

THE VOTES
ARE IN!

TOP 125 GOLF RESORTS

TEEING UP WITH a gentle wind at your back, sinking a putt from 25 feet, collapsing into a leather chair after 18 well-played holes. That's what golfing memories are made of, and that's what you can anticipate at the top golf resorts in the United States and beyond as chosen by thousands of readers of *Condé Nast Traveler* in our **fifteenth golf poll**. Stretching from Scottsdale to St. Andrews, the properties on the following pages marry outstanding golf with fantastic lodging, dining, and service. For the avid—or casual—golfer, that's a match made in heaven ▶

**“If you wish
to hide your
character,
do not
play golf”**

—Percy Boomer,
celebrated golf teacher



WHATEVER THE WEATHER

Fall in love with a property so much that you want to go back at a different time of year to experience it in a whole new way? The following golf resorts all ranked in our annual list of North America's top ski resorts (December 2010; or go to cntraveler.com/listsolls), so you're guaranteed sensational swinging in summer and sublime schussing in winter:

- Equinox Golf Resort & Spa, Manchester, Vermont
- Fairmont Banff Springs, Alberta
- Fairmont Chateau Whistler, British Columbia
- Four Seasons Resort, Whistler, British Columbia
- Park Hyatt Beaver Creek Resort and Spa, Colorado
- Ritz-Carlton, Bachelor Gulch, Colorado
- Stowe Mountain Lodge, Vermont
- Sun Valley Lodge, Idaho
- Westin Riverfront Resort & Spa, Avon, Colorado



JOIN THE CLUB

TaylorMade's R11 customizable driver might look like something out of a William Gibson novel, but its features are firmly grounded in science, not fiction. The components—from the face angle, to the loft, to the club head's weight—can be adjusted to suit your playing style. The upside: With the turn of a wrench, you can adapt your game through 18 holes by altering the pitch, trajectory, and power produced by the club. The downside: Bad golfers can no longer blame their driver for slices and hooks (taylormadegolf.com).

Top 20 Florida Golf Resorts

A TALE OF TWO BRANDS

Ritz-Carlton and Disney claim 9 of the Top 20 Florida Golf Resorts, led by the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, in Naples, and Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa, in Lake Buena Vista.

	★	▶	✉	🔑	👤	🍴	📷	✳️	✓	\$	
1	LaPlaya Beach & Golf Resort, Naples	91.4	96.4	89.3	93.4	90.4	87.5	95.5	92.8	88.0	\$\$
2	Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples	90.8	89.2	95.6	93.5	94.2	89.7	83.3	91.5	91.3	\$
3	Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island	90.0	84.3	89.0	93.1	90.5	87.4	90.5	91.1	88.2	\$\$
4	The Breakers, Palm Beach	89.4	71.7	83.0	84.0	89.5	87.1	96.2	93.7	89.6	\$\$\$
5	Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa, Lake Buena Vista	87.4	100	94.6	84.9	85.0	79.0	94.6	90.4	89.3	\$\$\$
6	Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, Ponte Vedra Beach	87.2	81.6	84.2	88.0	89.5	86.0	90.1	86.1	85.9	\$
7	Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort, Golf Club & Spa	86.1	94.7	94.7	86.2	84.5	75.2	92.5	90.1	85.7	\$\$
8	Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota	85.7	94.1	88.2	88.5	92.3	84.4	82.4	84.0	81.7	\$
9	Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes	85.6	83.9	87.1	90.2	91.8	85.6	70.1	88.9	87.0	\$
10	Disney's Wilderness Lodge, Lake Buena Vista	84.9	100	100	80.0	84.3	74.8	89.8	90.7	88.5	\$\$
11	Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables	84.7	60.0	78.9	83.9	86.5	86.0	81.7	90.5	82.0	\$
12	Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress, Orlando	84.6	97.8	93.3	82.8	84.0	77.5	82.7	87.9	89.6	\$
13	Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa, Destin	83.9	85.0	95.0	82.4	81.2	75.0	95.3	82.4	84.5	\$
14	Disney's BoardWalk Inn, Lake Buena Vista	83.4	100	94.4	81.0	80.2	71.1	91.7	87.7	87.3	\$\$
15	Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, Destin	83.3	96.0	100	82.7	77.8	77.2	88.9	79.0	85.2	\$\$
16	JW Marriott Orlando Grande Lakes	83.2	81.1	86.5	87.6	84.8	75.9	79.2	85.6	85.6	\$
17	Disney's Polynesian Resort, Lake Buena Vista	83.1	100	92.3	77.1	83.8	72.0	93.6	84.8	86.8	\$\$
18	Disney's Beach Club Resort, Lake Buena Vista	82.9	95.2	100	80.0	82.8	69.0	88.9	86.8	88.8	\$\$\$
19	Fairmont Turnberry Isle, Aventura	82.2	88.9	88.9	88.5	82.7	79.8	74.4	82.7	81.5	\$
20	Gasparilla Inn & Club, Boca Grande	81.1	80.8	80.8	75.3	82.1	76.6	89.5	78.7	90.9	\$\$
20	Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate	81.1	94.1	94.1	90.5	89.2	73.9	60.8	83.8	82.2	\$

Top 15 Hawaii Golf Resorts

A STATE FOR ALL SEASONS

Four Seasons cleans up in the Aloha State, where its properties secure the top four Hawaiian spots, with highest honors going to the Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea.

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1	Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea	95.1	98.4	96.9	94.1	96.1	94.1	96.9	93.9	94.9	\$\$\$
2	Four Seasons Resort Hualalai, Big Island	94.2	95.3	95.3	96.2	94.0	91.7	94.9	93.4	94.3	\$\$\$
3	Four Seasons Resort Lanai at Manele Bay	93.8	95.5	100	95.2	95.2	84.9	96.0	94.4	94.4	\$\$
4	Four Seasons Resort Lanai, The Lodge at Koele	92.0	96.3	92.6	97.4	93.5	90.9	87.0	93.5	88.0	\$
5	Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort & Spa	90.8	93.7	93.7	88.4	88.7	83.6	96.4	93.5	93.4	\$\$
6	Fairmont Orchid, Big Island	89.6	96.4	96.4	85.5	88.1	88.4	93.5	90.0	89.9	\$
7	Fairmont Kea Lani, Maui	89.5	95.1	92.7	92.8	90.2	81.7	93.9	92.4	84.5	\$\$
8	Grand Wailea, Maui	89.0	93.3	80.0	90.1	84.0	80.8	95.8	90.9	92.6	\$\$
9	Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows, Big Island	88.8	98.0	90.2	87.8	88.7	82.4	94.9	88.7	87.4	\$\$
10	JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa, Oahu	88.7	85.7	85.2	91.7	88.9	83.3	85.5	94.2	89.6	\$\$
11	Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua, Maui	87.7	98.4	95.1	86.8	90.5	88.4	84.1	86.5	86.2	\$\$\$
12	Hyatt Regency Maui Resort & Spa	87.1	86.4	90.9	83.8	86.0	82.8	94.0	88.5	87.3	\$\$
13	Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel, Big Island	85.3	95.6	95.7	84.7	87.9	74.0	82.9	86.3	80.6	\$
14	Hilton Waikoloa Village, Big Island	82.9	93.2	92.2	80.9	78.3	72.8	89.0	85.2	88.4	\$
15	Kaua'i Marriott Resort	82.8	83.1	88.3	81.4	81.6	72.4	90.3	85.0	85.3	\$

Rates are for the least-expensive double during peak golf season: \$ = \$349 and under; \$\$ = \$350-\$499; \$\$\$ = \$500 or more.

- ★ Overall average
- ▶ Course Design & Access
- ✉ Golf Staff & Services
- 🔑 Rooms
- 👤 Service
- 🍴 Food/Dining
- 📷 Location
- ✳️ Overall Design
- ✓ Activities/Facilities
- \$ Double Room