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## World-Class Golf Courses and Resorts Make Kissimmee a Dream Destination for Golf Enthusiasts

KISSIMMEE (CVB) FL – Kissimmee makes more golfing dreams come true when visitors hit the links at courses designed by leading architects or such legendary golfers as Tom Watson, Greg Norman, Jack Nicklaus, Johnny Miller and Arnold Palmer.

A round or two of golf can make a Kissimmee vacation, weekend getaway or retreat from a business meeting or convention a lot more rewarding. Among the area's top choices are:

**Celebration Golf Club** offers a course designed by Robert Trent Jones Sr. and Jr. The challenging golf course is bordered by native trees and natural wetlands and speckled with clusters of native oaks, pine and magnolia trees. The course sports five sets of tees and stretches from 4,933 to 6,792 yards inviting competition from all skill levels.

The nearby boutique *Celebration Hotel* is an ideal accommodation for visitors searching for elegance. Golfers are driven the short distance from the lakeside hotel through the Town of Celebration to make their tee time in a vintage car. The 718-room, recently remodeled *Radisson Resort Orlando-Celebration*, located less than a mile from the course, also offers packages with the golf club.

The **ChampionsGate Golf Club** features two Greg Norman-designed courses. The National Course's classic American-style layout has over 200 acres of southern woodlands and wetlands, while the International Course boasts a Scottish-themed golf course that has the look and feel of the British Isles.

Each year, ChampionsGate hosts the **Father/Son Golf Challenge**, a tournament where some of professional golf's most prominent players compete alongside their sons and grandsons for a \$1 million purse. ChampionsGate is also home to the David Leadbetter Golf Academy, which trains professional golfers such as Ernie Els, Nick Price, Charles Howell III and Rachel Heatherington.

Adjacent to the golf course is the *Omni Resort at ChampionsGate*, a four-diamond flagship resort with a 10,000-square-foot spa and six restaurants.

**Falcon's Fire Golf Club** features a Reese Jones-designed course that pays respect to the timeless traditions of the game of golf. The front side features water on three holes, while the back wraps around two large lakes with a run of holes that will challenge the most skilled player.

The unique **Harmony Golf Preserve** is more than a golf course. The Johnny Miller-designed course offers a challenging, picturesque layout around existing wetlands. Abounding in wildlife, Harmony features multi-tiered tees and greens along with spacious, immaculate fairways. It's not unusual for golfers to tee it up while deer and other wildlife graze nearby.

**Kissimmee Bay Golf Club** has a championship layout course designed around century-old oak trees, lush vegetation and abundant wildlife bordering scenic East Lake Toho. The course features water on 16 holes, plus gently rolling fairways and greens.

A unique feature of the club is a permanent display of golf equipment and memorabilia at the **Langley Golf Museum** with a private collection of more than 1,000 rare and antique items. Kissimmee Bay is located just a five-iron's distance from its equally challenging sister course, Remington Golf Club.

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**Kissimmee Oaks Golf Club** has received recognition from the local golf community for having one of the area's best-conditioned courses. Water comes into play on 12 holes, and along the way golfers play through nature preserves and protected wetlands that harbor local wildlife such as eagles, osprey and sand cranes.

**Mystic Dunes Golf Club**, located in the Wyndham Palms Resort, offers a course designed by PGA Tour player and NBC golf analyst Gary Koch. The "low country" front nine is reminiscent of classic Carolina courses, meandering through wetlands and marsh, while the Scottish links-style back nine features extensive mounding, large pot bunkers and expansive waste areas.

**Remington Golf Club** offers a fair yet challenging test from every tee and an enjoyable experience for all golfers. The course is visually striking with an abundance of water, undulating fairways, and generous landing areas.

The **Reunion Resort & Club** has three courses designed by some of the top players in golf. Arnold Palmer's Legacy offers an awe-inspiring golf journey through a natural preserve, Tom Watson's Independence marks his first course design in the state of Florida and Jack Nicklaus's Tradition opens this year featuring a "superior course" design that compliments the golfer's legendary status.

Reunion also hosts the **Ginn Clubs and Resorts Open**, the only full-field LPGA Tour event in Florida, April 27-30, 2006. The event will be played on a composite layout of two of the resort's golf courses, the Legacy and the Independence. The tournament's \$2.5 million purse is the top USA purse of the season. Meanwhile, the resort offers villas, homes and townhouses for rent that provide home-away-from-home comforts, some with spectacular views of the three golf courses.

**Royal St. Cloud Golf Club** is an American-style links course where every hole transports you to the fabled courses of the British Isles. The course's skillful design combines terrain changes and authentic links elements into a magnificent layout for a genuine playing experience. Royal St. Cloud hosted the 2004 and 2005 British Junior Amateur and players can take on any challenge with five sets of tees. Each hole has its own playing strategy and every club in the bag will be used.

**Stonegate Golf Club at Solivita's** two golf courses, the Cypress and the Oaks, were recently redesigned to provide more exciting and enjoyable golfing experiences. The Cypress has been redone into a more challenging, exciting layout than its predecessor. Fairways are gently rolling and flanked by undisturbed century-old cypress trees and all the greens have been expanded in size to feature undulations acceptable for much faster roll. Cart paths now run the length of the course from tee to green, and water comes into play on 13 holes. The Oaks has water on eight holes and free-forming collars around the greens, which gives a definite emphasis on the short game.

Golfers wanting to plan their ideal golf getaway to the Kissimmee area can book their golf packages through the Kissimmee Convention & Visitors Bureau's golf vacation website [www.golffloridakiss.com](http://www.golffloridakiss.com). Visitors can book any of the world-class golf courses in the Kissimmee area and choose from a variety of accommodations that includes hotels, condos, homes and villas. The website also offers golf vacation packages that include hotel stay and golfing at some of Kissimmee's best golf courses.

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