

Condé Nast Traveler Golf Poll 2007

THE TOP 100 GOLF RESORTS

What could be better than manicured fairways, spectacular surroundings, and the sound of hitting the ball just right? How about a wealth of amenities to go with your round? From a sixteenth-century castle nestled in the Shannon countryside to an oceanfront property carved into black lava on the Big Island, our readers chose the ultimate golf properties.



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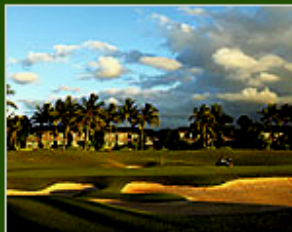
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Pictured: The course at the Four Seasons Resort Hualalai



1. FOUR SEASONS RESORT, THE LODGE AT KOELE
Lanai, Hawaii, 94.7

2. FOUR SEASONS RESORT HUALALAI
Big Island, Hawaii, 94.5

3. FOUR SEASONS RESORT AT MANELE BAY
Lanai, Hawaii, 94.3

4. DROMOLAND CASTLE
County Clare, Ireland, 93.8

5. RITZ-CARLTON, REYNOLDS PLANTATION
Greensboro, Georgia, 93.1

6. GLENEAGLES
Auchterarder, Scotland, 93.0

7. FAIRMONT CHATEAU WHISTLER
Whistler, British Columbia, 92.3

8. RITZ-CARLTON GOLF & SPA RESORT, ROSE HALL
Montego Bay, Jamaica, 92.0

9. AMERICAN CLUB
Kohler, Wisconsin, 90.7

9. THE HOMESTEAD
Hot Springs, Virginia, 90.7

11. WESTIN TURNBERRY RESORT
Ayrshire, Scotland, 90.5

12. THE GREENBRIER
White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, 90.4

13. CORDEVALLE, A ROSEWOOD RESORT
San Martin, California, 90.3

13. WYNN LAS VEGAS
Las Vegas, Nevada, 90.3

15. RITZ-CARLTON GOLF RESORT
Naples, Florida 90.0

16. RITZ-CARLTON KAPALUA
Maui, Hawaii, 89.7

17. HYATT REGENCY HILL COUNTRY RESORT
San Antonio, Texas, 89.4

18. FAIRMONT ST. ANDREWS (*FORMERLY ST. ANDREWS BAY GOLF RESORT AND SPA)
St. Andrews, Scotland, 89.2

19. FOUR SEASONS RESORT AT WAILEA
Maui, Hawaii, 89.0

20. MAUNA LANI RESORT
Big Island, Hawaii, 88.9

21. GRAND HYATT KAUAI RESORT AND SPA
Kauai, Hawaii, 88.8

22. PEBBLE BEACH RESORTS
Pebble Beach, California, 88.6

23. CABO DEL SOL RESORTS
Los Cabos, Mexico, 88.5

24. RITZ-CARLTON GRANDE LAKES
Orlando, Florida, 87.9

25. K CLUB
County Kildare, Ireland, 88.2

26. FAIRMONT SCOTTSDALE PRINCESS
Scottsdale, Arizona, 88.1

27. ONE&ONLY OCEAN CLUB
Paradise Island, Bahamas, 88.0

28. FOUR SEASONS RESORT
Nevis, 87.8

28. KIAWAH ISLAND GOLF RESORT
Kiawah Island, South Carolina, 87.8

30. HILTON LOS CABOS BEACH & GOLF RESORT
Los Cabos, Mexico, 87.5

31. MELIA CABO REAL BEACH AND GOLF RESORT
Los Cabos, Mexico, 87.3

32. ONE&ONLY PALMILLA
Los Cabos, Mexico, 86.9

33. THE BROADMOOR
Colorado Springs, Colorado, 86.7

34. FOUR SEASONS RESORT AT TROON NORTH
Scottsdale, Arizona, 86.6

35. FOUR SEASONS RESORT AVIARA
Carlsbad, California, 86.4

36. BANDON DUNES
Bandon, Oregon, 86.2

37. CASA DEL MAR BEACH, GOLF AND SPA RESORT
Los Cabos, Mexico, 86.0

37. PRINCEVILLE RESORT
Kauai, Hawaii, 86.0

39. FAIRMONT KEA LANI Maui, Hawaii, 85.9	40. COEUR D'ALENE RESORT Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, 85.6	58. WESTIN KIERLAND RESORT & SPA Scottsdale, Arizona, 82.3	60. WESTIN BEAR MOUNTAIN VICTORIA GOLF RESORT & SPA Victoria, Vanouwer Island, British Columbia, 82.2
41. WESTIN LA CANTERA RESORT San Antonio, Texas, 85.5	42. HYATT REGENCY GRAND CYPRESS Orlando, Florida, 85.0	61. ADARE MANOR HOTEL County Limerick, Ireland, 82.1	61. SEA PINES RESORT Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, 82.1
42. OLD COURSE HOTEL, GOLF RESORT & SPA St. Andrews, Scotland, 85.0	44. HAPUNA BEACH PRINCE HOTEL Big Island, Hawaii, 84.8	63. THE BOULDERS Carefree, Arizona, 82.0	64. DAUFUSKIE ISLAND RESORT & BREATHE SPA Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, 81.7
45. PINEHURST RESORT Pinehurst, North Carolina, 84.7	45. RITZ-CARLTON Amelia Island, Florida, 84.7	64. THE PHOENICIAN Scottsdale, Arizona, 81.7	66. INN AT BAY HARBOR Bay Harbor, Michigan 81.6
47. MAUNA KEA BEACH HOTEL (*CLOSED INDEFINITELY DUE TO STRUCTURAL DAMAGE FROM AN EARTHQUAKE, ITS GOLF COURSE REMAINS OPEN) Big Island, Hawaii, 84.4	48. GROVE PARK INN RESORT & SPA Asheville, North Carolina, 84.0	67. SEA ISLAND RESORTS Sea Island, Georgia, 81.3	68. LODGE AT VENTANA CANYON Tucson, Arizona, 81.2
49. LAPLAYA GOLF AND BEACH RESORT Naples, Florida, 83.9	50. BARTON CREEK RESORT & SPA Austin, Texas, 83.2	69. WATERVILLE HOUSE County Kerry, Ireland, 81.1	70. FAIRMONT ORCHID Big Island, Hawaii, 80.9
50. HYATT REGENCY TAMAYA RESORT AND SPA Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico, 83.2	52. LOEWS VENTANA CANYON RESORT Tucson, Arizona, 83.1	70. JW MARRIOTT ORLANDO GRANDE LAKES Orlando, Florida, 80.9	72. KAUAI MARRIOTT RESORT & BEACH CLUB Kauai, Hawaii, 80.4
53. RITZ-CARLTON Half Moon Bay, California, 83.0	54. FAIRMONT BANFF SPRINGS Banff, Alberta, 82.6	72. NAPLES GRANDE RESORT & CLUB (*FORMERLY THE REGISTRY RESORT & CLUB) Naples, Florida, 80.4	74. HILTON WAIKOLOA VILLAGE Big Island, Hawaii, 80.2
55. FAIRMONT JASPER PARK LODGE Jasper, Alberta, 82.5	55. GRAND WAILEA RESORT, HOTEL & SPA Maui, Hawaii, 82.5	75. SANDESTIN GOLF AND BEACH RESORT Destin, Florida, 80.1	76. RITZ-CARLTON Key Biscayne, Florida, 80.0
57. WESTIN LA PALOMA RESORT & SPA Tucson, Arizona, 82.4	58. THE BREAKERS Palm Beach, Florida, 82.3	76. SAWGRASS MARRIOTT RESORT & SPA Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, 80.0	78. ATLANTIS Paradise Island, Bahamas, 79.9
		78. DEERHURST RESORT Muskoka, Ontario, 79.9	78. RITZ-CARLTON, LAKE LAS VEGAS Henderson, Nevada 79.9

- 82. RITZ-CARLTON, LAGUNA NIGUEL**
Dana Point, California, 79.8
- 85. MYRTLE BEACH MARRIOTT RESORT AT GRANDE DUNES**
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, 79.5
- 86. PINE NEEDLES LODGE**
Southern Pines, North Carolina, 79.3
- 89. RENAISSANCE WAILEA BEACH RESORT**
Maui, Hawaii, 79.0
- 91. ARIZONA BILTMORE RESORT & SPA**
Phoenix, Arizona, 78.8
- 91. HYATT REGENCY COCONUT POINT RESORT & SPA**
Bonita Springs, Florida, 78.8
- 95. MID PINES INN**
Southern Pines, North Carolina, 78.4
- 97. INNISBROOK RESORT AND GOLF CLUB**
Palm Harbor, Florida, 78.3
- 99. JW MARRIOTT IHILANI RESORT AND SPA**
Oahu, Hawaii, 78.2
- 84. THE SAGAMORE**
Lake George, New York, 79.7
- 86. HYATT REGENCY MAUI RESORT & SPA**
Maui, Hawaii, 79.3
- 88. SADDLEBROOK RESORT**
Wesley Chapel, Florida, 79.1
- 90. NEMACOLIN WOODLANDS RESORT**
Farmington, Pennsylvania, 78.9
- 91. FAIRMONT PIERRE MARQUES**
Acapulco, Mexico, 78.8
- 94. CASA DE CAMPO**
La Romana, Dominican Republic, 78.7
- 95. PONTE VEDRA INN & CLUB**
Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, 78.4
- 97. LA QUINTA RESORT & CLUB**
La Quinta, California, 78.3
- 99. WORLD GOLF VILLAGE**
St. Augustine, Florida, 78.2

THE BEST IN COURSE DESIGN

A course with superb design can make or break your game. Here are the ones that impressed—and challenged—you most. From the British Isles to Wisconsin, these perfect-scoring courses ranked highest for their flawless design

Pictured: The course at the Westin Turnberry Resort



1. AMERICAN CLUB

Kohler, Wisconsin, 100

1. THE GREENBRIER

White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, 100

1. WESTIN TURNBERRY HOTEL

Ayrshire, Scotland, 100

1. FOUR SEASONS RESORT

HUALALAI

Big Island, Hawaii, 100

1. WATERVILLE HOUSE

Country Kerry, Ireland, 100

THE BEST IN SERVICE

Incredible service—or lack, thereof—can make or break a vacation. At these high scorers, the top-notch treatment goes beyond the green, with Irish sensibilities ranking highest and perennial favorite Ritz-Carlton clinching 2 of the top 4 slots

Pictured: Dromoland Castle



1. DROMOLAND CASTLE

County Clare, Ireland, 100

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Lanai, Hawaii, 100

3. RITZ-CARLTON GOLF RESORT

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THE BEST IN FOOD/DINING

These days, more golf resorts are going gourmet, with fine dining facilities becoming par for the course. At the 1776 Grille Room at The Homestead, the standard burger gets a gourmet makeover, while at the Four Seasons Hualalai, a beachfront setting earns rave reviews



Pictured: The 1776 Grille restaurant at The Homestead

1. THE HOMESTEAD

Hot Springs, Virginia, 100

2. FOUR SEASONS RESORT HUALALAI

Big Island, Hawaii, 96.0

3. DROMOLAND CASTLE

Country Clare, Ireland, 95.7

4. WYNN LAS VEGAS

Las Vegas, Nevada, 95.1

THE BEST IN ACCOMODATIONS

From spectacular views to the plushest pillows, these luxury rooms offer the finest amenities. With regal lodgings in Ireland and beachfront accommodations in Hawaii, world-class luxury can be found the world over

Pictured: A guest room at the Fairmont Chateau Whistler



1. DROMOLAND CASTLE

County Clare, Ireland, 100

1. FOUR SEASONS RESORT AT MANELE BAY

Lanai, Hawaii, 100

1. K CLUB

County Kildare, Ireland, 100

1. FAIRMONT CHATEAU WHISTLER

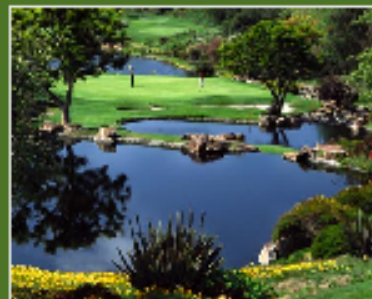
Whistler, British Columbia, 100

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Lanai, Hawaii, 100

2007 GOLF TRENDS

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Pictured: The Four Seasons Resort Aviara

Different Strokes

Digitally assisted instruction is gaining momentum at golf resorts; it's now implemented at West Virginia's **Greenbrier**, the academy at **Four Seasons Resort Aviara** in California, and North Carolina's **Pinehurst**, among others. These schools use software that measures swing path and hip and shoulder turn ratio. In Scotland, the Colin Montgomerie Links Golf Academy at the **Westin Tumberry Resort** plans to use prototype mats that analyze weight distribution in a golfer's stance to detect swing errors.

Club Sub

Don't want to pony up private golf club initiation fees? **Tour GCX Partners**, a fractional golf-club membership program, gives players access to some 30 private clubs around the country. A one-year membership buys ten foursomes at courses in Mamaroneck, New York; Naples, Florida; and Las Vegas, among others. Tee times are reserved through the company, and the member's debit feature allows the purchase of food, lessons, and pro shop merchandise (877-868-7453; tourgcx.com; from \$6,250 per year, or \$156 per person per round).

Rubdown

The spa is no longer just for golf widows. More players are opting for spa therapy pre- and post-round for better swings and alignment and to ease sore muscles. The **American Club**, in Kohler, Wisconsin, has cabanas adjacent to the practice range, where massage therapists focus on shoulders, lower back, and hips. Idaho's **Coeur d'Alene Resort** offers free(!) massages at the practice range and, in the spa, Sticks and Stones, a golfer's treatment that uses hot basalt and cool marble to sooth muscles. **La Costa Resort**, in Carlsbad, California, has teamed up with the wellness guru Deepak Chopra, whose exclusive Ayurvedic treatments are now on the menu.

Swing Set

Social networks now have players logging on. The Game Tracker feature on **golfbuzz.com** includes course statistics, a player profile that lists handicaps and best-round scores, and a way to break down play components such as driving distance and short game. Similar in structure, **golfspinner.com** reviews gear, lets members blog about equipment or Tour happenings, find play partners and book tee times. The more technical **mygolfrecord.com** has a handicap tracker and allows users to enter scores hole by hole at courses nationwide.