

Golf in the Madeira Islands

Robert Trent Jones Sr.

Cabell B. Robinson

Severiano Ballesteros



Madeira magic ...

Prepare to be dazzled by a stunning group of islands, with a constantly warm climate, all within easy reach of most European capitals in under 3 hours.

The Madeira Islands, discovered over 500 years ago by Portuguese explorers were soon recognised as paradise on earth for their luscious vegetation, and the perfect place for stopping en-route to the new world. In the past century Madeira became synonymous with luxurious aristocratic holidays, and recently it has come to embody the ultimate carefree, **quality destination that specialises in the good things in life.**



Madeira is a precious environmental haven, with **two thirds of the island strictly preserved as natural parks and wildlife sanctuaries.** The vegetation and gardens on the island are famous for being exuberant and exotic, and the golf courses are the closest thing to botanical gardens.

Accommodation is diverse, maintaining a strong tradition in first-class services and facilities, with plenty of choice to suit all tastes. A winning combination of sun, sea, spa, nature, activity and golf makes sure there is something for every member of the family or group to look forward to.

Escape the crowds ...



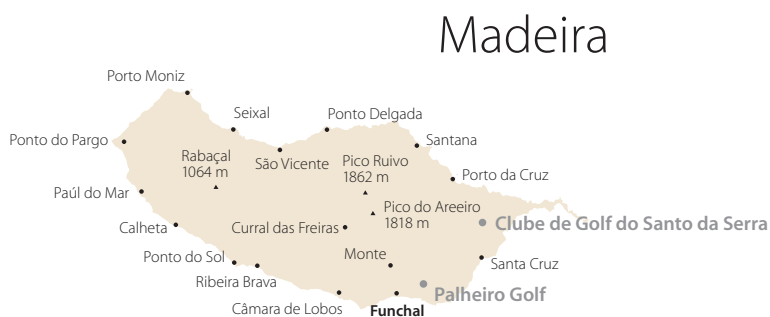
Experience golf as it should be played, within totally natural surroundings and a challenging terrain, combined with an excellent golf climate year-round provided by the Gulf Stream influence.

The three courses found on the Madeira Islands are **famous for their quality golf and dramatic locations**, always with expansive Atlantic views.

Madeira offers the perfect winter escape for any golfer, with the high season starting in October and allowing for constant play throughout winter. Conditions during the rest of the year and summer are ideal, never reaching extremely high temperatures but maintaining a temperate climate truly suited for golf.

The impeccably maintained courses and truly helpful staff are part of the reason players and their families keep coming back year after year. The **local charm and hospitality** is also apparent in the restaurants that serve an infinite variety of delicious food, and cheerful bars which provide the perfect place to relax after a round.

Golf here is very visitor friendly, and all three courses welcome players at any time of the year. Reserving tee-times is surprisingly easy, whether through the courses themselves or via the hotel or tour operator.





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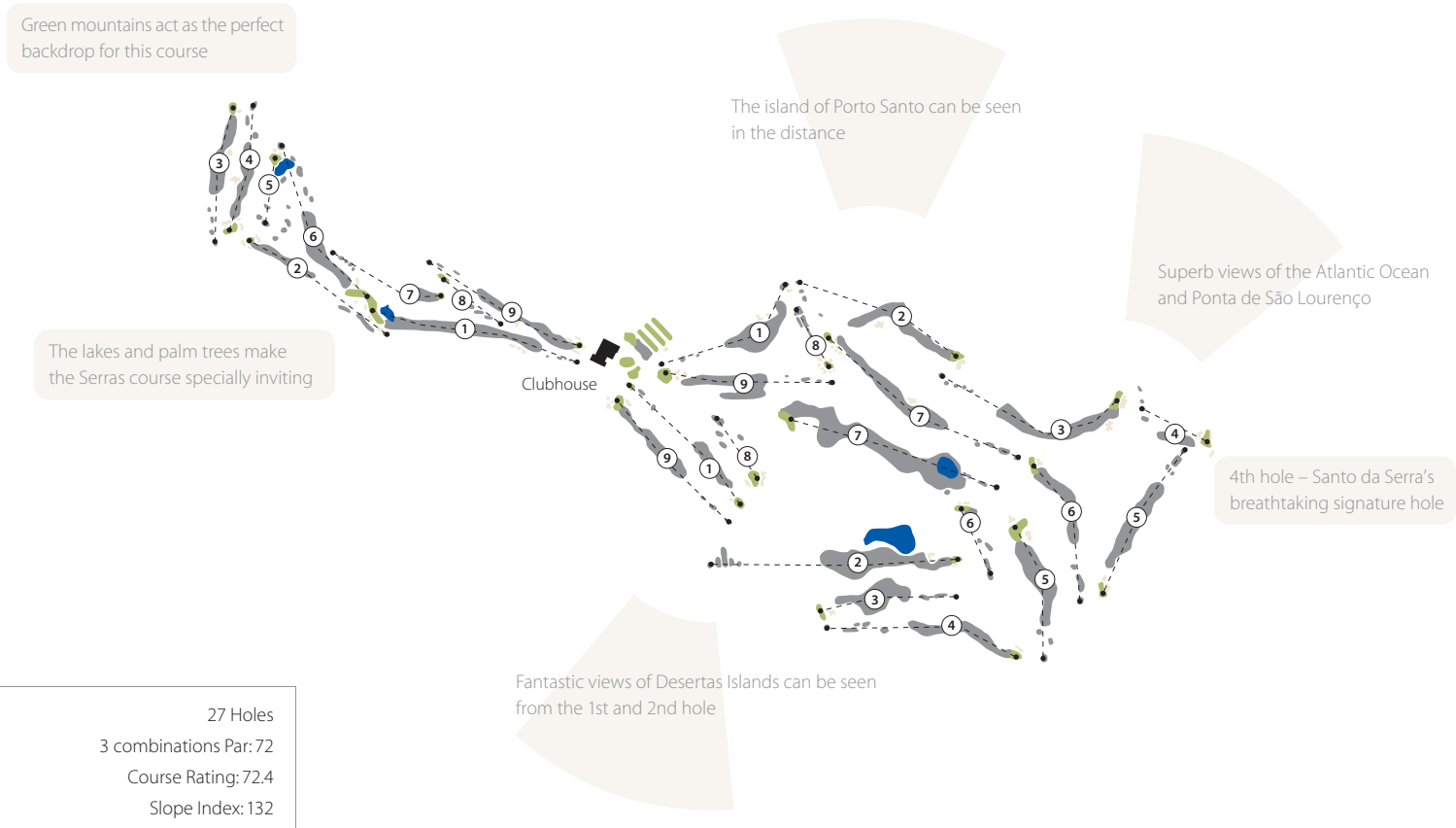
A Robert Trent Jones Sr. Course

Ranked as one of the top 100 courses in Europe, Clube de Golf do Santo da Serra is the oldest course in Madeira. The 9-hole Serras course was originally built in 1937, and re-designed in 1991 by Robert Trent Jones Sr. when he created the new 18-hole championship course, transforming Santo da Serra into a spectacular 27-hole course. **Considered the leading golf architect of his time**, Robert Trent Jones Sr. also created such masterpieces as Valderrama and Spyglass Hill of Pebble Beach.

The past years have seen consistent improvements to the course, which have been **highly praised by Ryder Cup professionals** and amateurs alike who play here every year.

The challenge of its mountainous terrain, ample fairways, beautiful lakes, strategic bunkers and four different tee positions on each hole provide a spectacular feast of golf. A serious challenge is provided for those seeking to play off the white tees, or a more casual round can also be enjoyed simply by choosing the yellow tee positions.

Clube de Golf do Santo da Serra has been the host of the islands' most prestigious tournaments, including the **Madeira Island Open** – part of the European Tour, for the past twelve years.





*“Santo da Serra is one
of the most scenic courses
on the Tour.”*

Sun Golf

Clube de Golf do Santo da Serra

Discover the course that the professionals of the PGA European Tour call home. "The Madeira Island Open has quickly established itself as one of the favourites thanks largely to the excellence of the layout." PGA European Tour

Located just five minutes from the airport and twenty minutes from the capital of Madeira – Funchal. Reaching the course by car is very simple through the main airport road (via rapida), with easy to follow signs pointing the way. Alternatively a shuttle service transports players to and from the course, which can be booked at the hotel.

Facilities

27-hole course (9003 metres)
Driving range
Putting green (2 levels)
Chipping green with bunkers
Golf Professional
Fully equipped Nevada Bob's pro-shop
Hire clubs
Electric buggies and trolleys for hire
Gym and sauna
Changing rooms
Clubhouse restaurant and function area
Buggy bar service

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"It was a great honour to play in the Madeira Island Open, the course is fantastic, the clubhouse very beautiful, the food even better and the caring phenomenal. I hope to return ..."

Severiano Ballesteros



Palheiro Golf

A Cabell B. Robinson Course

Opened in 1993, the course was designed by Cabell B. Robinson within the property of a **beautiful 200-year-old country estate** overlooking Funchal, where the natural surroundings and ocean views are truly spectacular.

Palheiro Golf renovated the course in 2003 replacing two holes and creating a 6-hole academy course in their place. The result is a **stunning 18-hole challenge**, with breathtaking elevation changes, well placed bunkers and tight fairways that reward accurate play.

The clubhouse perched 500m above sea level boasts a **panoramic terrace**, which commands unlimited views of the harbour of Funchal and the Atlantic Ocean. The stylish clubhouse is further complemented by the **superb restaurant, managed by the award winning Relais and Chateaux hotel Casa Velha**.



“One of the most beautiful places in the world in which to play golf.”

Malcom Campbell – Golf Monthly



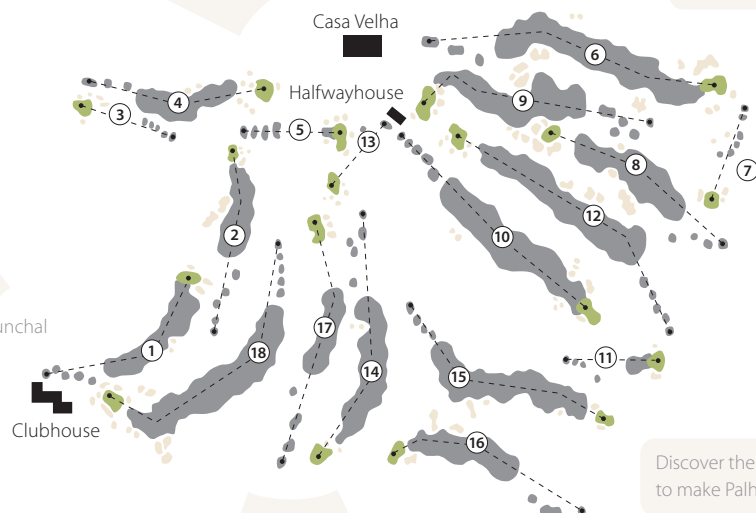


18 Holes
Par: 72
Course Rating: 71.6
Slope Index: 130

The fabulous Palheiro gardens can be seen alongside holes 4, 5 and 6 by the Casa Velha hotel

Palheiro Golf has a priceless collection of rare specimen trees from all over the world

Distraction comes easily, with the amazing views of the bay of Funchal in the distance



Discover the two new holes 15 and 16 that help to make Palheiro such a great challenge

Spectacular unlimited sea views



Located just ten minutes from Funchal, the capital of Madeira, and fifteen minutes from the international airport, reaching Palheiro Golf is very simple by car. Alternatively a shuttle service transports players to and from the course, which can be booked at the hotel.

Facilities

18-hole course (6086 metres)
 6-hole academy course
 Driving range
 Putting green
 Chipping green with bunkers
 PGA Golf Professional and team
 Fully equipped pro-shop
 Hire clubs
 Electric buggies and trolleys for hire
 Half-way house
 Changing rooms
 Relais & Chateaux restaurant and function area

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Porto Santo Golfe

A Severiano Ballesteros Course

Designed by golf legend Severiano Ballesteros, Porto Santo Golfe opened in 2004 as a result of the major investment undertaken by the Sociedade de Desenvolvimento do Porto Santo (SDPS) to make this dream of a course come true.

The golf course is becoming rapidly known for its **exquisite beauty and for the superb golfing challenge** it provides. The course hugs the dramatic coastline, with long fairways and impeccable greens.

The layout was designed to blend-in harmoniously with the local landscape, with a **careful respect for environmental preservation**. Every effort was taken to respect the existing ecosystems and to integrate the local plants and existing lakes.

The design of the course features two distinctly different playing zones.

The South course is similar to the best traditional American golf courses, with various lakes and the **beach acting as the perfect backdrop**. It requires a long and precise game, and the various lakes challenge each player to remain well concentrated.

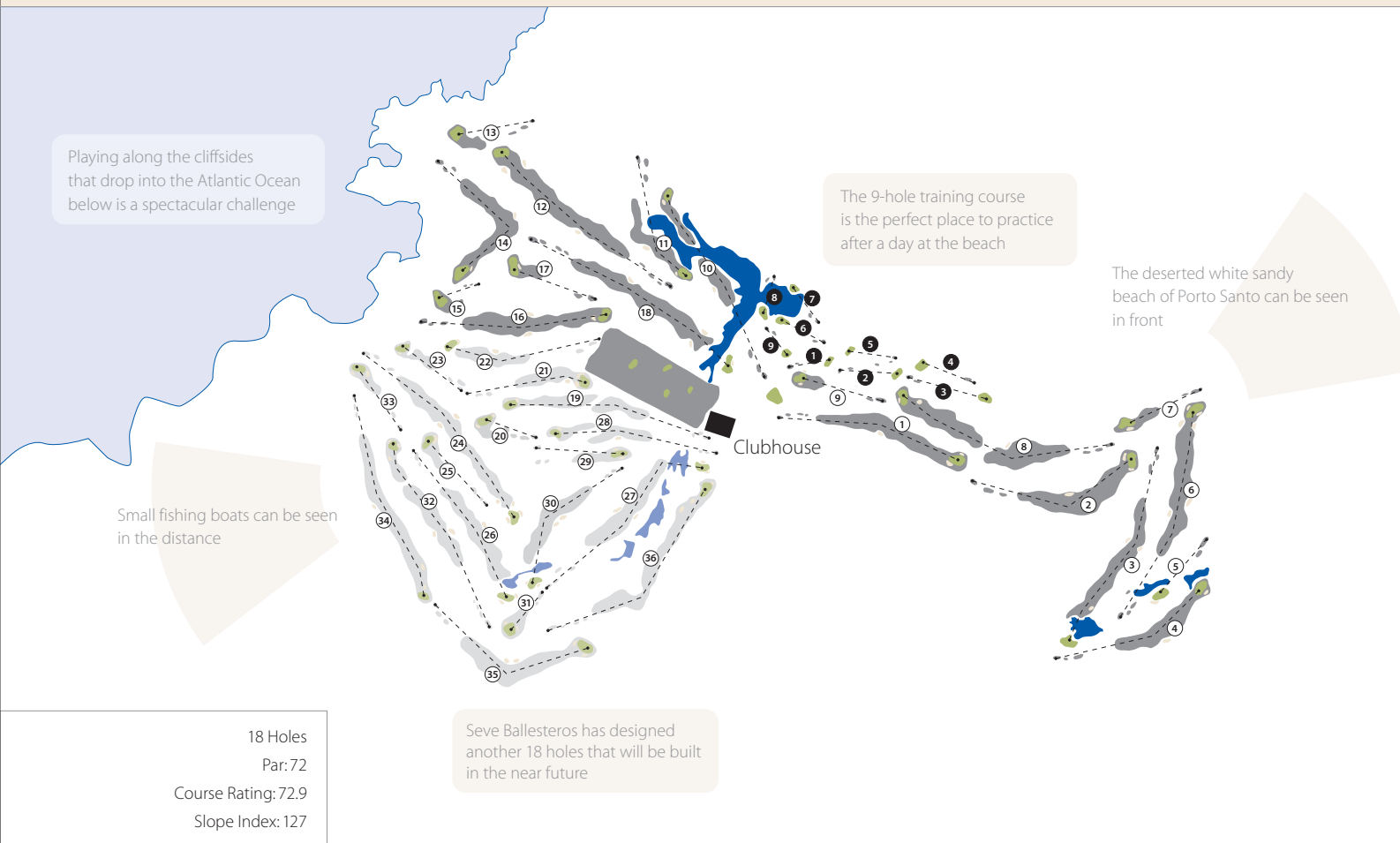
The North course is played near high sea cliffs and is **a true links course**. Among the most stunning holes are the 13, 14 and 15 set just by the cliff edge and which offer captivating sea views.



“... In Porto Santo I had the opportunity to play in one of the most fantastic courses of the moment ...”

Franz Scherrer – Golf Suisse

Porto Santo Golfe



Porto Santo Golf also has a complete 9-hole course of Par 3 holes - ideal for training precision shots.

Located on the idyllic island of Porto Santo just by the beach, the course is five minutes away from the airport and main hotels. Reaching Porto Santo from Madeira Island couldn't be easier – whether one chooses to go on the daily 2.5 hour long ferry boat crossing between the islands or on the short 15 minute plane ride.

Facilities

18-hole course (6434 metres)
9-hole par-3 course
Driving range
Putting green
Chipping green with bunkers
Golf Professional
Fully equipped pro-shop
Hire clubs
Electric buggies and trolleys for hire
Changing rooms
Sauna, jacuzzi, Turkish baths
Clubhouse restaurant and function area

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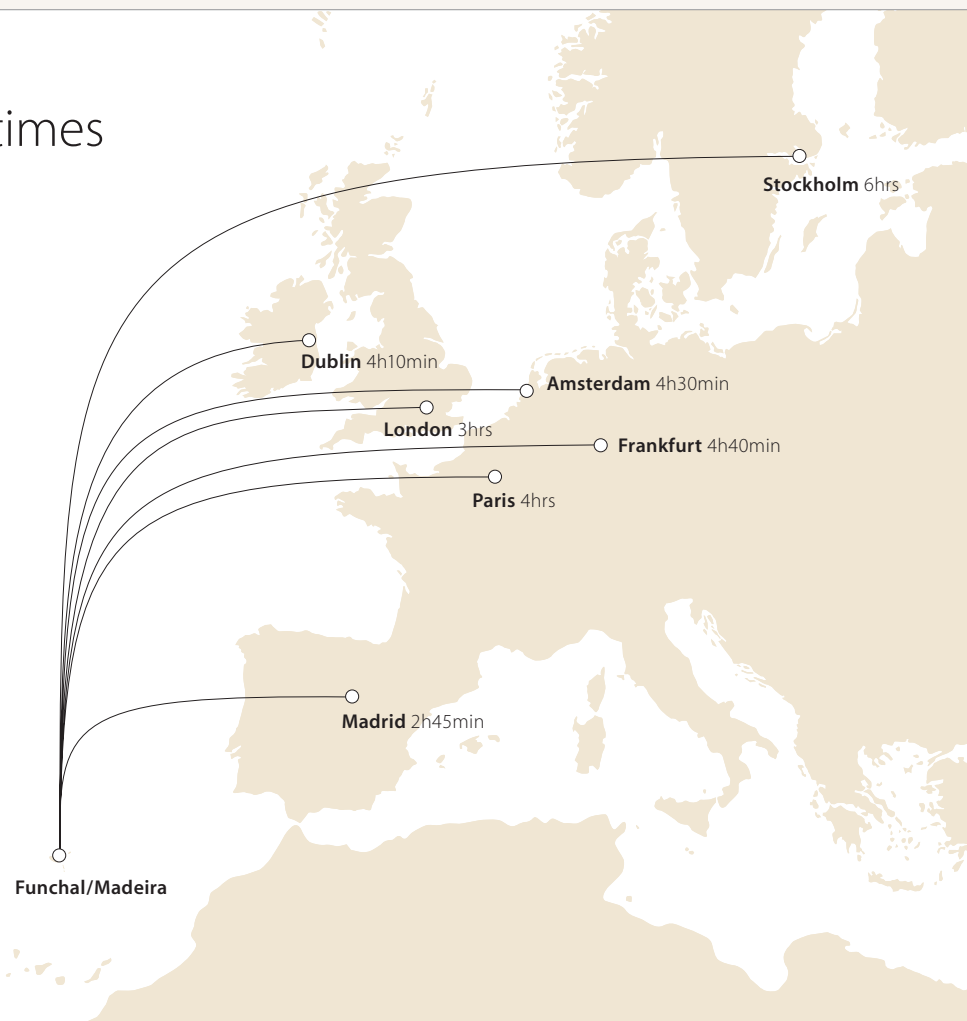


How to get to Madeira

Reaching Madeira is simple, fast and safe. It has a brand new intercontinental airport that takes over 3,5 million passengers easily. The runway was extended in September 2000 from 1800 metres to 2781 metres, allowing for safe and flowing airline traffic.

With more than a dozen international airlines visiting Madeira, the only difficulty will be choosing when to come.

Travelling times





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