

GREAT GOLF COURSES OF AUSTRALIA

Play routes that wind through the wild and dramatic dunes of north-east Tasmania, alongside the sandstone sea-cliffs of southern Sydney or on a tropical island in the Great Barrier Reef.

VICTORIA

Located just 20 minutes from Melbourne's city centre the renowned Melbourne Sandbelt is a must-play destination for any golfer. Acclaimed golf architect Dr Alister McKenzie is behind the design of Australia's most famous course; Royal Melbourne West Course.

Close by find the spectacular Sandbelt courses of Kingston Heath, Victoria, Metropolitan, Yarra Yarra, Huntingdale and Peninsula. Each exhibiting unique characteristics and memorable features. On the Melbourne fringe lies the Woodlands course, not far from the vineyards of the Yarra Valley you will find the three beautiful courses of Heritage Golf Club.

Royal Melbourne and other courses of the Sandbelt region have played host to countless memorable championships including The Presidents Cup, The World Matchplay Championship, The Australian Open, The Australian Masters and The Johnny Walker Classic.

On the southernmost tip of the Mornington Peninsula, golfers are tempted with a selection of three links courses at The National Golf Club. Perched upon seaside cliff tops and the rolling dunes of Cape Schanck, The National's dramatic landscape will awe-inspire while the impressive course design will engage

your sense of skill. Off the golf course explore galleries, spas and cafes in seaside villages, boutique breweries and wineries.

NEW SOUTH WALES

New South Wales has much to offer; Sydney – the magnificent and vibrant harbour city, the quiet seclusion of picturesque bays, beaches and coastal inlets; the majestic Blue Mountains; The Hunter Valley Wineries and breathtaking golf experiences.

On the edge of the rugged cliffs of Botany Bay looking out to the vast expanse of the Pacific Ocean lies the renowned golf route of the New South Wales Golf Club. Perched atop the coastal headland, this course designed by Dr Alister MacKenzie is ranked in the World Top 100. The inspiring layout is bound by water on three sides and has many characteristics of true links golf. The undulating fairways and small greens call for great skill, particularly when the sea breeze blows.

Golfers in Sydney should travel further north along the coast into the Hunter Valley to play The Vintage. Off the course sample the local wine, gourmet fare and experience the slower paced lifestyle of country NSW.

TASMANIA

Tasmania, is home to untouched beaches, rugged mountain ranges, the world's largest tract of temperate

rainforest and extraordinary World Heritage listed wilderness that makes up almost 20 percent of the island.

Home to Australia's most recent twin golfing gems – Barnbougle Dunes and Barnbougle Lost Farm, it's only fitting that Tasmania's rugged dunes and untouched coastline make Barnbougle one visually spectacular golf destination.

Designed by US architect Tom Doak and Australian Mike Clayton, Barnbougle Dunes rolls through the sandy coastal dunes of north-east Tasmania. Wide fairways, unforgiving roughs and undulating greens make Barnbougle Dunes the perfect challenge for all skill levels. This course has become an iconic Australian representation of the true links golf courses of Scotland and Ireland.

Designed by Bill Coore, the adjacent Barnbougle Lost Farm has rapidly earned a reputation as one of Australia's best courses. Opening in late 2010, this magnificent links course with dramatic dunes and ocean vistas has raced into the World Top 100 rankings.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Adelaide is the gateway to South Australia's treasured national landscapes and, of course, fabulous golf. From here you can explore the renowned wineries of the Barossa and the seal colonies and the rugged coast of Kangaroo Island.

Royal Adelaide, Australia's oldest established golf club is the standout of South Australia's many exceptional courses. One of the World's Top 100 courses, Royal Adelaide, was designed by Australians



C. L. Gardiner and H. L. Rymill. However, it was the later consultation by the famed Dr Alister MacKenzie that saw valuable changes made to the course, thoughtfully incorporating the site's magnificent natural features and confirming its position as one of Australia's great courses.

Nearby lies Kooyonga Golf Club, a magnificent layout on the sandy terrain between Adelaide city centre and lively Glenelg beach. Featuring undulating fairways culminating in well protected greens, native trees line Kooyonga's fairways and will punish inaccuracy. The greens are generally firm and small with prominent bunkers destined to catch wayward shots. A spectacular layout by HL Rymill, Kooyonga will inspire your senses and challenge your golf skills.

QUEENSLAND

A delightful blend of sun filled days, calm waters, secluded beaches, the Great Barrier Reef and diverse rainforest hinterlands, Queensland showcases Australia's exceptional golf in a tranquil tropical paradise.

The Great Barrier Reef, sailing, luxurious accommodation and one of Australia's finest golf courses are all within easy reach

on Hamilton Island. Stay on the island and enjoy a round on nearby Dent Island, Australia's only championship island golf course. With a spectacular backdrop of the Whitsunday Islands, the course's changes in elevation, restricted landing areas and the ever-present ocean breeze provide a definite challenge from the back tees and enjoyable resort golf from the forward tees.

Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast are also home to an array of excellent courses dotted along the coast between the pristine beaches and a wonderful rainforest-clad hinterland. Play the Palmer Resort Coolool or the Royal Queensland Golf course, taking time between rounds to relax on the beach.

RESERVATIONS AND GOLF COURSE ETIQUETTE

Part of golf's appeal is the history and etiquette, Australian golf is no different, standard Rules and Regulations apply when playing these spectacular courses.

The availability of carts on Australian courses will vary from club to club. Golf in its traditional form is played without carts and many of the great courses in Australia have inherited this tradition. However should a golfer be physically

unable to walk a course, carts may be made available. Please be sure to enquire about cart hire when planning your itinerary.

As a general rule, golfers are required to submit their handicap during the golf booking process. The Great Golf Courses of Australia vary in difficulty. In providing your handicap details it can be assured that the courses you wish to play will be enjoyable for you. Golfers that do not have a handicap should indicate this when making a booking request so we can work with you to select courses that will be most suitable.

Dress code may vary from course to course, but as a general rule, golf gear must be neat casual. Collared shirts or golf polo's are required for both men and women and shorts must be at minimum, knee length. Golf shoes are required on course.

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