



CANADA

BRIAN KENDALL TAKES US ON A COAST-TO-COAST TOUR OF CANADA'S FINEST GOLF COURSES AND RESORTS, FROM NEWFOUNDLAND'S RUGGED ATLANTIC COAST TO THE MOUNTAIN VALLEYS OF ALBERTA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.



TWIN RIVERS GOLF COURSE **NEWFOUNDLAND**

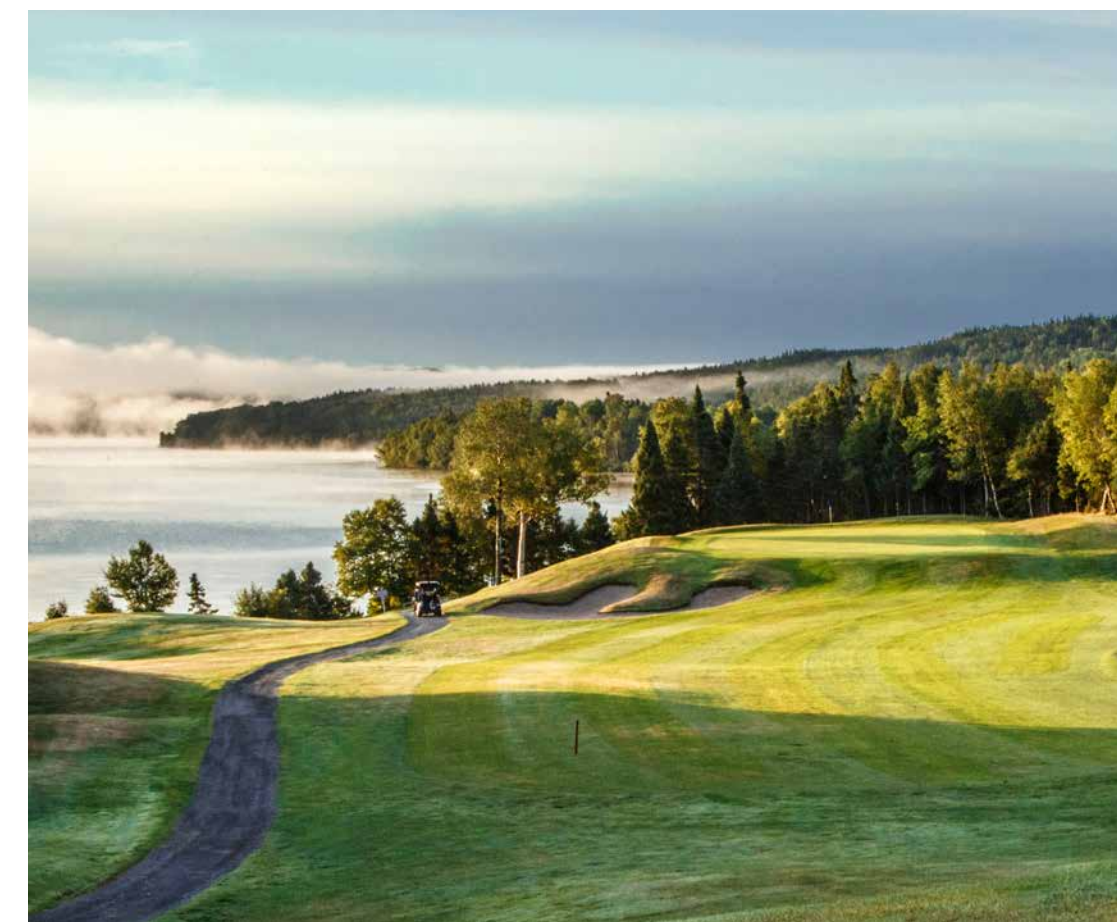
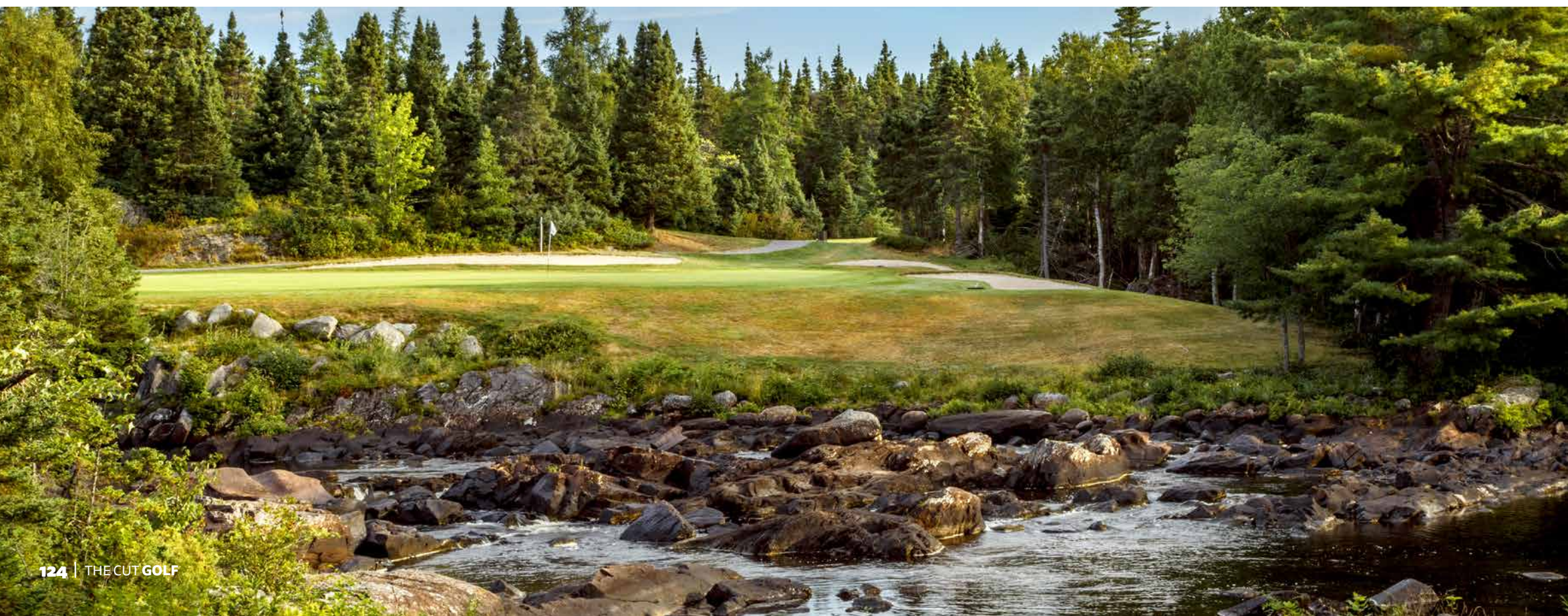
The remote splendour of its location is both the great strength of Newfoundland's Twin Rivers Golf Course and the far-flung factor that has kept this dramatic oceanfront layout from greater prominence.

Situated at the southern end of Terra Nova National Park, 223 kilometres west of provincial capital St John's, Twin Rivers boasts a wild and woolly natural setting rivalled by only a handful of Canadian courses. Two whitewater salmon rivers define a 6,546-yard layout that skirts the Atlantic Ocean before winding through a coniferous forest teeming with moose, bald eagles and other wildlife.

Designed by Canadian architects Doug Carrick and the late Robbie Robinson, who each contributed nine holes, Twin Rivers presents golfers with one idyllic vista after another. Especially unforgettable is the 18th, a 175-yard par-3 played through the mist rising above a waterfall to a small green nestled in the forest.

Eagle Creek, a short nine-hole course designed by Newfoundlander Robert Walsh, and the 82-room Terra Nova Park Lodge, are also found on the property.

www.terranovagolfnl.com





THE LINKS AT CROWBUSH COVE

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Acclaimed as one of North America's best new courses when it launched in 1994, the Links at Crowbush Cove ignited the golf industry in Prince Edward Island, Canada's smallest province. More than a dozen new courses opened in its wake, while annual revenues from golf tourism jumped to a high of around US\$80 million (\$96m), compared to about US\$17m in the mid-1990s.

Set beside the rolling dunes of a white-sand beach, the Links at Crowbush Cove features nine water holes, eight holes that skirt the lee side of the environmentally sensitive dunes, wide and undulating fairways, and green sites that are often severe, full of bumps and hollows and protected by deep-set bunkers.

But the most difficult obstacle to scoring well at this design by Canadian Tom McBroom is the almost constantly howling wind. On a really blustery day, even low handicappers can struggle to break 90 at a seaside layout that has become synonymous with golf on Canada's East Coast.

www.peisfinestgolf.com/crowbush



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CABOT CLIFFS AND CABOT LINKS

NOVA SCOTIA

Few golf properties in the world can match the one-two knockout punch of Cabot Cape Breton on the Nova Scotia island of Cape Breton.

Cabot Cape Breton's older course, Cabot Links, won rave reviews from the world's golf press when it launched in 2012. And even before its official unveiling in 2016, Cabot Cliffs had already been named one of the world's top-20 courses by leading golf publications.

Designed by Canadian Rod Whitman, Cabot Links sprawls along a wind-buffed shoreline that trails down into the dunes along the ocean and then back to higher ground near the main street of Inverness town. It is Canada's only true links and one of just a handful in North America.

Even more spectacular is the bluff-top setting of the aptly named Cabot Cliffs. No fewer than eight holes offer endless views of the Gulf of St Lawrence at this Ben Crenshaw-Bill Coore design. The inland holes sweep through sculpted dunes and woodlands before returning to the sea. Absolutely unforgettable is the 16th, a par-3 chiseled into a jagged, towering cliff.

The worldwide fame of Cabot Cape Breton sparked the growth of a chain that now includes Cabot Saint Lucia in the Caribbean, Cabot Citrus Farms in Central West Florida, Cabot Highlands in Scotland and Cabot Bordeaux in France.

www.cabotcapebreton.com





FAIRMONT LE MANOIR RICHELIEU GOLF CLUB **QUEBEC**

Spectacularly situated on cliffs overlooking the mighty St Lawrence, Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu Golf Club is one of the jewels of Quebec's popular Charlevoix tourist region, east of Quebec City.

Pristine lakes, verdant Laurentian Mountain valleys and evergreen forests define Charlevoix's astonishingly diverse landscape. The region is a

renowned culinary destination, with restaurants and hotels focused on serving locally sourced cuisine.

Opened in 1925, the original 18-hole Le Manoir Richelieu Golf Club has been extensively renovated in recent years. Nine new holes were added, several of them affording commanding views of the St

Lawrence. Also new is a cliff-top clubhouse, from which diners can often see whales swimming in the water far below.

Next door to the golf course is the Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu, a Normandy chateau-style grand hotel featuring 405 guest rooms and a lively casino.

www.fairmont.com



TPC TORONTO AT OSPREY VALLEY

ONTARIO

Set to host its first Canadian Open next year, the North Course is the headline attraction of the three standout 18-hole layouts at TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley, sitting amid rolling countryside about an hour's drive from Toronto.

Originally designed by Canadian architect Doug Carrick, the North has recently been toughened up for the PGA Tour pros by Carrick's former associate, Ian Andrew. Fairways have been lengthened and narrowed, bunkers repositioned, and tightly mown run-offs added to the green complexes at a parkland-style layout expected to become a frequent host of the national championship.

Like the North, TPC Toronto's two other Carrick-designed courses, Hoot and Heathlands, are picturesque and walkable. Hoot is a sand wasteland-style course in the style of Pine Valley, while Heathlands, the most scenic of the three, is a links-style layout with raised greens and elevated tees.

Due for completion in time for the 2025 Canadian Open are two new clubhouses, as well as luxury lodge-style accommodations.

www.tpc-toronto.com





WHIRLPOOL GOLF CLUB **ONTARIO**

Drawn by thundering Niagara Falls, perhaps the most breathtaking of all the natural wonders of the world, 14 million travellers annually visit an Ontario tourism region that also offers award-winning wineries, War of 1812 battlefields, an acclaimed summer theatre festival – and more than 35 golf courses.

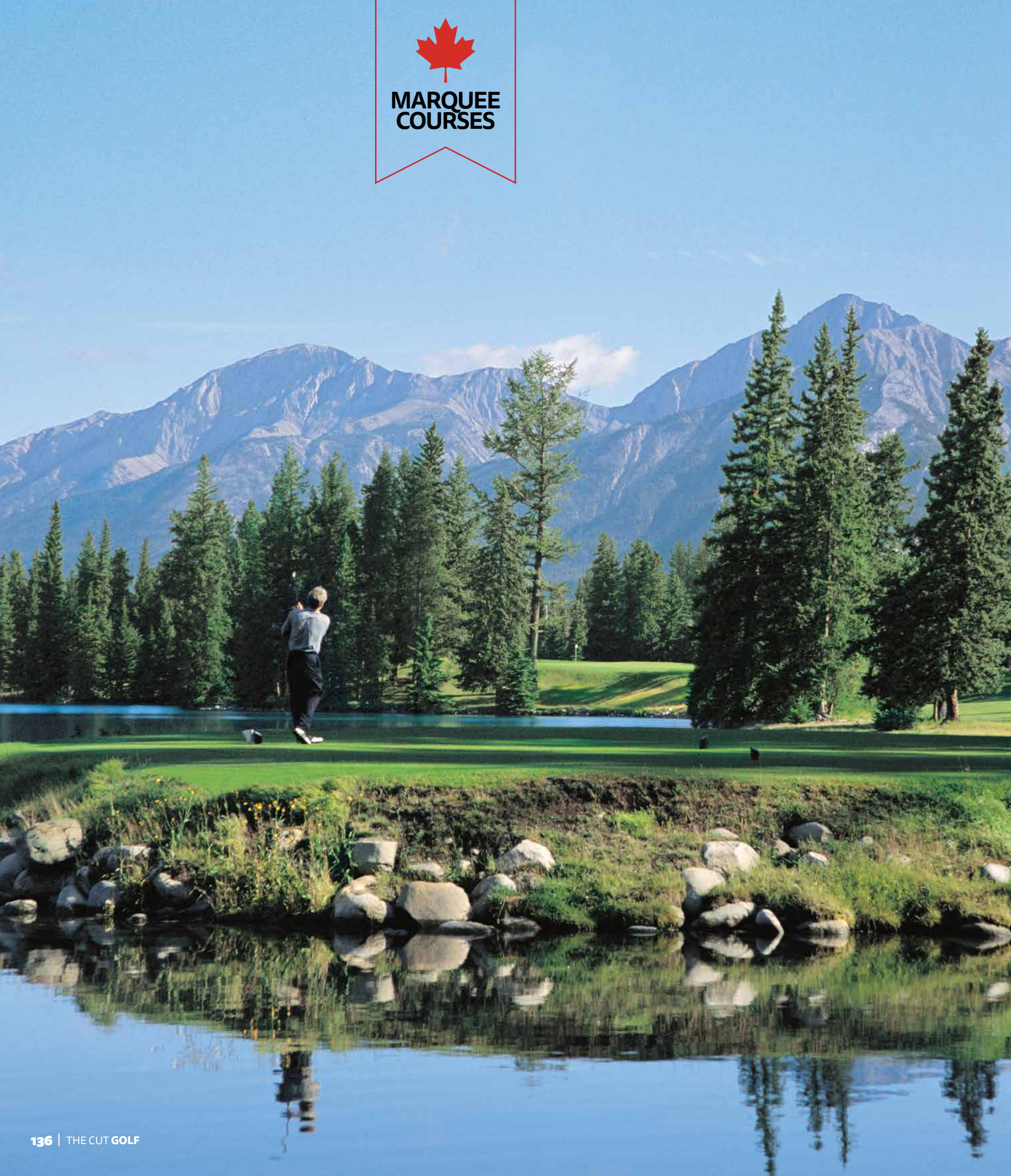
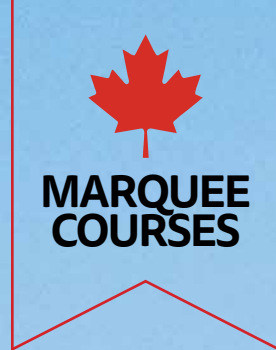
At the aptly named Whirlpool Golf Club, the Niagara River whirlpool and gorge provide a stunning backdrop to a brilliant 18-hole design by Canada's greatest golf architect, Stanley Thompson. Opened a short distance downriver from the falls in 1951, Whirlpool was one of the last courses built by the 'Golden Age' designer of such iconic Canadian courses as Highlands Links in Nova Scotia and the Banff Springs in Alberta.

Thompson's gently rolling parkland layout features evergreen-lined fairways, his trademark linked bunker complexes, and greens left open at the front in the classic style. A handful of tee sites are elevated, with views that demand golfers tee it up from the tips, even if the rest of their round is played from the forward tees.

Owned by the Niagara Parks Commission, Whirlpool is currently undergoing a multi-year restoration by architect Ian Andrew aimed at restoring tee boxes to their original locations and eliminating bunkers and side mounds not part of the original design. Happily, Thompson's masterwork will remain open throughout the changes.

www.niagaraparks.com

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JASPER PARK LODGE GOLF COURSE **ALBERTA**

Fans of this iconic golf resort watched in horror this past northern summer as a massive wildfire destroyed much of the nearby town of Jasper and then crept onto Stanley Thompson's golf course. But the good news is that the resort's main lodge, clubhouse and key cabins were spared, and that Jasper Park Lodge Golf Course is certain to reopen for the 2025 season.

One masterful hole flows into the next at a Rocky Mountain valley design that startled the world with its brilliance – and made its architect's reputation – when it opened in 1926. Thompson cleared gaps through the forest of fir and spruce to point golfers toward greens aligned with distant mountains, while whimsically patterning his bunkers after the snow formations on their peaks. In choosing a circular course path that flowed with the natural contours of the land, Thompson made the most of the glacial-blue beauty of Lac Beauvert by setting three holes against its shores.

Thompson's genius – and mischievous personality – was best seen at Jasper's ninth hole, Cleopatra, one of Canada's signature par-3s. The 231-yarder plays downhill to a steep-sided and heavily bunkered green framed by the backdrop of distant Pyramid Mountain. Inspired by the mountain's name, Thompson painstakingly moulded the ninth's green-side bunkers into the voluptuous form of the ancient Egyptian queen. Unamused by Thompson's gag, hotel officials ordered the architect to return and mask Cleopatra's charms.

Thompson's groundbreaking design in Jasper established a template for mountain courses followed around the world to this day.

www.jaspermountaingolf.com





BANFF SPRINGS GOLF COURSE, ALBERTA

Designed in the late 1920s by Stanley Thompson, the Banff Springs Golf Course and the Fairmont hotel that looms like a fairytale castle on the cliffs overhead have become totemic symbols of the Canadian game, recognized by golfers around the world.

The course, the first anywhere to cost more than US\$1 million, includes Canada's most celebrated hole, the par-3 Devil's Cauldron, which Thompson set beside an almost surreally picturesque glacial lake in the shadow of looming Mount Rundle.

Wherever he could, the Toronto-born architect left nature alone, taking his routing through tunnels of fir trees, while bringing into play the Spray and Bow Rivers. Never does Thompson's layout at the Banff Springs impose itself on the perfection of the natural setting. Rather, he created with the subtle strokes of a painter, bringing the artistic elements of balance, harmony and proportion to his work. In Banff and elsewhere, Thompson pushed the frontiers of the designer's craft.

Following his artistic triumphs, first in Jasper and then Banff, Thompson took his place among the top golf architects of golf's Golden Age.

www.fairmont.com/banff-springs





TOBIANO GOLF COURSE

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Described by one commentator as a “moonscape with turf”, Tobiano Golf Course is a must-play attraction in the Thompson-Okanagan tourist region of British Columbia, home to award-winning vineyards and more than 30 golf courses.

This visually stunning – and intimidating – 7,367-yard Tom McBroom design plays through starkly beautiful desert canyons overlooking Kamloops Lake, a short drive from the city of Kamloops. The property was once home to Six Mile Ranch, a cattle station renowned for its Red Angus breed.

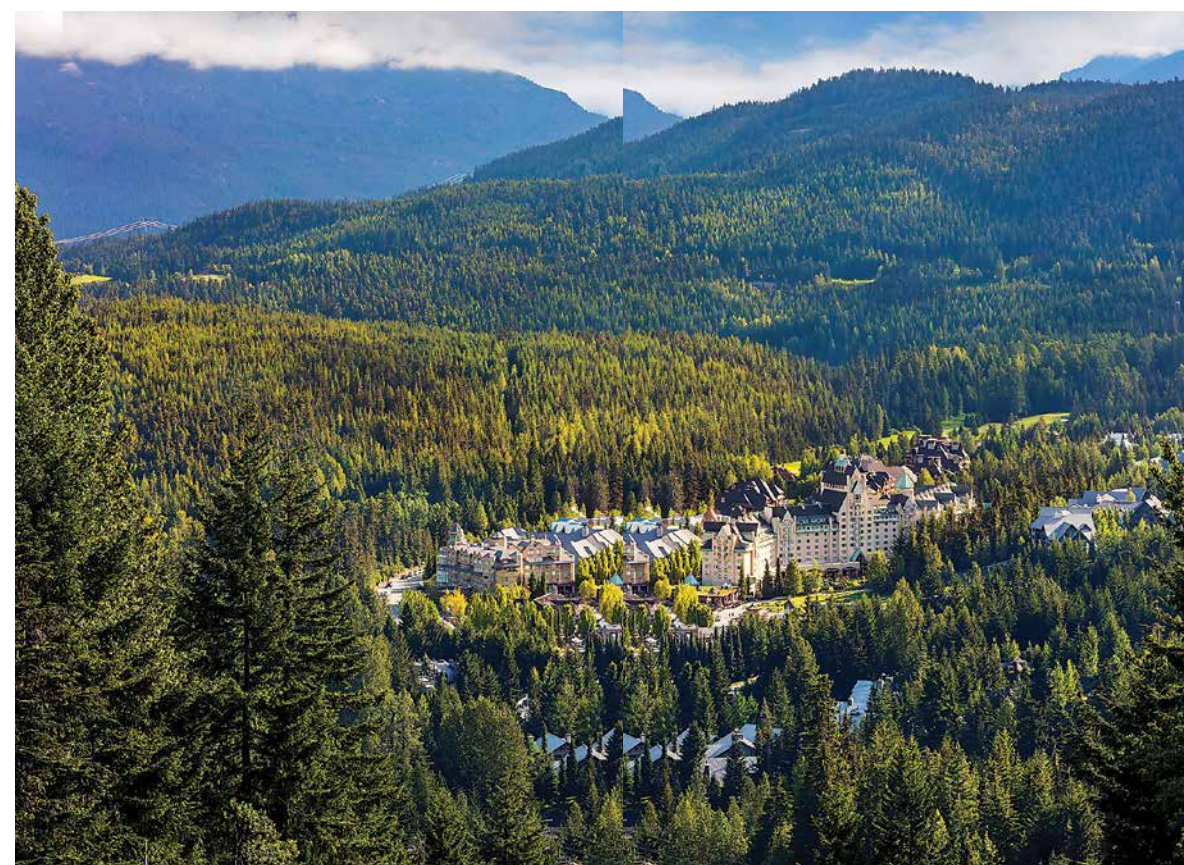
Wide views of the lake’s cobalt-blue waters and the surrounding mountains are on display from every hole at a layout full of daunting tee shots over gaping canyons to infinity greens which, especially on shimmeringly hot days, appear to float in mid-air over the lake.

Beware, especially, the par-5 eighth, the number-one stroke hole, where the testing tee shot might give even Tiger Woods the shakes. Best to tee it forward to the 6,200-yard Spur/Lake combo tees and enjoy your day at what might be the most thrilling course in Canada.

www.tobianogolf.com



MARQUEE COURSES



FAIRMONT CHATEAU WHISTLER GOLF COURSE

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Unlike most mountain golf courses, which roll relatively tamely across valley floors, Chateau Whistler Golf Club is renowned as a true alpine design. During the opening three grinding, uphill holes alone, golfers face an elevation change of more than 300 feet (90m).

Carved through the lower slopes of Blackcomb Mountain by Robert Trent Jones Jr, Chateau Whistler Golf Club is a summertime highlight in a world-famous

resort town that boasts three top golf courses within a five-minute taxi ride of the bustling downtown.

Creeks, ponds and granite outcroppings confront golfers throughout Jones Jr's constantly exhilarating design, closely following the natural contours of the rugged terrain. Typically fearsome is the signature 8th hole, a 212-yard par-3 playing downhill to a green guarded in front by a pond, and to the rear by a massive wall of

granite notorious for bouncing errant balls into orbit.

Just a short walk or shuttle ride away is the Fairmont Chateau Whistler, a luxuriously modern take on a European-style ski chalet that quickly became the preferred place to stay in Whistler following its opening in 1989

www.fairmont.com/whistler/golf



MARQUEE COURSES



THE RIDGE AT PREDATOR RIDGE BRITISH COLUMBIA

Located just outside the city of Vernon, the 1,200-acre Predator Ridge Resort and real estate development offers a dramatically scenic landscape of clear lakes, fast-rushing mountain streams and wheatgrass meadows. There's a central lodge, two- and three-bedroom cottages, and two renowned golf courses. The

older course, Predator, is a marvellously scenic Les Furber design that received a US\$3.5 million refresh by Doug Carrick in 2018.

But the real star is The Ridge, a Carrick creation that launched in 2010. Carrick's 7,190-yard design seamlessly blends eight completely rebuilt holes of Predator Ridge Resort's old Peregrine course with 10 spectacular new holes carved through robust mountain terrain affording cliff-top tee shots and panoramic views of Okanagan Lake far below. Though visually intimidating, The Ridge's fairways are wider than they at first appear, with dramatic mounds and slopes to help funnel errant shots back into play.

Part of the genius of The Ridge is the careful attention Carrick paid to his forward tees. Golfers playing from up front enjoy many of the same thrilling elevated lift-offs and stunning mountain vistas as their longer-hitting partners at the tips.

www.predatorridge.com

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GREYWOLF GOLF COURSE

BRITISH COLUMBIA

From the moment of its unveiling in 1999, Greywolf Golf Course's par-3 Cliffhanger became the most ballyhooed Canadian golf hole since Stanley Thompson's Devil's Cauldron in Banff.

Cliffhanger is the star attraction of a drama-filled Doug Carrick design, located next door to the Panorama ski and golf resort, near the town of Invermere. Tree-lined fairways, mountain views on every hole and almost 500 feet of elevation change are the hallmarks of Carrick's acclaimed design.

But it's the par-3 signature hole that leaves golfers awe-struck. Cliffhanger demands a long, gut-churning carry over the sheer drop of Hopeful Canyon to a green perched along the edges of vertical rock cliffs. Rugged peaks tower in every direction, evergreens strain toward the sky, and from the green, golfers can see for kilometres down an incredibly beautiful mountain valley.

All that's missing from this picture-postcard setting is a red-clad Royal Canadian Mountie standing on guard at the tees.

www.greywolfgolf.com

