

WHAT YOU NEED TO NOW

► **Charges:** **Ocean course:**

Weekdays RM 503.

Weekends: RM 603.

Valley course: Weekdays: RM 653. Weekends: RM753. Includes 18 holes golf with golf cart equipped with GPS Visage, use of practice facility, personalised engraved bag tag, bottle of mineral water, tees, pitch fork, daily golf insurance and 6% GST.

► **How to get there:**

Desaru is accessible by car, approximately 90 minutes from Causeway and Second Link. Alternatively, there is a ferry service from Changi Ferry Terminal to Tanjong Belungkor, Desaru. The Els Club-Desaru Coast provides a ferry shuttle from/to Tanjong Balungkor.

► **Accommodation:** The Westin, Hard Rock Hotel. Aman Resort is under construction and due to be completed in April 2018, along with Waterpark and Riverine Retails outlet. Currently, stay-and-play packages are available with hotel partners in Desaru, namely Sand & Sandals, Lotus, Tunamaya and Amansari. Most hotels serve local and international cuisine, including Thai and Japanese.



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BY GODFREY ROBERT ELS CLUB GIVES GOLFERS A TASTY CHOICE

WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU WANT FROM THE LOVELY VALLEY AND OCEAN COURSES IN DESARU?

realistically big. And relatively

easy. With the knowledge that “Big Easy” Ernie Els himself was directly involved in the development of the Els Club, his brainchild has a combination of both those personal attributes.

And for those who want a bigger challenge, Els, the South African Major winner, gives you another choice.

For the better players, an adventure at the Vijay Singh-designed Valley course will be exciting.

But for the high handicappers – and the below average golfers who want a challenge – the Ocean course will be a better challenge.

The Els Club in Desaru is one of the main attractions on the beautiful beachfront inte-

grated destination on the west coast of Johor.

It also features an array of luxury resorts, hotels and golf residences, complemented with differentiated leisure and entertainment offerings to include retail mall and theme parks, and all these are easily accessible with just a steady, enjoyable drive from Singapore.

The Ernie Els Design golf courses represent a new benchmark of excellence and sustainable design on behalf of their client, Themed Attractions Resorts and Hotels Sdn Bhd, the investment holding company established by the Malaysian Government to develop and manage world-class premier destinations, resorts and hotels within its Leisure and Tourism portfolio.

“As a course designer, I felt so fortunate to be awarded some of the most beautiful

terrain in Asia,” said Els.

“For me, as soon as I stepped foot on the property I could immediately envisage in my mind and eye how the golf courses would sit.

“That is always a ‘tell’ for me when approaching a design project. Ideas evolve, but what never changes is the power of that initial reaction and the influence it has on the creative process,” added Els.

The Ocean Course sits adjacent to the shoreline and is made up of three distinct nine-hole loops: The Coast, The Lakes and The Ridge

It has a mix of strong bunkering and water hazards defend the course, while the greens’ complexes offer variety in terms of both aesthetics and shot selections available to golfers.

The Valley Course is three par-five-holes drive from the Ocean Course and the pair

share some truly spectacular and diverting views.

The Valley course has been open for play to paying guests since March 31, 2017. Designed by Fijian Major winner and once world No.1 Vijay, in collaboration with the Els design, it is built in the secondary forest, on new land while retaining the trees along the fairway.

The signature hole at the Valley course is hole 11, an elevated par-four playing 397 yards off the back tee. It gives you a stunning view of the South China Sea and is a good test for our tee shot as a creek along the fairway, as well as a pond and bunkers, give you a real test to reach the green.

Golfers from Singapore, Indonesia, Europe, Australia and the United States have enjoyed the courses and have given rave reviews on social media.

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