BRG Kings Island Golf Resort - Kings Course**: Course will be closed on 16 November for a tournament.
- **BRG Kings Island Golf Resort - Lakeside Course**: Course will be closed on 16 November for a tournament.
- **BRG Kings Island Golf Resort - Mountainview Course**: Course will be undergoing coring green during 16 September - 9 October. Course will be closed on 16 November for a tournament.
- **Chi Linh Star Golf & Country Club**: Course will be closed on 16 November for a tournament.
- **Dai Lai Star Golf & Country Club**: Course will be closed on 9-10 November for a tournament.
- **Long Bien Golf Course**: Course will be closed on 8-10, 16, 19-22 & 29 November tournaments.
- **Phoenix Golf Resort**: Course will be closed on 9 November for a tournament.
- **Stone Valley Golf Resort**: Course will be closed during 28-29 November for the VDPG Tour.

Ho Chi Minh City

- **Jeongsan Country Club**: Course will be closed on 30 November for a tournament.
- **Long Thanh Golf Club**: Lake Course will be undergoing maintenance on holes 1-9 during 4-7 November and on holes 10-18 during 18-21 November. Hill Course will be undergoing maintenance on holes 10-18 during 11-14 November and on holes 1-9 November during 25-28 November
- **Song Be Golf Resort**: Course will be closed on 23 November for a tournament.
- **Twin Doves Golf Club**: Course will be closed during 4-8 November for a tournament.
- **The Bluffs Ho Tram Strip**: Course will be closed on 12 October for a tournament.
- **Vinpearl Golf Club Phu Quoc**: Course will be closed during 1-29 February 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 9-10 November and 14 December for tournaments.
- **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 2, 3, 10, 15-17 & 25-27 November for tournaments.
- **Kota Permai Golf & Country Club**: Course will be closed on 10 November for the Deepavali Medal tournament.
- **Sungai Long Golf & Country Club**: Course will be closed on 16, 19-22, 23 & 27 November for tournaments.
- **The Mines Resort & Golf Club**: Course will be closed on16 November for a tournament.

Langkawi

- **The Els Club Teluk Datai**: Course will be undergoing maintenance on the front nine during 1-3 November.

Johor

- **Ponderosa Golf & Country Club**: Course will be closed in the afternoons of 1, 15 & 21 November for tournaments.

Cambodia

Siem Reap

- **Angkor Golf Resort**: Course will be undergoing light verticut and top dressing on the fairways during September. Course will be closed during 25-27 October for the Angkor Intl. Team Championship.

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