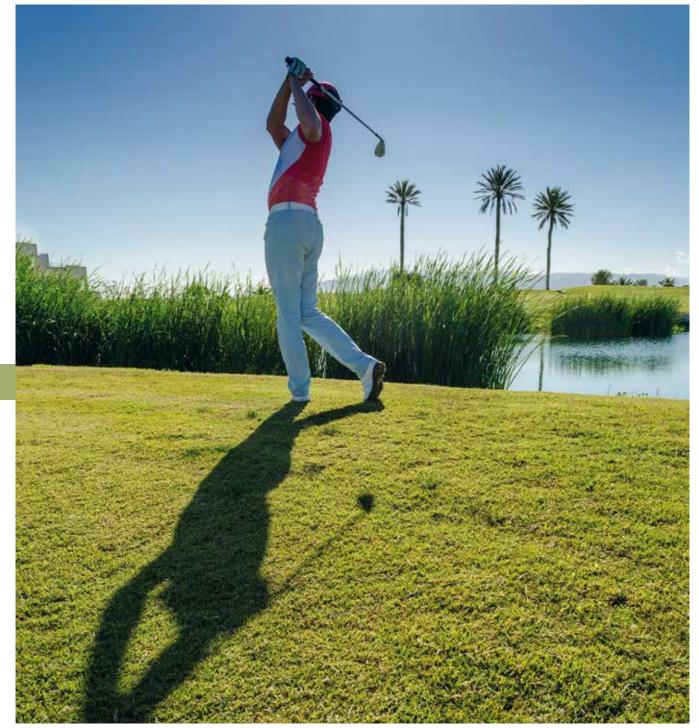


Walking on the green









Almería and its spectacular Golf Courses

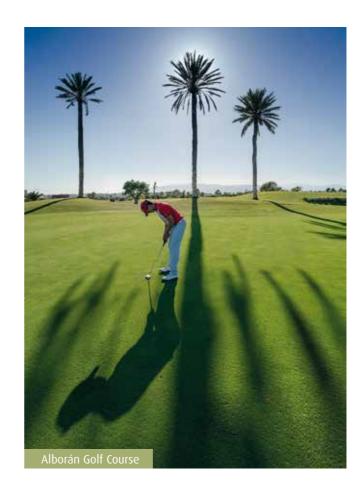






With more than 3,000 hours of sunshine a year and an average annual temperature of 18°C, Almería boasts one of the most privileged climates of the Iberian Peninsula. This, together with the great quality of its golf courses, is without doubt a driving force in promoting it as an all year round sport and golf destination.

Almería is securing itself as a well thought of golf destination, located in a privileged environment with a complementary offer of unspoilt virgin beaches, good gastronomy and an appealing hotel and tourist infrastructure. The golf courses of Almeria provide the visitor with a good service, excellent facilities and an exceptional climate; all in an unique environment. For that reason, it attracts both amateur and professional golfers at national and international level.





The Alboran Golf Course El Toyo, Retamar

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www.alborangolf.com
Opening hours: 8:00-19:00

It is situated in a unique semi-desert environment. Close to the provincial capital in the modern residential and tourist resort of El Toyo, just a few metres from the beach and next to Cabo de Gata Natural Park. Technically speaking, this is one of the most modern golf courses in Europe.



Designed by the prestigious golf architect **José Ramón Espinosa**, and built and managed by Garden & Golf **ALBORÁN GOLF**; it is an 18 hole championship golf course with a par of 72 and is 6,278 metres in length. It has a large practice area and various training zones.

The designer has achieved an important balance between the lay out of the different holes as well as the length. The orientation and situation of the various elements that make up the course (bunkers, streams, lakes, etc), enable you to enjoy golf on a challenging course that is capable of testing everybody. The 66 bunkers are strategically positioned along each and every one of the holes, keeping the player's attention focused on the course at all times.

It was the headquarters of the Almería 2005 Mediterranean Games, in which the Spanish team won many medals.





Alborán Golf Course **Description of the course**

HOLE 1

The hole which opens the course runs parallel to the driving range and has open views to the mighty Sierra Alhamilla. The two bunkers at the ball drop to the left and the out-of-bounds area, along this side, are a great incentive.

HOLE 2

The fairway of this par 3 is a good example of the singular beauty of the design of the golf course, with its gentle undulations which respect the former lie of the land. The golfers should take a lot of care with all of the left-hand side, which is an out-of-bounds area and with the two sand traps that are located to the left of the green.

HOLE 3

Facing directly to sea, this dog-leg on the left is well protected by the first ball drop and by the two bunkers to the left, and another one to the right. You are required to be precise in order to reach the fairway. If we manage this, there is still another long sand trap

to overcome before reaching a green, which has two more bunkers protecting its front. Take care not to over-shoot the green as there is a large lake behind it.

HOLE 4

After crossing the little stream on one of the most beautiful railway track bridges that are on the course, we find one of the most pliable holes of the course. The lake on the right and the out-of-bounds area on the left, provide a panoramic challenge from the tee. New sand traps to the right and left of the winding fairway complete the picture of this hole.

HOLE 5

Like the hole before, the out-of-bounds area to the left and a new lake to the right, make it necessary to hit the ball straight. The two large bunkers at the entrance to the green force you to hit a high approach shot, but with precision as there is an out-of-bounds area behind it.

HOLE 6

The length of this par 3 with the lake on its right-hand side, make this hole one of the most difficult ones on the course. The large bunker on the left will collect the balls from anyone who miscalculates in their attempt to avoid the water.

HOLE 7

The course now really puts you to the test, as it runs between the out-of-bounds area on the left and a natural river bed on the right. As well as hitting the ball straight ahead, you need to take two long shots to reach the green, which once again is well protected by sand.

HOLE 8

This hole has a long dog-leg to the left, with an outof-bounds area along the side and a river bed on the right. After a few good shots to reach the green, it is well protected by a bunker and a lake.

HOLE 9

The out-of-bounds area on the left and two large sand traps in the centre of the fairway, require us to hit a straight and high ball so that we can then try to avoid the sand around the green.

HOLE 10

Whilst standing on the tee, in the shade of a big palm tree, we can see the entire right out-of-bounds side of this hole which also has a river bed dividing the fairway into two. This wide area of local vegetation is a good example of the respect paid to the environment that has been kept in mind in the design of the golf course. Close to the green, there is another river bed to the left and two bunkers that provide an extra challenge.

HOLE 11

It is necessary to start by hitting the ball over the river bed that runs along the fairway. On the right, you need to avoid an area of agaves of important ecological value. Your reward will be entering onto the green where the sea forms an attractive backdrop.

HOLE 12

A beautiful tee-off over the course of the river bed and alongside another of the rail track bridges that are on the course. The green is well protected by sand.

HOLE 13

A slight dog-leg to the right with a bunker at the ball drop and three more, that protect a wide green with spectacular views.

HOLF 14

A slight dog-leg to the left, that has an out-of-bounds area to the right of the fairway and a natural river bed on the left side. With two bunkers in the centre of the fairway, the player is required to think carefully about his shot. The green is protected by sand traps for those who wish to avoid the river bed on the left.

HOLE 15

A straight hole in which the river bed on the left and the bunkers on either side of the ball drop make this one very difficult to play.

HOLE 16

A long, straight hole; in which the gently sloping land is another incentive for a game suited to long ball hitters, who need to stay towards the right-hand side of the out-of-bounds area.

HOLE 17

This is the shortest hole on the course, with the added challenge of the river bed on the left and the bunkers that protect the green.

HOLE 18

The hole which brings us back to the club house, has a river bed on the left and a bunker at the ball drop, as well as an out-of-bounds area on the right. You will have to take care when choosing which club to use on the second shot, as you may end up in the sand. You will also need to take care not to overshoot, as the green emerges majestically on the opposite side of the river bed, which means a high shot is needed in order to avoid the sand.





Alborán Golf Course **Golf School**

One of the main attractions of Alborán Golf is without doubt the school, which is dedicated to the training of new players.

Alborán Golf organizes beginners courses throughout the year for all age groups at reasonable prices. These consist of group lessons of an 8 hour duration with flexible times over these 8 hours.





The pupils learn how to play with a variety of clubs and to make different shots on the practice range of the course; which, with its different training zones is the best in Almería province.

In the same way improver courses have been proposed for those players who already have their

federal licence, have already started playing out on the golf course and now wish to improve their efficiency through more advanced classes.

Alborán Golf also has a Childrens Golf school that is training an average of 30 pupils per course. The classes are concentrated at the weekend, to enable youngsters aged from 6 years of age to gradually join in the sport. The children are divided into groups according to their age and ability. A specific method is used, so that learning is fun and does not become just another "subject" for them.





Other Golf Courses in Almería province

Valle del Este Resort (Vera)

In a paradise setting where you can enjoy a uniquely designed golf course, that is well maintained in a natural surrounding that will surprise you.

Urb. Valle del Este, motorway E-15, exit 529 04620 Vera

T: 950548600 / Bookings: 950398743 www.valledeleste.es

Opening hours: 8:00-18:00



Cortijo Grande Golf Resort (Turre)

The 9 holes of this golf course are set amongst the orange, almond, fig and olive groves that are watered by a subterranean volcanic lake. This is responsible for the magnificent cultivation that we can see throughout this valley.

Edf. la Almazara, Cortijo Grande 04639 Turre.

T: 950 468 176 **F:** 950 475 838 www.cortijogrande.net

Golf Playa Serena (Roquetas de Mar)

This 18 hole golf course is kept in excellent condition all year round. Its main characteristics are: wide fairways, 9 lakes and carefully designed greens with well placed bunkers.

Paseo del Golf, 8 (Urb. del Golf) 04740 Roquetas de Mar.

T: 950 333 055 **F:** 950 335 260 www.golfplayaserena.net **Opening hours:** 8:00- sunset

Club Marina Golf Mojácar (Mojácar)

The course has seen huge improvements in tree planting and landscaping until it has become a garden oasis by the sea, commanding outstanding views along the course. The driving bunker, hole 4 is both spectacular and unique.

Avda. del Mar, 4 (Urb. Marina de la Torre) 04638 Mojácar

T: 950 133 235 F: 950 133 230

www.marinagolf.com

Opening hours: 8:00-19:00 / Summer: 8:00-21:00



It is a 27 hole golf course that occupies a surface area of approx $802,000 \text{ m}^2$, laid out around lakes and palm trees that give it corners of outstanding beauty.

Avda. Julián Laguna, s/n 04711 Almerimar (El Ejido) **T:** 950 607 936 **F:** 950 497 146 www.golfalmerimar.com

Opening hours: 7:30-19:30

Desert Springs Golf Club (Cuevas de Almanzora)

Offering golf in a relaxed, friendly and fun atmosphere, to provide the experience of playing the best possible golf for all players, club members, invited guests and visitors.

Edf. Villasol, Villaricos, Cuevas de Almanzora

T: 637861592 F: 950467209

www.almanzora.com / Opening hours: 8:45-17:00







La Envía Golf (Vícar)

This 18 hole, par 70 course is constructed along a valley, amongst mountains to both the west and east, which offer protection from the wind. Palm trees, agaves and bushes of local vegetation define the uneven borders of each hole so that a special skill is required. Its image is like an oasis in a spectacular desert that is more than 5,860 metres in length.

Ctra. de Alicún, km 10.300 04738 Vícar.

T: 950 259 646 **F:** 950 603 882

www.laenviagolf.com

Opening hours: 7:30-20:00

Club de Golf Playa Macenas (Mojácar)

Combining the local vegetation with the green colour of the fairways and greens along the 18 holes, the design of the course has been conceived to test and reward players of all levels. This is a challenge to improve the game of the short play of the golfer. The course is original with natural and artificial obstacles that stimulate the game, and the spectacular sea views are an added extra.

Paraje Cortijo Blanco s/n 04638 Mojácar.

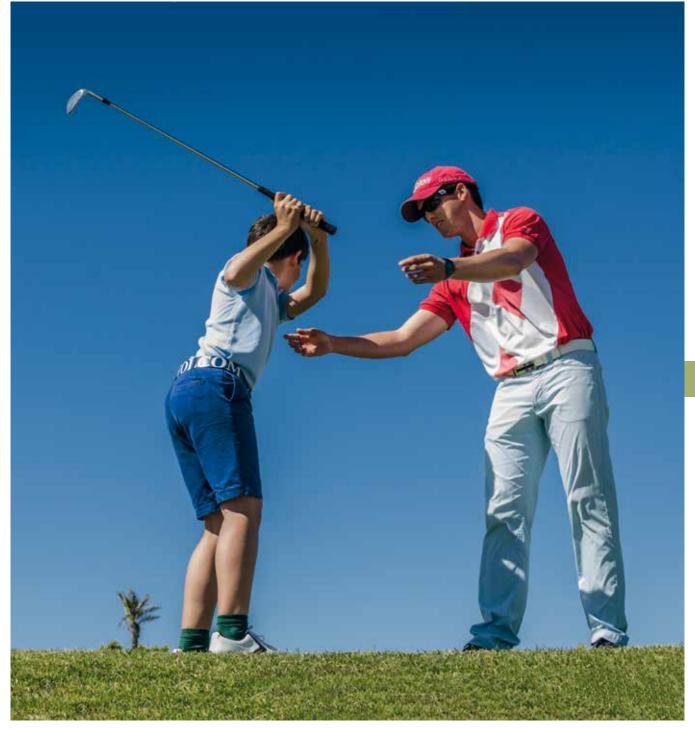
T: 950 548 240 **F:** 950 475 444 www.playamacenas.es

Aguilón Golf (Pulpí)

Situated in the north east of Almería province, Aguilón is an impressive golf course consisting of 18 holes, par 70 of an exceptional quality. It has a large number of lakes, more than 100 bunkers and strategically situated quick greens. This course, whose holes offer different levels of difficulty, is located in the foothills of the beautiful mountains of Sierra del Aguilón. It has a challenging and spectacular design created using the natural ravines of the terrain, from where you can enjoy the marvellous views of the bays of Pulpí and Águilas.

Urb. Mundo Aguilón s/n, Pilar de Jaravía 04648 Pulpí. **T:** 950 109 518 www.aguilongolf.es













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