



TRIP IDEAS

GOLFING IN THE OKANAGAN

The Thompson Okanagan is one of the hottest golf regions in North America. There are more than 50 18-hole golf courses in the region, with a large concentration around Kelowna and Vernon. Play in the Okanagan's legendary climate along lakes, mountains and warm valleys. After golf, stop at fruit stands, gorgeous beaches and quaint tasting rooms that showcase the region's exceptional wines.

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Kelowna Golf Courses

The Harvest Golf Club: At The Harvest Golf Club, play peaceful, not-too-tough holes that meander through fruit orchards. Take time for a delicious dinner at the Harvest Grille after a round.

Gallagher's Canyon: Enjoy playing rolling, tree-lined holes that epitomize the beauty of the Okanagan. Gallagher's Canyon has been a favourite in the Thompson Okanagan for over thirty years.

The Okanagan Golf Club: If possible, play 36 at The Okanagan Golf Club. Both courses – The Quail and The Bear – swerve through lodgepole pine and serve up wonderful views. The exceptional dining spots on-site have local wines available from Hester Creek, Peller Estates and Red Rooster.

Tower Ranch: In 2009, Golf Digest selected Tower Ranch, which was designed by Canadian architect Thomas McBroom, as one of their top three new courses in Canada. Amazing vistas are part of a day on the green.

Vernon Golf Courses

Predator Ridge: Predator Ridge is home to two championship courses that are regarded by SCOREGolf magazine as "must plays" in the Thompson Okanagan region. The Ridge Course dips and dives along a bluff overlooking Okanagan Lake. The Predator Course meanders through grass-capped hills. After a 36-hole day, relax in fairway-side accommodation at The Lodge, or dine at Range.

Kamloops Golf Courses

Tobiano: SCOREGolf selected Tobiano as the best new course in Canada in 2008 and the best public course in British Columbia. Soak in scrumptious lake and mountain views on every hole on this Thomas McBroom design.

The Dunes: The 6,973-yard, Graham-Cooke-designed course features four sets of tees and a great practice facility. Layout at The Dunes also boasts wide fairways and large, undulating greens.

Sun Rivers Golf Resort: After a riveting round on Sun Rivers' bluffs and desert terrain, sink into a bacon-wrapped filet mignon at Hoodoos, the outstanding on-site restaurant.

Shuswap Golf Courses

Talking Rock Golf Course: Talking Rock is a sprawling, tree-lined course. Try and remain focussed for the beautiful finish along the lake before retiring to the cozy confines of the Quaaout Lodge.

Salmon Arm Golf Club: Dip through parkland on this scenic, semi-private course. Established in 1928, Salmon Arm Golf Club is consistently recognized by SCOREGolf as one of the "Top-100 Canadian Golf Courses."

Hyde Mountain: Marvel at the rugged, lakeside setting and enjoy the incredible elevation changes on the Les-Furber-designed Hyde Mountain golf course. Finish the round on the patio to enjoy sublime elevated views.

More Activities

The lake-dotted Shuswap region is famous for hot summers and houseboating. Rent a boat with friends and family in Sicamous. Craving more golf? Visit the desert region of Osoyoos in the South Okanagan for great golf courses and wonderful wineries. Fairview Mountain, Nk'Mip Desert Canyon and the Osoyoos Golf & Country Club are all excellent courses to play. After golf, tour along the rolling, rural roads and visit wineries such as Burrowing Owl Vineyards and Nk'Mip Cellars at Spirit Ridge Resort (there are also many more to explore).

Okanagan Accommodation

Hampton Inn by Hilton Kamloops (Kamloops): The 81-room Hampton Inn features large rooms, Jacuzzi suites and complimentary hot breakfast in the morning.

Spirit Ridge Vineyard Resort & Spa (Osoyoos): The 4.5-star Spirit Ridge Resort is a luxurious desert hideaway set amongst beautiful vineyards in the Osoyoos area.

Playa Del Sol Resort (Kelowna): Playa Del Sol Resort is a beautifully landscaped resort featuring an inner courtyard, pools, patios and spacious air-conditioned units.

Okanagan Transportation

Fly into Kelowna or Kamloops via Vancouver or Calgary. Flight durations are approximately one hour. Upon arrival, rent a car to drive to the courses and the wineries.

By car, Kelowna is approximately five hours east of Vancouver on the Coquihalla Highway. Calgary is eight hours away via the Trans Canada Highway. The Shuswap area is located approximately an hour and a half north of Kelowna on Highway 97, and Osoyoos is a one hour and forty-five minute drive south of Kelowna on Highway 97. Osoyoos is approximately five hours east of Vancouver.