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NAVARINO HILLS OPENING SIGNALS 2022 GOLF SEASON AT COSTA NAVARINO

Europe's newest golf destination is now open, with four golf courses

15 March 2022 - Costa Navarino – Europe's newest golf destination has been unveiled with the opening of the new 36-hole [Navarino Hills](#) golf development, marking a new era for [Costa Navarino](#).

The world's first International Olympic Academy Golf Course and the neighboring Hills Course, as well as the new Hills Clubhouse, made their debut right at the start of the 2022 golf season. They provide the ideal complement to the destination's existing signature golf courses, The Dunes Course and The Bay Course, and mean that players of all levels can now enjoy the challenge of four signature golf courses, within a 13km maximum distance.

Designed by two-time Masters champion José María Olazábal and situated over 125 hectares overlooking the historic Bay of Navarino and the Ionian Sea, the new layouts are set in a unique location affording views to the sea, mountains and valleys. Measuring 6,366m, the International Olympic Academy Golf Course received widespread acclaim when it was played for the first time at the fifth Messinia Pro-Am in November. The Hills Course is slightly shorter at 6,280m in length, with both courses featuring an average green size of 669m², a 60-bay driving range and a 15,000m² short game area.

Olazábal said: *"Costa Navarino ranks among the most beautiful places I have ever been to. Over the past five years, we have worked hard to shape two courses that not only respect the stunning surroundings but that also fit as naturally as possible into the terrain."*



"The two courses are distinct in character. Golfers will find the International Olympic Academy Golf Course to be more polished in style and full of spectacular views across the Bay of Navarino while the Hills Course offers more of a rural feel, where we take you out through the gently rolling hills."

"With the two new courses and the two existing ones, Costa Navarino has developed into a spectacular golf destination, and I invite everyone to come and experience it for themselves."

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In line with Costa Navarino's commitment to sustainable development, a water reservoir with a capacity of 485,000m³ has been built to meet the irrigation needs of both courses. To keep water consumption to a minimum, all fairways, greens, tees and rough areas have been seeded with a combination of hard-wearing grasses suitable to the local climate, while 52,000 indigenous forest plants, shrubs and seasonal local flowers and herbs have also been planted.

Opening alongside the two courses, will be the Hills Clubhouse. Designed by acclaimed architect Lubomír Zeman and built using local stone materials, the 2,500m² clubhouse has been created with the aim of achieving class A+ in energy efficiency and features photovoltaic panels.

Navarino Dunes, the destination's first resort area, welcomed guests for the new season as of February at The Westin Resort Costa Navarino, with The Romanos, a Luxury Collection Resort opening on March 24th, earlier than ever before.

Guests will benefit this season from the endless sports, wellness and leisure activities, alongside a multitude of revamped gastronomy across several restaurants, cafes and bars. They can indulge and rejuvenate with signature oleotherapy® treatments at the award winning Anazoe Spa and have an opportunity to improve their tennis skills at the first European 'Mouratoglou Tennis Center'. With mild weather conditions, spring is the best time to experience the great lush nature and many of the local historical and cultural attractions of Messinia with Navarino Outdoors – through biking, hiking and excursions in the countryside.

Alongside the existing properties, the brand-new W Costa Navarino will make its debut this summer, at the destination's newest resort area, Navarino Waterfront.

With an abundance of leisure, sports and wellness activities, as well as dining and authentic local experiences, Costa Navarino is now more than ever a truly all-encompassing destination, developed with respect to the region's natural beauty and cultural heritage.

For more information about Navarino Hills, please go to <https://www.costanavarino.com/navarino-hills/>.

For accommodation offers at The Westin Resort Costa Navarino, please click [here](#).

For accommodation offers at The Romanos, a Luxury Collection Resort, please click [here](#).

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About 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 comprises a number of distinct sites featuring five-star deluxe hotels, luxury private residences, conference facilities, spa and thalassotherapy centers, 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 five-star hotels, The Romanos, a Luxury Collection Resort, and The Westin Resort Costa Navarino; Navarino Residences, a collection of luxury villas for private ownership; and The Residences at The Westin Resort Costa Navarino – fully furnished resort apartments for sale; the signature golf course The Dunes Course; Anazoe Spa, a 4,000 m² spa and thalassotherapy center; the state-of-the-art conference center House of Events; specially designed facilities for children; and 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 and the earth-sheltered Bay Clubhouse, and is set to welcome the Mandarin Oriental, Costa Navarino in 2023.

At the nearby site Navarino Waterfront, the upscale, vibrant W Costa Navarino is expected to open in summer 2022.

At Navarino Hills, two new 18-hole signature golf courses will open in February 2022.

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