

Tourist Board Membership Benefits

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### Introduction



Established in 1997 as the International Association of Golf Tour Operators, IAGTO quickly became recognized as the global trade organization of the golf tourism industry.

IAGTO's 600+ golf tour operators in 60+ countries are responsible for more than 90% of all international golf vacations sold worldwide.

With over 800 member golf courses in 90+ countries, IAGTO helps more golf clubs and golf resorts worldwide achieve their golf visitor objectives than any other organization.

With a membership of more than 100 tourist boards, IAGTO's unique position and experience has enabled it to support golf destinations develop and implement golf tourism strategies on every continent.

IAGTO has a presence in every golf destination and golf market on the planet and with our network of over 2300 member companies we are proud to have created the most pro-active, supportive and influential golf tourism organization in the world.

### Mission Statement

All of IAGTO's activities, services and membership benefits are based on these founding principles

- To represent the interests of our members and the global golf tourism industry
- To create business opportunities for tour operators and golf tourism suppliers
- To raise awareness of our members' golf tourism products and destinations
- To promote the implementation of best practices in the golf tourism industry
- To generate and improve access to valuable market information
- To further the development of golf travel worldwide

# IAGTO Membership by Category

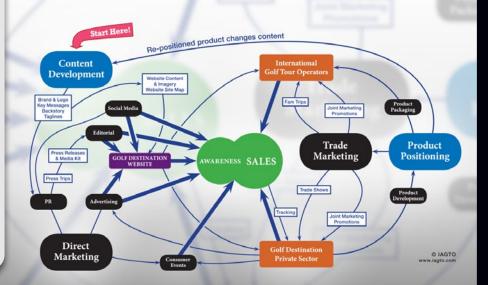
A snapshot as of August 2023



IAGTO has become the world leader in the development of golf tourism strategies, positioning destinations in the best possible way to attract more golf visitors and golf tour operators business. Strategy consultancy is supplementary to the annual membership fee.

# Strategy Development

**Golf Tourism Promotion & Development Strategies** 





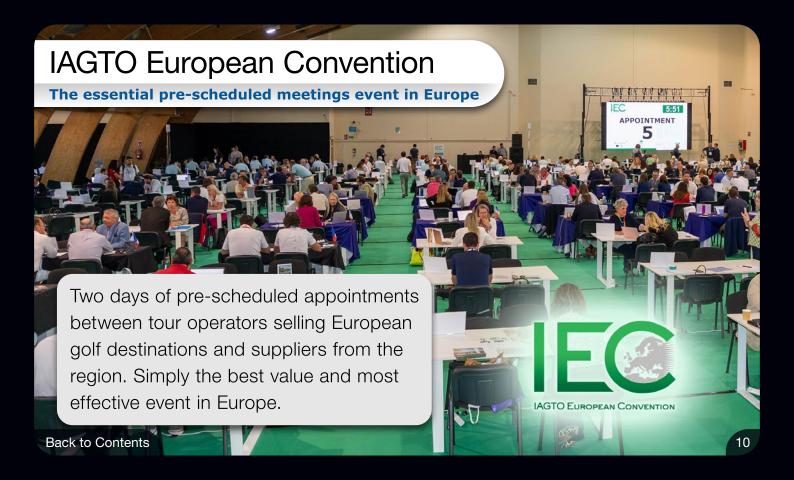




The most important golf travel event in North America

Exclusive to IAGTO members this is an opportunity to meet up with golf tour operators featuring, promoting and selling golf vacations to North America, Latin America & the Caribbean









Photo/Video Library ▼



# Increase Your Golf Tour Operator Sales

Direct access to 600+ golf tour operators in 60+ countries

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You will have direct access to, and detailed information on, tour operators controlling over 90% of international golf vacations sold worldwide, with a powerful Search Engine designed to help you find the operators your destination wishes to work with.



All IAGTO golf tour operators are in compliance with their national trading regulations and with IAGTO's own strict membership criteria. IAGTO collects sales figures, employee data and trade references from all members.

### **Destinations Promoted**

**Find out which Tour Operators sell your Destination** 

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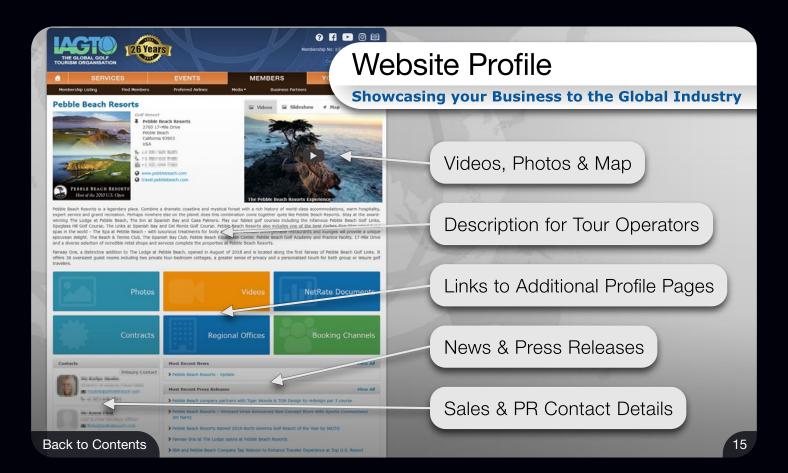
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Terms & Conditions

IAGTO tracks the destinations its 600 member tour operators feature, promote and sell. There is a Destination List on every tour operator Profile page and you can search for tour operators by both Countries and Regions sold.







# Weekly News Broadcast

### All the news you need on the golf tourism industry

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Tuesday to over 6000 IAGTO member contacts. You can add news items and press releases online at any time to keep the global golf tourism industry informed and to promote your product and services to the key decision makers.

Our News Broadcast is distributed every

# ... Covid response

April 6, 2020 At the present time, Governor Whitmer's Stay at 19

### IAGTO NEWS

As promised, we have now published the second part of our COVID-19 Recovery Hub which you can access here or find on our website under SERVICES / News & PR. On this page tour operators can review and search for COVID-19 Updates submitted by Destinations and \*\*---

So if you have not already done so places .... varencia, a wellness hotel in the heart of the Spanish \_\_\_ rews item below.

Peter Walton Chief Executive

### **Industry News**

IAGTO Consultation on Addendum for new bookings

Click here (636kb PDF) to download the EXAMPLE Addendum

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### Press Releases

Quinta do Lago pledges €500,000 in fight against Covid-19 Read More >>>

Several Branson Golf Courses Remain Open; Price, Protocol, and Best Practices V-Venue Read More >>>

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### **IAGTO Events**

29 Sep 2020 IAGTO North America Convention. Reno Tahoe. Nevada

16 Nov 2020 IAGTO Andalucia Trophy - Cadiz, Jerez

### Trade & Consumer Shows

19 Oct 2020 IGTM Celtic Manor

News Editor: Sharon Wingrove

### Press Release Distribution

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We distribute your Press Releases worldwide

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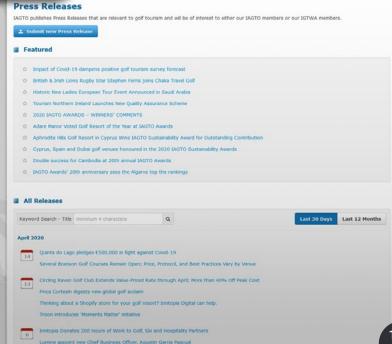
MEMBERS

YOUR DETAILS

We distribute your press release to our Global Media Network of some 500 journalists including all members of the International Golf Travel Writers Association.









# IAGTO Facebook Group

**Member Communications Platform** 

Over 2000 IAGTO member individuals use the IAGTO Private Facebook Group to make announcements and requests. This is a very popular platform for specific trade communications and activations.



# Global Golf Tourism Survey

"olf Tourism Survey in 2015 collecting and analyzing data from 800+ golf tour operators, golf resorts, golf courses and hotels every vey, conducted in January 2020, resulted in a record 1034 responses comparing 2019 golf visitor sales and golf visitor arrivals to tward bookings for 2020 to forward bookings at the same time the previous year.

are an accurate representation of the data submitted from the companies that completed the survey, they can only be used as

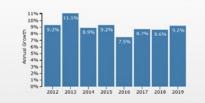
### **Regular Reports & Insights**

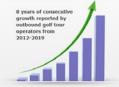
(Golf Vacation Packages)

IAGTO has replaced its Quarterly Surveys with regular updates and insights on different aspects and trends within the global golf tourism industry, focusing on individual markets and destinations.

The annual growth rate for golf tour operators globally has been fairly consistent for the three years from 2017 to 2019, growing at 8.8%, 8.6% and then 9.2% respectively. Golf tour operator sales can grow at a different rate to supplier golf visitor arrivals because tour operator bookings are only one channel of business for golf courses and hotels, with direct bookings also playing a major role in many destinations.

All outbound markets performed equally well for the first time, with even outbound golf travel from Latin America, Africa and the Middle East up in line with their North American, Asian and European counterparts for the first time. Golf travel from North America was up 8.0%, from Asia sales were up 8.4% and the tour operators in European markets saw their bookings rise, on average, by a heady 9.6%.





### Stronger Performance All Round for IAGTO Members in 2010

The number of golf tour operators, golf courses, golf resorts and hotels that experienced growth or saw their sales remain unchanged from 2018 was up on the previous year. It is particularly encouraging to see historically low percentages of companies seeing their sales decline.





### Corvid-19 Cloud over Healthy Forward Bookings

Reservations on the books in January 2020 were up year on year very much in line with the growth in sales experienced by both buyers and suppliers in 2019. Forward bookings taken by golf tour operators globally were up 9.4% and golf courses, hotels and golf resorts reported forward bookings in January up 4.3% year on year.

However, the Corvid-19 outbreak in mid-January has devastated the tourism industry overall throughout Asia. Many suppliers and destinations in the regions the summer. And one thing we know from repeat experience is that golf travel bounces back very guickly after all kinds of global or regional shocks, be th economic or health related

### Certificate & Logo

**Quality & Brand Recognition** 

All members can download a Certificate and use the IAGTO logo which has long been a sign of quality recognised within the industry and by golf travellers worldwide.







**Special Offers from the best Service Providers** 























































































Over 65 Service Providers from 35 countries, from Golf Clothing manufacturers to specialist Golf Course Photographers, Websites, Travel Insurance & Recruitment Companies, all providing top level service and special offers for IAGTO members.



# Tee Time Channel Manager

**Exclusive rates available on Zest.Golf Channel Manager platform** 



IAGTO has negotiated the lowest transactional rates available to enable member golf clubs and golf resorts take advantage of the Zest.Golf Channel Manager to provide a live connection between your tee sheet and golf tour operators.

# **Quality Assured Certification**

**Positioning Golf Courses for the First-Time Golf Visitor** 

The only global certification designed to assess and assist golf courses ensure that they are well positioned to deliver the best possible experience to visiting golf travellers.



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### Golf Tourism Accreditation

The first golf tourism professional qualification for golf course managers

The senior management of Quality Assured golf courses can apply for IAGTO Golf Tourism Accreditation, designed to recognise and reward excellence by golf course managers of IAGTO member golf clubs and golf resorts.





To apply for IAGTO membership go to

# www.iagto.com/application

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