# BERMUDA

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# **Golf Fact Sheet**

# **Snapshot**

- Six courses with five being of championship caliber
- Most courses per square mile in the world
- Year-round accessibility

# **Courses**

Bermuda's six golf courses include Belmont Hills Golf Club, Mid Ocean Club, The Turtle Hill Golf Club at The Fairmont Southampton, Port Royal Golf Course, Ocean View Golf Course and Tucker's Point Golf Club. Mid Ocean Club and Tucker's Point offer facilities for private events.

# **Belmont Hills Golf Club**, Warwick

18 Holes – 6017 Yards – Par 70



Belmont Hills, originally designed by Scotsman Emmett Devereux in 1923 and redesigned by Algie M. Pulley Jr. in 2002, includes a magnificent, contoured layout that showcases Bermuda's natural beauty. Strategically placed bunkers and narrow fairways make the course a challenge for players of all handicaps. **Signature Hole:** The par-three 17<sup>th</sup> hole, with a panoramic view of Hamilton Harbour and the Great Sound, is one of the most breathtaking holes on the island.

**19<sup>th</sup> Hole:** The main clubhouse overlooks the 9<sup>th</sup> hole, with lovely views of the Great Sound and Hamilton Harbour, plus an airy lounge, bar and pro shop.

Greens Fees: \$110 Club Rental: \$45-\$60 Public Course

**Private Course** 

### The Mid Ocean Club, Tucker's Town 18 Holes – 6548 Yards – Par 71





Designed by Charles Blair Macdonald in 1921 and reimagined by architect Robert Trent Jones in 1953, Mid Ocean Club is rated as one of the world's greatest courses. The course, which has hosted several major golf events including the 2007 and 2008 PGA Grand Slam of Golf tournaments, is private to members, although guests are welcome to play on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

**Signature Hole:** The par-four 5<sup>th</sup> hole, referred to as 'Cape Hole.' The fairway is angled slightly over a hazard (Mangrove Lake). Though the original 433 yards plays far shorter due to the drop and modern equipment, the design theory still shines. Not only is the hole visually spectacular but it is a thrilling

experience for golfers. **19<sup>th</sup> Hole:** Overlooking the 18<sup>th</sup> hole and the south shore, the Mid Ocean's pink clubhouse is classically Bermudian down to the interior cedar trim. **Greens Fees:** \$250 **Club Rental:** \$50

# The Turtle Hill Golf Club at The Fairmont Southampton, Southampton

18 Holes – 2684 Yards – Par 54



Designed by Theodore Robinson, the Fairmont Southampton Golf Course features 18 par-three holes, most with stunning views of the Atlantic Ocean. Strong coastal winds and dramatic elevation changes make this course perfect for golfers looking to take their short game to new heights.

**Signature Hole:** The signature hole is the 214-yard 14<sup>th</sup>, but the most striking is the 174-yard 16<sup>th</sup> hole, which sits in a cup ringed by pink oleander bushes. The Gibbs Hill Lighthouse, less than a mile away, is the backdrop.

**19th Hole:** If you have a yearning for steak, catch the Fairmont Southampton hotel shuttle to the bottom of the hill, where the 320-year-old Waterlot Inn

sits on the edge of the marina. It is unassuming from the outside, but inside is all elegance, romance, and comfort, with beamed ceilings and windows overlooking the water and terrific sunsets.

Greens Fees: \$89 (Twilight \$67) Club Rental: \$40 Public Course

# Port Royal Golf Course, Southampton

18 Holes – 6842 Yards – Par 71



Port Royal Golf Course, a Robert Trent Jones designed course, is the longest course on the island and regarded as one of the world's premier public golf courses. After undergoing \$14.5 million in renovations, the course served as home to the PGA Grand Slam of Golf from 2009-2014.

**Signature Hole:** The 16<sup>th</sup> hole is a 235-yard crescent-shaped beauty with nothing but the Atlantic Ocean between the tee and the pin.

The well-preserved remains of the Whale Bay Battery, a 19th-century fortification, stand next to the fairway.

**19<sup>th</sup> Hole**: The Port Royal clubhouse is open daily at 10 a.m. for lunch and dinner. Fresh Bermuda fish, burgers, peas and rice, and pasta are always on the menu. The bar has six flat-screen TVs,

usually tuned to sports events. Greens Fees: \$180 (Twilight \$110) Club Rental: \$50 Public Course

# **Ocean View Golf Course**, Devonshire

9 Holes – 2940 Yards – Par 35



Greens Fees: \$50 (18 Holes \$77) Club Rental: \$15 (18 Holes \$30) Public Course

With nine holes and 18 different tee positions, Ocean View Golf Course invites golfers to take in another round to better their front-nine performance. With meticulously manicured greens and elevated tees overlooking the ocean, this family-friendly course is perfect for golfers of all skill levels. Fun fact: this is the oldest course in Bermuda.

**Signature Hole:** Every hole is the signature hole at Ocean View Golf Course, though the first is often regarded as the most tranquil and breathtaking tee. **19<sup>th</sup> Hole:** The course's Out of Bounds restaurant serves casual Bermudian cuisine and drinks. Or, enjoy a quick post-golf stroll to the city of Hamilton to explore the plethora of dining options available.

18 Holes – 6491 Yards – Par 70



Tucker's Point Golf Club, originally designed by Charles H. Banks as the Castle Harbour course in 1932, was enhanced in 2002 by Roger Rulewich. The pristinely manicured course incorporates undulating fairways and elevated tees, and the greens feature TifEagle, a Bermuda grass hybrid known to provide a faster putting surface. The club also provides a driving range, 10,000 sq. ft. practice putting green and a short-game area.

**Signature Hole:** The signature hole is the short, drivable par-four 315-yard 17<sup>th</sup>. Fun fact: This picturesque hole, which offers sweeping views of Tucker's Town and Castle Island, was originally the first hole when the course was created.

**19<sup>th</sup> Hole:** Tucker's Bar at Rosewood Tucker's Point is open daily until midnight and offers fine spirits, Bermudian cocktails and authentic bar bites such as Fish Cake, Cassava Bites and Bermuda Fish Chowder.

Greens Fees: \$260 Club Rental: \$75 Public Course

#### **Tee Times**

The majority of Bermuda's golf courses book advance tee times through an online centralized tee time system at <u>GolfNow.com</u>, a booking platform that gives access to all courses except for the Mid Ocean Golf Course. On island golfers can schedule tee times through <u>Bermudatees.com</u>, a concierge for bespoke bookings. Hotels and guesthouses can also assist guests directly.

#### **Dress Code**

Formal golf attire is required at every course in Bermuda. Shirts must have collars and sleeves, and shorts must be at least Bermuda length (just above the knee). No jeans, gym shorts or cut-offs allowed.

#### Lessons & Gear

All courses rent ladies' and men's club sets. Balls cost around \$40-55 per dozen. Most golf courses and clubs offer lessons. The Bermuda Golf Academy & Driving Range in Southampton offers golf instruction by PGA professionals.

#### **Carts & Caddies**

Caddies are available only at Mid Ocean Club. Use of carts is mandatory at Belmont Hills Golf Club and Fairmont Southampton Golf Club. Carts are also required on weekends and public holidays at Port Royal Golf Course and Ocean View Golf Course.

#### **Tournaments**

Bermuda served as host to the PGA Grand Slam of Golf from 2007-2014. Amateur events on island include the Seniors Golf Tournament and Couples Golf Tournament, both held in February, a Ladies' Pro-Am Golf Classic held in March and the Bermuda Triangle Golf Invitational in September. For specific schedules, contact the Bermuda Golf Association at (441) 238-1367, or the Bermuda Tourism Authority.

#### Groups

For a minimum of 20 players, most courses on the island will accommodate groups in advance. Special group rates are typically not offered.