

ÁLAMOS GOLF COURSE

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Despite its relatively short length, Álamos Golf Course is a challenging test for any golfer. Affording splendid views over the Monchique mountains, lakes and farmland, the sensation here is one of being far from everything.

This is a shorter course than Morgado Golf Course (Par 71), but it has all the necessary features to meet the expectations of the most demanding golfer. Rather than simply a test of your golfing skills, this course clearly demonstrates that man and nature can come together in harmony. Phoenicopterus Roseus Flamingos na Barragem dos Álamos Flamingos at Álamos Dam





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All distances are measured in **Meters**



Distances from the Tee in **black**



Distance to the front of the Green in **red**







Front of the Green



Direction to the next Tee



Starting Tees





Place the drive as close to the second bunker on the left as possible. Definitely an iron for the longer player without too much prevailing wind against. This position takes away the danger of the lake on the right of which the directon of the fairway also slopes. It also gives the player a more even lie to play the second shot to the green.



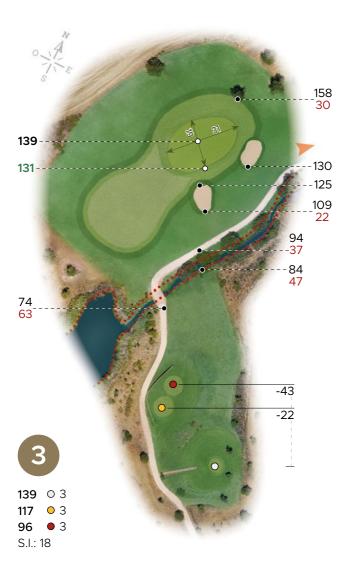


A drive on to the top of the slope or further down is the order of the day. It is the second shot which is the key factor on this fantastic Par 5. With the lake cutting into the right hand side of the fairway, the golfer has to decide to attack and play the ball right of the single bunker guarding the green, or to play to the corner with an iron. This option leaves the player with a longer third shot as desired, but avoids the common reason why so many golfers ruin their score by taking a stronger club, and overhitting the ball into the trees and rough on the left because of fearing the lake down the right.





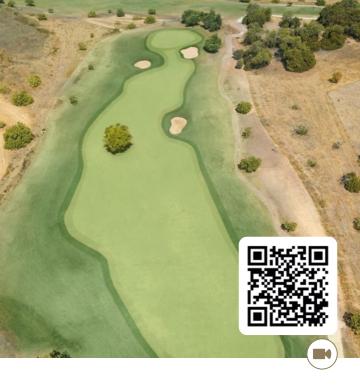
Straight forward Par 3, but an extra club or even two are advisable against the wind as the ball tends to hang once climbing above the hill situated behind the hole.





A little fade for the right hander, starting on the left bunker takes away the lateral water threat on the right not visable from the tee. The second should be hit with rather more than less club as the slope at the back of the green will release the ball back on to it. Anything short is penalised by the frontal bunkers or the slope to the left.





Twenty meters or so short of the tree on the middle fairway is ideal for the correct angle to attack the green. This position is much more important than the player thinks. The reason being that the angle gives the golfer the ideal line of playing the second over the right hand bunker. Anything slightly left, even in some cases when hitting the green is punished by the ball releasing down a subtle, yet brutal slope. Anyone found in this position will have to pitch back against the Bermuda grass.





The best and most picturesque hole on the course. After an open drive the gamble for the long hitter is to go for the green or not. In the event this is not the correct option as the green slopes downwards from the front. Thus any second shot with a wood will more often than not end up over the back of the green. Playing over the top bunker on the left where there is more room than one imagines is by far the best decision. The other way to manage the hole is to keep the second close to the left hand side of the fairway. Anything slightly right will go down into the rough.





Do not be enticed to attack the pin when situated on the left. The only tee shot is to play to the right side of the green.





The lateral water which runs down the left side of the hole features more than you think. Especially from the tee shot. Again a situation of going for it for two in regard to the big hitter, or laying up short of the fairway bunker with the second. The green is extremely long so take good attention as to the pin position.





A right to left shot starting just to the right of the green is ideal. The water hazard to the left is closer than thought.





This classical short Par 4 depicts everything about how a golf hole does not have to be long to be difficult. Choose a club which can get you on the fairway. An iron, hybrid or wood is irrelivent. The width across the fairway is just 25 meters in the landing area of the general tee shot. Make sure that the approach does not leak right as the creek cuts into the green surroundings.





A straight tee shot is required as anything pushed right is bushes or the bunker as best. and left looms is water. The undulating green is one of the toughest on the course.





A lay up short of the bunkers provides a straight forward pitch to the green.





The tiger line is down the right of the bunkers. However the privailing wind often means playing short of the fairway bunker on the left. The second shot requires attention not to stray into the bunker on the left. From its distance to the flag, the hardest on the course.





A right to left tee shot should put most players in the position of trying to go for the green or laying up short of the fairway bunkers. A straight forward pitch should yeald a birdie chance. However the green is full of hidden breaks so it is worth looking at this green especially from both sides.





A case of hitting the fairway then selecting the right club for the second. Anything short is in the creek and likewise overhit results in the ball shooting off the green into a rough area or even out of bounds.





This great Par 3 is often played into the teeth of the wind. In such a case take the flag out of the equatsion. Anything hit just inside the left hand bunker shall have its just rewards. On approaching the green its noticable how the water hazard cuts into the right hand side of the green.





Decieving in its openess. The tee shot looks so wide but the out of bounds right is much more prominant as visualised. A left to righter coming back between the two fairway bunkers is ideal, with the second requiring a club more than thought and depending on the flag position, played a little to the right.





The tee shot should be played up to the left hand bunker. The second requires great precision as both to short and long shall run off what is the most difficult green on the course.







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