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# INTRODUCTION

*Australia is a large and environmentally diverse continent. Its golf courses are just as diverse, offering spectacular world class layouts amidst jaw dropping scenery accompanied by typical Australian hospitality.*

Great Golf Courses of Australia showcases and for the first time provides access to Australia's greatest courses and private clubs, including the six courses in the World Top 100; Barnbogle Dunes, Barnbogle Lost Farm, Kingston Heath, New South Wales, Royal Melbourne and Royal Adelaide.

Boasting a rich golf heritage, Australia's collection of spectacular golf tracks include works by acclaimed golf architects, including Dr. Alister McKenzie, Tom Doak, Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw.

Feel the warmth of the sun on your back, smell the waft of the ocean on the afternoon breeze and see the native Australian wildlife that abounds the courses as you play your way over sand dunes, through woodlands and beside rugged cliff tops.

From New South Wales to South Australia, Victoria to Tasmania, let us take you on a voyage down the fairways of some of the world's greatest golf tracks. The course layouts will challenge your golf skills; the landscapes will take your breath away; the journey will be unforgettable.

# COURSES

*Australia is a golfer's dream holiday destination. Perfect your swing on the wild coastline of north-east Tasmania, alongside the sandstone sea-cliffs of southern Sydney or on a tropical island in the Great Barrier Reef.*

*Regardless of whether you are looking for a tropical getaway, a traditional links experience or to play the top tournament courses in the country, there is an Australian golf experience to suit the desire and ability of every golfer. Each golfing state has a distinctive character. The adjacent map provides a directory of the Great Golf Courses of Australia and conceptualizes the distances between golf destinations.*

## **VICTORIA**

1. ROYAL MELBOURNE GOLF COURSE
2. KINGSTON HEATH GOLF COURSE
3. THE NATIONAL GOLF COURSE
4. VICTORIA GOLF COURSE
5. METROPOLITAN GOLF COURSE
6. WOODLANDS GOLF COURSE
7. THE PENINSULA COUNTRY GOLF CLUB
8. COMMONWEALTH GOLF COURSE
9. THE YARRA YARRA GOLF COURSE
10. HUNTINGDALE GOLF COURSE
11. HERITAGE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

## **NEW SOUTH WALES**

12. THE LAKES GOLF CLUB
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14. BARNBOUGLE DUNES GOLF LINKS
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18. ROYAL QUEENSLAND GOLF CLUB
19. HAMILTON ISLAND GOLF CLUB





# VICTORIA

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*Celebrated as one of the finest stretches of golf in the world, the Melbourne Sandbelt is home to eight of the country's finest courses. Located a short drive from Melbourne city, the Sandbelt is a must-play destination for the passionate golfer.*

Inspired by the sandbelt region's sandy loam subsoil, which allows instant drainage and year round play, acclaimed golf architect Dr Alister McKenzie was taken aback by the quality of the land around what is now greater Melbourne. It is on this land prior to designing two of the world's most famous courses - Augusta National and Cypress Point - that McKenzie designed the famous Royal Melbourne West Course.

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.

Just a 7 iron from Royal Melbourne lie the spectacular Sandbelt courses of Kingston Heath, Victoria, Metropolitan, Yarra Yarra, Huntingdale and Peninsula. Each exhibiting its own personality and memorable features, the Sandbelt courses are a pleasure to behold. Also on the Melbourne fringe lies the wonderful Woodlands course, whilst north of the city, toward the vineyards of the Yarra Valley you will find the three beautiful courses of Heritage Golf Club.

With such an exceptional variety of courses within close proximity of one another and Melbourne CBD, it's little wonder US Golf Travel suggested that Melbourne boasted "the most illustrious and unique selection of golf courses of any city in the world."

Further south along the rugged Victorian coastline, golfers are tempted with a selection of links courses at The National Golf Club. With three outstanding courses, The National is undoubtedly one of the best pieces of golf real estate in the country. Perched upon seaside cliff tops and the rolling dunes of Cape Schanck, The National's dramatic landscape will engage you in a sense of place while the impressive course design will engage your sense of skill.

The region is equally impressive off the golf course. Explore galleries, spas and cafes in breezy seaside villages, or escape inland for a gourmet experience at one of the many boutique breweries and wineries.

## THE COURSES

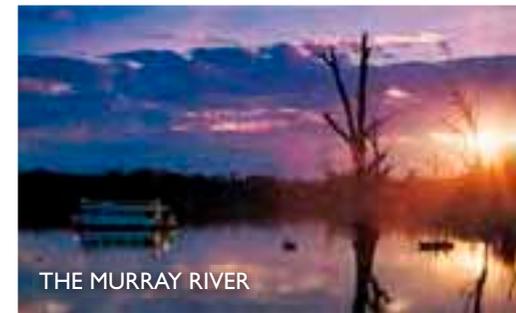
ROYAL MELBOURNE GOLF COURSE	13	1	VICTORIA GOLF COURSE	9	THE PENINSULA COUNTRY GOLF CLUB	30	HUNTINGDALE GOLF COURSE	38
KINGSTON HEATH GOLF COURSE	27	2	METROPOLITAN GOLF COURSE	10	COMMONWEALTH GOLF COURSE	31	HERITAGE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB	57
THE NATIONAL GOLF COURSE	7		WOODLANDS GOLF COURSE	18	THE YARRA YARRA GOLF COURSE	34		

■ WORLD RANKING

■ NATIONAL RANKING



HUNTINGDALE GOLF CLUB



THE MURRAY RIVER



WOODLANDS GOLF CLUB



THE DANDENONG RANGES



PENINSULA GOLF CLUB

# NEW SOUTH WALES

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

On the edge of the rugged cliffs of Botany Bay looking out 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 Dr Alister MacKenzie designed course 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 also experience The Lakes Golf Club, host of the Australian Open in 2010, '11 and '12. Travel further north along the coast to the Magenta Shores Golf Club and into the Hunter Valley to play The Vintage and sample the local wine, gourmet fare and experience the slower paced lifestyle of country NSW.



NEW SOUTH WALES GOLF CLUB



NSW GOURMET FOOD & WINE TRAILS



BYRON BAY & BALLINA SURF TRAIL



MUTAWINTJI NATIONAL PARK



THE NSW NORTH COAST

## THE COURSES

NEW SOUTH WALES GOLF CLUB

34

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WORLD RANKING

NATIONAL RANKING

# TASMANIA



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*Tasmania, Australia's island state is home to untouched beaches, rugged mountain ranges, the world's largest tract of temperate rainforest and an extraordinary 1.4 million hectares (nearly 1/5th of the total island) of World Heritage listed national parks and reserves*

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 of the most visually spectacular golf destinations in the country.

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. Completed in 2004, 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.

## THE COURSES

BARBOUGLE DUNES GOLF LINKS	41	4
BARBOUGLE LOST FARM GOLF LINKS	82	6

■ WORLD RANKING

■ NATIONAL RANKING



TASMANIA'S WHISKY TRAIL



BARBOUGLE DUNES GOLF LINKS



CRADLE MOUNTAIN & THE LAKE ST CLAIR NATIONAL PARK



MONA - MUSEUM OF OLD & NEW ART



TAMAR VALLEY WINE ROUTE

# SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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*Whether traversing the ancient Flinders Ranges or observing 600-million years of geological history at Wilpena Pound. Indulging in a glass of Australian wine and a siesta under the vines of the Barossa or exploring seal colonies and the rugged coast of Kangaroo Island. Adelaide is the gateway to South Australia's treasured national landscapes and, of course, fabulous golf.*



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

Little more than a short pitching wedge from Royal Adelaide lies Kooyonga Golf Club, a magnificent layout on the sandy terrain between Adelaide CBD 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.



LAKE EYRE



KOoyonga GOLF CLUB



FLINDERS RANGES



KANGAROO ISLAND



BAROSSA'S FARMERS MARKET

## THE COURSES

ROYAL ADELAIDE GOLF CLUB	85	13
KOoyonga GOLF CLUB	23	

WORLD RANKING

NATIONAL RANKING

# QUEENSLAND



# QUEENSLAND

*A delightful blend of sun filled days, calm waters, secluded beaches, fascinating coral reefs and diverse flora and fauna, Queensland showcases Australia's exception 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 Coolum, home of the Australian PGA Championship or the Royal Queensland Golf course, taking time between rounds to relax on the beach.



WHITSUNDAY ISLANDS



GREAT BARRIER REEF



ROYAL QUEENSLAND GOLF CLUB



KANGAROO POINT



HAMILTON ISLAND GOLF CLUB

## THE COURSES

ROYAL QUEENSLAND  
GOLF CLUB

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HAMILTON ISLAND  
GOLF CLUB

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■ WORLD RANKING

■ NATIONAL RANKING





# RESERVATIONS AND GOLF COURSE ETIQUETTE

*Part of golf's appeal is the history and etiquette surrounding this wonderful (and sometimes ridiculous) game. Australian golf is no different and we ask that you please respect standard Rules and Regulations when playing our spectacular courses.*

The availability of carts on Australian courses will vary from club to club. Golf in its traditional form, from Scottish and Irish origins, 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 golf booking process. The Great Golf Courses of Australia vary in difficulty. In providing your handicap details we can assure 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 is the final element of the game that makes it, well, golf! 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. Please take the time to ensure you will meet dress code regulation by consulting our guidelines.

So fetch the bucket list, polish up your clubs, and experience the majesty and diversity of Australia's golf courses; they are sure to take your breath away.

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