

Condé Nast Traveler

2006 TOP 100 GOLF RESORTS

Readers flag their favorite places to stay and play in
Condé Nast Traveler's eleventh annual golf resorts survey

Golfers are a dedicated group. Not only do they invest much time to perfect their swing, but they eagerly travel across numerous time zones in pursuit of challenging holes and bucolic surroundings in which to polish their game—and perhaps score several birdies during their rounds. Our club-swinging subscribers rated an array of golfing destinations, from the classic Old Course Hotel in St. Andrews, Scotland, the sport's birthplace,

to the splashy new Wynn Las Vegas and its Tom Fazio-designed fairways. The ones that provide the most memorable of golfing vacations—great service, plush lodgings, and of course dazzling courses—are presented on these pages. When planning your next golf getaway, use our scorecard of the top spots to book a tee time and then kick off your spikes. With stellar accommodations and a wealth of amenities to complement play, getting in 36 holes in a day might be a long shot.

Top 100 Golf Resorts

			Holes of Golf	Room Rates	OVERALL SCORE	Course Design	Speed of Play	Accommodations	Service	Food/Dining	Facilities
1	Four Seasons Resort, Punta Mita, Mexico	52-329-291-6000; fourseasons.com	18	\$\$	96.7	94.9	94.7	100	100	92.5	97.6
2	American Club, Kohler, Wis.	920-457-8000; destinationkohler.com	72	\$	95.1	100	82.8	95.0	96.6	93.9	96.6
3	Westin Turnberry Resort, Ayrshire, Scotland	44-1655-331000; turnberry.co.uk	36	\$\$\$	94.1	98.4	80.3	98.3	94.8	89.8	96.6
4	Four Seasons Resort Hualalai, Big Island	808-325-8000; fourseasons.com	18	\$\$\$	93.7	90.3	90.9	97.0	92.6	94.9	95.9
5	The Homestead, Hot Springs, Va.	540-839-1766; thehomestead.com	54	\$	93.1	95.9	89.3	93.3	93.5	89.6	94.9
6	Four Seasons Resort, Nevis	869-469-1111; fourseasons.com	18	\$\$\$	93.0	89.1	95.6	95.5	95.3	88.6	95.5
7	The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.	304-536-1110; greenbrier.com	54	\$\$	92.5	96.4	73.5	92.7	95.1	92.6	96.3
8	Inn at Bay Harbor, Bay Harbor, Mich.	231-439-4000; innatbayharbor.com	45	\$	92.1	97.2	88.6	96.7	83.9	87.1	96.9
9	Gleneagles, Auchterarder, Scotland	44-1764-662231; gleneagles.com	63	\$\$\$	91.7	93.0	79.1	94.9	95.0	90.0	92.7
10	Four Seasons Resort at Troon North, Scottsdale, Ariz.	480-515-5700; fourseasons.com	36	\$	91.3	91.9	73.1	94.6	94.2	92.7	93.4
10	Lodge at Sea Island, St. Simons Island, Ga.	912-638-3611; seaisland.com	54	\$\$\$	91.3	95.6	79.5	95.1	92.9	90.7	88.4
12	Four Seasons Resort at Wailea, Maui	808-874-8000; fourseasons.com	54	\$\$	91.0	92.2	77.8	95.5	94.1	90.8	89.7
13	Four Seasons Resort at Manele Bay*, Lanai	808-565-2000; fourseasons.com	36	\$\$	90.8	94.5	89.8	93.5	91.1	85.4	89.5
14	Lodge at Koele, Lanai	808-565-7300; fourseasons.com	36	\$\$	90.6	91.5	87.9	92.5	93.6	89.3	87.4
15	Ritz-Carlton, Bachelor Gulch, Avon, Colo.	970-748-6200; ritzcarlton.com	36	\$	90.4	87.5	87.5	89.7	96.7	90.0	90.0
16	Four Seasons Resort at Peninsula Papagayo, Guanacaste, Costa Rica	50-66-96-0000; fourseasons.com	18	\$\$\$	90.2	90.9	95.2	90.5	90.5	85.7	90.5
17	Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, Calif.	760-603-6800; fourseasons.com	18	\$\$	90.1	89.6	71.1	95.5	92.7	88.6	94.9
18	Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua, Maui	808-669-6200; ritzcarlton.com	54	\$\$	90.0	97.6	88.0	90.4	87.7	86.9	87.6
19	Ritz-Carlton, Reynolds Plantation, Greensboro, Ga.	706-467-0600; ritzcarlton.com	99	\$	89.9	97.2	88.9	86.1	89.5	84.2	92.1
20	Wynn Las Vegas, Las Vegas	702-770-7100; wynnlasvegas.com	18	\$	89.8	84.8	90.3	97.7	80.0	89.1	97.7
21	One&Only Palmilla, Los Cabos, Mexico	52-624-146-7000; oneandonlyresorts.com	27	\$\$	88.6	88.6	81.8	97.2	90.1	82.3	88.8
21	Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples, Fla.	239-593-2000; ritzcarlton.com	36	\$	88.6	82.7	79.8	93.7	92.0	89.4	91.2
21	Ritz-Carlton, Lake Las Vegas, Henderson, Nev.	702-567-4700; ritzcarlton.com	36	\$	88.6	85.1	82.2	93.2	91.5	88.4	89.1
24	Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort and Spa†, Kauai	808-742-1234; kauai.hyatt.com	18	\$\$	87.9	93.3	84.2	88.4	87.0	81.4	90.8
25	Mauna Lani Resort, Big Island	808-885-6622; maunalani.com	36	\$\$	87.8	92.1	83.2	92.5	87.7	83.3	85.4

Rates reflect the lowest double-room price during the resort's high season for golf. \$ = \$349 and under, \$\$ = \$350-\$499, \$\$\$ = \$500 or more
 *Formerly Manele Bay Hotel †Formerly Hyatt Regency Kauai Resort and Spa

METHODOLOGY The independent firms of Lieberman Research Group and Millard Group tabulated the responses of 1,786 Condé Nast Traveler subscribers who were asked to evaluate 332 golf resorts that they had visited in the past three years. Properties were rated on six criteria—Course Design (20 percent of overall score), Speed of Play (10 percent), Accommodations (17.5 percent), Service (17.5 percent), Food/Dining (17.5 percent), and Facilities (17.5 percent)—using a five-point scale: excellent, very good, good, fair, and poor. Each score represents the percentage of respondents who rated a particular feature excellent or very good. Only properties that received a required minimum number of responses were included in

The Best in Service

100 Four Seasons Resort Punta Mita, Mexico	96.7 Ritz-Carlton, Bachelor Gulch Avon, Colo.	96.6 American Club Kohler, Wis.	95.3 Four Seasons Resort Nevis
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The Best in Accommodations

100 Four Seasons Resort Punta Mita, Mexico	100 Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort Cambridge, Md.	98.3 Westin Turnberry Hotel Ayrshire, Scotland	97.7 Wynn Las Vegas Las Vegas
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