

BIGGEST GOLF TRAVEL FAIR DUE IN ONE MONTH

Next month, the country's biggest golf travel fair will make its way to Takashimaya Square on the basement of one of Orchard Road's largest malls.

Building on the success of the inaugural event last year, the 2019 edition will offer much more within an even bigger venue, and will be extended to spread over four days instead of three, from March 21st to 24th.

There will be plenty of deals on offer with an expected 30 individual booths consisting of the finest golf clubs in the region such as Angkor Golf Resort, Bintan Lagoon Resort, The Els Club, Foison Golf Club, Horizon Hills Golf & Country Club, Kota Permai Golf & Country Club, Palm Springs Golf & Beach Resort, Patana Golf Club & Resort, Ria Bintan Golf Club, Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf & Spa Resort, Thana City Country Club and the three courses under the Laguna Golf Group in Bintan, Lang Cò and Phuket.

Hoteliers such as Renaissance Pattaya Resort & Spa, Swissotel Bangkok Ratchada, and AccorHotels' Hotel Baraquadra Pattaya MGallery by Sofitel and Mercure Pattaya Hotel will also be present at the fair.

The fair will also feature four Country Pavilions helmed by the tourism boards of Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines. Within each Country Pavilion, they will be showcasing the very best golfing destinations from their respective nations.

Further up north, Chinese golf booking app Gaotou, will also showcase their more than

100 clubs in a unique partnership with SPH Golf Card, the region's most comprehensive non-estate golf club program.

Visitors to the fair can also expect exhibitors such as Royal Brunei Airlines, China golf tour operator HaiKou Nice Golf Co, and Sakura Residence – Malaysia's first luxury prefabricated landed property that utilises Japanese technology, nestled in Sunway Iskandar, Johor.

Developments such as Leisure Farm in Malaysia and Sanctuary Cove in Australia will also be showcased at the fair.

The Takashimaya golf section, a staple of the department store's Sports Department, will boost the fair's retail offerings with two dedicated areas to showcase various golf equipment brands.

Eco-friendly golfing gear, Green Golf Fashion will also be present at the fair.

In making the SPH Golf Travel Fair a wholesome family affair, there will be a putting area for the younger ones, specially put together by the Singapore Golf Association.

— Jeremy Theseira

EVENT DETAILS

Date: March 21 to 24, 2019

Venue: Takashimaya Shopping Centre, Basement
Admission is Free

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BY BENNY TEO

NIKE VAPOR PRO

While they have stopped producing golf clubs, Nike are still very much in the game as they return to their roots – making great shoes.

Tiger Woods has been instrumental in creating a series of Free Motion shoes back in 2013 and this new pair looks like it is set to continue the ideal of comfort and performance.

With a sleek, waterproof upper and a plush Lunarlon midsole, the Nike Vapor Pro golf shoes provide lightweight comfort that helps to last an entire round without fatigue. Flywire technology provides a supportive fit that prevents foot movement during the swing.

Its synthetic leather saddle offers support and a stable feel while finer details like a lining that wraps up and over the back of heels so the foot can slip in easily, and a padded tongue that delivers a plush and premium feel when worn, makes truly a walk in a park.

Comes with a Boa closure system, it is available at all MST stores islandwide.



TAYLORMADE TP5 AND TP5X

This year, TaylorMade reintroduces the latest update of the pioneering five-piece golf ball, the TP5 and TP5x.

A new Speed Layer System has been constructed with High-Flex Material (HFM) weaved into the five layers for even faster propulsion and distance.

HFM is the fastest material TaylorMade has ever used and is essentially a tightly wound spring that when compressed, generates more rebound energy for more ball speed.

The tightly wound spring characteristic of HFM also increases the force on the driver face, further increasing the speed of the golf ball upon impact.

Also putting into perspective, the additional layer or layers, when comparing against traditional three or four-piece balls, allows TaylorMade's engineers to utilise a soft core that is wrapped by increasingly stiffer materials with each layer progressively faster than the last.

This is what they term as Speed Layer System, and that is what arguably provides for better ball control around the greens while maintaining high ball velocity off the tee.

Reportedly during a recent testing session, TaylorMade staff professional and PGA Tour player Jon Rahm, who averages 177-179 mph ball speed with the driver, was seeing numbers upward of 186 mph with an average of around 182.5 mph.



FOOTJOY FURY

Usually, golf shoes are either hardwired for performance with stability as key, or they are casual with comfort and flexibility the focus.

The FJ Fury manages to combine both in a stylish set that will weather through the rigours of a four-day tournament without cramping the feet, literally.

Fully laden with features such as TruFit System to provide stability where required and comfort at the right places, there is also a soft, stretchable, one-piece Inner Fit Sleeve lasted underneath the insole board that is completely comfortable and does not let the tongue slip.

Outside, the FlexGrid MLC cage system adds structure to the upper and locks the foot as it is being laced up, offering medial and lateral support with motion control throughout an explosive swing.

Complementing this is a new D3 Outsole that is a rigid platform for turf grabbing traction. Many more features both inside and out, such as a long life PU Foam that maintains cushioning, and an Impressions Foam that fits into any foot, creating a custom fit, completes this high performance, high tech golf shoe.



• Available now at authorised FootJoy outlets.

SCOTTY CAMERON SELECT FASTBACK 2 AND SQUAREBACK 1.5

In this new year, Scotty Cameron releases a complete range of mallets that adds an extra dimension to the game – the offset neck.

The Select Fastback 2 is mid-mallet with a plumbing neck.

The familiar, confidence-inspiring setup, which provides one shaft of offset, has been incorporated into this rounded mid-mallet.

In addition to the new neck, subtle refinements have been made to the topline for a slightly thinner look, as well as a reduction of face height.

Then comes the Select Squareback 1.5 which incorporates a new mini-slant neck that further squares off the overall shape and look at address for those seeking distinct visual cues when lining up a putt.

Additionally, the draft angle has been updated to accommodate the new neck, which also produces slightly more toe flow than its mid-bend counterpart. Similar to the Fastback 2, Scotty shaved some topline thickness for a thinner appearance from address, and reduced the overall face height.

Comes with two, customisable stainless steel heel-toe weights, stepless steel shafts and supple Black and Silver Matador mid-size grips and available at all authorised Titleist outlets.

