

GOLF BERMUDA FACT SHEET

OVERVIEW	Bermuda offers more golf courses per square mile than anywhere else in the world. The island features eight golf courses total, with seven of championship caliber. Characterized by stunning 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 <i>not</i> in the Caribbean.
GOLF COURSES	<p>Eight courses, including Belmont Golf Club, Tucker's Point Golf Club, Mid Ocean Golf Club, Ocean View Golf Course, Port Royal Golf Course, Riddell's Bay Golf & Country Club, The Fairmont Southampton Golf Club, and St. George's Golf Course. The island also has a Bermuda Golf Academy.</p> <p>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 guest. The Bermuda Government owns Port Royal, Ocean View and St. George's.</p>
TOURNAMENTS	<p>Bermuda is host to 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.</p> <p>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.</p>
TEE TIMES	Most courses book advance tee times. Hotels and guesthouses can assist guests directly. Bermuda Government golf courses (Port Royal, Ocean View and St. George's) share an automated reservation system: (441) 234-GOLF.
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 Southampton Princess and on weekends and public holidays at Port Royal, Ocean View and St. George's.

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 eight courses; American Express is accepted by most.

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