

## ALABAMA GOLF ASSOCIATION

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# 2018 AGA Casa de Campo Caribbean Winter Getaway Casa de Campo Resort, La Romana, Dominican Republic March 7-11, 2018

Please find below information to help with your getaway trip to Casa de Campo. If you have additional questions please contact Andy Priest at the Alabama Golf Association (<a href="mailto:andy@alabamagolf.org">andy@alabamagolf.org</a>) or the Casa de Campo Golf Office (<a href="mailto:m.leonardo@ccampo.com.do">m.leonardo@ccampo.com.do</a>).

Casa de Campo Resort La Romana, Dominican Republic 888-212-5073 or 809-523-3333 https://www.casadecampo.com.do/

Package Inclusions: Accommodation in Elite or Lodge room for 4 nights, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner daily at resort restaurants, Unlimited drinks by the glass in all hotel bars and restaurants (excluding bottles of alcoholic drinks, specialty waters and mini bar), *Drinks* on the oasis carts and bars on the golf course during golf rounds (except for miniature alcoholic bottles), One transportation cart per room, unlimited green fees, carts, range balls, club storage. Round trip ground transfers for all three airports: La Romana, Santo Domingo or Punta Cana, Taxes and Service charges. All rates are quoted in US dollars.

#### **ROOM DESCRIPTIONS**

**Golf Lodge Rooms:** Spacious guest rooms. Typify a native Dominican lifestyle featuring tropical colors, local art and terraza tile floors. Rooms feature one king or two double beds; air-conditioning; large walk-in closet with safe deposit box; an armoire with 43" LCD Flat Screen with cable, Alarm clock radio with dual dock for iPod and iPhone; High-speed wireless internet; mini-bar and coffee maker; dressing and vanity area with hair-dryer and bath amenities; iron and ironing board; bathrobes to use during stay; direct-dial, touch-tone telephones with voice-mail and data port and private terrace overlooking gardens.

Elite Rooms: Chic décor, rich mahogany woods and native Coralina stone typify the ambiance of our new ELITE guest rooms, Spot reading lights, Elegant fabrics, Local artwork, 42" LCD flat screen TV with Blu-ray DiscTM player and cable, Alarm clock radio with dual dock for iPod and iPhone, High-speed, wireless internet, Telephone with voicemail, Mini-bar with espresso coffee machine, Large walk-in closet with safe deposit box, Private dressing area with black marble double vanity, Hair-dryer, scale, lighted make-up mirror and luxury bath amenities, Separate bathroom with glass-enclosed shower, Relaxing bathtub and personal lavatory, Mahogany privacy panels and sliding glass doors lead to a sleekly furnished private terrace with preferred golf course views.

Pricing - Four Night Package (March 7-11, 2018)
Golf Lodge Room

Golfer Double Occupancy (Two people in a room) \$ 2,154.00 Golfer Single Occupancy (One person in a room) \$ 2,602.00 Non-golfer Double Occupancy \$ 1,540.00 Extra Nights to Extend Stay:

Double Occupancy / per person per night \$ 340.00

Single Occupancy / per person per night \$ 452.00

#### **Elite Room**

Golfer Double Occupancy (Two people in a room) \$ 2,282.00 Golfer Single Occupancy (One person in a room) \$ 2,858.00 Non-golfer Double Occupancy \$ 1,668.00 Extra Nights to Extend Stay:

Double Occupancy / per person per night \$ 372.00 Single Occupancy / per person per night \$ 516.00

## **Reservations/Deposits/Payments**

A limited number of rooms have been reserved for this event.

Reservations are subject to availability based on the order in which they are received. 50% deposit is required at the time of booking. Full payment is due 30 days prior to arrival. Reservations made within 30 days of arrival date require full prepayment. Balance of payment will be automatically charged to credit card in guarantee, unless other arrangements are made. Cancellation Notice received between 59 and 30 days prior to arrival will have a 50 % penalty. (Deposit) No refunds if cancelled within 30 days. Cancellation notice required in writing, call in reservations will not be accepted.

## **RESERVATION FORM (PDF)**

### Travel to the Dominican Republic and Casa de Campo

SHUTTLE SERVICE FROM AIRPORTS TO RESORT: Transportation to and from La Romana Airport (LRM-10 minutes), Santo Domingo (SDQ-60 minutes) and Punta Cana (PUJ-45 minutes) airports are *included* in the package. **Prestige** is the shuttle provider for Casa de Campo Resort. La Romana Airport is the closest and is located just outside the resort gate.

You will provide Casa de Campo with your airline information to arrange shuttle pick-up at your arrival airport. Once you have retrieved your luggage and cleared Dominican customs, look for **Prestige** with your name or group name (**Alabama Golf Association**) outside the airport terminal. The resort phone number is 888-212-5073 or 809-523-3333.

AIRLINE BAGGAGE FEES: It appears that airlines may be charging a higher fee for luggage. You may want to check with your airline about any new baggage fees that may be charged in particular for oversize bags like golf club cases.

*PASSPORT/TOURIST CARD:* For entry into the Dominican Republic, a valid passport is required. A \$10 Tourist Card must be purchased upon arrival at an airport in the Dominican Republic. Please bring cash (US\$ is accepted) to pay this fee. You will buy the tourist card and then immediately hand it in at immigration.

LUGGAGE HANDLING: Be advised that as you leave the airport terminal you will be asked by Dominican locals to assist with your luggage for a tip. If you need their help, keep an eye on your luggage and then tip the person once you have reached the shuttle bus/van. If you do not need their assistance then a simple "No Gracias" or "No Necessito" will be sufficient. Same process applies for departures. Usually the shuttle bus driver and coordinator at the airport will expect a tip on both arrivals and departures.

### **Casa de Campo Resort Information**

ABOUT CASA DE CAMPO RESORT: 63-holes of Pete Dye championship golf, horseback riding, skeet shooting, tennis, deep-sea fishing and beach access. Also, the hill-top Mediterranean village, Altos de Chavon, is nearby for sightseeing and shopping. Transportation to Altos de Chavon and all other Casa de Campo properties and venues are available through the resort. Additional information may be found at <a href="https://www.casadecampo.com.do/">https://www.casadecampo.com.do/</a>. Transportation to nearby casino gambling is available through the resort for a fee.

RESORT CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT: Resort Check-in is at 3:00pm; Check-Out is at 12:00pm. If you have made certain lodging requests, make sure they have been honored prior to leaving the front desk at check-in. Package begins at check-in and ends at check-out.

FOOD AND DRINK: All-inclusive 4-night package includes three meals a day and unlimited drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) at all included hotel restaurants and bars. You will be asked to sign a receipt after each drink, snack or meal that will list the items in US\$ and you can add an optional tip. You will not be billed for that amount since you are on the all-inclusive plan unless you add an additional tip which will be billed to your room. The receipts are necessary for their internal accounting. A list of included restaurants and bars is below. Your package for food and drinks begins at check-in and ends when you check-out. Items from golf course beverage carts is included except mini-bottles. The caddie master will place one bottle of water per player in your golf cart. Dinner reservations are highly recommended and are required at some restaurants. Reservations can be made via the concierge desk in advance by email (a.concierge@ccampo.com.do) or upon arrival.

\*Note: bottles of wine, bottles of liquor, room mini-bar, golf course beverage cart mini-bottles and specialty waters are NOT included in your package pricing. Please only order by the glass.

### Restaurants/Bars Included in Package:

#### Breakfast

• Lago Grill (main resort area)

### Lunch

- Lago Grill (main resort area)
- 19th Hole Bar (golf clubhouse)
- The Beach Club (beach)
- Pubbelly Sushi (marina)
- Dye Fore Snack Bar (Dye Fore course)

Dinner (\*Dinner reservations are highly recommended)

- The Beach Club (beach)
- La Casita (marina)
- La Piazetta (Altos)
- Pubbelly Sushi (marina)
- La Caña Bar & Lounge by Le Cirque (main resort area)
- Room Service (additional delivery charge)
- NOTE: SBG not included in package
- \*Contact a.concierge@ccampo.com.do for dining reservations\*

#### Bars

- Coco Mar (beach)
- Main Area Pool Bar (main resort area)

- 19th Hole (golf clubhouse)
- La Caña Bar & Lounge by Le Cirque (main resort area)
- La Terraza Bar (tennis)

DRINKING THE TAP WATER: Brushing your teeth is fine. Drinking from the tap is not advisable. Standard bottled water is widely available and highly recommended; specialty waters are **NOT** included in package pricing. Ask for bottles of water at a bar or restaurant to take back to your room.

MINI-BAR (in-room): Mini-bar items are NOT included in the package and are billed to your room.

*SAFE:* Each room has a safe where you can store your valuables. You will be able to program the safe using your own four-digit code. We highly recommend that you store any valuables in the safe (jewelry, electronics, etc.).

EXTRA HOTEL NIGHTS: For those staying extra nights at Casa de Campo, the applicable rate is All-inclusive (lodging, meals, drinks, golf cart and taxes) except for golf. Extra night fees are paid in advance to the resort. Extra rounds of golf are available. Contact the Golf Reservation Staff for pricing and availability.

TIPPING/GRATUITIES: Gratuities for most services are included in the package, HOWEVER, please take care of the bellmen that assist you with your luggage, caddies and we suggest a small extra tip at dinner based upon your level of service. Also, a dollar tip here and there goes a long way, especially at the beach, pool, and bars.

CURRENCY: The U.S. Dollar and Dominican Republic Pesos are used everywhere on the property. Away from Casa de Campo, Pesos will be needed. Casa de Campo can exchange currency. Right now the current exchange rate is around 45 Pesos to US \$1. It would be wise to bring \$1.00 and \$5.00 bills for any additional gratuities instead of exchanging your money for pesos. You may use credit cards for purchasing items such as gifts, but the exchange rate given by the credit card companies is sometimes 20% less (not in your favor) and most companies charge 2-5% for an "international currency exchange" fee. Cash is best for shopping purchases.

*DRESS CODE:* Resort and golf casual for breakfast and lunch. Appropriate golf attire required on the golf course. "Caribbean chic" is the appropriate dress code enforced during dinner. No jeans, tank tops or shorts. Jackets are not required for gentlemen.

WEATHER: In March, it should average in the low to mid-80's by day and perhaps get into the low 60's at night. The beach is used year-round. Sun is very strong as you will be near the equator so please bring any necessary sun block items in your checked luggage.

PHONE CALLS TO U.S.: A small charge per phone call from hotel rooms will be required when a calling card is used. Check with your long-distance company on rates. We do not recommend dialing direct.

*INTERNET ACCESS:* Wireless Internet is complimentary in the hotel lobby and in hotel rooms. The business center is open Monday-Friday from 8:00am to 6:00pm, Saturday from 8:00am to 12:00pm, Sunday from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

RESORT TRANSPORTATION: Shuttles run all day to all points in the resort complex. You may use your personal golf cart to travel around the resort (except to Altos due to the distance). One resort golf cart per room is included in your package. You will use the club's golf carts during rounds of golf.

THINGS TO DO (included in the package): Fitness center and the beach are available.

MORE THINGS TO DO (fees vary): Tennis, massages and spa services, horseback riding, skeet shooting, dancing lessons, tennis lessons, golf lessons, shopping, deep-sea fishing, and water sports are offered. Boat rental and river cruises are also available. Casino gambling is nearby and transportation to and from the Casino can be arranged through the resort for a fee.

#### **Golf Information**

#### THREE PETE DYE COURSES

**Teeth of the Dog**: Pete Dye's signature course, the #1 course in the Caribbean, and the #39 ranked course in the world—Teeth of the Dog has a reputation that's well deserved. Meticulously hand carved from the rugged rock and coral of the Dominican coastline, the hard-fought and challenging creation of Teeth of the Dog is an apt description for what playing a round can be like. Make no mistake, if you dare challenge the Dog it will bite back. But your efforts will be rewarded with 18 jaw-droppingly-beautiful holes—including seven right along the ocean—and the satisfaction of knowing you've played one of the best courses in the world.

**Dye Fore**: Let's talk numbers: 27 holes; 7,740 yards long; 7 cliff-side holes dropping 300 feet to the Chavón River below; and breathtaking 360 views. By our calculations Pete Dye's masterpiece, Dye Fore, has a winning formula. Characterized by spectacular views of the Dominican mountains, the Chavón River, the Marina, and Altos de Chavón, this challenging cliff-side course is a delight for players of all levels. Now some more numbers for you: 12 and 15—two of the greatest par three holes in the world; 5 the amount of holes on the Lagos course with lakes in play; and 1 the number of strokes it takes to get started on the round of a lifetime.

The Links: Reminiscent of traditional links courses typically found in the British Isles, these 18 holes wind through the interior of Casa de Campo and offer spectacular views of the Caribbean Sea and the Resort grounds. And even though The Links course might not be right beside the ocean, there's still plenty of opportunity to go to the beach—no less than five holes feature water hazards. Rolling hills and ocean views offer an unique and fun golf experience. Another Pete Dye creation, The Links was completely overhauled in 2012 to make it every bit as challenging as the other courses at Casa de Campo.

*CADDIES:* Casa de Campo has a great caddie program where several caddies are available daily. <u>Caddies are mandatory at Teeth of the Dog course only</u>. Each group can share one caddie and split the \$40 caddie fee which includes tip. Caddies are paid directly in cash following the round. Caddies are optional while playing Dye Fore and The Links but highly recommended.

GOLF CARTS: Golf cart use is mandatory. NO WALKING!

*CLUB STORAGE:* The club will store and clean your clubs each night. It is included in your package. You may keep clubs in your room as well.

TEE TIMES: Once your hotel reservation is confirmed, you may book tee times through the Golf Reservation Staff.

*PRACTICE RANGE/PUTTING GREEN:* Main resort area golf practice facility is located adjacent to Teeth of the Dog's 10<sup>th</sup> Hole. Dye Fore course has its own practice facility located at Altos de Chavon. Range balls are included in the golf package.

SHUTTLE TO DYE FORE: The Links and Teeth of the Dog courses are located at the main golf clubhouse area of the resort. Carts will be staged adjacent to the practice putting green. Dye Fore course is about a 15 minute shuttle ride from the main golf area. The Dye Fore shuttle will pick-up players in front of the clubhouse in the

parking lot. Make sure you are there 30-45 minutes ahead of your tee time. There is a practice facility at Dye Fore to warm-up.

LOCKER ROOMS: Men's and women's locker rooms are available in the main golf clubhouse. Shoe shine service is available for a nominal fee.

Checklist of Items to Bring
Passport
\$US Cash for tips, Tourist Card (\$10/person), caddie at Teeth of the Dog (\$10/player or \$15-\$25/day
plus tip), Shuttle Drivers, Bellmen
Sun block
Lip Balm
Golf Clubs/Balls/Tees
Golf Shoes
Sunglasses
Bathing Suit
Camera
Prescriptions/Medications
Golf Attire
Casual Resort/Dinner Attire
Personal Bathroom Items (toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)

### **Departures and Getting Home**

CHECKING OUT: It is highly advised to try and check-out early the day of your departure. The line at check-out can be very long and slow. Your departure shuttle is on a schedule so make sure to give yourself ample time at check-out. Your bill will be available the night before for inspection. Trying to get a charge reversed once you have left the resort is very difficult. Late check-out may be available if you request it in advance. Late check-out is always available for a fee. If you check-out at the regular time, your bags will be tagged and held at the bell stand until your departure.

DEPARTURE AIRPORT SHUTTLE: A schedule listing all departure shuttle times will be available from the Golf Operations Office located downstairs from the Main Resort Golf Shop/19<sup>th</sup> Hole Bar overlooking Teeth of the Dog 9<sup>th</sup> hole. Shuttles will leave from the front desk bell stand area.

LUGGAGE HANDLING: Be advised that when you arrive at the airport terminal you, luggage porters will probably handle your luggage. If you need their help, keep an eye on your luggage and then tip the person once you have reached the check-in line. Luggage will go through screening first prior to entering the airport terminal. If you do not need their assistance then a simple "No Gracias" or "No Necessito" will be sufficient. Usually the shuttle bus driver and coordinator at the airport will expect a tip along with the luggage porters.

*CUSTOMS:* You will need to clear customs when leaving the Dominican Republic and complete a customs form that must be presented at security.

Upon arrival in the U.S., you will need to retrieve your luggage at baggage claim, clear U.S. customs and recheck luggage (if you have a connecting flight). The published limit on items purchased outside the United States is \$400. Airports have duty-free shopping.

## **Important Phone Numbers**

Casa de Campo Resort: 888-212-5073 or 809-523-3333

Casa de Campo Golf Staff: 809-523-8171

AGA Office: 205-979-1234