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The Daytona Beach Area: Florida's Fastest Golf Destination

Daytona Beach, Fla. -- Great golf is another reason why worldwide visitors choose the Daytona Beach area for vacation getaways.

This stretch of the Atlantic coast is lined with championship greens that are open to the public. The Daytona Beach area offers courses designed by Jack Nicklaus, Rees Jones, Arthur Hills, Arnold Palmer, Gary Player, Lloyd Clifton and Bill Amick. With an average annual temperature of 70.3 degrees Fahrenheit (21 degrees Celsius), the Daytona Beach area is the perfect spot for year-round golfing fun.

Daytona Beach is home to the international headquarters of the Ladies Professional Golf Association. In addition, professional and amateur golf tournaments are held at courses throughout the area on an annual basis such as the Women's South Atlantic Amateur Golf Championship (The SALLY) and the LPGA Final Qualifying Tournament.

Golf enthusiasts can plan their Daytona Beach getaway through www.GolfDaytonaBeach.com, a promotional program coordinated by the Daytona Beach Area Convention and Visitors Bureau that packages golf courses and accommodations for added value and convenience to the traveler.

Area hotels and resorts participating in the promotional program are featured on the *Golf Daytona Beach* Web site and official brochure. Many of the packages offered by participating hotels include pre-arranged tee times, cart, green fees and a daily continental breakfast. Golf Daytona Beach hotels will customize packages to fit any budget or interest. Group packages are also available. Participating courses include:

Cypress Course at The Grand Club -- Gary Player recently returned to The Cypress Course to modernize his original vision. The Cypress Course gives golfers fantastic views and backdrops, from pine and hardwood forests reminiscent of the Carolinas, to love grass and pot bunkers that might fit nicely on Scottish Links. This Gary Player Signature course is unmistakably Northeast Florida with its marshlands, lakes, and magnificent wildlife. With over \$3.5 million dollars in renovations to the course and a new clubhouse, the experience has never been greater!

The Golf Club at Cypress Head -- The Golf Club at Cypress Head is a championship course designed by Arthur Hill and Mike Dasher. The course features abundant Florida native topography of thick forests, wetlands and water that create a fair but challenging layout.

Daytona Beach Golf Club -- The Daytona Beach Golf Club has been in existence since 1921. The South Course is the original 18 holes and was designed by Donald Ross. The tee shots are very forgiving but the approaches are demanding. The North Course, the most demanding of the two courses, was redesigned by Lloyd Clifton and reopened in 1997. The course features complete practice facilities, a 10,000-foot putting green, a lighted driving range, and much more.

DeBary Golf & Country Club -- This picturesque golf course is surrounded by dense pines,

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reminiscent of the Carolinas. Rolling fairways and undulating greens are consistent throughout this challenging course that is playable for all levels.

Halifax Plantation Golf Club -- Nestled in the shadows of Bulow and Tomoka State Parks on Old Dixie Highway in Ormond Beach, Halifax Plantation Golf Course is as much of a challenge as it is a beauty. Arrive early and utilize the course's practice facilities to fine tune your game. A "must-play" course on your next golf getaway to Daytona Beach.

Hidden Lakes Golf Club -- Hidden Lakes Golf Club is a fun, challenging and affordable experience. Walk or ride the naturally beautiful setting. It is the only course in New Smyrna Beach to offer a full practice facility. Players may also want to schedule lessons or take clinics from the experienced teaching professionals on staff. Rental clubs, a fully stocked pro shop, a snack bar and full-service bar, and a newly-renovated banquet room are also available.

Indigo Lakes Golf Club -- Consistently ranked among the "top 10 golf courses of Florida" by *Golfweek Magazine*, Indigo Lakes Golf Club is well known for its beautiful fairways, lush landscaping and challenging greens. The championship layout provides excitement for players of all levels, and the staff's commitment to excellence ensures a memorable outing. Amenities include a full-service bar and restaurant and fully stocked pro shop. Lessons are available with LPGA professionals.

LPGA International Champions & Legends -- The 36 holes of championship golf at LPGA International are a combination of two distinctly different styles of golf course design. Full clubhouse amenities include a complete lunch menu and group outing banquet facilities.

New Smyrna Beach Golf Club -- With 18 holes of Florida's finest public golf and a complete range of clubhouse facilities and amenities, New Smyrna Beach Golf Club has everything a golfer needs.

Pelican Bay Golf Club -- Pelican Bay offers two of the best and most challenging golf courses in Daytona Beach, featuring 36 holes of renovated greenside bunkers. The North Course, designed by Bill Amick, is immaculately maintained, winding through waterways, loblolly pines, bayberry and white cedars that escort and maintain the boundaries for the course. The Lloyd Clifton-designed South Course takes advantage of the waterways, keeping them in play on 15 holes, with five forced carries.

Pine Course at the Grand Club -- Arnold Palmer recently returned to The Pine Course to modernize his original vision. With more than \$2.5 million dollars in renovations to the course and clubhouse, this Arnold Palmer Signature design is a fixture among the rankings of Florida's best. The Pine Course has hosted scores of professional and prestigious amateur events, and is a favorite of tournament players.

River Bend Golf Club -- Completely renovated in 2005, River Bend is a perfect blend of surroundings combined with a competitive and scenic golf course layout. With no home sites, play among majestic oaks, red cedars, pines and magnolias. River Bend is a definite host for those who enjoy a blend of competitive golf with nature's offerings.

Spruce Creek Country Club -- This 18-hole championship golf course, designed by the renowned Bill Amick, has proven a challenge to all skill levels. The course offers over 6,894 yards of carefully designed fairways, bunkers, lakes and beautiful manicured greens. The front nine winds along historic Spruce Creek and is bordered by majestic southern oaks while the back nine offers spacious views where wind and water challenge your play.

Turnbull Bay Golf Club -- Opened in 1995, Turnbull Bay Golf Club was designed using the natural

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surroundings to preserve the old Florida feel as well as ensuring golfers a memorable golf experience. In the summer of 2008, Turnbull Bay got a major face lift when it replaced all 18 greens with new Seashore Paspalum greens. The golf club is now the only semi-private facility in Central Florida with Seashore Paspalum greens. With four sets of tees and water on 17 of the 18 holes, Turnbull Bay offers a fun and challenging experience for all types of golfers.

Victoria Hills Golf Course -- One of Central Florida's newest and most breathtaking courses, Victoria Hills features five sets of tee markers and a fabulous state-of-the-art practice facility. This course was named the No. 7 public access course in Florida for two consecutive years by *Golfweek* magazine. Measuring 6,989 yards from the championship tees and boasting more than 50 feet of elevation change, you'll love to play this challenging course. With five sets of tee markers, your skills will be tested with an array of pot bunkers, waste bunkers and native wetlands. Tall pines and hearty oaks frame the course while sandy waste areas and pristine lakes make for inspiring sight lines. This is one golf experience that you won't soon forget.

To receive a *Golf Daytona Beach Travel Planner* call 1-800-854-1234 (U.S. and Canada only), 386-255-0415 or visit www.GolfDaytonaBeach.com. For more information on all the fun things to see and do in the Daytona Beach area, visit www.DaytonaBeach.com.

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