



DAVID SHORT GOLF PRESENTS

# THAILAND GOLF TOUR

~ PHUKET & BANGKOK TOUR ~  
~ HUA HIN GOLF WEEK ~

February 17th - March 10th 2018



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**South-East Asia: culturally supreme, the warmth of the people unrivalled, the food exquisite, the weather a dream and some quite marvellous golf courses to play too. The first leg of the tour is in Phuket. With cloudless blue skies, the glistening Andaman Sea, temperatures in the mid-80s, some quite wonderful golf courses and a super ocean side hotel: Phuket is a good alternative to spending the winter at home. We then head for a couple of days to one of the most invigorating cities in the world, Bangkok, with the option of extending by a further week in Hua Hin, another super coastal town, with a plethora of wonderful golf courses in its midst. This is what is on offer for February and March 2018!**

The weather is at its best in Phuket between January and March, with sunshine each day, virtually no rain and the humidity is at its lowest point of the year. The golf courses on the island are some of the best in Thailand, with the top five to be played and three of them twice, such are their quality. Laguna Golf Phuket, Blue Canyon and Red Mountain in particular are quite something. The hotel for the stay in Phuket is the Amari Phuket, a super hotel, with a wonderful setting by the ocean. Patong town is a short taxi or tuk-tuk journey away, as are some of the other amazing Phuket beaches, many of which have idyllic and high class restaurants on them, which we will visit in the evenings. From Phuket, the tour heads to Asia's shopping and cultural heartland of Bangkok. There is no golf on this leg of the tour, but the opportunity for us to experience the oasis of Asian glitz and glamour on the one hand, and divine street food and bustling local markets on the other. Bangkok is an endlessly fascinating fusion of culture, fashion and cuisine. For those clients wishing to extend for a further week, we move on to Hua Hin. Hua Hin has become a real favourite with golfers visiting Thailand, as the quality of the courses in and around the town are quite something. Five rounds will be played, with Banyan Golf Club and Black Mountain Golf Club two that will remain long in the memory.

The tour provides a long-haul alternative to the traditional South Africa tour, which David is hosting. You therefore have the choice of Thailand with myself or South Africa with David, to escape from the winter blues at home.

**If you wish to book a place on the Thailand Golf Tour, please let us know and we will send you the confirmation details accordingly.**

*Barney Puttick*

# PHUKET & BANGKOK

## SATURDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

### Welcome to Phuket

- Arrive at Phuket International Airport
- Meet & Greet
- Transfer to the Amari Phuket Hotel, Phuket
- Meet Barney for an introduction to the tour

Located just a one minute walk from the beach, the luxurious Amari Phuket Hotel features spectacular views of the Andaman Sea from its private beach. The hotel has two outdoor pools, a first-class spa and two restaurants. The bright and airy rooms come with private balconies and beautiful sea views. Amenities include satellite TV, a DVD player and tea and coffee-making facilities. The Breeze Spa features a wide range of beauty treatments, with relaxing massages and therapies to be enjoyed from sea-view pavilions. The hotel also provides an outdoor hot tub and a fitness centre. The La Gritta Restaurant serves Italian dishes, and the Voyager Lounge serves Thai cuisine. Seaside international dining is also available at Rim Talay and the spectacular Jetty Restaurant. The hotel provides a luxurious and tranquil setting for the 12 nights of the tour that are in Phuket.

**Overnight – The Amari Phuket (4.5 Star)**

## SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

### Loch Palm Golf Club

- Breakfast
- 18 holes Loch Palm Golf Club

Whilst Loch Palm Golf Club is not the longest Phuket golf course, it is one of the most enjoyable and consistent. Nestling beneath a panoramic range of jungle-clad hills, Loch Palm is easy going although still capable of throwing down many challenges and giving players plenty of strategic thought. As the Club's name suggests, palm trees are liberally dotted around this parkland layout, although never too densely.

**Overnight – The Amari Phuket (4.5 Star)**

## MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

### Laguna Golf Phuket

- Breakfast
- 18 holes Laguna Golf Phuket

Laguna Golf Phuket features a resort golf course with pleasant breezes from the Andaman Sea. The course is not over demanding and reflects the natural beauty and tropical surroundings of Bang Tao Bay. Phuket Golf Laguna is set on a valley floor overlooked by low wooded hills and marsh lands. Many holes on the front nine are defined by the existing water bodies which have been naturally landscaped. The back nine meanders through mature stands of trees. Both nines take advantage of large overhanging trees which influence play and frame most of the holes. The rough areas are a mix of wood chip and native grasses. While there is infrequent use of bunkers, they are strategically positioned to appear prominent and come into play where necessary.

**Overnight – The Amari Phuket (4.5 Star)**



## TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

### Phi Phi Island Tour

- Breakfast
- Full Day Phi Phi Island Tour by Speedboat (lunch included)

An idyllic way to spend a day, I assure you! Today we will explore the beautiful Phi Phi Islands and beat the crowds there by travelling by speedboat on this tour. Our experienced professional guide will see that our enjoyment of such fantastic sites as Maya Bay, Viking Cave and Monkey Beach is not spoiled by hundreds of other tourists attempting to enjoy the view. The Phi Phi Islands are widely regarded as a must-see while staying in Phuket. They feature striking limestone cliffs surrounded by white-sand beaches and crystal-clear tropical seas full of vibrant corals and friendly fish. Maya Bay is the most famous of the sites to see, it being the setting for the Leonardo DiCaprio movie The Beach. Viking Cave is also a very interesting spot, where ancient paintings appear to depict Viking long-ships. Lunch will be taken on Phi Phi Island, with the opportunity for some shopping and sightseeing before the journey back to Phuket.

**Overnight – The Amari Phuket (4.5 Star)**

## WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

### Blue Canyon Country Club – Lakes Course

- Breakfast
- 18 holes Blue Canyon Country Club – Lakes Course

The Blue Canyon Lakes Course is the second of the two courses at the Blue Canyon Country Club. Located close to the airport on the northern end of Phuket Island, the course has a quite spectacular setting. Five sets of tees make this Phuket golf course suitable to a wide range of golfers from professionals to amateurs alike. The 18th hole is widely considered one of Thailand's best finishing golf holes. The long par-4 is only reachable in two by long hitters. Most players are better advised to play their second shots well short of the green and away from the jungle growing out of the open canyon fronting the green.

**Overnight – The Amari Phuket (4.5 Star)**

## THURSDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

### Non-Golfing Day

- Breakfast
- Non-Golfing Day

A day for us to simply soak up the sun by the ocean, or perhaps to visit Patong Town for a foot, head and shoulders massage (highly recommended), as well as some shopping and / or further sightseeing. If you wish to take on some more adventurous sightseeing, there are plenty of the options which the hotel will recommend and organise.

It is also worth noting that each evening dinner will be taken at different restaurants. As mentioned in the introduction, there are numerous fine dining opportunities on some of the near-by beaches (on top of the cliffs hugging the beaches to be exact), as well as in Patong itself and the villages either side of the town. In tandem with our English-speaking tour guide, who will be with us at all times, we will book different restaurants each evening, ensuring that the culinary experience of the holiday, is every bit as good as the golf.

**Overnight – The Amari Phuket (4.5 Star)**

## FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

### Red Mountain Golf Club

- Breakfast
- Red Mountain Golf Club

Red Mountain Golf Club opened in 2007 and is now considered Phuket's most spectacular golf course. The course was designed to take advantage of a huge variety of landforms and dramatic elevation changes, making it Phuket's hilliest course. The concept of

variety has been carried into all areas of Red Mountain. There are large and small greens; some with subtle breaks, some with wilder contours. Bermuda grass is used on the greens, which make for fast but smooth putting surfaces. Fairways and tees are grassed with Seashore Paspalum; a popular turf being used at other Thailand championship courses like Amata Spring and Thai Country Club, both in Bangkok. Wild, local grasses have been preserved in some rough areas to complete the natural look!

**Overnight – The Amari Phuket (4.5 Star)**

## SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

### Phang Nga Bay National Park and James Bond Island Tour

- Breakfast
- Full Day Phang Nga Bay National Park and James Bond Island by Speedboat (lunch included)

We are back on to the Andaman Sea today and to explore the famed James Bond Island, that was featured in Man with the Golden Gun and Tomorrow Never Dies. With steep walls, thick forests, and breath taking beaches, this island has something for everyone. The day starts in Phang Na Province and the Suwankuha Temple, aptly nicknamed Monkey Cave. Inside the cave, we will find an enormous golden Buddha statue and a host of friendly monkeys. We will then subsequently arrive at the coast where a large boat will take us through unbelievably clear waters. We will relax on-board as we gaze out to see lush mangrove forests. Around lunch time we will stop in a quaint fisherman's village, Koh-Pan-Yee, for a delicious meal of traditional Thai cuisine before heading to James Bond Island, known as Khao Phing Kan. We will witness the sheer

cliffs that tower straight up from the water and take in how dense the forests on top of the island are. Our guide will tell us about the James Bond films that took place here and point out iconic sights from the movies. The mushroom-shaped Khao Tapu limestone rock is a wonder to behold and has many fascinating theories about how it was formed, including a theory from local folklore.

**Overnight – The Amari Phuket (4.5 Star)**

## SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

### Laguna Golf Phuket

- Breakfast
- 18 holes Laguna Golf Phuket

We will play a second round at Laguna Golf Phuket today. The course was recently redesigned and after fully reopening in January 2015, the new landscape provides us with two distinct scenic experiences, with lush tropical foliage on the front nine, and coconut groves and sand bunkers on the back nine. The course is framed by the Phuket Mountains and the environmental lagoons, which combine to make Laguna Golf Phuket a truly idyllic golfing paradise.

**Overnight – The Amari Phuket (4.5 Star)**

## MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

### Blue Canyon Country Club – Canyon Course

- Breakfast
- 18 holes Blue Canyon Country Club – Canyon Course

The Canyon Course at the Blue Canyon Country Club is set in an abandoned tin mine and many of the old strip mine characteristics are still evident throughout the course. Streams filled with rust-coloured water, canyons with sheer cliffs exposing red and white tin ore laden rock, and tailings from old mining operations are a few of the many throw backs to days of time gone by. The 17th is also one of the most intimidating Par 3's you will find anywhere, and even from the white tees, for most players it's a long iron or a fairway wood to a partially hidden green that is tucked behind the canyon on the right.

Blue Canyon has a large clubhouse, with three restaurants, a well-stocked pro shop, lockers and shower facilities, massage and spa. When it first opened, it set the standard for golf club excellence, that is now apparent across Phuket.

**Overnight – The Amari Phuket (4.5 Star)**

## TUESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

### Red Mountain Golf Club

- Breakfast
- 18 holes Red Mountain Golf Club

A return to Red Mountain Golf Club today. Voted the third best new course in Asia in 2007 by the readers of Asian Golf Monthly, Red Mountain's best holes are the following:

- Hole 1 (par 4), the 398-yard opening hole is the reason the golf course got its name as red 'mountains' raise from the green right in front of you.
- Hole 3 (par 3), this 167-yard short hole makes its way through bushes and ferns in style.
- Hole 16 (par 4), this long-hitters' 301-yard hole offers distant sea views over Chalong Bay at the tee-box.
- Hole 17 (par 3), this beautiful 169 yards' hole has a drop of 50 meters between its tee-box and its green in a corridor of hills and forest.

**Overnight – The Amari Phuket (4.5 Star)**

## WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

### Blue Canyon Country Club – Lakes Course

- Breakfast
- 18 holes Blue Canyon Country Club – Lakes Course

The final round in Phuket is a second visit to the esteemed Blue Canyon Lakes course. Established in 1999, the Lakes Course has water hazards coming to play on 17 out of 18 holes. The course is

a mixture of water-filled canyons created by open cast mining with its natural land flow left relatively unchanged. The front 9 holes run through a landscape of lakes and original canyons, whilst the back 9 holes weave around more scenic lakes and soft whispering woodlands of rubber trees. The greens are much wider than the Canyon Course; in fact the Lakes Course boasts some of the largest greens in Asia. Hole 6 occupies 1,115 sq.m. and the Hole 2 green is 1,040 sq. For Lakes Course, it is often easy to drive to the green but the real test of golfing mettle will be your putting skills to hole them.

**Overnight – The Amari Phuket (4.5 Star)**

## THURSDAY 1ST MARCH

### Onwards to Bangkok

- Breakfast
- Check out of the hotel
- Transfer to Phuket International Airport
- Fly to Bangkok
- Arrive Suvarnabhumi International Airport or Don Muang International Airport
- Transfer to The Holiday Inn Bangkok

From the ocean setting of Phuket to the glitz and glamour of Bangkok. We will be staying in the heart of it, on Sukhumvit Road, a buzzing shopping, nightlife and business district area of Bangkok. Bangkok's major shopping and entertainment destinations are within walking distance from the hotel. The ever-popular Terminal 21 Mall, the newest luxury shopping complex and lifestyle district 'Emporium and EmQuartier' are literally a stroll away from the

hotel. Hop on the skytrain and we will also arrive at CentralWorld, Siam Paragon, Siam Discovery, Platinum Fashion Mall within a few minutes. For relaxation, we can take a stroll at the Benjasiri Park just a few moments from the hotel, and we will also be spoilt for choice with a myriad of dining options from local to international cuisines, surrounding the hotel.

**Overnight – The Holiday Inn Bangkok Sukhumvit 22 (4 Star)**

## FRIDAY 2ND MARCH

### Thonburi Klongs, Wat Arun and Royal Barge Museum Tour

- Breakfast
- Half Day Thonburi Klongs, Wat Arun and Royal Barge Museum Tour

Once known as the 'Venice of the East' due to its vast and intricate network of canals, it is no wonder that many of Bangkok's most spectacular attractions are set on the water's edge. So, there is no better way to discover the true heart of the city than by traditional long-tail boat, with a relaxing cruise through the famous waterways. Our tour starts with a ride along the Chao Phraya River, Bangkok's 'River of Kings', before entering the labyrinthine network of small canals, or 'klongs', where the pace of life feels far removed from the hustle and bustle of the city centre. The Chao Praya River remains an important ceremonial thoroughfare, and you will have the chance to visit the Royal Barge Museum which houses the spectacular golden boats used by the King of Thailand on state occasions. The half day tour ends at the beautiful riverside Wat Arun, the 'Temple of Dawn', which features a 79-meter-high Bangkokian-style pagoda.

The afternoon will be at leisure for shopping and sightseeing, in one of Asia's most extraordinary cities.

**Overnight – The Holiday Inn Bangkok Sukhumvit 22 (4 Star)**



## SATURDAY 3RD MARCH

### Departures or extend on to the Hua Hin Golf Week

- Breakfast
- Check out and departures

If you need to return home after the two-week tour, transfers will duly be provided to Suvarnabhumi International Airport throughout the day to commence the journey home. Alternatively, stay for an additional week and travel to Hua Hin, a super town on the Gulf of Thailand, and to play five quite wonderful golf courses.

# PHUKET & BANGKOK

## PRICES PER PERSON

<b>Price per golfer:</b>	<b>£ 3,375.00</b>
<b>Price per non-golfer:</b>	<b>£ 2,550.00</b>
<b>Single room supplement:</b>	<b>£ 40.00</b>
	<b>per person per night</b>

### NOTES ON THE PRICES:

#### Price includes:

- Services of your Tour Host, Barney Puttick
- Daily transfers
- Accommodations
- Daily breakfast
- 8 x rounds of golf with buggies and caddy fees included
- 3 x sightseeing tour as above illustrated
- Drinking Water Bottles (Per Person/per day)
- English speaking tour guide throughout the trip

#### Price Excludes:

- International and domestic airfares (see flight section below)
- Expenses of any personal nature
- Services other than those specified

#### Internal flights

- The cost of the internal flights will be quoted as a separate supplementary cost depending upon each clients' individual requirements. You should be able to book them as part of your international flight arrangements, which is likely to provide the best value for money. We will liaise with each client individually and then working with our associate Travel Agent, Select World Travel, make the appropriate arrangements for you.



# HUA HIN GOLF WEEK

## **SATURDAY 3RD MARCH**

### **Transfer to Hua Hin**

- Pick up from the Holiday Inn Bangkok Sukhumvit 22
- Overland transfer to Hua Hin
- Check in to the Hilton Hua Hin Resort & Spa

With the perfect combination of bustling urban life and relaxed seaside living, the Hilton Hua Hin Resort and Spa is the perfect place for us to soak up the local culture at the markets, or simply relax on a sun lounger by the pool. Situated in the centre of Hua Hin, every guest room features a private balcony with stunning views of the Gulf of Thailand. Facilities also include an outdoor pool, tennis and squash courts and a fitness centre. The Spa features a range of relaxing treatments that will soothe away the any tensions and stresses.

**Overnight – The Hilton Hua Hin Resort & Spa (5 Star)**

## **SUNDAY 4TH MARCH**

### **Palm Hills Golf Club**

- Breakfast
- 18 holes Palm Hills Golf Club

Palm Hills Golf Club was the first international standard Hua Hin golf course and opened in 1992. The following year Palm Hills hosted the inaugural Thailand World Pro Am tournament. Palm Hills Golf Club is one of the best maintained courses in Hua Hin year in and year out. There is an abundance of beautiful landscaping throughout the golf course and at certain times of the year the course is enveloped in the exotic fragrance of the blooms from the frangipani tree lined fairways and whilst Palm Hills is one of the easier Hua Hin golf courses, the strategically placed bunkers and water hazards, with extremely fast Tiff Eagle greens ensure that good scores are by no means easy to achieve.

**Overnight – The Hilton Hua Hin Resort & Spa (5 Star)**

## MONDAY 5TH MARCH

### Sea Pines Golf Course

- Breakfast
- 18 holes Sea Pines Golf Course

Sea Pines Golf Course, also known as the Army Golf Club II, is set along the Gulf of Thailand in the Suan Son Pradiphat (Sea Pine Tree Garden). The Hua Hin golf course has been creatively set within a large tract of land, which was originally owned by the Royal Forestry Department before being taken over by the Royal Thai Army under the rule of Field Marshall Sarit Thanarat, who served as prime minister of Thailand during 1957-1963. The Sea Pines course design and layout have been developed to provide golfers with a wide variety of challenge. Depending on wind conditions, the course can play from relatively easy to very difficult. The course is designed with six holes lying on the beachside and the lies towards the mountains divided by the railroad. A modern clubhouse overlooking the Gulf of Thailand serves up some great Thai food.

**Overnight – The Hilton Hua Hin Resort & Spa (5 Star)**

## TUESDAY 6TH MARCH

### Non-Golfing Day

- Breakfast
- Non-Golfing Day

A day to relax by the pool, on the beach, or perhaps to visit and experience Hua Hin itself. The hotel also has a tour desk; hence if you wanted to embark on a particular sightseeing experience, the arrangements can easily be made and there is plenty of choice. There are a multitude of the fine restaurants in and around Hua Hin, and each evening we will be booking different restaurants. We will also do all that we can to experience Thai culture and hospitality and to truly embrace this wonderful region of the world.

**Overnight – The Hilton Hua Hin Resort & Spa (5 Star)**

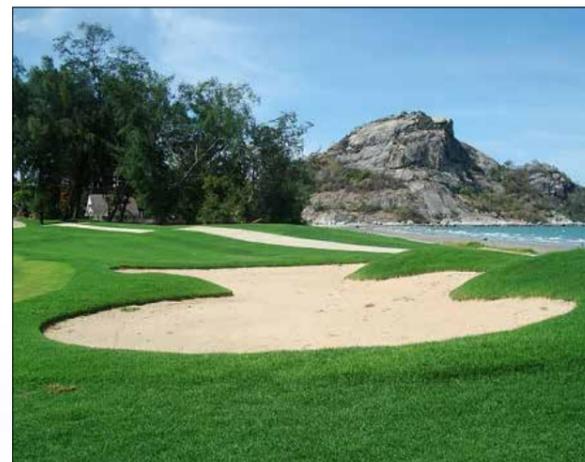
## WEDNESDAY 7TH MARCH

### Springfield Royal Country Club

- Breakfast
- 18 holes Springfield Royal Country Club

The Jack Nicklaus designed Springfield Royal Country Club is rated as one of the best Hua Hin golf courses and the traditional Nicklaus layout is as good as they come. Starting with a par-4, the first hole is a gentle 389 yards from the blue tees, and on appearance looks to be quite simple. Hopes can quickly fade, as the well protected green can prove difficult and requires accuracy. As we conclude our round, the par-5 18th and Springfield's signature hole, requires one last perfect shot to a difficult island green. The green is reachable in two by longer hitters and those with an ego! If we hit a good drive over the trees of the dogleg left, then the green will be in sight for the second shot. We just have to have a go, but beware, the shot is longer than it looks!

**Overnight – The Hilton Hua Hin Resort & Spa (5 Star)**



## THURSDAY 8TH MARCH

### Banyan Golf Club

- Breakfast
- 18 holes Banyan Golf Club

The world class 18-hole championship golf course was designed by Thailand golf course architect Pirapon Namatra from Golf East and is known to be one of the most natural in the country. The course provides for spectacular mountain and ocean views from most all of the holes and is one of the best layouts in Hua Hin. Each hole has 6 tee boxes making the course more or less challenging depending on each golfer's ability and tee selection. Strategically placed water hazards, waste bunkers, and sand traps are spread out throughout the course. Significant use of native pineapple groves make local fruits come into play if straying too far off the fairways. Overnight – The Hilton Hua Hin Resort & Spa (5 Star)

## FRIDAY 9TH MARCH

### Black Mountain Golf Club

- Breakfast
- 18 holes Black Mountain Golf Club

We conclude the tour at the magnificent Black Mountain Golf Club. Black Mountain was transformed from lush jungle and pineapple plantations and is located around 25 minutes west of Hua Hin. It is set in a valley surrounded by large black granite rock covered mountains. The golf club was the site for Asian PGA tour events



in 2009 and 2010 and the Europe versus Asia match play Royal Trophy in 2011. In 2012, Black Mountain was selected as one of the 100 best golf courses outside the USA by Golf Digest magazine. In 2014, Black Mountain hosted The Thailand Classic, the first European Tour event to be staged in Thailand. The Thailand Classic, held also in 2015 and 2016, is now a major fixture on the European and Asian Tours.

We will have one last super dinner, before we have to pack up and prepare for the journey home. Asia is quite unique and for so many good reasons, and I truly hope that this trip will prove to be a memorable one.

**Overnight – The Hilton Hua Hin Resort & Spa (5 Star)**

## SATURDAY 10TH MARCH

### Departures

- Breakfast
- Check out of the hotel
- Overland transfer to Suvarnabhumi International Airport, Bangkok
- Departures

## PRICES PER PERSON

<b>Price per golfer:</b>	<b>£ 1,655.00</b>
<b>Price per non-golfer:</b>	<b>£ 1,200.00</b>
<b>Single room supplement:</b>	<b>£ 40.00</b>
	<b>per person per night</b>

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- Daily transfers
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