Be part of the tradition

MEMBERSHIP

At Yas Links, we pride ourselves on an atmosphere and facilities that exceed the expectations of discerning lovers of the ancient game. We hope you will enjoy mingling with and even competing against others who share your passion.

Memberships are available for Individuals, Couples, Families and Corporations in both Classic and Social Categories.

We invite you to experience golf in its purest form.

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Welcome
A competitive spirit and honourable history are the hallmarks of all great golf clubs. At Yas Links Abu Dhabi we have combined these two qualities with some of the finest facilities in the region to produce a truly remarkable club. And that’s what we are, a club, the latest in a long and distinguished history of Links golf, but the first true Links course in the region. From the moment we conceptualised this course respect has been paid to the game in this form, the land that we have enriched, and the vision that it is part of.

Through the traditions of this great game, the passion of what we have created and the enthusiasm in everything we do, we have created a course and a club that will enrich your lives at every turn. We are proud to bring the noble heritage of the traditional Links experience to Yas Island, a course that combines unparalleled visual glory with the thrill of golf’s ultimate test.

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Yas Links Abu Dhabi
Yas Links Abu Dhabi, a first in the Middle East, where noble heritage combines with the stunning surroundings to enrich both your game and your senses in a truly unique environment. Facilities include an eighteen-hole course, a nine-hole academy course, luxurious clubhouse, golf academy and floodlit practice facilities all set against dramatic views of the Arabian Gulf.

A course that will test professionals, enthrall amateurs and excite beginners. A course that honours the traditions of the game, demands respect, yet offers so much. A course that celebrates the best in Links design, utilises the unique weather conditions and complements its natural surroundings. A course that blends the latest in techniques and technology with the timeless traditions of the game. A course that is ready to be played, enjoyed and discovered by you.
Kyle Phillips is a name that has become synonymous with great Links golf course architecture around the globe, and his designs for the Yas Links Abu Dhabi will only serve to enhance that reputation. With more than 25 years design experience across the world he has earned a reputation for developing creative design solutions in response to a variety of environmental and planning issues. Nowhere has this dedication to tradition been better exemplified than the first true Links course in the UAE.

Other examples of Kyle Phillips design philosophy include:

- The Grove, London, UK
- Dundonald - Loch Lomond Golf Club, Troon
- Kingsbarns Golf Links, St. Andrews
The game of golf began along the sea in Britain on areas of sandy ground which were covered with natural shrub and grass species, traditionally used by shepherds for their sheep. This land was called “linksland” because it linked the arable farming land with the sea. As the sheep grazed on the natural vegetation, avenues of tightly “mown” grass emerged as fairways between the windswept sand dunes and undulating topography, giving birth to this new pastime played with leather balls and hickory clubs.

Even as golf has spread inland and across the world, golf on “the links” remains the purest form and the gold standard for the game. Every year the very best professional and amateur golfers come together from around the globe to compete in The Open Championship which is always contested over a links course.

The effect of the sea breezes and the irregular ground require a level of creativity, imagination and shot making skills, that are unmatched in the modern style of course design. By nature links courses have features that are not readily apparent the first time the course is played. Not only does this create a sense of mystery, intrigue and excitement, but also preserves the tactical aspects of the game, providing players with the opportunity to use their knowledge of the course against their opponents.

The vision of Yas Links as the first true links golf experience in the UAE, began with a foundation of sandy ground, an undefined open coastline and variable sea breezes. The design of the course included the creation of landforms and vegetation reminiscent of those found in traditional “linksland” settings. In the spirit of the game’s origins, the course has also been designed for easy walking. Whether this is your first time to experience the thrill of links golf or you have had the privilege of playing the world’s finest links course, I hope you will find lasting pleasure in the beauty and strategic challenges of Yas Links.
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Yas Links Local Rules

Out of Bounds (Rule 27-1) – Beyond the boundary fence surrounding the perimeter of the golf course and or areas marked by white stakes. The practice ground is deemed to be out of bounds when playing the first hole.

Water Hazards (Rule 26) – All coastal areas are to be treated as either water hazards or lateral hazard, and will be defined by either yellow or red stakes / lines.

Immovable Obstructions (Rule 24-2) – To include all artificial surfaces, roads, sprinkler heads and golf course pavilions.

Moveable Obstructions (Rule 24-1/a) – All stones in bunkers.

Ground Under Repair (Rule 25-1) – All areas marked by a white line and stated G.U.R or specifically roped off areas with G.U.R signage. Play is prohibited from G.U.R demarcated area.

Yas Links Conditions of Play
Be aware of your pace of play, Yas Links Course marshals will assist all guests with the enjoyment of their round, please be respectful of their role.

All yardages are measured to the centre of the green Please keep carts on paths around tees and greens and observe the GPS system warnings.

Please repair ball marks, rake bunkers and utilise the sand and seed provided for filling divots.

Safety
Be aware of fellow golfers.
Do not attempt to retrieve golf balls from the beach areas.

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Key to Course Guide

Yas Links Championship Course was designed by Kyle Phillips and opened for play on March 26th 2010. The course offers five teeing ground options. To ensure maximum enjoyment we recommend you consult our Professional staff when deciding which tees to play from. The below guide will help you make that decision and will enhance your enjoyment:

74 Tees – representing a total yardage of 7,414 yards.
The back tees suitable for experts who relish a challenge.
Average Driver Carry 270 yards+

70 Tees – representing a total yardage of 7,037 yards.
An experienced golfer looking for the ultimate test.
Average Driver Carry 250 yards+

66 Tees – representing a total yardage of 6,611 yards.
The favoured teeing ground of the Club Golfer.
Average Driver Carry 230 yards+

62 Tees – representing a total yardage of 6,236 yards.
The occasional player, social golfer or experienced ladies.
Average Driver Carry 200 yards+

54 Tees – representing a total yardage of 5,434 yards.
Recommended for ladies and new comers.
Average Driver Carry 150 yards+

In our desire to uphold the traditions of Links golf we request that you please play without delay, repair pitch marks, sand fill divots, extend common courtesies and comply with the club’s dress code of tailored shirts, shorts, skirts and trousers.

Distances from middle of the green

28674 Distances from tees to a point on the course.
27670
23366
21562
15754

Distances from Rough

Bunker

Steep Slope & Dunes

On Course Trac
The opening hole offers a welcoming introduction to the rumpled fairways and rugged dunes that are characteristic of Yas Links. The landing area for the drive is wider than it appears from the tee. A tee shot down the left side that avoids the large bunker on the right will yield the best angle for an open approach shot to the green. True to links golf, the green sits “on the ground” and is simply an extension of the fairway ground in front of it. A great opportunity to execute a low running “links style” approach shot that will be useful throughout the round.
The shortest of the par fives at Yas, the 2nd often plays into the wind. Routed through a long valley in the dunes, there are several natural “blow out” bunkers that frame the fairway. The green is well protected on the right side, but a long low running second shot has a chance of finding the putting surface, which falls away from the line of play. For most, the second shot should cheat the right side of the fairway as a dune ridge on the left obscures views of the green.
The third is the first of eight picturesque coastline holes. The fairway bends left around the shoreline to a green tucked just behind a dune. A tee shot that challenges the water and the bunkers on the inside of the dogleg will leave a shorter approach, especially when the coastal breeze is in your face. The safer line is to the right, but too far right and the fairway drops into a low hollow from where views of the green can disappear. An opening framed by the dune on the right will accept a low running approach shot, but beware of the front right bunker that will gather shots that drift offline.
The only inland par 3 on the course, the fourth plays to a massive green nestled among the dunes. The safe line is to the left side of the green, which is visible from the tee. To reach the more challenging right side pins, the line of play cuts over the large dune bunker on the right that is actually detached from the front of the green by 17 yards. Two “blind” bunkers lie directly right of the green and gobble any over aggressive attempts to this side.
A straight-away two shotter, that plays from an elevated tee with views back towards the coast. A controlled tee shot to the left side of the fairway is ideal, as a large, slightly detached bunker guards the front right of the green. The green narrows in the back and is protected by bunkers left and back right. Use caution when attacking the back pins as the putting surface falls away and long shots will trundle down towards the sea.
A long par four that plays away from the sea. Tee shots must avoid the left side bunker to maintain a chance of reaching the green in two. The green is large and receptive to approach shots, especially up the right side, but beware of the large dune bunker front right that can gather balls. There are also bunkers left of the green that may not be visible from the fairway, depending on where your drive comes to rest.
The longest and perhaps most unique hole on the front nine. The tee shot plays from a high dune ridge, where long views of Yas Links and the sea are seen in the distance. The downhill drive must negotiate a right side carry bunker that juts out diagonally across the line of play. Beyond this, a large blow out bunker guards the left side. From the landing area, only the flag is visible over the left bunkers. The land before the green rises significantly, obscuring views and leaving somewhat of a mystery as to what lies beyond. In fact, there is ample room to land a second shot. The ideal shot is slightly right of the lone middle bunker, as the ground beyond falls from right to left and towards the green, allowing long hitters to have a go in two. The green sits beautifully near the sea and is open from the right to accept low running approaches.
A seaside par three that plays slightly downhill to a green that sits dangerously close to the water’s edge on the right. When the pin is near the water, the wise shot is to the left side of the green where contours will feed balls back towards the centre of the green.
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Par 3
SI 16
The longest and arguably most challenging par 4 on the front nine. A classic “Cape” style hole, where the drive must carry the water on the right that runs at a diagonal angle from the tee. Bite off as much as you dare to shorten your approach to the green. The long bunker on the water’s edge will only be carried by the longest hitters, others must play short or left of it. The bunker front right of the green can be deceiving as it is actually 30 yards from the green’s edge. Whilst front of the green is void of bunkers, the green falls from front to back making this approach a fun, but delicate one to execute.
A short dogleg right par four which plays downhill from the clubhouse. The second dune bunker on the left side of fairway is a good line for long drivers. A solid drive will leave a short pitch to an elevated green that is protected by large bunkers both front and right. One of the few holes where an aerial approach shot is favoured.
An inland par five that plays from a high dune ridge down into a narrow valley. Favour the left side of the fairway off the tee and the right side for the approach. This is a classic tactical links hole loaded with various hillocks, hollows, and bunkers throughout. Two solid shots that avoid the trouble should leave a short pitch to the green that sits naturally at the end of the valley and is surrounded by an amphitheatre of large dunes. The approach is open, but several bunkers surrounding the edges will catch anything slightly offline. Long players must be aware of the large dune left of the green and water on the right.
The friendly drive line is down the right side into a valley framed by a huge sand dune on the right. From here the hole turns left, to an uphill approach. A ridge in front of the green makes the green appear closer than it is. A long aggressive tee shot that can carry over the bunkers to the plateau on the left will leave a shorter and much easier approach, as the view to the green from this angle and the surrounding humps and hollows are in full view. In the spirit of the Old Course at St. Andrews, the green surface is shared with that of #15, so take note of the day’s pin position where you will return shortly.
Nowhere is precision more important than at this “wee” par three. With the coastline wrapping the front, right, and back of this peninsula green and bunkers guarding its left side, there is no place for the faint of heart. Be confident and take direct aim.
When playing downwind, this is a driveable par 4 for long hitters. This is a decision that should not be made lightly, as there are many hazards that stand in the way. The shoreline runs the length of the hole on the right and the green is protected by a dune that hides the majority of the putting surface from the tee. Past this dune, a large waste bunker guards the green and a blow out bunker obscures the front left approach. The majority of players should play a drive out left to the generous fairway. The short approach plays to a large undulating green dominated by a roll-over ridge in the left front. An exciting hole that will yield a great range of scores.
The 15th turns back inland towards the clubhouse and begins the demanding four hole journey home. Don’t hold back with you driver here, the landing area is very generous on this lengthy par 4. The line is at the right side bunker. Shots too far left can be gobbled up by a devilish pot bunker that is hidden from the tee. Approach shots that just clear the bunker on the right will feed towards the green, which is boldly contoured and protected by bunkers left and a low hollow on the right.
The 16th returns to the Sea, for three of the most dramatic finishing holes in golf. With water along the left side, there is ample fairway off the tee on the right. Bail out too far right and the green begins to disappear behind a large dune on the right creating a difficult angle of approach. The infinity edge green narrows significantly in the back, fitting tightly between the dune and the Sea.
There will no doubt be much debate as to which hole at Yas links is the most beautiful and certainly strong arguments will be made for the par 3 17th. The tees are arranged at various angles playing across an inlet in the coastline that forms a tranquil bay. Tee shots must carry the water to a green that sits far out on a point and is framed by dramatic blow out dune bunkers that surround. A shot played just over the largest of these bunkers on the right will find a small patch of fairway that helps to feed shots toward the green. Even though the green is larger and more receptive than it might first appear, the coastal breezes will make proper club selection and shot trajectory vital.
This dramatic “Risk / Reward” par 5 can be played several ways depending on how much of a gamble you choose to take. The shoreline winds in and out down the left side creating two pronounced bays which must be negotiated first from the tee and again on the second shot. The fairway landing area on the drive is the widest on the course, but a long central bunker breaks it into two distinctive options. The “Eagle” line is to the left, leaving the shortest distance to the green, enticing long hitters to consider going for this green in two when playing downwind. The safer option down the right will appeal to many par seekers. The second shot wraps left around the water to a green that sits out on a point. The diagonal angle of the shoreline begs you to bite off as much as you dare. There is plenty of room to play right and eliminate the need to carry any water, but this angle leaves a more difficult third shot. The narrow, undulating green is surrounded by hazards, including water and sand bunkers to the left and tightly mown hollows to the right and off the back. This is a majestic finishing hole that rivals the best in golf.
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