

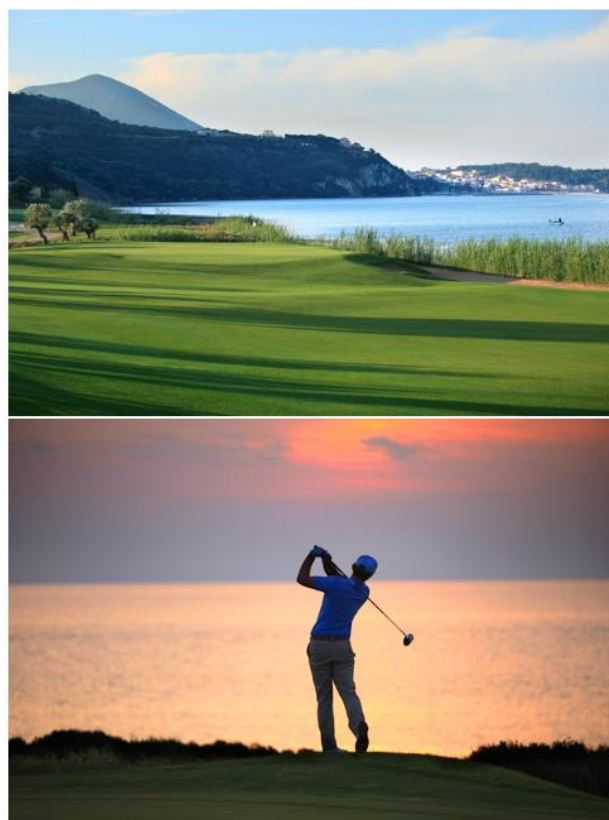


Costa Navarino awarded IAGTO European Golf Resort of the Year 2017

18th November 2016 - [Costa Navarino](#), in the Southwestern Peloponnese Greece, has been awarded the prestigious title of 2017 European Golf Resort of the Year at the IAGTO Awards ceremony held in Palma on 17th November 2016.

The award of European Golf Resort of the Year is voted for by almost 640 specialist golf travel Tour Operators, who are each members of the International Association of Golf Tour Operators, and based in more than 61 countries worldwide.

Costa Navarino is the prime, sustainable destination in the Peloponnese, nestling in one of the most unspoiled and breathtaking landscapes in the mediterranean. Situated amongst olive groves and complemented by the azure Ionian Sea, the destination features two 18 Hole signature golf courses, "The Dunes Course" and "The Bay Course". **The Dunes Course**, designed by Bernhard Langer, former US Masters champion and ex-captain of the European Ryder Cup team, together with European Golf Design, is set in diverse natural scenery, with spectacular sea and river views, where tall dunes divide a number of the holes adjacent to the golden beach. **The Bay Course** is designed by the legendary Robert Trent Jones Jr, with a layout offering panoramic seaside and mountain views, in addition to featuring holes that can be traced directly along the historic Bay of Navarino, providing an unforgettable golfing experience.



Both golf courses have been accoladed, as "Best Newcomers", in 2014 and "Best Service" in 2015 by the organisation, "World of Leading Golf".

With amplified accessibility and year-round mild temperatures (25C on average), Costa Navarino provides an easy-to-reach escape for all season vacations, as, apart from the two signature golf courses, it offers an extensive variety of activities, including two luxury five-star hotels, [The Romanos, a Luxury Collection Resort](#) and [The Westin Resort Costa Navarino](#), the award-winning [Anazoe Spa](#), a 4,000 sq.m spa & thalassotherapy centre, specially designed facilities for children, as well as a variety of gastronomy venues, sports, outdoor and cultural activities.

On announcement of the results, Mr. Stephanos Theodorides, Managing Director and Vice Chairman of TEMES SA – Costa Navarino stated: *"We are both delighted and honoured that our operator members of the International Association have selected Costa Navarino as the Best European Golf Resort 2017. With its variety of challenging yet rewarding courses by the sea, and perfect weather all year round, Costa Navarino is fast*

establishing itself as a leading destination to excite golf aficionados. Furthermore, with plenty to offer beyond exceptional golfing, Costa Navarino introduces guests to a plethora of authentic experiences, combining culture and history, thus becoming the perfect, all season getaway”.

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Costa Navarino

Costa Navarino is the prime, sustainable destination in the Mediterranean, located in the Greek region of Messinia in the southwest Peloponnese. One of the most unspoiled and breathtaking seaside Mediterranean landscapes, this area has been shaped by 4,500 years of history. Its philosophy is driven by a genuine desire to promote Messinia, while protecting and preserving its natural beauty and heritage. It will comprise a number of distinct sites featuring 5-star deluxe hotels, luxury residences, conference facilities, spa and thalassotherapy centres, signature golf courses, as well as a wide range of unique year-round activities for adults and children. Navarino Dunes, the first area, is home to two luxury 5-star hotels, The Romanos, a Luxury Collection Resort and The Westin Resort Costa Navarino; The Dunes Course – the first signature golf course in Greece-Anazoe Spa, a 4,000sq.m. spa & thalassotherapy centre; the state-of-the-art conference centre House of Events; specially designed facilities for children; as well as a variety of gastronomy venues, sports, outdoor and cultural activities. Navarino Bay, the second area is home to the signature golf course, The Bay Course.

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Established in 2000, the IAGTO Awards are the annual Awards of the global golf tourism industry. The IAGTO Awards recognise the best-performing golf resorts in three regions based on the highest vote count: North America, Europe and the Rest of the World. Votes were cast by more than 640 IAGTO member golf tour operators in 61 countries which oversaw more than 85% of all golf holiday packages sold worldwide with annual sales of over €2 billion.

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