



## Asian Golf Travel Nation November 2008

Welcome to November 2008 Edition of "Asian Golf Travel Nation" the source for news breaking information about Thailand Golf, Vietnam Golf, and Cambodia Golf. In addition, unique golf playing tips for Indochina, a number of new shorter golf breaks that we have made available to golf travel promotions, and our latest subscription offer are all integral parts of today's newsletter.



The big talk nowadays obviously is the world's economic situation. The travel industry here is bracing a slow travel year as a result of the world's situation, which maybe good news for golfers (see below). Golfasian is responding in several ways. For our exclusive golf tours we are now offering a choice of 4-star and 5-star accommodations to suit a wider variety of budgets. In addition, we have worked closely with our key partners (golf courses and resorts) to come up with some super valued packages for travel in January and February 2009. In some cases we have negotiated lower costs and in other instances our suppliers have offered COMPLIMENTARY golf and/or FREE room upgrades.

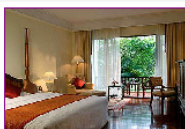
There are only a few tee times and room upgrades available to us and they are strictly on a first come first serve basis. Email me if you want more information. Lastly, for those already in the region, there are a number of new shorter golf breaks that we have made available to golf destinations like Koh Samui, Chiang Mai, Saigon, Bangkok and Seam Reap. Once again, email me for more information on these shorter golf tours, you will be surprised at the possibilities.

Remember if you want to get regular updates about golf in Thailand, Vietnam, and Cambodia, then sign-up for uninterrupted email delivery of this newsletter. In addition, all persons signing up will automatically receive the latest "Thailand Golf Insider Tips" special report. Until the next month, get in those last round before winter, and remember, think positive and YOU WILL SHOOT PAR.

**Mark Siegel**  
Managing Director

### Featured Golf Resort – Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf and Spa Resort in Cambodia

Set in landscaped gardens on Charles de Gaulle Avenue, Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf and Spa Resort is the closest Siem Reap hotel to the ruins of Angkor Wat. This unique Siem Reap Cambodia hotel is situated near traditional markets, tourist attractions and the airport. Enjoy the many features of Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf and Spa Resort, including 238 rooms, a swimming pool, Jacuzzi, spa, five restaurants and the Phokeethra Country Club; a world class 18 holes golf course.

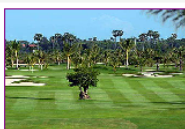


#### Special features

The Cambodia hotel provides world-class accommodations, featuring a unique convergence of French and Khmer architecture. Explore the closest Siem Reap hotel to the magnificent Angkor Wat UNESCO World Heritage Site.

### Featured Golf Course – Phokeethra Country Club

The Sofitel-managed Phokeethra Country Club, Angkor Wat, brings world class golf to Cambodia. The golf course was designed under the guidance of Bangkok Thailand based Weerayudt Phetbuasak, who also designed Suwan Country Club outside Bangkok. A combination of Paspalum grasses are used on both fairways and greens, which gives the golf course its deep green color and insures a high standard of course conditions all year round. The 7,145-yard, 18-hole course reflects Phokeethra Country Club's dedication to creating an exclusive golfing experience.



Sweeping fairways and generous greens give the Cambodia golf club a distinctive layout and feel. Natural lagoons and sand traps thread through the course to challenge golfers of all abilities. The course provides a good mix of tricky par 3's, individual par 4's and par 5's which require a combination of long drives and good direction control to score well.

This 7,145-yard course combines a challenging championship layout and played host to the 2007 Cambodian Open, a stop on the Asian PGA tour. The Phokeethra Country Club in Siem Reap has opened a new era for Cambodia golf tours, bringing a world class golf experience to the Angkor Wat area.

**Cambodia is an ideal destination to explore the 8th wonder of the world and play at the beautiful championship courses.** In between sightseeing at Siem Reap's various world heritage sites you can relax and play golf in Siem Reap. Please email me if you are interested in any golf package to this world heritage country. I have assembled some great deals with our partner resort and golf courses and would be pleased to share them with you.

### Best of the Blog [www.thailandgolfzone.com](http://www.thailandgolfzone.com)

The next few posts will feature my favorite clubhouses, which go a long way towards making your Thailand golfing holiday so memorable. First, my opinion on what makes up a great Thailand golf clubhouse:



- Friendly reception and efficient check-in
- Well stocked and fairly priced Pro Shop
- Spacious, air-conditioned locker rooms
- Golf shoe cleaning service
- Clean, modern showers, with freshly laundered towels, and bathroom accessories
- In-house traditional Thai massage
- Spa, steam bath, sauna
- Quality Thai and Western restaurant, economically priced
- A range of ice-cold Thai and international beers
- Fast and friendly service
- Air-conditioned inside rooms, plus outside terracing
- Views back out over the golf course
- Wide screen cable tv showing international sports events
- Secured bag drop area
- Drivers waiting room and/or PA system for finding drivers after the round

Actually, demanding though this list may appear a surprisingly large number of golf clubhouses in Thailand meet most, if not all, of these criteria. To view my favorite clubhouses in Bangkok [Click Here](#)

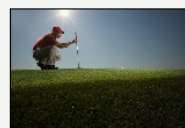
Other Asia Golf Tips can be found in the Thailand Golf Zone where there are over 350 other original articles dealing exclusively with golf travel in Thailand and South East Asia.

I would love to hear about any of your golf stories that have that lead to getting the maximum enjoyment from golf in Thailand, and can incorporate them in future articles. Therefore if you would like to share, please let me know by dropping me an [email](#).

### Special Playing Advice

#### Be Target Oriented

One of the most common problems I see amongst amateurs is their neglect for where they are aiming. Watch your playing partners next time you are out and chances are they will spend more time looking at the ball than looking at where they are wanting the ball to go. This is the equivalent of throwing a dart without looking at the dart board and expecting a bullseye!



Next time you go out, keep this simple thought in mind - "glance at the ball, stare at the target". Your goal is to get away from looking at the ball, stop thinking about mechanics, and be "target oriented". Your goal is to get away from looking at the ball, stop thinking about the 29 golf tips you read in last months golf digest, and be "target oriented". This will free up your mind, help you hit straighter, more consistent golf shots and doesn't require any hard work on your part. Try it and let us know how it works!

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