

Oitavos Dunes – the complete resort

We turn the spotlight on one of Europe's premier high-end golf resorts



Oitavos Dunes - Natural Links Golf celebrates its 10th Anniversary this year and has accomplished much in a short history.

Having played host to four Portuguese Opens and every other professional tour in Europe, Oitavos Dunes has become a firm favourite in the professional ranks. Ireland golf star and Ryder Cup hero Paul McGinley ranks it as the best they play on the European Tour.

Oitavos Dunes' greatest achievement came in 2009 when it was ranked No.88 in the Top 100 Courses in the World by US publication GOLF Magazine. GOLF Magazine publishes the Top 100 bi-annually and its world golf course rankings list is highly valued by many in the golf industry.

Selected by a panel made up of professionals, architects, historians and connoisseurs of the game, the vote is independent. During the last voting period, 27 panel members from nine countries rated the course. Oitavos Dunes is only one of three courses in the Top 100 in Continental Europe.



Excellent views

back par-3s, 14 and 15, many purists believing them to be perhaps the best back-to-back par-3s in the world. Others remember the collection of challenging par-5s, however all agree the golf course is one that tests every level of player and is a great and memorable challenge.

The development was enhanced and

Throughout the year, hotel and golf packages are available and there is plenty to do for the non-golfer. During a three or four-day trip, visits can be made to the historic city of Lisbon less than 30 minutes away, or to the mountain town of Sintra, steeped in history. Just four miles from Oitavos is the quaint fishing village of Cascais, where local wines, fresh fish and outdoor cafes provide a relaxed atmosphere for friends and families. Guests who prefer to stay closer to the resort, horseback riding, tennis, biking and hiking are the order of the day, or some enjoy a trip to the world famous Guincho surf beach.

In truth, this is one golf resort that has everything you could want 'on site', with many more attractions on its doorstep. Little wonder it has already been described as the complete resort.

Getting to Lisbon could not be easier with daily non-stop flights from London, Luton, Manchester, Birmingham, Dublin and Edinburgh. With a flight time of two hours and a short transfer to the hotel, Oitavos makes the ideal weekend getaway and also the perfect destination for your next golf trip.

Check the website at www.oitavosdunes.com to learn more about this unique place and book your visit to a real gem on the Atlantic Coast of Europe. ■

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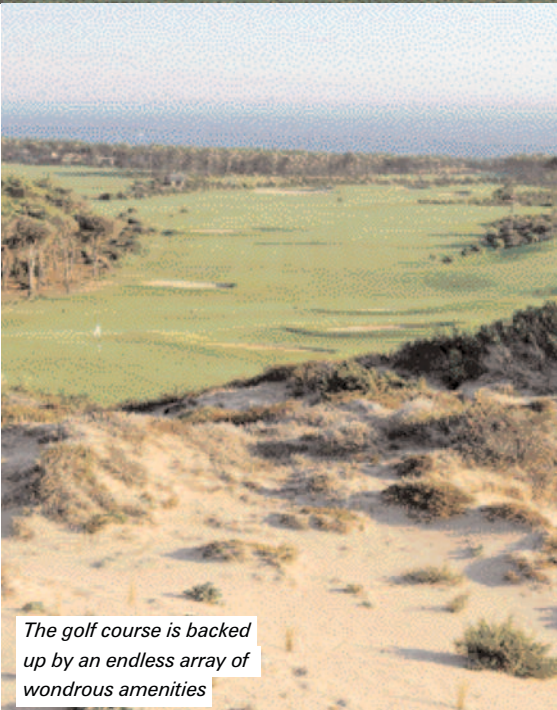
This recognition has provided the course international exposure and golfers from all parts of globe make the journey to enjoy the Natural Links Golf Experience at Oitavos Dunes.

Worldwide acclaim has not stopped owner Miguel Champalimaud from his continuous quest for perfection. In the last year he has built two new tees on holes seven and nine and constructed a variety of new sand dunes to more effectively frame holes one, four, seven, ten and 14. For golfers who have already played Oitavos Dunes, a new experience awaits. For those who have not made the journey to Lisbon, this is a must play golf course.

Players talk about their favourite holes on the course, some favour the back-to-

became complete in the fall of 2010, with the opening of a five-star hotel, The Oitavos. Inspired by the timeless beauty of the Atlantic coast, The Oitavos seeks to embrace rather than compete with nature. Its bold design, sleek lines and elegantly simple interiors focus attention outwards - on the historical and natural elements of the surrounding landscape and the drama and romance of the ocean. The blue of the sea and sky combine with the yellows and greens of the wild flowers and trees to touch your senses, while contemporary sculpture and paintings by Portuguese artists provide an extra flavour.

The Oitavos has 142 guest rooms, all of which have a private balcony with views of the ocean or golf course.



The golf course is backed up by an endless array of wondrous amenities



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10th Year Celebration Package

Get the most out of your visit to Oitavos Dunes in 2011

Celebrate Oitavos Dunes 10th year with a very special weekday offering.

Packages include:

- 1 Green Fee
- 1 Pull Trolley
- 1 Range Token
- Bottle of Oitavos Dunes red wine or Oitavos Dunes Gift Box

Package availability and cost:

- February 15, 2011 - June 30, 2011
€€115
- July 1, 2011 - August 31, 2011
€€65



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