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Golf in Portugal with SGH Golf the Portuguese experts. Portugal is world famous for links courses such as: Quinta Do Lago, Vilamoura 1 Course, Vila Sol, Vale do Lobo, San Lorenzo, Penina and many, many more.

### Portugal Golf Vacation Packages!

SGH Golf can provide you with a wide variety of Portugal golf vacation packages using small friendly hotels, to full service world-class hotels along with your choice of some of the finest links golf courses in The Algarve. The above links are some of the sample itineraries on the trips we can offer you. SGH Golf customizes all of our tours and hope we can make your next golf holiday one you will always remember.

### Portugal First Class Golf Tour Itinerary...

The following itinerary is designed for the traveler who is looking for first-class hotels while touring the greatest courses in Portugal.

#### Day 1:

Your vacation of a lifetime starts with an overnight flight to Lisbon, Portugal. You will also need to catch a connecting flight to Faro.

#### Day 2:

Upon your arrival at Faro (The Algarve) you will pick up your rental vehicle and drive along the coast to The Hotel Dona Filipa, your home for the next week. The rest of the day is free to relax and unpack.



Hotel Dona Filipa

#### Day 3:

This morning after breakfast, golf has been arranged at Quinta do Lago. The 4, nine-hole courses here wind and flow over 600 acres of rolling woodland.



Quinta Do Lago

#### Day 4:

Today you will be playing the San Lorenzo Course. Set in the heartland of a National Park where rare wildlife and plants can be admired. Birdies and Eagles are even more rare on this fair but somewhat challenging test of golf.

**Day 5:**

After breakfast, golf has been arranged on one of the famous courses at Vale de Lobe Golf Club. Since it's beginning 20 years ago the golf complex has developed into a sophisticated residential community with 3 nine-hole courses. The course offers spectacular views.

**Day 6:**

Today golf has been arranged at Vilamoura I Course. This course has been the venue for a number of major championships, including the World Ladies Amateur and the Portuguese Ladies Open.

**Day 7:**

Today golf has been arranged at Penina Golf Course. Situated in the heart of the Algarve, the Penina championship course is considered the most brilliant project of Sir Henry Cotton, triple champion of the British Open.

**Day 8:**

Following breakfast, golf will be arranged at Vila Sol Course. This new course is part of a 362 acre estate, tucked away in rolling pinewood countryside. This afternoon you may enjoy a visit to the beautiful, sandy beach at the hotel.

**Day 9:**

Depart for home or continue to Spain or one of our other destinations.

**Portugal First Class Golf Tour Cost...**

Valid Dates 1/1/06- 12/31/06

All prices are per person, double occupancy, land cost only.

**Prices Start At:**

**\$2365.00 per golfer and \$1665.00 per non golfer.**

All golf is subject to availability.

## **Cost Includes:**

- Full breakfast each day.
- 7 nights accommodation, double occupancy at hotels indicated.
- Daily maid and linen service.
- All transportation provided by rental car or mini van with unlimited mileage, collision damage waiver and tax. (gas is extra)
- Green fees and starting times for one round at each of the following courses:  
Quinta do Lago, San Lorenzo, Vale do Lobo, Vilamoura I, Penina, Vila Sol.
- SGH Golf travel guide complete with touring map, suggested places of interest, local restaurant guide and helpful information.
- All service charges and local taxes on hotel accommodation, golf courses and car hire.
- SGH Golf luggage tags and travel documents.
- Note: Caddies, electric carts and pull carts are extra.

## Portugal Hotels

### Le Meridien Dona Filipa Hotel

Located in the Vale do Lobo resort this hotel stands between the sea and the championship golf course on the Algarve's most prestigious Vale do Lobo estate. The elegantly furnished bedrooms offer all modern comforts and the hotel boasts a choice of superb restaurants, catering for both international and local cuisine. There is an extensive range of recreational facilities, including one of Europe's highly rated San Lorenzo golf course, tennis courts, 2 swimming pools and a health club.



### Sheraton Hotel

Situated approximately 35 minutes from Faro airport, in the area of Falesia is the Sheraton Algarve, skirted by the 9 hole Pine Cliffs Golf Course - which is as the name suggests - on the edge of the coastline cliffs set amongst pine trees. The hotel itself is part of 'The Westin Group' and as such has a very high standard of accommodation. For dining there is ample choice within the hotel or some local restaurants within walking distance. The health facilities boast two outdoor pools and one indoor, with beauty treatments also available.



However it has to be said that the beach bar is it's finest feature on balmy evenings - there is a lift which takes you from the grounds of the hotel, down the side of the cliffs and, the pathway to the bar, is guided by soft lighting - the view of the sea, sand and cliffs is spectacular.

# Portugal Golf Courses

## West

### Quinta do Lago

Designed by the late American golf course architect, William Mitchell, it consists of four nine-hole loops set in picturesque terrain of pine trees and artificial lakes. The course has been widely acclaimed for its design and high standards of maintenance and the tees and greens are said to be among the best in Europe.



### Vilamoura 1 Course

This course has been the venue for a number of major championships, including the World Ladies Amateur, the Portuguese Open and the Portuguese Ladies Open. Designed along the lines of the classic English course, the layout is set among gentle pine-covered slopes with the sea providing a spectacular backdrop. The relatively narrow fairways which cut through the pine woods create a stiff test for all golfers and every hole presents a new problem.



### Vila Sol

This challenging championship course was opened in 1991 and the layout and condition of the fairways and greens quickly earned the praise of the European tour staff and competitors. Golf course architect Donald Steele has made excellent use of the pencross greens. The opening nine holes wind through a valley of pine, fig and cork trees and the golfer has to negotiate water hazards and undulations before turning back towards the clubhouse. The second nine-hole loop is spread over a valley of umbrella pine trees which provide superb scenic views.

### Vale do Lobo

This enjoyable course was designed by the late Sir Henry Cotton and is the focal point of the resort. The layout incorporates the most photographed hole in Europe, a long par three 7th, which stretches from the tee over two gaping ravines to the green 210 yards away. Vale do Lobo is a well undulated course with tight fairways ensuring penalties for the player whose concentration strays. Many of the holes afford spectacular sea views.



### San Lorenzo

This course is situated in the 2000-acre Quinta do Lago estate which is renowned for its pine-woods, lakes and abundant wildlife. The course has an ever changing face. A classic hole is the par 4 6th, which offers spectacular views of the Ria Formosa nature reserve. Only a perfect drive will achieve par here, with water lapping the edge of the fairway all the way to the green.

### **Penina Golf Club**

Situated in the heart of the Algarve, the Penina championship course is considered the most brilliant project of Sir Henry Cotton, triple champion of the British Open. This was also the first golf course to be built in the Algarve, back in 1966. The Penina course has numerous bunkers, 360 trees, plenty of water and wide greens.

## **Portugal Sightseeing**

### **Faro**

The capital of the district, with a medieval wall and a large number of monuments: Cathedral (Romanesque-Gothic origin), Nossa Senhora da Assunção Convent (Renaissance), São Francisco Church (16th-18th centuries). Museums to visit: Infante Dom Henrique, Regional Ethnographic, Ramalho Ortigão and Antoniano (next to Santo António do Alto Chapel). Also worthwhile visiting are the beautiful churches of São Pedro da Misericórdia and Nossa Senhora do Carmo. Roman ruins of Milreu in the suburbs.

### **Lagos**

Enclosed within 15th century walls, with its Manueline window, are the magnificent churches of São Sebastião (Renaissance portals and 17th and 18th century tiles), Santa Maria or Misericórdia (16th-19th centuries), Santo António (Baroque) and the very old São João Chapel (8th-9th centuries). Other points of interest: Regional Museum, Governors' Palace, Pau da Bandeira Fortress and the old slave market. Charming marina.

### **Monchique**

Amongst the beautiful houses on the slope stand the mother-church (Manueline), the Misericórdia Church (with a Baroque retable) and the Senhor do Pé da Cruz Chapel (17th century). Nearby, look for the famous thermal spa of Monchique and Fóia for (902 m high), overlooking the hills and the ocean.

### **Portimão**

In this fishermen's town, visit the mother-church (14th century, rebuilt in the 18th century), the Colégio Church (17th century), and the Town Hall. In the suburbs, the renowned Praia da Rocha (with its Santa Catarina de Ribamar Fortress), and the Roman ruins of Abicada.

### **Silves**

Stones of different times and cultures overlap in this town: the castle and walls are of Arab origin; the Gothic Cathedral (having undergone several restoration works) was built on the site of an ancient mosque; the 12th century bridge was built where formerly stood a Roman bridge. The Cross of Portugal also deserves special mention (16th century religious sculpture), as well as the following examples of Manueline motifs: the Nossa Senhora dos Mártires Chapel and the Misericórdia Church. The Archeology Museum is built around an almost unique Arab water cistern, dating from the Almohad period.

**Tavira**

With its inviting long beaches, typical roofs and chimneys, this picturesque town offers a beautiful view over the Gilão river and its Roman bridge. Churches to visit: Santa Maria do Castelo (13th-18th centuries), Misericórdia (Renaissance), Nossa Senhora das Ondas (17th century), São José (with Gothic and Manueline elements), São Paulo and Carmo (17th-18th-centuries). If you are browsing along the Travessa de Dona Brites, you will see beautiful medieval houses, with Gothic windows and portals. In the suburbs, in the village of Luz there is a Renaissance church, which has been a pilgrimage place for many centuries.