

5 OF THE BEST

GOURMET GOLF GETAWAYS

Peter Swain finds the perfect destinations that combine the finest of dining with top class teeing off



2. FOUR SEASONS, MAURITIUS

The Ernie Els-designed Anahita course, arguably the best 18 holes on the island, hosts the Mauritius Golf Masters Pro-Am every December. Before play, the breakfast of champions includes Madagascar crab Benedict and sea urchin scrambled egg, while for dinner, the Wagyu strip with grilled tiger prawns hits the spot. www.fourseasons.com/mauritius

1. PGA CATALUNYA, GIRONA, SPAIN

A short drive from the two magnificent courses at PGA Catalunya, El Celler de Can Roca, north of Barcelona, is currently ranked the world's second best restaurant (www.theworlds50best.com). After 18 holes round the Stadium course, celebrate victory over steak tartare with mustard ice cream. www.pgacatalunya.com www.cellercanroca.com



4. CASTELFALFI, TUSCANY, ITALY

This new 27-hole club, owned by TUI, is part of a Tuscan golf renaissance. With the boutique La Tabaccaia Hotel just reopening, the lunchtime snack to go for is gorgonzola on bruschetta smeared with black truffle, covered in fresh virgin olive oil and topped off with just a drizzle of honey. Fresh pasta with wild boar sauce is none too shabby either. www.castelfalfi-resort.com

3. CHATEAU DES VIGIERS, DORDOGNE, FRANCE

Encircling a spectacular 16th century Chateau hotel near Bergerac, Donald Steel has designed three 9-hole loops of excellent parkland golf. The clubhouse croque-madame is good before a round; and afterwards, the five-course taster menu (around £77 with wine) at gourmet restaurant Les Fresques, washed down by a Saint-Emilion, is a delight. www.vigiers.com

5. MANOR HOUSE, COTSWOLDS, ENGLAND

The Bybrook Michelin-starred restaurant at this 14th century country manor house offers an innovative dining experience in magical surroundings. Located in the chocolate-box village of Castle Combe on the edge of the Cotswolds, the 365-acre estate is also home to a superb 18-hole course and some very romantic suites with four-poster beds and Jacuzzi baths. www.manorhousegolf.co.uk

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