

i) GOLF COURSE LAYOUT

## Hole 1 Par 4

■ 295m   ■ 281m   □ 270m   ■ 257m

The 1<sup>st</sup> hole is a short par 4 with slight dogleg to the right.

The hole will be a definite one-on proposition for long hitters, and especially if played from the forward tees.

Golfers should however be aware of a few subtleties which ensure the hole will not give up birdie or eagle easily.

4 bunkers are present on the approach to the green and the two right side bunkers will definitely need to be flirted with if one is to get the ball close to the green on the drive.

The green itself has a long narrow putting surface, angled from right to left along the line of play. A bunker set into the front left edge of the green guards the left side of the green, which slopes from left to right.

Since only the perfect tee shot will achieve one-on, most golfers are best advised to lay up on the right side of the fairway and try their luck with an accurate wedge approach shot.

## Hole 2 Par 3

■ 185m   ■ 168m   □ 136m   ■ 121m

The 2<sup>nd</sup> hole is a mid to long par 3 playing slightly downhill from the raised tees.

The green is quite long, raised and angled slightly left to right, with numerous subtle undulations along its length.

The best angle of attack is via a slightly faded ball which flies the front bunker and releases to allow the ball to run along the length of the green.

A creek runs the full length of the green from front to the back and this poses a big challenge especially the higher handicappers.

Two bunkers are set into the left side slope from which a tricky downhill recovery shot will be required.

Overall, the subtleties of the hole will provide a real challenge for all golfers.

## Hole 3 Par 4

■ 335m   ■ 325m   □ 293m   ■ 274m

The 3<sup>rd</sup> hole is a short par 4 playing along the main waterway.

The tee shot is best played with a slight draw, which will help to avoid the right side waterway and ideally, nestle as close as possible to the lone left side bunker, which effectively marks the ideal line to the green.

On such a short hole, the position of the ball on the tee shot is paramount, even though the approach is likely to be with a short iron.

Any approach shots from the right side of the fairway will need to fly over an imposing right greenside bunker, and then stop the ball quickly to avoid the water beyond.

An approach shot from the left side will avoid the greenside bunker and will be afforded the full length of the green.

The hole has a fairly simple strategy which makes the positioning of the tee shot very important.

## Hole 4 Par 4

■ 365m   ■ 355m   □ 301m   ■ 288m

The 4<sup>th</sup> hole is a mid-length dogleg right par 4 playing along a large and expensive stretch of the main waterway.

The tee shot from the black and blue tees hit over the waterway to a landing area with two bunkers on the right side and one on the left.

The two right side bunkers guard the ideal line to the green, whilst the left side bunker is out of range for most players. The ideal tee shot would be a slight fade.

The ground between the landing area and the green and on the right side of the green will be cut away, challenging golfers to fly their ball to the green or the front apron.

Those who have managed to keep their tee shots close to the right side bunkers will be able to avoid the front left greenside bunkers.

A fairly easy hole provided it is given enough forethought and respect off the tee.

## Hole 5 Par 5

■ 515m   ■ 491m   □ 467m   ■ 443m

The 5<sup>th</sup> hole is a mid-long par 5 slight dogleg hole, running slightly downhill along its length, with the water's edge green situated in the lowest part of the site.

The tee shot presents as a fairly open proposition, with a single, left side bunker signaling the tiger line, which is only applicable for the long hitters.

For most golfers, a safe shot anywhere on the fairway under 250 metres in length will avoid the waterway and will be a good play, as the more strategic challenges will commence with the 2<sup>nd</sup> shot.

Only the longest of hitters will be able to reach the green in two for most golfers, the question will be where to position their 2<sup>nd</sup> shot for the best approach to green.

A nest of bunkers situated on the right, 100 metres short of the green signals a narrowing of the fairway and dogleg to the right.

With the green angling slightly right to left along the line of play, an approach from the right side near the bunkers will be for most instances, while an approach from the left side will suffice when the pin is positioned on the front of the green.

## Hole 6 Par 4

■ 405m   ■ 382m   □ 358m   ■ 337m

Hole 6 sees the start of a challenging run of holes to end the 1<sup>st</sup> nine holes. The 6<sup>th</sup> is a long dogleg left par 4, split diagonally by a waterway which demands a strong 2<sup>nd</sup> shot over water.

The tee shot from a raised location sees the target consisting of a split level fairway with the waterway flowing down the left edge.

Of course, the temptation will be to aim well away from the water, in which case the ball will finish to the right on the top tier of the fairway. From here, the distance to the green will be further, and the right side greenside bunker will come more into play. In addition, shots missed left from this location will likely find the left greenside bunker and a tricky downhill bunker shot.

A long and accurate shot will therefore be required for such an approach angle.

Conversely, approach shots from the center-left of the fairway will see a more open target to the front of the green. That is, providing they can miss the bunker short left of the green, in which case the ball will likely get a healthy kick-on to the front of the green.

## Hole 7 Par 4

■ 390m   ■ 364m   □ 345m   ■ 308m

The 7<sup>th</sup> hole is a mid-long par 4 that doglegs slightly to the right, with water running along the entire left side. Golfers will be confronted by a forced water carry and a wide fairway beyond.

Tee shots on the right side will have their view of the green obscured by these right side fairway bunkers. Most golfers will be best advised to try to hit their tee shots up the left side, taking a risk of going in the left side bunker for short hitters, and of course, the water looms for long hitters.

The slightly raised green is nestled to the right of a picturesque cascading rocky waterfall and greenside bunker, and to the left of a series of grassy hollows.

Naturally, the grassy hollows will be preferred bail out option for higher handicappers, however, recovery from this area is fraught with danger as it will be easy to hit over the green from the rough to the pond beyond.

A very strategic hole, all golfers will feel they have a chance to do well, but will need to think carefully and execute their shots well.

## Hole 8 Par 3

■ 170m   ■ 158m   □ 136m   ■ 119m

The 8<sup>th</sup> hole is a mid-length par 3 hitting mostly over water.

The green is set protruding into the pond on its own rocky outcrop and this makes for quite a spectacular daunting test of nerve.

Playing the hole relies on accuracy and length control, with many golfers choosing to err slightly on the long-right line to ensure their ball stay dry.

Two bunkers are in play, on the right and back right of the green respectively, and despite the fact that both will require devilish downhill recovery shots, most golfers will be glad if their ball was to finish in the sand rather than in the water or further right of the green.

The green itself is receptive to either a fade or draw shot. The fade will be more adventurous shot, with the ball flying all the way over water, while the golfer waits and wonders if he has chosen the right club.

A draw will see the ball fly over slightly more land, but the ball will tend to trickle further to the left upon landing.

## Hole 9 Par 5

■ 485m   ■ 470m   □ 446m   ■ 414m

The 9<sup>th</sup> hole is a mid-length par 5 which doglegs left and plays gradually uphill along its length.

The tees are set on the pond edge behind the 8<sup>th</sup> green and from here, golfers are faced with a tee shot some 5m uphill to a landing area guarded on the left by 2 bunkers, with one on the right that effectively pinches the fairway at a location some 245 metres from the tee.

The challenge from the tee will be to position one's ball on the central level of the fairway, to obtain a clear line between the bunkers towards the 2<sup>nd</sup> landing area and the green beyond.

Shorter hitters will lay up their ball at the 2<sup>nd</sup> landing area, which will consist of a pleasantly raised and receptive plateau; and will provide for an easy short iron to the heart of the green.

Indeed, the hole will not present much danger for those who play it as a regulation 3 shot hole; however those who seek to put their ball 2-on will bring a number of potential hazards into play.