

## QUINTA DO LAGO

Each course is an experience of Augusta type fare and generous, lush fairways are intermittently decorated with clusters of pine, heather, broom and wild flowers and the carefully tended greens, considered among the best in Portugal are fast, true and sometimes humbling.

Natural water features are sprinkled throughout and bunkers break the landscape almost as a constant reminder, to golfers of all experience and ability, of the great challenge that lies ahead. All courses enjoy first class driving ranges, a golf academy, putting greens, pro-shops and clubhouses with large and informal terraces – the perfect setting to relax with friends and family, to toast the victor or, console the vanquished.

The three courses at Quinta do Lago offer different challenges. The terrain of the **South** and **North** course is comprised of firm, sandy Algarve soil, that gives a helpful impetus off the tee. An array of features, including water, bunker and an undulating landscape makes the approach to each green memorable - rewarding the deft touch or the sleight of hand.

The ample greens are of Creeping Bent grass, the fairways Bermuda and the ever changing landscape and layout means no two shots are the same while the next hole is as individual, as the previous. Complimenting Quinta do Lago's existing resources and completing its offering is **Laranjal**.

Originally an orange grove, Laranjal has been nurtured by time, sculpted by nature and expertly designed to provide a world class golfing experience. With 6,500 metres of manicured terrain, it is a par 72, comprising five par 5s, eight par 4s and five par 3s



### The South Course

Designed by WILLIAM MITCHELL from the USA and opened in 1974, Quinta do Lago South Course hosted the "Portuguese Open Championship" eight times; 1976, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1990 and 2001, and many other important professional and amateur championships. The favorite of many tour players, Quinta South is a par 72 with 6,500 metres set in a natural setting surrounded by umbrella pines, lakes, wild vegetation and with the stunning Ria Formosa in the backdrop...

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Each hole has generous landing areas off the tees and well-defined routing amongst the woodland pines' setting. This layout encourages the average player to hit their drivers, but calls for accurate driving and fairway shot precision to reach the greens in regulation. The players will discover a good variety of doglegs and strategically well located hazards obstructing the line of play for anyone who strays far from the optimum line. The front nine favour a draw, whilst the back nine a fade from the tee. Holes 8, 15 and 18 are the most testing for the scratch player whilst holes 3, 12 and 17 offer the best possibilities to see more birdies putts



### **The North Course**

Quinta do Lago North course has two architects. William Mitchell designed holes 1 to 5 and 15 to 18 in 1974. These holes (as with the other course) share a unique character. The terrain is typical of the area: sandy and strewn with pine trees, heather, gorse and wild flowers. Holes 6 to 14 were designed by Joseph Lee with the collaboration of Rocky Roquerome, both from the USA, and opened in 1989. The terrain is superb, sandy and littered with umbrella pines. In the spring, the rough is covered with a blanket of wild flowers. The greens are sown with Penn Bent Grass guaranteeing high quality putting surfaces all year round. Fairways and tees are covered with Bermuda 419 hybrid, which provides year-round, top quality swards.

Quinta North is an enjoyable challenge to golfers of all standards, the natural woodland, pine setting, the combination of undulating greens, well positioned bunkers and water hazards ensure a unique golf experience.

### **Laranjal**

Laranjal, originally an orange grove, is today a beautiful and totally different golf experience. It is a sanctuary for those seeking the finest in golf and personalized service. Its narrow fairways and well defined greens require concentration and accuracy to navigate this testing route laid out on a rolling and distinctive terrain.

It is a par 72, 6,480 meters, with five par 5s, eight par 4s, five par 3s set amongst umbrella pines, cork-oaks and orange trees with a natural water course and 5 beautiful lakes.

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Penn A4 was selected for the greens to help guarantee good putting surfaces all year round and the Fairways are sown with Bermuda.



### Laranjal the Course

The Laranjal Golf Course is the third golf course of Quinta do Lago, Algarve. Set amidst an Orangery, the new Laranjal golf course opened in February 2009. This well defined course boasts the same high standards set by Quinta do Lago North and South.

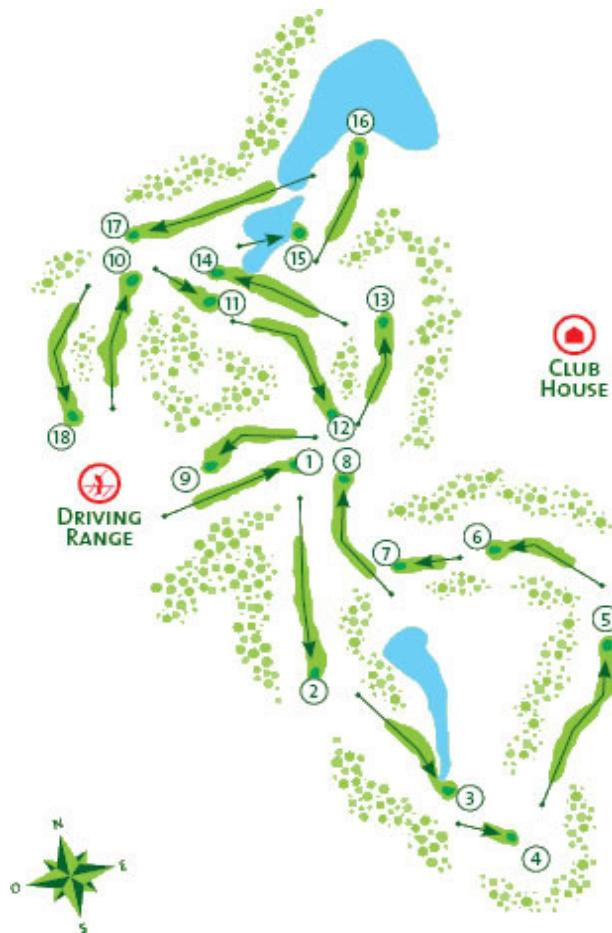
### Many lakes and obstacles

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### The most impressive holes

The front nine holes of Laranjal cover 3285 meters and represent a fine introduction to what awaits in the back nine, dotted with lakes and other interesting obstacles, including the so-called "spectator's mount" between the 8th and the 9th hole. The par-3 11th is something special: how many players will try out the "beach bunker"? Tee shots off the 12th, 13th and 14th also require great accuracy.

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## South the Course

Quinta do Lago South Golf Course, favourite of many tour players, offers the possibility to hit the greens in regulation in several ways. However, each hole has one easy route and the player who sees this, and has the skill to follow the designer's intention, and produce sub-par figures. An anti-clockwise loop, it favours the draw shot.

This course favours the long hitter, but requires the player to pick a particular route to score well. Although both anti-clockwise loops, the first nine favours a draw, while the second favours a fade from the tee. It is an enjoyable experience for players of all standards. This course favours the long hitter, but requires the skill to score well. Although the front and back nines are both anti-clockwise loops, the first nine favours a draw, while the second favours a fade from the tee. An enjoyable experience for players of all standards.

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## North the Course



Quinta do Lago North Golf Course - The terrain is superb and typical of the area, sandy and littered with umbrella pines trees. In the spring, the rough is covered with a blanket of wild flowers, heather and gorse. The bunkering is incomparable, both on the fairways and surrounding the greens and gives the course an advantage over many of similar quality and design. The course is an anti-clockwise loop and favours that can draw the ball. It favours the players who can draw the ball.

All the famous male and female players who have experienced this course, including 'Ryder Cup' and 'Curtis Cup' team members, have been euphoric in their praise for this course, which will soon take its place among the great European layouts.