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Duffers and handicappers alike visiting Northwest Florida's Panama City Beach will find a destination carving out a growing reputation as a golf haven with five outstanding championship golf courses from which to choose.

Recognized by *Golf Digest* magazine as one of America's top three golf towns, Panama City Beach has affordable greens fees to go along with distinctive designs. Tee times are available year-round, as the seaside destination on the Gulf of Mexico enjoys an average annual temperature of 74 degrees and an estimated 320 days of sunshine annually. Now, golf travel packages are easier to book than ever at www.visitpanamacitybeach.com/golf. Course choices include:

Nicklaus Course and Meadows Course, Wyndham Bay Point Resort

Wyndham Bay Point Resort features two 18-hole courses, the Nicklaus Course and the Meadows Course. The Nicklaus Course premiered in fall 2005, as Northwest Florida's only Nicklaus-designed course. *Travel + Leisure Golf* has since named it one of the most worthy redesigns and notable debuts in the state. The par-72 course measures more than 7,100 yards and offers challenges for both novice and seasoned golfers. Players enjoy the natural terrain of scrub oaks, pines and salt-water marshes as well as panoramic views of St. Andrew Bay.

The Meadows Course, the epitome of resort golf, offers golfers an experience they return for, time and again. Its occasionally tight fairways, numerous bunkers and lakes all provide an ever-changing landscape for golfers of all skill levels.

Readers of *Corporate and Incentive Travel Magazine* voted these courses a Greens of Distinction Winner. In addition to 36 distinctive holes, Wyndham Bay Point has restaurants, a spa and a pro shop. The comprehensive practice area includes a manicured putting green and driving range. For more information or tee times, call 850-236-6000 or visit www.wyndhambaypoint.com.

The Hombre Golf Club

The Hombre Golf Club offers 27 championship holes, "The Good, The Bad & The Ugly," featuring water on 21 of the 27 holes and is meticulously manicured to PGA specifications throughout the year. Both scenic and challenging, the course is nestled amidst wetlands, marshes, lakes and preserves, and is framed with a stunning assortment of palms, pines and azaleas.

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Hombre is the annual host of the second stage of the PGA Tour Qualifying School, earning a reputation for challenging play. It is also home to The Academy at Hombre Golf Club and instructor Adam Brack. The Academy is consistently noted among *Golf Magazine's* "Top 25 Golf Schools" and offers two-, three- and five-day golf schools as well as packages for hourly lessons.

Course amenities include GPS technology on every cart, driving range, chipping and putting greens, golf shop and Siesta Bar & Grill, serving breakfast and lunch daily. Hombre also offers accommodations and golf packages, annual memberships, hosts corporate and charity tournaments, and provides discount rates for seniors, juniors and the military. For more information or tee times, call 850-234-3673 or visit www.hombregolfclub.com.

Holiday Golf Club

Holiday Beach Club is a semi-private, 18-Hole, par-72 championship course located only a mile from the beach. The greens here are smooth, fast, firm and challenging. Known as one of Florida's most enjoyable yet challenging tracks, the course offers broad, lake-lined fairways and elevated greens that are protected by bunkers of silky white sand.

Holiday features Bay County's only lighted, nine-hole, par-3 course, designed with three sets of tees to accommodate varied skill levels. A lighted range and practice facility are also offered. Lessons, rental clubs and packages are available. For more information or tee times, visit www.holidaygolfclub.com or call 850-234-1800.

Signal Hill

Panama City Beach's first golf course, Signal Hill, was designed on white-sand dunes. The 18-hole, par-71 course features breathtaking scenery, challenging greens and precise fairways. Yardage is 5,617 from the blue tees and 5,259 from the red tees. Golfers can enjoy breakfast and lunch at Signal Hill's snack bar and rent clubs at the course's pro shop. For more information or tee times, call 850-234-3218 or visit www.signalhillgolfcourse.com.

Pelican Point Golf Course

Recently opened to the public in early 2012, the Pelican Point Golf Course is located in the historic Tyndall Air Force Base. Its sprawling course spans 120 acres along the shore of St. Andrew Bay and offers 18 holes of golf with stunning views. Access is easily granted by completing required documents prior to arrival. For more information, visit www.pelicanpointgolf.com.

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About Panama City Beach:

Panama City Beach is situated on 27 miles of sugar-white sand beaches bordering clear, emerald-green waters where the Gulf of Mexico and St. Andrews Bay converge. With more than 300 days of sunshine annually and attractions such as St. Andrews State Park and Pier Park, the region has long been favored by travelers seeking an affordable beach vacation with year-round offerings for families, couples, groups and adventure-seekers. These include championship golf courses, spas, sporting events, award-winning dining and diverse recreational activities. Panama City Beach recently opened the new Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport, offering non-stop flights on Delta Airlines and Southwest Airlines. For more information, call 850-233-5070 or visit the official Web site of the Panama City Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau, <http://www.visitpanamacitybeach.com>.

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