

## Holes Description

### The Signature Hole – Hole Number 3



#### Hole 1 - Start

*A Par 4 of 383 meters with a slight dog leg from right to left. The wind is usually blows from left to right, so the tee shot needs to be placed as close as possible to the left hand fairway bunker as the fairway also slopes from left to right.*

*The second shot is uphill to a large and undulating green and correct club selection is crucial in order to avoid the right hand bunker and to get the ball pin high.*

#### Hole 2 - Augusta

*A downhill Par 5 of less than 500 meters with the prevailing wind normally helping. It can be played in two different ways:*

*Hit a driver to the corner of the left to right Dog Leg and then go for the green in two, avoiding the stream in front of the green*

*Or*

*Play it as a conventional Par 5 and lay up short of the stream in two and play a short pitch for the 3<sup>rd</sup> shot.*

*For both choices it is better if the player can keep the ball below the hole.*

### **Hole 3 - Ash Tree**

*This long Par 4 of over 400 meters is the start of the “Amen Corner” at Belas (holes 3, 4 and 5).*

*The Tee shot needs to be long and straight to avoid the 5 strategically placed fairway bunkers. The sloping green is situated below the player and protected by a water hazard on the left and bunkers to the right. A challenging and very pretty hole, one of the best par 4's on the course if not in Portugal.*

### **Hole 4 - Double Fairway**

*Less than 400 meters in length but with the wind normally against and playing uphill this is a tough Par 4. The drive needs to be long and straight to avoid the fairway bunkers on the left.*

*The elevated green is well protected with bunkers and has three distinct tiers so club selection for the second shot is always a challenge on this hole. A Par here is a good result.*

### **Hole 5 - City**

*This is a long par three which offers fantastic views of the Sintra hills and the surrounding countryside. The elevated tee is at the highest point on the course and normally plays with a brisk right to left wind. The relatively flat green is well protected and a par here is no easy feat.*

### **Hole 6 - Jamor Stream**

*This is a 500 meter Par 5 with an elevated tee shot. The player then has to negotiate two water hazards. The second of these is a large lake positioned in front of the green, a challenging finale to a wonderful Par 5.*

### **Hole 7 - Yellow Peril**

*This is a tough Par 3 of over 190 meters with greenside bunkers left and right. Normally played into the prevailing wind it is always a challenge to hit the green and correct club selection is crucial.*

### **Hole 8 - Subtle**

*A short Par 4 with the prevailing wind helping. It can be driven from the tee, but be warned, miss the green either left or right and a double bogey will appear on your card from nowhere.*

### **Whole 9 - Amphitheater**

*A great Par 4 with a tough second shot to a two tier green protected by bunkers left and long and a lake to the right. One of the best Par 4's on the course and a real challenge in the prevailing left to right wind.*

### **Hole 10 - Palace**

*A slight dog leg left to right with out of bounds on the left, a possible two shotter for the longer hitters. The green slopes from back to front and is well protected by greenside bunkers left and right. A potential birdie hole.*

### **Hole 11 - Shell**

*A short Par 4 which plays into the prevailing wind. The second shot must be carefully played to a raised two tier green. If the flag is on the upper tier a par here is a good result.*

### **Hole 12 - Eucalyptus**

*A short Par 4 with a slight left to right dog leg. The difficult tee shot is from an elevated position with a bunker to the left and trees to the right, it requires both length and precision.*

*The second shot is played to a sloping green which is well protected with bunkers front and to the right.*

### **Hole 13 - Partridges**

*A slight left to right dog leg Par 4 with a significant left to right slope on the fairway. The second shot is to a raised and well protected green, a real challenge when played into the prevailing wind.*

### **Hole 14 - Belas Terraces**

*This challenging Par 3 is usually played with the wind against and the long green is well protected with bunkers left and right. A par here is a good result on any day.*

### **Hole 15 - Serpentine**

*An opportunity for birdie or eagle! This short Par 5 can be reached in two shots, but be careful with the putting green which is well protected and has 4 tiers to challenge the player when going for birdie.*

### **Hole 16 - Great Helmsman**

*A short but challenging Par 4 played into the prevailing wind. The tee shot must avoid the lake on the right and the bunker on the left. The second shot is played to a well protected*

*and elevated green with two levels. If the pin is positioned on the back left tier then the second shot will need great precision and control.*

**Hole 17 - Postage Stamp**

*The shortest hole on the course and normally played with a helping prevailing wind. The tee shot is played from an elevated position to a green well protected by sand and water. Club selection is never easy on this tricky Par 3.*

**Hole 18 - Great Hole**

*This is a great finishing hole with a slight right to left dog leg. The tee shot must avoid the bunkers on the left and bushes on the right. The second shot to the two tier green must also be very precise to avoid bunkers left and long and the lake on the right. A tough hole on which to make that winning birdie.*