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REGION'S BEST DEALS UNDER ONE ROOF

olf in Southeast Asia is big business. Visitors from all over the world travel to the equatorial tropics to enjoy the sun, sand and sea and often, golf is a component that adds to that vacation experience.

With 250 courses in Thailand, 41 in Vietnam, over 200 in Malaysia, 94 in the Philippines and another 100 or so in Indonesia, there is enough variety and cultural diversity to enthrall even the most seasoned of travellers.

From this large collection, a fine sample of 35 golf clubs will grace our shores from April 6-8 at Marina Square Shopping Mall for the inaugural SPH Golf Travel Fair.

They will be accompanied by the tourism offices from Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines, who will be at hand to present their country's unique offerings.

This free-admission fair will be the largest of its ilk in Singapore and visitors can look forward to the best deals of the year from the participating exhibitors.

Apart from that, there will also be loads prizes to give away and fun games to be played as One FM91.3 deejay Andre Hoeden plays host for all three days. He will entertain the crowd as they browse their way around the region's top golf courses.

Of particular note is the SPH Golf Card's partnership with Club Wyndham Asia for an unbeatable free vacation for each sign-up, and golfing giants TaylorMade and adidas Golf showcasing their latest gear and apparel.

Come next weekend, Marina Square is bound to heat up with the excitement of golfers trawling from one "fairway" to the next, so get ready to tee-up and drive on down to the mall.

OVERVIEW: SPH GOLF TRAVEL FAIR 2018

Where: Marina Square Shopping Mall Main Atrium
When: April 6-8, 2018, daily from 11am till 9pm
Who: 35 golf clubs around the region
Admission: Free

EXHIBITORS LIST

COUNTRY PAVILION
CP1: Philippine Department of Tourism
CP2: Malaysia Tourism Board
CP3: Tourism Authority of Thailand

BOOTH
1: Keppel Land Hospitality Management Pte Ltd: Ria Bintan Golf Club and Spring City Golf & Lake Resort
2: Bintan Lagoon Resort
3: Laguna Golf Group: Laguna Phuket / Lang Co / Bintan
4: Black Mountain Golf Club
5: Siam Country Club
6: Ayala Land Inc.: Anvaya Cove
7: Alpine Golf & Sports Club
8: Pattana Golf Club Resort

9 & 10: Country Garden Pacificview Sdn Bhd: Forest City Golf Resort
11: Kota Permai Golf & Country Club / Horizon Hills Golf & Country Club
12: Els Club Malaysia
13: Swiss-Garden Beach Resort Damai Laut
14: Radisson Golf & Convention Center Batam / Padang Golf Sukajadi
15: Palm Springs Golf & Country Club Batam / Palm Springs Golf & Country Club Karawang / Palm Resort Johor Bahru
16: SPH Golf Card / Wyndham Vacation Resorts Asia Pacific

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■: Prudential Assurance Company Singapore
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Loch Palm and Red Mountain Golf Clubs
From Phuket, Loch Palm and Red Mountain Golf Clubs are beside each other which makes for an easy commute for golfers looking for convenience and two entirely different courses to play at. While Loch Palm is a relaxing walk through a mature course, Red Mountain, thus named for its red hued rocks, is an exciting layout that will test the best of golfers.

● **Promotion:** Two rounds at Red Mountain or Loch Palm or a combination of both.
 ● **Price:** \$340 and get a \$40 retail voucher at either pro-shop.

Katathong Golf Resort & Spa
Opened in Khao Lak in 2015, the 18-hole course at Katathong Golf Resort & Spa was built over a 15th century tin mine. Now, it is a golf resort with a grand Sino-Portuguese style clubhouse with a restaurant that serves up international and local cuisine.

● **Promotion:** Two-day, one-night villa stay with two rounds of golf.
 ● **Price:** \$230 (twin-share)

Muang Kaew Golf Course
Just 25 minutes from downtown Bangkok and 15 minutes from Suvarnabhumi Airport, Muang Kaew is set in a parkland environment

COUNTRY PAVILION 3 TOURISM AUTHORITY OF THAILAND

Following the country's official tourism office to the fair are various golf clubs from Chiang Mai to Pattaya, Phuket to Khao Yai and Phang Na and Bangkok, each with its own unique offering.

with lakes and klongs winding through the golf course. Lined by mature trees, it was re-designed by the Schmidt-Curley Design Company in 2003 with new green complexes and a drainage system.

● **Promotion:** \$30 green fee voucher.
 ● **Prices:** Starting from \$180 for one round and one-night stay.



Mission Hills Phuket
A Nicklaus design layout, Mission Hills Phuket is a premier golf destination in the island.

A well maintained 18-hole golf course with luxury accommodation that consists of 72 rooms, there are also three dining facilities, a pro-shop and a practice range.

Its signature fourth hole is a par 3 overlook-

ing the Andaman Sea.
 ● **Promotion:** 50 per cent off green fees.
 ● **Price:** \$94 (golf), \$126 (stay)

Gassan Legacy Golf Club
Sited just 20 minutes from Chiangmai's International Airport, the Gassan Legacy golf course is remodelled by Schmidt-Curley Design to produce a scintillating challenge.

Surrounded by lakes and mountains, the hazards come together with nature's finest for some unforgettable scenes. At the clubhouse, the "Kao Soi Kai", a northern Thai noodle dish, comes highly recommended.

● **Promotion:** Gassan Green Season Coupon Promotion 2018 "Ready to Play"
 ● **Price:** \$85

Summit Windmill Golf Club
The closest golf course to Suvarnabhumi Airport, Summit Windmill runs parallel to the runway and whets the appetites of visiting golfers waiting to land. The course consists of many man-made lakes and gardens for a visual spectacle. Comes with hotel on-site and night golf is available.

● **Promotion:** Stay and play golf package
 ● **Price:** From \$294 for one round and one-bedroom residence



**BOOTH 8
Pattana Golf Club & Resort**
An integrated resort that straddles between Bangkok and Pattaya, Pattana Golf Club & Resort has 27-holes with two par-six challenges that will make even long-hitters sweat.

Undulating fairways and fast greens complement the two long holes to toughen play, even for professionals, as evidenced during the inaugural Asian Tour International in 2008. It was also an Asian Tour Qualifying School venue, further cementing the quality and difficulty of the course.

A self-contained development with its own stadium, conference centre, heliport and accommodation options, this is a perfect base for golfers looking to discover the delights of both Bangkok and Pattaya.

● **Promotion:** There are three promotions for golf and full board stay.
 ● **Price:** Starting from \$602.

**BOOTH 5
Siam Country Club**
Home of the LPGA Thailand championship, Siam Country Club is easily the finest golf club in Pattaya. It has three outstanding tracks in the Old Course, Plantation and Waterside courses. With two 18-hole layouts and Plantation's 27 holes, there is enough golf here without even stepping out of its grounds.

● **Promotion:** Three-day, two-night stay with two rounds of golf.
 ● **Prices:** Visit booth for details.

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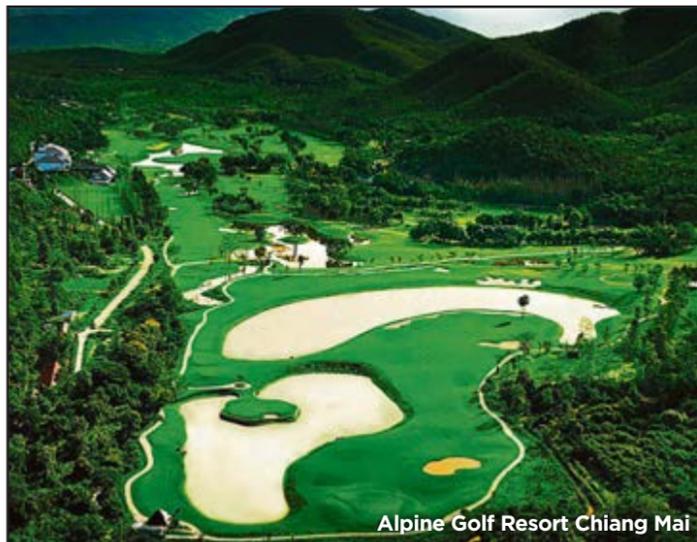
Alpine Golf Experience: Bangkok, Chiang Mai and Thames Valley in Khao Yai

Site of the Johnnie Walker Classic in 2000 and 2004, the Bangkok-based Alpine Golf Club is one of the most challenging golf courses in the city.

Up north amidst cooler climates, the Alpine Golf Resort Chiang Mai routes along valleys some 1,500 feet high with 27 holes and a further 9-hole Sanctuary course.

Then, in the national park of Khao Yai, the Thames Valley is an English-themed resort featuring various houses set in a make-believe London suburb.

Together, the Alpine golf experi-



Alpine Golf Resort Chiang Mai

ence consummates championship golf play with serene highlands living, and a unique stay in the heart of a UNESCO World Heritage site.

- Promotion: Follow Alpine on Facebook and Instagram for special green fee voucher.
- Prices: From \$145 for one-night stay with breakfast, transfers, golf and massage

BOOTH 4

Black Mountain Golf Resort

Lauded as one of the best golf courses in Thailand, the 27-hole Black Mountain was the first local course to be included in US Golf Digest's list of the "Best 100 Courses Outside the United States".

Set just 10 kilometres outside the royal city of Hua Hin, it is truly a golfing experience fit for a king.

COUNTRY PAVILION 2

TOURISM MALAYSIA

Neighbouring Malaysia throws up more than 200 golf clubs and as recently as 2014, was awarded "Best Golf Destination in Asia" by the World Golf Awards. Next week, 13 golf clubs and operators will showcase their deals at Marina Square.

BOOTH 13

Swiss-Garden Beach Resort, Damai Laut

A nature lover's delight, Damai Laut offers outdoor adventures aplenty, sea sports and a championship 18-hole golf course designed by Ronald Fream. Its signature hole 15 is a downhill sloping test that ends with views of the ocean and the Naval Base. Pangkor Island is a short boat ride away.

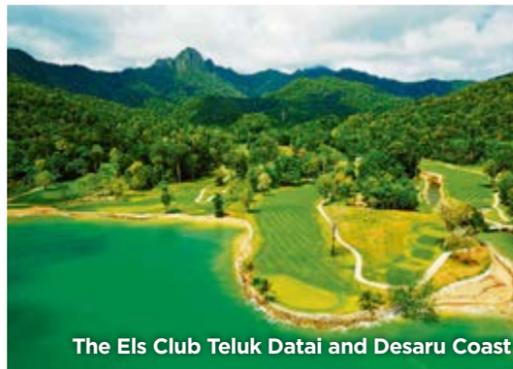
- Promotion: Three-day, two-night stay with one round of golf.
- Price: \$150

BOOTH 9 & 10

Forest City Golf Resort

A mega development by Country Garden Pacificview, Forest City will open its first of three golf courses by mid-2018. A unique co-design by the legendary Jack Nicklaus and his son, the Forest City

Golf Course will join the existing Forest City Golf Hotel and Phoenix Hotel as part of the amenities for an upscale residential, commercial and industrial city of the future.



The Els Club Teluk Datai and Desaru Coast

BOOTH 12

The Els Club Teluk Datai and Desaru Coast

Multiple Major winner Ernie Els has stamped an indelible mark in the golf scape of continental Malaysia.

His 18-hole design in Langkawi offers a unique golfing experience nestled among very old rain-forest, the Andaman Sea and the Mat Cincang Mountain range.

Going south to Johor in Desaru is a 27-hole resort course that winds across manmade 'Lakes', along a 'Coast' and through 'The Ridge', as each loop is aptly named. There is also a 9-hole "Little Easy" course and an academy with state-of-the-art practice facilities.

- Promotion: Els Club Privilege Pass annual membership.

- Price: \$5,095 for Desaru Coast and \$2,550 for Teluk Datai for one-year term memberships.

BOOTH 11

Kota Permai Golf & Country Club

Triple World Golf Awards winner in 2014, 2016 and 2017, Kota Permai is noted for having the fastest and finest greens in the country. Visitors to this Ross Watson-designed golf course always end up swooned over by the veracity of its reputation and looking forward to return for more.

- Promotion: Morning and Tournament packages
- Price: \$86

Horizon Hills Golf & Country Club

Winner at both Golf Magazine and Golf Digest's 2017 Top 10 Golf Courses in Malaysia, Horizon Hills raised the standard for golf in Johor when it first opened in 2008. A pure golf club that focuses on its US\$10 million course, each hole is unique and memorable here.

- Promotion: 20 per cent discount on all term membership purchase.
- Price: \$2,876 for individual membership and \$3,595 for family.



Horizon Hills Golf & Country Club

INDONESIA

Strongly represented by premier golf clubs in the nearby islands of Bintan and Batam, an easy weekend staycation can truly feel like a holiday away from home.

BOOTH 1

Ria Bintan Golf Club and Spring City Golf & Lake Resort

One in Indonesia and the other in China, but sibling clubs Ria Bintan and Spring City are celebrating their 20th anniversary this year.

Both are noted for their exceptional courses with Ria Bintan's Gary Player course consistently ranked at the top among others in Southeast Asia.

Kunming, where Spring City is located, offers a cool and easy climate for golfers throughout the year. The club's Jack Nicklaus Mountain course is fun and fair but the Robert Trent Jones Jnr Lake course is a championship layout worth returning to.

- Promotion: To commemorate the 20th anniversary, visitors will enjoy a 20 per cent discount for all golf and stay packages.
- Price: From \$648 for Spring City and \$89 (golf only) and \$199 (golf and stay).

BOOTH 2

Bintan Lagoon Resort

An integrated resort with everything a vacation needs and 36-holes of golf, Bintan Lagoon Resort even has its own ferry terminal to bring guests to and from Singapore.

The resort recently hosted the JGTA Bintan Junior Championship where top juniors from around Asia and the world came to take on the challenge of its Jack Nicklaus Ocean Course.

- Promotion: Room vouchers per booklet comprising 10 two-day, one-night stays with breakfast valid for one year and booklet of five golf vouchers for one-day unlimited golf.

- Price: \$1,200 for rooms and \$400 for golf.

BOOTH 3

Laguna Golf: Bintan, Phuket and Lang Co.

The Banyan Tree Group's golf brand, Laguna Golf has now three recently renovated courses in Bintan, Phuket and Lang Co in Vietnam. All three consists of a slew of accommodation options from Banyan Tree to Angsana to Cassia.

The Phuket property has a purpose-build fitness studio with certified personal trainer giving both generic and golf specific fitness sessions, while the Bintan property recently launched its Cassia apartment. Laguna Golf Lang Co recently hosted the Faldo Series Asia Grand Final.

- Promotion: Laguna Golf Bintan special annual membership.
- Price: \$510 and one-night stay voucher in Cassia Bintan.

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BOOTH 15

Palm Springs Golf & Beach Resort Batam, Palm Resort Johor and Palm Springs Karawang

A short ferry ride from Singapore, and just five minutes from Nongsa, Palm Springs Batam has three 9-hole layouts. With the beach and ocean alongside a challenging golf course, it boasts a combination of easy commute with enjoyable play.

Palm Resort in Johor is another familiar spot for Singapore golfers. Its three 18-hole courses – Cem-paka, Allamanda and Melati – offer varied playing fields from hills to lakes and expansive forestry.

Finally, Palm Springs Karawang sits between Jakarta and Bandung and within mature industrial parks. Crafted within 75 hectares of lush and undulating land, it is characterised by large bunkers and rugged topography in a parkland setup.

● **Promotion:** Sign up for one-year term membership at Palm Springs Golf & Beach Resort Batam and get \$200 F&B voucher.

● **Price:** \$1,500.

BOOTH 14

Radisson Golf & Convention Center Batam

Located in the upscale Sukajadi precinct of Batam, the relatively new Radisson Golf & Convention Center combines luxurious charm with family fun. Apart from a championship 18-hole golf course, it also boasts a Zoysia Spa and Kids' Club that offers babysitting service while the adults hang out at the nearby Kepri Shopping Mall.

Padang Golf Sukajadi

Linked to the Radisson Golf & Convention Center Batam, Padang Golf Sukajadi is an 18-hole course designed originally by the Thomson, Wolveridge and Perrett team. It has since been renovated by Jakarta-based PT. Flora Tjipta Sarana and was rated in 2014 as the No. 2 course in Batam by Golf Digest Singapore.

COUNTRY PAVILION 1

PHILIPPINE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM

There are 94 golf courses in the Philippines with about 20 concentrated around Manila, according to an R&A report in 2015. At the travel fair, they will bring their brand of easy hospitality and a putting contest to add to the merriment of the atmosphere.

Mimosa Golf Club

Built upon the ashes of the Mount Pinatubo eruption back in 1991, Mimosa Golf Club has two 18-hole courses by Nelson and Haworth. Located at the former Clark Airbase, its Acacia Lakeview course is the easier of the two with the Mountainview course set as championship standard. At the travel fair, there will be gift certificates for stay and play packages to be raffled off each day.

● **Promotion:** Three-day, two-night stay with two rounds.

● **Price:** \$328

Regent Travel

Philippine-based travel agent Regent Travel is a member of the International Association of Golf Tour Operators (IAGTO) and offers golf packages in Manila, Clark and Tagaytay, among other sightseeing trips.

And in Tagaytay, there are the Splendido Taal and Tagaytay Highlands courses.

● **Promotion:** Four-night stay with two rounds in Manila, Clark; Tagaytay

● **Prices:** \$591; \$553; \$602



Anvaya Cove

BOOTH 6

Ayala Land

With over 80 years of experience in creating master-planned estates and communities, Ayala Land has been instrumental in developing the Philippines' foremost central business districts, from Makati and Bonifacio Global City in Metro

Manila. Their market-leading luxury brand, Ayala Land Premier, delivers high-end projects such as Anvaya Cove, a luxury resort with upscale housing around the Bataan peninsula. A beach and nature club, spa, sports club and an 18-hole golf course, Anvaya Cove offers community living set amidst 470 hectares of prime land.

TaylorMade and adidas Golf

Two leading golf brands in the world of golf come together to showcase the latest in golf club technology and performance fashion. Apart from the latest TaylorMade M3 and M4 drivers with patented Twist Face technology and Tour 360 Boost shoes by adidas Golf, there will be lucky draws with attractive premiums to be won. Simply 'like' the adidas Golf Singapore Facebook page at their booth to qualify.

● **Promotion:**

- Free adidas Golf tote bag with every limited edition coloured Tour 360 Boost footwear
- Free limited edition adidas Golf drawstring bag with any purchase of two pieces of apparel



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