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The Golf Tournaments that Rock the Southeast



The Arnold Palmer Invitational in Orlando, FL March 25 to the 28 at the Bay Hill Club and Lodge. The purse is \$6,000,000. Won last year by Tiger Woods. The Arnold Palmer Invitational is a PGA Tour golf tournament. It is played each March at the Bay Hill Club and Lodge, a private golf resort in Orlando, Florida which has been owned by Arnold Palmer since 1976 and where he has his winter home.

The event was founded in 1979 as a successor to the Florida Citrus Open Invitational, which was played at Rio Pinar Golf Club on the East side of Orlando. It has had a number of different names since then, most of them including "Bay Hill." The tournament was played for the first time under the Palmer name in 2007.

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The Masters in [Augusta, GA](#) April 8 to the 11 at Augusta National Golf Course. The purse is \$7,000,000. Won last year by Angel Cabrera. The Masters Tournament, also known as The Masters, or The U.S. Masters outside of the United States, is one of the four major championships in professional golf. Scheduled for the first full week of April, it is the first of the majors to be played each year.

Unlike the other major championships, the Masters is held each year at the same location, Augusta National Golf Club, a private golf club in the city of Augusta, Georgia, USA. The Masters was started by Clifford Roberts and Bobby Jones, who designed Augusta National with course architect Alister MacKenzie. The tournament is an official money event on the PGA Tour, the PGA European Tour, and the Japan Golf Tour. The field of players is smaller than those of the other major championships because it is an invitational event, entry being controlled by the Augusta National Golf Club.

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Verizon Heritage Golf Tournament at Harbour Town Golf Links on Hilton Head Island, SC on April 15 to the 18 with the purse of \$5,700,000, Won last year by Brian Gay. The Verizon Heritage is a PGA Tour FedEx Cup event, first played in 1969. The venue has been the Harbour Town Golf Links at the Sea Pines Resort on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

The Harbour Town course, which frequently appears on several "Best Courses" lists, was designed by famed golf course architect Pete Dye, with an assist from Jack Nicklaus. In 1972, the first two rounds were played on both the Harbour Town Golf Links and the Ocean course at Sea Pines, with the final two rounds at Harbour Town.

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The Players Championship TPC Sawgrass, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL May 6 to the 9. The purse is 9,500,000 won last year by Henrik Stenson. The Players Championship is best known for what may be the single most recognizable par 3 in professional golf, the Stadium course's 17th hole, known to golf fans worldwide as "the Island Green" and what has become TPC Sawgrass' signature hole. The final three holes are considered one of the toughest finishes in golf. They are also sometimes referred to as 'running the gauntlet'.

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Dear Harry,

Spring has sprung in the south. We begin spring with festivals, of course. The wine and food festival, the crab festival, film festivals (with Beaufort getting a special visit from Blythe Danner), jazz festivals, homes and gardens, art and rattlesnakes. Oh yes, rattlesnakes. But the most important springtime event is professional golf. We have the information so you can visit for one or more of these prestigious events.

• [Golf Courses for Your Family or group on Kiawah or Seabrook Islands, SC](#)



"**All eighteen holes offer spectacular views of the Atlantic Ocean.**" This spectacular course, designed by renowned architect Pete Dye, has received world-wide attention as host of the 1991 Ryder Cup Matches and was named "America's Toughest Resort Course" by GOLF DIGEST. Located at the eastern end of Kiawah Island, the **Ocean Course** negotiates along 2 3/4 miles of pristine oceanfront property. According to Pete Dye, "there's no other golf course in the Northern Hemisphere that has as many seaside holes."

"**Oak Point** offers both wide windswept open spaces that stretch along salt marshlands and dense spaces of live oaks, magnolias, pines and palmetto palms." This beautiful course is frequently described as a Scottish-American style course. It has the best of both golfing experiences. Also indicative of the low Country is Oak Point's fresh water wetlands (alligators included) and winding creeks. Oak Point borders on Haulover Creek and was built on the rounds of an old indigo and cotton plantation. Its play is challenging to both the novice or the experienced professional. Group rates, family discounts and season passes are available as well as 2, 3, and 5 day series discounts. Come experience Low Country golf. The Scottish way at **Oak Point Golf Course**.

"Water Hazards and moguls around the greens make this a challenging course each and every time." Designed by Tom Fazio, **Osprey Point** opened in 1988 and quickly earned its place as one of "America's Top 75 Resort Courses." Situated amidst lagoons, marshes, palmettos, oaks and magnolias, this course features special emphasis on moguls, which makes for challenging play. In addition, there are four natural lakes and water features on 15 different holes

"Lush fairways thread through timeless oak, magnolia and loblolly pine forests, complimented by glistening sea marsh, tidal creeks, and sun drenched Carolina Dunes." **Seabrook Island** is truly a golfer's paradise where you can enjoy thirty-six holes of championship golf. The best golf in the famed Lowcountry is yours with Robert Trent Jones, Sr.'s 6,832 yard, par 72, **Crooked Oaks course**. This is a classic links design with signature rolling fairways and large, undulating greens. Mr. Jones describe Crooked Oaks as "hard par-easy bogey" and called it "one of my best."

"**The Ocean Winds** takes you to the Atlantic Ocean and provides an ever-changing test of golf. The fifth hole, 197 yard, par 3, demands a right to left shot and presents a large watery grave." **The Ocean Winds course**, designed by Willard Byrd, has a devilish seaside layout. The tricky ocean breezes and narrow fairways will challenge your shot making ability. This par 72, 6805 yards course winds you through spectacular views of this 2,200 acre barrier island. The natural beauty of **Ocean Winds** will bring you back time and time again.

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Surrounded by sparkling blue waters and nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the spectacular **Renaissance resort** is a relaxing, lakefront paradise just 45 minutes from downtown Atlanta. The award-winning resort is situated on beautiful Lake Lanier Islands, which includes an 18- hole championship golf course, spa services and 7 tennis courts. The 254 room resort is the perfect vacation getaway, with its full complement of exciting recreational activities, and uncompromising personal service. For conferences and business meetings, the resort offers over 35,000 square feet of flexible meeting/event space that have been recognized by Corporate and Incentive Travel Magazine's Award of Excellence and Meetings and Conventions Magazine's Gold Key Award and Greens of Distinction Award from Corporate & Incentive Magazine. Located along Lake Lanier, one of the area's most picturesque layouts. Several of the lakeside holes are simply gorgeous, and include an over-water par 3 completely exposed to the elements; a terrific but treacherous par-4 finishing hole; and a wonderful risk/reward par 5 with a tee shot that must carry the lake.

Not especially long or difficult, provided you keep the ball in play. Quite hilly for a lakeside layout, and among the area's tighter driving courses. Well- protected, mounded greens put a premium on precise approach shots, with recent restoration of putting surfaces returning lost slope and speed. Former site of the LPGA World Championship.

Long a favorite in the Atlanta area because of its gorgeous setting along side Lake Lanier and its distinctive layout, which includes some terrific holes along the lake and some surprising elevation changes along the way. Eight of the holes play along the lake, with the nearby Blue Ridge Mountains also providing some picturesque views

Stone Mountain Golf :Lakemont, designed by John LaFoy, is a perfect complement. This course offers a little less demanding layout, breathtaking views of Stone Mountain and its historic carving, and a front nine that plays alongside Stone Mountain Lake. estled at the foot of Stone Mountain and just minutes from downtown Atlanta, **Stone Mountain Golf Club** offers two championship courses that provide the perfect challenge for any skill level. These two courses - **Stonemont and Lakemont** - serpentine through a forest of Georgia pines and around Stone Mountain Lake. They offer breathtaking views and wonderful, natural rock formations that will make your round of golf truly a memorable one.

Surrounded by 3,200 acres of natural wooded beauty in Stone Mountain Park, the Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort provides an unparalleled location, plus state-of-the-art conference facilities, to accommodate your corporate meeting or leisure golf needs.

Stonemont , designed in 1969 by Robert Trent Jones, Sr., is a classic, traditional shot-maker's course that place an emphasis on distance, accuracy and strategic course management. Rated as one of the top 75 best public courses in America by Golf Digest during the 1970's and 80's, **Stonemont** celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2000, when it was restored to its original layout. Nestled at the foot of Stone Mountain and just minutes from downtown Atlanta, Stone Mountain Golf Club offers two championship courses that provide the perfect challenge for any skill level. These two courses - Stonemont and Lakemont - serpentine through a forest of Georgia pines and around Stone Mountain Lake. They offer breathtaking views and wonderful, natural rock formations that will make your round of golf truly a memorable one. Surrounded by 3,200 acres of natural wooded beauty in Stone Mountain Park, the Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort provides an unparalleled location, plus state-of-the-art conference facilities, to accommodate your corporate meeting or leisure golf needs.

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