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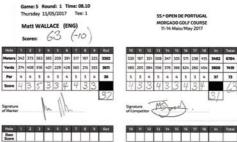


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Located in a valley in the inland Algarve, between Portimão and Monchique, the Morgado Golf Course is challenging both to amateurs who are just starting in the game and to highly-experienced golfers seeking to put their technique to the test. This is a par 73 course but its length is attenuated by the generous width of the fairways. However, you may be penalised if your less successful strokes happen to land in one of the bunkers scattered around the course.

The Morgado Golf Course has the typical characteristics of a links course – with flat fairways and Scottish-inspired bunkers – but which, instead of being beside the sea, like a traditional links, is set in an area of parkland. Surrounded by the region's traditional trees, golfers playing on the Morgado Golf Course will come into contact with a different Algarve, an Algarve where the peace and quiet provide the perfect setting for a memorable round.





Matt Wallace was the winner of the 2017 Open de Portugal @ Morgado Golf Resort, claiming his first European Tour win.

He established the Morgado Golf Course record during his first round, with a score of 10 under par.

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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



Water line





Front of the Green



the next Tee



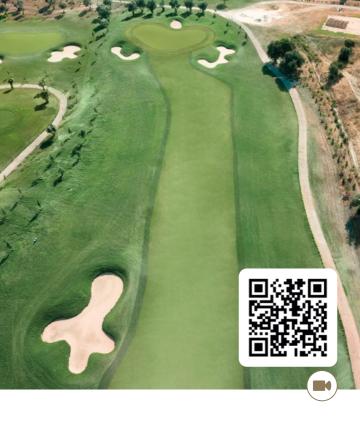
Tees





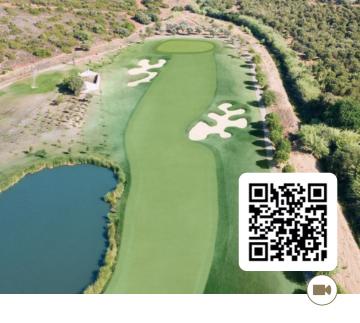
With out of bounds running down the right and a line of centrally placed fairway bunkers designed to catch the long drive, the ideal tee shot is to play short of the left-hand bunker visible from all tees. Taking away the unnecessary risk, the player is left with a fairly straight forward shot to the green.





Drive just to the right of the bunker onto a generous fairway. The approach is made to one of the most difficult greens to hit on the course. The upslope on the apron of the green stops any shot played just too short and a hidden bunker at the back of the green collects the slightly overhit. Definitely, a case of better short than long when undecided.



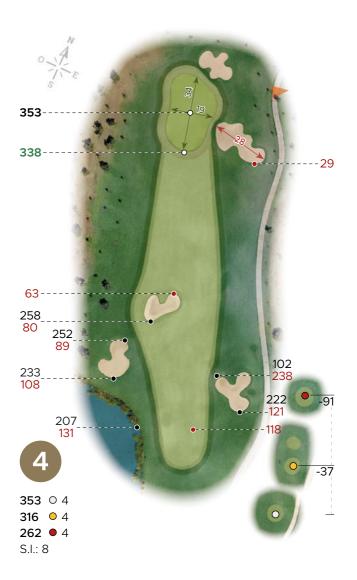


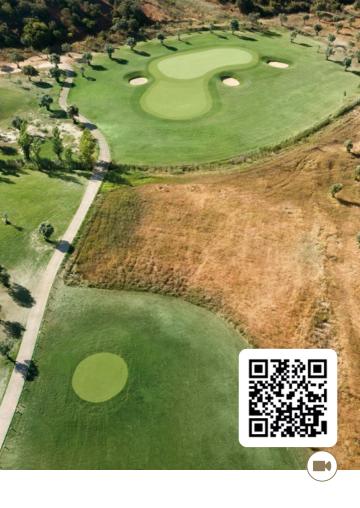
Graded as the most difficult hole on the course and with some reason. Although the landing zone for the tee shot looks open, don't be fooled. The temptation due to the lake running down the left is to hit the tee shot down the right. However, the out of bounds down the right is not only closer than thought, but the terrain slopes subtlety towards it. Any slightly faded tee shot from a right-handed player will more than not pay the ultimate price. Thus a straight tee shot is of great importance. Be careful of the row of bunkers designed to catch to second shot. The bunker is bigger than thought, especially down the right-hand side of it. Consequently playing the line between the left-hand edge of the bunker and the lake is ideal.





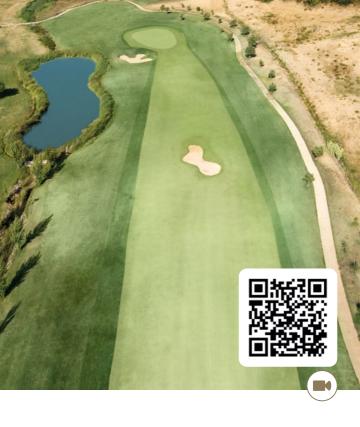
The most demanding tee shot on the course. With the lake again down the left and a narrower out of bounds down the right, a precise tee shot is required. For the longer hitter a 3 wood to lay up short of the fairway bunkers. A faded iron to the green for the right-hander takes away the threat of tough bunkers on the right and back of the green.





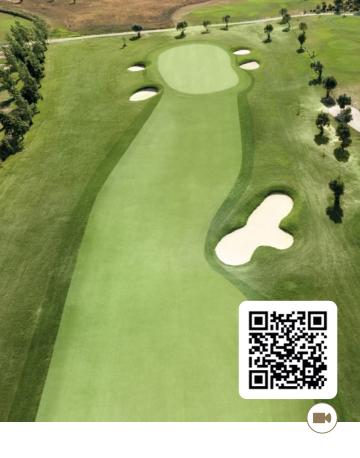
Straight tee shot required on this classically built par 3 with large bunkers on the left and right.



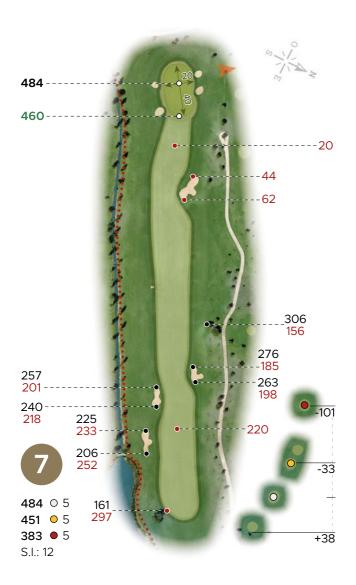


Very tempting to give it the big one for the long hitter. Forget it. The only way to play this hole is to lay up short the bunker. Upon arriving at this point, the player realises how much the lake on the left comes into play. A factor not visible from the tee. The second shot should ideally be shaped from right to left taking the deepest bunker on the course out of play.





Play this hole as its shaped. A right to left tee shot to the cross bunkers followed by a second down the left side of the fairway opens up the green nicely. Be attentive to how long the green is with regards to the pin position which can deceive.





A hidden row of bunkers all the way up the left side of the hole will catch the adventurous but slightly short tee shot. A right to left shaped shot is again ideal. The hole plays longer than its distance so don't be afraid to take a club more.





Any tee shot down the right is fine leaving a straight forward pitch to the green.



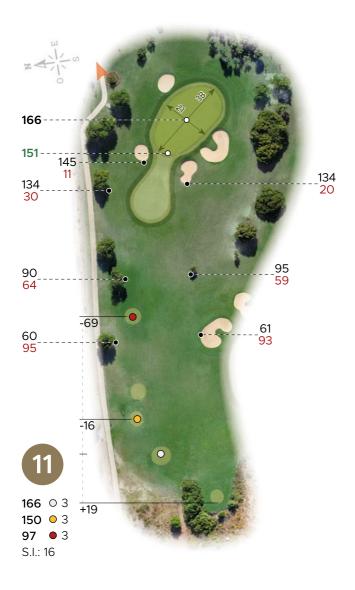


After a fairly straight forward tee shot the ideal line is just to the right of the tree hanging over the top of the second bunker on the left. A well-struck second in this direction takes literally all the danger out of the hole in the way of a range of bunkers situated down the right.





Requires a solid tee shot. The bunkers on the right cut back more than one thinks. Back left looms a hidden pot bunker.





Depending on the player's length this hole can be attacked directly for a long hitter as the prevailing wind is from behind. The other option is visible from the tee. Take a trusted club to get in play between the bunkers. The second shot is thereafter straight forward to a large green.





Keep the tee shot down the left on this excellent par 5. After a good tee shot the player should gamble when in range, to get the second over the last row of fairway bunkers. The reward is an upward 3rd shot to a large green. Any attempt to play short of the bunkers normally results in the ball finishing in them anyway due to the downward sloping dry fairway. The long hitter can reach this hole for two. But beware. Anything drifting slightly right and short is gone down the large slope bordering the fairway.





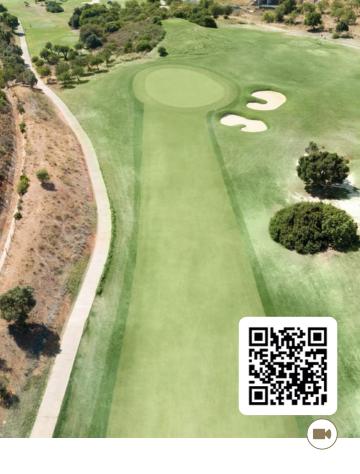
Playing the hole as its visually seen is again the best option. Laying up either between the bunkers or the left-hand bunker gives the playerthe ideal line into the green.





Two options are presented here. The tee shot should be placed short of the top right-hand bunker leaving a challenging second to a narrow green. The second should be played slightly over the right-hand bunker as there is more green and safety in this area as seen from down on the fairway. The longer player can go straight for it here, wind depending.





Hidden bunkers down the right give necessity to tee off down the left-hand side of the fairway. A second-placed down the slope on the fairway rewards the player with one of the more easier shots on the course for the third.





If this hole is played into the prevailing wind throw the yardage chart away. Even for a top professional, it can be a full driver. Keep bailing out to the left as an obvious option.





Two fine shots are required to reach this superb finishing hole. A low hard draw starting over the front right bunker for the right-hander is ideal. Again the ball will tend to "hang" if there is any wind, so again take plenty of club for the second. Apart from a solitary bunker top right, all the difficulty is situated before the flag. Thus long is better than short.











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