

## Tenerife - bananas, stars and golf

The **INTERNATIONAL GOLF TRAVEL MARKET** took place this year on October 5-8 in Tenerife with a great support of national and local authorities. The largest of Canary Island – Tenerife is an island born for golf also thanks to average temperature of 23 °C degrees and you can play 365 days a year. Another advantage is represented by relatively short flights less than 5 hours from Central Europe which land on two airports in Tenerife – North and South.

An excellent opportunity to see more of the beautiful island and visit several scenic golf courses offered the IGTM 2015 FAM & PRESS trip organized for the IGTM participants.

Out of nine golf courses we would like to present five of them.

**Buenavista** Golf located in the extremenorth-west of Tenerife opened in October 2003 and was



designed by Severiano Ballesteros. The ocean of this golf course belongs to the main attractions and during play golfers can also admire the perfect design of this golf course as well as the impressive mountain range of Teno on the horizon. Par 72, length 6.019, green fee 95.00€.

[www.buenavistagolf.es](http://www.buenavistagolf.es)

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Golf **Costa Adeje** located in the south opened in 1998 and was designed by José Gancedo on land which was used in the past as banana plantation. Golfers should be very careful because of quite large height differences on several holes because of former terraces used for bananas. Again from this golf course ocean and La Gomera island could be admired as well as high mountains on the horizon. Par 72, length 6.258, green fee 96.00€.

[www.golfcostaadeje.com](http://www.golfcostaadeje.com)

**Real Club de Golf** de Tenerife opened in 1932 as the first one in Tenerife, designed by Antonio Lucena, Andrés Alberto, Joaquín Laynez and Aureliano Yanes. The golf course is located 600 m above



sea level and offers nice views of Teide. Par 71, length 5.740 green fee 75.00€. [www.rcgt.es](http://www.rcgt.es)

**Golf Las Américas** opened in 1998 is situated in the Heart of Playa de Las Américas, one of the most important tourist centres in the South of Tenerife and only 10kms from the International Airport, course designer John Jacobs. From the golf course you can admire

beautiful mountains. Par 72, length 6.051, green fee 99.00€. [www.golf las Americas.com](http://www.golf las Americas.com)

**Abama Golf** opened in 2005, designed by Dave Thomas.



The golf course is located 315 m above sea level with more than 25,000 palm trees, white-sand bunkers and 22 lakes connected by waterfalls. It is highly recommended to use a buggy, distances between holes are longer. Par 72, length 6.271, green fee 200€ (rate for clients of the hotels The Ritz-Carlton Abama and Jardín Tropical). [www.abamahotelresort.com](http://www.abamahotelresort.com)

In Tenerife in 2014 nine different 18-hole golf courses and two 9-hole pitch and putt courses were visited by more than 110,000 golf tourists. The number of rounds played by golf visitors has also increased, to more than 300,000.



There is a big variety of accommodation at the island for all needs and wishes, we present here two high class hotels which served as



IGTM official hotels and we stayed here for few nights.

**The Ritz-Carlton Abama**, 5\* hotel, located on the picturesque south-western shore is a magical citadel of interconnected Moorish buildings. Abama's exclusive beach carved from the volcanic rock can be reached by own funicular or small train. [www.ritzcarlton.com/abama](http://www.ritzcarlton.com/abama)

**Jardín Tropical**, 4\* hotel, with architecture inspired by the Arab world has perfect location on the



Costa Adeje. Guests can enjoy swimming in the pool filled everyday with very cold sea water. [www.jardin-tropical.com](http://www.jardin-tropical.com)

For the largest of Canary Island – Tenerife, bananas are a particularly important crop, as Tenerife grows more bananas than the other Canary Islands, with a current annual production of about 370,000 tons on about 4200 hectares. There are many products based on

banana, like banana liquor (Platania), banana wine (Plate) as well as banana oil (Mussa Canaria).

The **STARMUS festival** - Tribute to Stephen Hawking - Beyond the horizon (June 27 – July 2, 2016) was born with the aim of making the most universal science and art accessible to the public. The Instituto de Astrofísica de Canarias(IAC) is an international research centre located in La Laguna and The Observatorio del Teide (OT) is located in Izaña (Tenerife). There are excellent conditions for stargazers in Tenerife.

On the other hand, photographers can have hard time in Tenerife because of calima – dusty sun, coming from Africa.

Many different plant species typical for Tenerife can be admired, as for instance canary pine (*Pinus canariensis*), canary palm (*Phoenix canariensis*), Canary island's dragon tree (*Dracaena draco*) and



only when a seed from Eucalyptus landed on my head we have realized that the tall tree is an eucalyptus.



Close to the La Gomera island the sea is more than 4000 m deep thus offering excellent opportunities for diving as well as windsurfing. Sepias with tentacles several meters long also live there and have the largest eye in the world of animals.

When we asked our guide Nau, what they would have for Sunday lunch, he simply answered that they would prefer to go out to a restaurant and probably eat chicken and potato (one out of more than 20 different potato species grown in Tenerife) and probably red wine, from one of the five different wine regions in Tenerife.

The highest peak of Spain Teide, 3718 m is the world's third largest volcano. In order to climb the



peak you need to obtain your summit permit.

In the capital of Tenerife Santa Cruz the Tenerife it is worth to visit **Auditorio**, designed by Santiago Calatrava who designed the roof of the Olympic stadium in Athens.



The island of Tenerife offers a really extensive tourist experience to more than five million tourists each year and during our flight home we have already discussed what we should visit during our next trip to Tenerife.







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### **Fact file:**

#### **Golf courses:**

Abama Golf

[www.abamahotelresort.com](http://www.abamahotelresort.com)

Buenavista Golf

[www.buenavistagolf.es](http://www.buenavistagolf.es)

Golf Costa Adeje

[www.golfcostaadeje.com](http://www.golfcostaadeje.com)

Golf Las Américas

[www.golflasamericas.com](http://www.golflasamericas.com)

Real Club de Golf de Tenerife

[www.rcgt.es](http://www.rcgt.es)

#### **Hotels:**

The Ritz-Carlton Abama

[www.ritzcarlton.com/abama](http://www.ritzcarlton.com/abama)

Jardín Tropical

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