



## La Reserva

The latest jewel in the crown for visitors to Sotogrande is La Reserva Club de Golf, making this one of the most prestigious golfing areas on the Costa del Sol with Valderrama and Real Club de Golf Sotogrande nearby. This new private and exclusive golf club is situated in a unique area with magnificent views of the Mediterranean Sea and surrounding mountains.

This 18-hole golf course was designed by Cabell B. Robinson and only opened in 2004 but it already has maturity that exceeds expectations. The course is situated in two valleys. When construction commenced with the clearing of the of the existing scrub, all trees and plants with ecological or scenic interest were protected by transplanting them to a provisional nursery with the aim of taking them back to their original place.

As for the course itself, it is extremely impressive and has a quality that is difficult to match. The shaping and features are large scale but very easy on the eye and quietly fit in with the wonderful surroundings. The course is relatively long and measures just over 6,700 metres from the back tees and such an overall length was desirable in order for Sotogrande to have the option of hosting major international tournaments in the future. More importantly, for the ordinary golfer there are two forward men's and ladies tees that should enable all classes of golfers to enjoy their round. A computerised irrigation system ensures the course is always presented in perfect condition. The fairways are magnificent and amply wide. A good drive in the correct position will give you an easier approach to the green. Water hazards are a feature of the course and are found on six holes but only in one instance is there a frontal hazard. The course designer was more interested in protecting the pins and therefore has allowed more conservative approaches that take the hazard out of play. The greens are really the heart of the course being relatively large to provide bigger targets for the average player. However, to be on the green in regulation is one thing but to be on the right part is another. Beware the long putt on these greens!

In time, there is no doubt that La Reserva will be considered one of Europe's premier golfing venues and eventually accommodate an International competition that this part of the Costa del Sol can prove it can host. The area surrounding Sotogrande has some of the finest golf and accommodation on the Costa del Sol, so why not let Med Golf arrange that golfing break for you here.

On arrival the 6,000 square metre clubhouse will impress you and this has all the required changing facilities, as well as bar and restaurant facilities where you can sit and relax after your round. There is a superb practice area situated nearby and buggies are available if desired.

If you are in the area, you should ensure La Reserva is part of your itinerary and the course is highly recommended by Med Golf. As there are restrictions on the availability of visitors tee times, you should ensure your golf is pre-booked.

**Directions:** from both Marbella and Algeciras turn off at km. 133 and take the 130 exit marked Sotogrande-Guadiaro-Castellar]

**Address:** Avda. de La Reserva, s/n. 11310 Sotogrande, San Roque, Cádiz.

**Pro:** Peter Millhouse

**Designer and date of opening:** Cabell Robinson in 2004

**Number of holes and par:** 18 hole par 72

**Length off white tees:** 6448m (7093y)

**Length off yellow tee:** 6048m (6653y)

## **LOCAL POLICIES**

### **Cancellations:**

**Handicap certificates** are required with maximum of 24 men and 32 ladies

1. Players must be at the golf course 15 minutes prior to the booked tee time. Players arriving late for their tee time may have their reservation rescinded.
2. Players without official handicap will not be allowed to play.
3. Players must respect, in all Almenara Golf-Hotel & Spa and La Reserva premises the existent dress code, women not to wear jeans, short shorts, halters or strapless tops and mens must wear golf shirts with a collar, no jeans, short shorts, cuts offs, tee shirts or tank tops.
4. Children under 14 years old must be accompanied by an adult.
5. "The club" reserves the right to make up groups of 4 balls when considered necessary.
6. All golf professionals will be granted a special rate unless accompanied by 3 amateurs in which case the green fee will be courtesy of "the club".
7. Metal spikes are not permitted.
8. Course Marshalls are representatives of the Club Management and their instructions must be respected at all times.
9. "The club" may close the golf course if deemed necessary due to inclement weather.

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