# 40 (4 6) BOGOGNO MILAN, ITALY

Course(s): 28.7 Resort: 26.1 Location: 13.2 Practice: 7 Amenities: 8.0 Total: 83.0

Two high-quality courses in exquisite surroundings enclose an extremely well-appointed hotel. A large pool plus many other amenities, including tennis and a football pitch. A difficult call as to whether the gastronomy or the golf is the resort's major attraction.

### 39 (v 2) ABAMA TENERIFE, SPAIN

Course(s): 27.3 Resort: 27.5 Location: 12.7 Practice: 7 Amenities: 8.6 Total: 83.1

Widely regarded as one of the best conditioned courses in Europe, only relatively tricky access prevents Abama and its Tenerife neighbour Buenavista from ranking higher. On-site five-star Ritz Carlton hotel and quality golf is a very appealing package.

### 38 (+8) QUINTA DA MARINHA CASCAIS, PORTUGAL

Course(s): 26.9 Resort: 27.1 Location: 13.0 Practice: 7.2 Amenities: 8.9 Total: 83.1

Located in the delightful fishing village of Cascais, the resort boasts two hotels, including a new boutique hotel. The course has stood the test of time and still plays well. There are some great cliffside holes. Fabulous hotels are ideal for golf groups or families.

# 37 (v2) BUENAVISTA LOS SILOS, TENERIFE

Course(s): 28.4 Resort: 27.0 Location: 12.6 Practice: 7.2 Amenities: 8.2 Total: 83.4

It is a close battle between Buenavista and Abama for No.1 golf resort in Tenerife. We feel Buenavista's Seve-designed course edges it on the golf, while its luxury adult-only hotel gives Abama's Ritz Carlton a run for its money, too. Seriously good.



# 36 LA RESERVA SOTOGRANDE, SPAIN

Course(s): **31.7**Resort experience: **23.3**Location: **12.7**Practice: **8.4**Amenities: **7.6 Total: 83.7** 

A controversial omission from our 2016 ranking. The lack of on-site accommodation and the fact that the nearby Almenara Hotel had its own on-site golf course left La Reserva in no-man's land in terms of resort status. Two years on, however, it's a different story. The club's new guest villas are of an incredibly high quality and specification. Visitors also have access to the resort's new Beach Club. La Reserva has that intangible 'feelgood factor' that makes you want to linger longer. The restaurants are excellent, the service is great and the practice facilities are among the best in this list. The course is currently 76th in our *Golf World Top 100 Courses Continental Europe* ranking, but there's a very good chance it will move up in the next assessment.

# 35 (\*13) EL SALER VALENCIA, SPAIN

Course(s): 30.0 Resort: 25.2 Location: 12.8 Practice: 7.7 Amenities: 8.0 Total: 83.7

Surrounded by dunes, a lagoon and the ocean, the Javier Arana course – ranked 9th in our Top 100 Courses Contintenal Europe – is as close as you can get to a true links in Spain. The Parador hotel is charming. Slight fall due to concerns over course conditioning.

# 34 (4 11) HIGHRISER SPORTING CLUB BERLIN, GERMANY

Course(s): 30.2 Resort: 26.7 Location: 12.1 Practice: 7.0 Amenities: 7.8 Total: 83.8

Worthy of a place by virtue of its 63 holes alone! Home to Nick Faldo's first Continental European design, which formed the core of Germany's 2022 Ryder Cup bid. The more visually appealing Arnold Palmer course is the resort's most popular, though.

# 33 (√26) LAS COLINAS ■ ALICANTE, SPAIN

Course(s): 32.2 Resort: 23.6 Location: 12.4 Practice: 7.3 Amenities: 8.3 Total: 83.8

A jump for this Top 100 stalwart courtesy of a reassessment of the course, which ranks 55 in Continental Europe. There is no onsite hotel, but an excellent selection of modern apartments and villas with gardens, terraces and a communal swimming pool.

#### 32 (\*22) HIGHRISER THRACIAN CLIFFS BULGARIA

Course(s): 30.6 Resort: 25.8 Location: 12.8 Practice: 7.0 Amenities: 7.8 Total: 84.0

Ludicrously spectacular yet underrated Gary Player-designed course overlooks the Black Sea. Good selection of villas, although service can fall a touch short of expectations. A bonus in that Lighthouse and Black Sea Rama courses are nearby to add variety.