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GOLF BERMUDA FACT SHEET

OVERVIEW

Bermuda offers more golf courses per square mile than anywhere else in the world. The island features seven golf courses total, with five of championship caliber. Characterized by spectacular scenery, including dramatic ocean vistas, as well as firm fairways and an unpredictable wind factor, the island's courses are renowned for both their beauty and challenge. Undulating greens are attributed to preponderance of underground limestone caves.

LOCATION

650 miles east of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina; 774 miles from New York City; 3,000 miles from London, positioned at 32.17 degrees latitude, 65 degrees longitude. Contrary to popular belief, Bermuda is *not* in the Caribbean.

GOLF COURSES

Seven courses, including Belmont Hills, Fairmont Southampton Golf Club, Mid Ocean Golf Club, Ocean View Golf Course, Port Royal Golf Course, Riddell's Bay Golf & Country Club and Tucker's Point Golf Club. The island also has a Bermuda Golf Academy. Mid Ocean Club, Riddell's Bay and Tucker's Point are private clubs, requiring an introduction by a member. However, most hotels can reserve tee times for guests. The Bermuda Government owns Port Royal and Ocean View. Course information includes the following:

Belmont Hills Golf Club

Location: Warwick

This course, designed by Algie M. Pulley Jr., includes a magnificent, contoured layout that maximizes the golfer's experience while highlighting the island's captivating beauty. Panoramic views of Hamilton Harbor and the Great Sound provide the backdrop for some of the most beautiful 18 holes on the Island.

Greens Fees for 18 holes: \$110 (Twilight \$60, no cart)

Club Rental: \$60

Phone: 441-236-6400

www.newsteadbelmonthills.com/golf/proto/newsteadbelmonthills

Fairmont Southampton Golf Club

Location: Southampton

The Fairmont Southampton Golf Course, designed by Theodore Robinson, features 18 par-three holes, most with stunning views of the Atlantic Ocean. This challenging 2,684-yard course is designed to take the short game to new heights.

Greens Fees for 18 holes: \$84 (Twilight \$65)

Club Rental: \$25

Phone: 441-239-6952

www.fairmont.com/southampton

Mid Ocean Club

Location: Tucker's Town

The golf course, which was built in 1921, is rated as one of the world's greatest courses and is testament to the genius of its renowned architect, Charles Blair Macdonald. Mid Ocean is happy to have been chosen as the host of several major golf events, most famously the 2007 and 2008 PGA Grand Slams of Golf.

Greens Fees for 18 holes: \$250

Club Rental: \$45

Phone: 441-293-0330

www.themidoceanclubbermuda.com/

Ocean View Golf Course

Location: Devonshire

Coral hued scenery flank guests during a round at this premiere nine-hole golf course. Ocean View includes 18 different tee positions set for a tricky par 70.

Greens Fees for 18 holes: \$85 (Twilight \$60)

Club Rental: \$40

Phone: 441-295-9092

www.oceanview.bm/

Port Royal Golf Course

Location: Southampton

Port Royal Golf Course, a Robert Trent Jones designed course, is the proud home of the PGA Grand Slam of Golf, a season ending tournament held annually since 1979, featuring the winners of the Masters, U.S. Open, British Open and the PGA Championship. It is now seen as one of the world's premier public golf courses featuring gorgeous tropical landscapes and broad ocean vistas.

Greens Fees for 18 holes: \$180 (Twilight \$105)

Club Rental: \$50

Phone: 441-234-0974

www.portroyalgolf.bm/

Riddell's Bay Golf and Country Club

Location: Warwick

Riddell's Bay Golf & Country Club, designed by Devereux Emmet, opened in 1922 and is Bermuda's oldest golf course. Winding along a peninsula, which, at its widest point, measures only some 600 yards, these scenic links provide golfers with a tremendous challenge to both their game and psyche.

Greens Fees for 18 holes: \$155

Club Rental: \$40

Phone: 441-238-1060

www.riddellsbay.com/

Tucker's Point Golf Club

Location: Tucker's Town

Tucker's Point Golf Club, the former Charles H. Banks-designed Castle Harbour course, was redesigned in 2002 by Roger Rulewich. The course features winding fairways with many elevated tees. Golfers must cope with the changing speed and direction of fickle winds. The course features TifEagle putting surfaces, a new hybrid Bermuda grass known to provide faster, truer putting.

Greens Fees for 18 holes: \$215 (nine holes \$107)

Club Rental: \$75

Phone: 441-298-6970

www.tuckerspoint.com/

TOURNAMENTS

Bermuda is host to the PGA Grand Slam of Golf as well as diverse professional and amateur tournaments. Amateur events include the Seniors Golf Tournament and Couples Golf Tournament, both held in February, and a Ladies Pro-Am Golf Classic held in March. For specific schedules, contact the Bermuda Golf Association, P.O Box HM 433, Hamilton HM BX, (441) 238-1367, or the Bermuda Department of Tourism.

TEE TIMES

Most courses book advance tee times through an online centralized tee time system at www.bermudapremiargolf.com. Golfers can also place order at any time through Premier Golf's call center locally via (441) 278-1500 or toll-free at 1-877-450-6412. Hotels and guesthouses can also assist guests directly.

GOLF GEAR

All courses rent ladies' and men's right- and left-handed club sets. Most offer lessons. Balls cost around \$40-55 per dozen.

CADDIES/CARTS

Caddies are available only at Mid Ocean. Use of carts is mandatory at Belmont and Fairmont Southampton and on weekends and public holidays at Port Royal and Ocean View.

DRESS CODE

Proper golf attire is required at all clubs. Shirts must have collars and sleeves. Shorts must be at least Bermuda length (just above the knee). No jeans, gym shorts or cut-offs allowed.

GROUP PLAY

For a minimum of 20 players, most courses will accommodate groups in advance. Special group rates are usually not available.

CREDIT CARDS

Accepted for greens fees only. MasterCard and VISA are accepted at all seven courses; American Express is accepted by most.

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