

## TEE OFF UNDER THE SUN ON LISBON'S GOLF COAST



*L to R: Golf do Estoril Golf Course, Oitavos Dunes Golf Course and Praia d'el Rey Golf Course*

**November 2020.** Lisbon is not only a popular city break destination but also a well-loved choice for avid golfers looking to tee off under the sun in a European capital that boasts up to 290 of sunshine a year. In fact, according to the most recent figures issued by the Lisbon Tourism Association, 19% of all golfers visiting Lisbon in 2019 were British representing the highest figure amongst international visitors to Lisbon's 'golf coast'.

What makes Lisbon the perfect destination for golfers? Here are some of the highlights for those looking ahead to plan their next golfing break...

### **Courses to suit all levels**

Lisbon boasts a superb choice of courses to suit all experience levels within easy reach of the UK. The courses vary in size, location and difficulty so are perfect for beginners through to amateurs and professionals. There are also a range of price points, with affordable fees available in a year-round mild climate ideal for a day on the green no matter the season.

### **Stunning landscapes**

Thanks to Lisbon's stunning natural landscape, hilly terrain and position on the Atlantic coast, many of the courses have very close picturesque ocean and rural views within easy reach of idyllic beaches and countryside. Highlights to explore beyond the green include the [Arrábida Nature Park](#), the [Sado Estuary Nature Reserve](#) and the [Tagus Estuary Nature Reserve](#).

### **Close to all the attractions**

There are currently over 20 golf courses in the region that are members of the Lisbon Tourism Association, all located within driving distance from the centre of the charming Portuguese capital. Lisbon's enticing metropolitan centre, packed with history, UNESCO World Heritage sites, museums, dramatic views, great gastronomy and a lively nightlife, is perfect for a day (or more!) of sightseeing if golfers can tempt themselves away from trying to improve their handicap.

### **Celebrity designed courses**

Many of Lisbon's golf courses have been designed by well-known architects and custodians of the game, such as Spanish golfing legend Severiano Ballesteros, British former golfer Donald Steel and renowned American golf course architect Arthur Hills.



For those visiting the region in 2021, event highlights on the golfing calendar include the [91st Portuguese International Amateur Championship](#) set to take place in Palmela in February and the [12th Portuguese Seniors Men's International Championship](#) set to take place in Estoril in April.

In 2019 alone, British golfers played over 29,000 rounds across the tourism board member courses with only the Portuguese exceeding that figure. The region has also been recognised by IAGTO (the International Association of Golf Tour Operators) on three separate occasions as a European Golf Destination of the Year.

For more information on golfing in Lisbon, visit:

[www.visitlisboa.com/en/c/sightseeing-and-activities/golf](http://www.visitlisboa.com/en/c/sightseeing-and-activities/golf)

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