

# THE REGION WITH THE MOST GOLF COURSES IN SOUTH ITALY

Puglia is the region in south of Italy with the most Golf courses. These are the best locations we suggest to our readers.

**Acaya Golf & Country.** The technical and agronomic restructuring, together with entire remodelling, of the course at the DoubleTree by Hilton Acaya Golf Club was started in 2007 by the American firm Hurdzan-Fry. Named amongst the most prestigious in the world, Hurdzan-Fry features an environmentally friendly approach to golf. It is a simple and traditional approach, essentially functional, making the game of golf accessible to all. Above all the design is ecologically sustainable, a factor which is particularly interesting to the DoubleTree By Hilton Acaya Golf Club, situated as it is, close to a natural oasis of around 380 hectares, offering rare natural landscapes and a refuge to numerous waterfowl. In the valuable natural vegetation of the Mediterranean scrub, the Hurdzan – Fry firm has been able to elegantly redesign a splendid 18 hole Par 71 course, in harmony with the surrounding natural

resources, using a variety of terrain to make play interesting at all levels : professionals or amateurs, men, women or juniors.

**BariAlto Golf Club.** Just a few minutes from the city of Bari is the Barialto golf club. The course, created by the American architect William W. Amick and the Italian Giorgio Ferraris, winds for about 6,000 metres between palm trees and centuries old olives, and has five lakes with reeds and water lilies. It is extremely varied, requiring players to use all their irons.

The sand and water obstacles are strategically placed, but do not make it a punishing course, although courage and tenacity will have their reward! It is, therefore, a course for all levels of players: good for beginners to practice, for enthusiasts to have fun and for professionals to train. The nature of the course, together with the comfort of the Club House, next to the ninth green, the professionalism of the staff and it's position all make Barialto Golf Club a must for any golfer visiting Puglia.

**Riva dei Tessali.** Surrounded by the beautiful pine

forest, 5974 meters long, par 71, SR 133, Riva dei Tessali offers a wide variety of challenging holes and is rated by top international professionals as one of the best courses on the challenge tour.

The complex features a driving range sheltered in tall pines, a three-hole short course, two putting greens and a cozy Club House.

**San Domenico Golf.** The "San Domenico Golf" course lies near the small fisherman village of Savalletri, with its southern boundary as close to the sea as the road and rocky coastline will allow. To the north are the olive groves and agricultural fields the site was once part of. The formerly flat and featureless land is now a challenging 18 hole golf course which offers an unforgettable experience for visitors and superb view of the Adriatic Sea from every tee, green and fairway.

Designed by "European Golf Design", the course measures over 6300 meters, has a par of 72 and has been constructed to the highest standards, with greens conforming to USGA Specifications.

As it is to be expected from a golf course so close

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to the sea, wind can play a significant role in the challenge of the course. Together with strategic bunkering, definitive fairway shaping and clever green design, a thought provoking test of golf has been set.

This is complemented by incorporating local plants into the design of the course, which can be seen occupying great waste areas weaving their way in and around the golf holes. These are areas where local rock, has been left in place, having first been crushed to a granular material and re-contoured to become part of the species common to this region, thereby ensuring that the golf course retains a local identity.

#### **Torre Maizza/Coccaro Golf Club.**

Torre Maizza has its own 9 holes Golf, in an incredible setting with huge olive groves overlooking the sea with sand and pitching green, putting green and driving range. Immersed in olive trees, almonds and carobs, with many up and downs and split level greens, perfectly manicured you can see the sea from many holes. 1150 mt, par 27 course, driving range, putting green, pitching green, sand area.

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