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Golfing in George

As the **home of golf in Africa**, is there any place better to bring your clubs? Tee off at several **premier golf courses** and enjoy a **golfing holiday** like no other.

Why every golfer should visit George



We really have it all; mountains, forests, sea, restaurants, climate, etc. Add some of the country's (and arguably even the world's) top golf courses to this enviable list, and you get the ultimate overall package.

Have a look at these fantastic golf courses at the foothills of the Outeniqua Mountains to see why George should be your number 1 golfing location, if it isn't already.

At the top of our list is **The Links**. Situated at the world renowned Fancourt Golf Estate. Once an airfield, this dune-scaped course was designed by Gary Player and welcomed its first players in November 2000. Known for the hard-hitting golfing challenge it presents and a credible rendition of classic Scottish links courses, it played host to several of the world's most significant tournaments in the past. A round of golf on this course means you'll follow in the footsteps of golfing greats, such as Ernie Els, Tiger Woods and Retief Goosen.

Fancourt is not only known for The Links, but boasts three other lovely courses, two of which consistently rank among the Top 20 in national golf course listings. **The Links Experience** at Fancourt is a brand-new nine-hole golf masterpiece designed by Gary Player, featuring striking dune-style bunkers, flowing fairways, and flexible tee options that create a beautifully varied and inclusive round for golfers of all levels. What makes the Links Experience truly special

is its design versatility combined with its artful landscaping, soft grasses, and subtle colour contrasts, all framed by the mountains. **Fancourt Montagu** has 18 holes and is the estate's original golf course. Its terrain varies and meanders through an indigenous parkland landscape. It is suitable for golfers of all abilities. There's a warm-up area, and a chipping and bunker practice area.

Like its other siblings, the **Fancourt Outeniqua** golf course was designed by Gary Player and promises an entertaining and leisurely golfing experience. Tough still challenging, it's a more lenient range and can accommodate a large number of golf players. It's well-manicured and tough holes are alternated by easier ones.

George Golf Club, affectionately known as the Old Course, dates way back to 1906 when it was first established. However, balls only got hit on the current site since the 1930's. It's an enchanting, natural parkland course lined with many trees, and golfers often share their play ground with African monkeys and buck, not to mention the wealth of indigenous feathered friends. It presents players with a fair share of challenges, and its famous Hole 17 counts among the Top 500 in the world. As a bonus, the club also offers some of the most affordable rates in South Africa, and the thousands of visitors swinging their clubs here every year is testimony to its immense popularity.



Featured: Kingswood Golf Estate



Featured: Glenwood Golf Course



Featured: Uniondale Golf Course

Kingswood Golf Estate attracts golfers from all over with its uniquely designed championship golf course. From practically any place on the course, players can appreciate the ever-changing mountain scape while strutting their stuff. Each hole offers its own challenges, with especially the last four holes giving players a run for their money. With its fast greens, traditional pot-bunkers, expert golf coaching on hand and available to all, and known as a woman-friendly track, this golf course is one of the must-play courses in the area.

Another golfing gem is to be found at the **Oubaai Golf Estate** near Herolds Bay. The estate boasts the first Ernie Els Signature Course in South Africa and players of all levels will have fun testing their skills. It is well laid out and built on a cliff-top with the mighty Indian Ocean as a splendid backdrop. Having said that, windy conditions on said cliff-top will take up the golfing challenge a notch or two.

For a nice, quick round of golf, the **Glenwood Golf Course** with its nine holes and high-quality bent grass greens is a definite consideration. Their vision is to make their customers happy and that is indeed the case. After having clubbed and sliced, puttered and struck, and everything else that golfers do, you can relax in their fully licenced clubhouse before moving on to your next Garden Route adventure.

And if you and your golfing buddies would like to go on a golf tour, experiencing all there is to experience golf-wise in our area without doing all the organisation yourself, **Golfguy Tours** is your solution. It's an inbound golf tour operator with an expert team of professional golfers and golf event specialists. They will put together a customised tour, including everything from arranging accommodation, to transport, to optional day trips.



Oubaai Golf Estate





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George: At the heart of the **Home of Golf Africa**

Few places in the world rival the Garden Route for sheer golfing beauty. Between the Outeniqua Mountains and the Indian Ocean, George stands proudly at the centre of what's now recognised as The Home of Golf in Africa - a region where championship courses, breathtaking scenery, and warm hospitality meet.

The Garden Route, or the Home of Golf Africa, is an extraordinary cluster of world-class golf courses under one identity. Within an hour of George, players can tee off on more than a dozen remarkable layouts - from Fancourt's iconic Links and Oubaai's coastal fairways, to Kingswood's parkland charm and Simola's mountain vistas. It's an unmatched collection of courses that

together form Africa's most complete golfing destination.

What sets the region apart isn't only design pedigree or prestige - it's the experience. Here, golf is framed by forest, mountain, and ocean; by morning mists and sea breezes that make every round feel cinematic. George's mild year-round climate and welcoming atmosphere make it the ideal base, not just for serious golfers but for anyone who loves life outdoors.

In the Garden Route, golf is more than a game - that's why players from across the world agree: it's the Home of Golf in Africa.

Home of golf



Fancourt

South Africa's premier lifestyle resort lies on 613 hectares of pristine countryside sheltered by the Outeniqua Mountains.

5-star Fancourt Hotel offers 115 luxurious rooms and suites, and the Manor House at Fancourt is an exquisite boutique country hotel with 18 suites and proud member of the **Leading Hotels of the World**.

There are four **Gary Player designer courses**, each with its own unique character and allure - **The Links, The Links Experience, Montagu** and **Outeniqua**. Fancourt regularly hosts Sunshine Tour events. **The Presidents Cup was at The Links in 2003** and **Women's World Cup in 2005**. Since 2010 the resort has hosted the Dimension Data Pro-Am.

Fancourt features its own golf academy, offering coaching clinics with highly sought-after professionals, as well as a state-of-the-art master fitting studio.

Please note that **no day visitors** are allowed at Fancourt's courses.



Fancourt is home to some of the worlds most spectacular and rewarding golf courses. **Golf Digest** voted it **South Africa's No 1 golf destination**.



The Links

Fancourt | 18 Holes | Par 73



The Links at Fancourt, once an airfield, is now a world-class golf course inspired by British Isles links courses. Designed by Gary Player, who calls it his greatest achievement, it has hosted prestigious events, including the 2002 Presidents Cup, where Tiger Woods and Ernie Els tied in a legendary match. Golfers here follow in the footsteps of champions.



Montagu

Fancourt | 18 Holes | Par 72



Fancourt's Montagu Golf Course has earned a world-renowned reputation as one of the finest and toughest 18-hole parkland courses in South Africa. Known for its immaculate conditioning, fast, firm greens, and challenging layout, it offers a rewarding experience for golfers. As Fancourt's original course, Montagu stands out for its scenic beauty and distinctive design, making it one of the country's most prestigious golfing destinations.



Outeniqua

Fancourt | 18 Holes | Par 72



The Outeniqua course provides a relaxed and enjoyable golfing experience while keeping golfers challenged and engaged. This beautiful course is named after the surrounding mountains that paint its backdrop. Like its other siblings it was designed by Gary Player. Tough, still challenging, the Outeniqua course can accommodate a large number of golfers on its well-manicured fairways and green. Alternate holes give respite from the tougher holes to make the golf most enjoyable.



The Links Experience

Fancourt | 9 Holes



Fancourt's The Links Experience redefines modern golf with its beautifully sculpted nine-hole design by Gary Player. Set on the former Bramble Hill site, it blends classic links character with contemporary playability, featuring sweeping fairways, natural grasses, and striking bunkers. Each hole offers a unique challenge and breathtaking views, delivering a memorable, world-class experience that complements Fancourt's legendary golfing heritage.

The Links Course designer

Gary Player, 2000

Montagu Course designer

Gary Player, 1992

Redesign by

David McLay Kidd, 2004

Gary Player, 2018

Outeniqua Course designer

Gary Player, 1997

The Links Experience

Course designer

Gary Player, 2025

The Links Facilities

- Caddies
- Halfway House

Montagu and Outeniqua Facilities

- Halfway House
- Golf Carts & Caddies
Golfers playing Montagu or Outeniqua can employ caddies to carry bags or serve as forecaddies for golfers using carts.



Fancourt Links is ranked No 28 in Golf Digest's 2022-23 Biennial List of the World's 100 Greatest Courses outside the US.

Montagu has been in SA's Top 10 courses for more than 20 years and ranked No 1 by Golf Digest in 2001.

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Oubaai

18 Holes | Par 72



Another golfing gem is found at Oubaai Golf Estate near Herolds Bay, George - Ernie Els' first course design in South Africa. Players of all skill levels will enjoy testing their abilities on this links-style course while taking in stunning clifftop views of the Indian Ocean, which frame several holes.

The often windy conditions on the cliffs add an extra layer of challenge. The course concludes with three picturesque holes overlooking the Gwaing River gorge, with the final hole teeing off above Oubaai Cove. The Clubhouse, featuring open-air terraces, offers panoramic views of the 16th, 17th, and 18th greens, as well as the ocean and river valley.

Practice facilities

Oubaai has a full-service practice facility including driving range, two practice putting greens and a short-game area, all complimentary with a round of golf.

Course designer

Ernie Els, 2005

Facilities

- Pro Shop
- Halfway House
- Clubhouse
- Golf Carts
- Hotel with 100 rooms and suites, 3 restaurants, spa, events venues, gym and swimming pool.

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George

18 Holes | Par 72



George Golf Club, fondly known as "the old course," has a rich history dating back to 1906, with the current layout established in the 1930s. This charming parkland course is set amidst natural surroundings, where golfers often encounter African monkeys, buck, and a variety of bird species.

Despite its scenic beauty, the course presents its own set of challenges, including the renowned 17th hole, ranked among the top 500 in the world. George Golf Club has hosted numerous amateur and national championships, and its affordable rates make it a favorite among both locals and visitors, attracting thousands of players each year. Remarkably, the course was designed entirely around the natural landscape without the use of machinery.

Practice facilities

George is restricted to a short-game area next to the ninth green, and at halfway house.

Course designer

Charles Molteno Murray, 1931

Facilities

- Golf Shop and Clubhouse
- Locker Rooms
- Venue Hire
- Golf Carts Caddies
- Golf Trolleys
- Halfway House Non-golfers can also enjoy the facility for breakfast and lunch

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Kingswood

18 Holes | Par 72



Kingswood golf course attracts players from all over, and it is locally named Sally Little's signature course, an initial stakeholder in the development. From just about any angle on the course, the unique mountain scape of George can be enjoyed. All the holes offer challenges, but the last four are known to take their toll, so save your best for last. With fast greens, traditional pot-bunkers, yet still women-friendly, this is one of the must-play courses in the area.

Kingswood does not have a halfway house, but they have 2 Quarter Houses with a grab and go facility. Groups can pre-book and use a voucher system for their players.

Course designer

Danie Obermeyer, 2007

Facilities

- Golf Club
- Restaurant and Player Lounge
- Driving Range and Practice Facilities
- Golf Lessons and Coaching
- Pro Shop and Fitting Services

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Glenwood

9 Holes | Par 29 • 18 Holes | Par 58



Swing by for a round of golf at this nine-hole, 18-tee-box golf course. It's short, with high quality bent grass greens and a fully licenced club house with beautiful views of the omnipresent Outeniqua Mountains. There are a few water hazards across the course, as well as three bunkers.

It has been described as the best short course in South Africa. Clubs and carts are available to rent, and distances covered range between 92m and 292m. Visitors are always welcome.

Course designer

Ian Gibbon, 2001

Facilities

- Clubs and Pull Cart Rental
- Go Cart Hire
- On-site Bar Facilities
- Clubhouse

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Uniondale

9 Holes | Par 72



A beautiful 600ha farm on the outskirts of Uniondale has been transformed into a 9-hole country golf course. The course is a truly unique experience with the natural elements of the Klein Karoo blending in with the course itself. Every green and tee box is planted grass, but what you find in between, you'll have to see for yourself. Goats and a couple of springbok roam the course, and the dirt roads around the farm are suitable for biking and hiking. Uniondale's laid-back nature and Klein Karoo charm is what creates this course's appeal. On Friday and Saturday nights the club house pub opens and locals gather at the watering hole for a few drinks, pool and sport on the big screen TV's. The course operates Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Practice facilities

There are practise facilities available on the course.

Course designer

Ken Dodds, 2014

Facilities

- Club House
- Bowls area

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