

VICTORIA GOLF CLUB

Victoria, Australia



Photo Book



'When I first walked Victoria Golf Club's magnificent fairways, I knew I'd found a very special place. Please enjoy this photo book of one of Australia's classic tracks.' Sam Gole, Discover Golf Galleries.



Founded in 1903, Victoria Golf Club excels in delivering the complete golfing experience.

This private 'member's only' Club located in the heart of Melbourne's famous sandbelt region and a 30-minute drive from the city, boasts a world acclaimed 18-hole golf course. Artfully designed by William Meader, Oscar Damman and Dr Alister MacKenzie, the impressive layout makes clever use of its rolling sand dunes and its natural vegetation to ensure all golfers are faced with a challenging experience in a picturesque setting.

Guests can enjoy this great golf course too.

Victoria Golf Club features superb house accommodation, fine dining and a warm and inviting clubhouse ambience. Guests feel welcomed at VGC, that's why the club attracts so many play and stay visitors from across Australia and around the world.

Victoria Golf Club truly offers the full package.

The House

Staying at Victoria Golf Club

WITH its unique clubhouse life, Victoria Golf Club offers its guests a charming Old World experience. Here's a look at Victoria Golf Club's 'house accommodation'—it's one of Australia's best stay and play packages.



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Victoria's sandbelt region, situated in Melbourne's south east, is revered around the world as one of Australia's best golf areas. Many in the know believe as many as five of Australia's top 10 courses are found here. Each of these hallowed courses has played host to the world's greatest golfers—including Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Gary Player, Nick Faldo and Tiger Woods—during one or more of our national majors over the years.

While the region is also known as the home to many exclusive golf clubs, it often comes as a surprise to many that one of the finest stay and play experiences available to all club golfers, is also housed within.

In fact, this full-board package allows golfers from around the world the opportunity to play on an immaculate course that only members are otherwise afforded.

Victoria Golf Club—or Vic as it's affectionately known—is more than a golf club with a great course; it's a great club and golf course. With its vibrant soul and alluring warmth the club engages golfers and non-golfers alike. You'll find that Victoria successfully balances its members' privileges with the honorary memberships it offers for in-house guests.

Steeped in tradition, history, elegance and an unrivalled ambiance, Victoria offers guests a multi-layered experience rarely found in the golf market. Barely noticeable to the outside world, the stately clubhouse (circa 1927) conceals 15 twin-share rooms, each with full ensuite facilities.

Recognised as a family club, you'll feel that inclusive vibe as you immerse yourself in the

cosy, intimate and cherished clubhouse culture of Victoria.

A stay at Victoria is a pilgrimage for many couples and groups of friends. Situated on the doorstep of so many famous golf courses—Royal Melbourne, Metropolitan, Kingston Heath to name a few—you can understand why so many choose this region for their annual golf trip.

On the surface, modern stay and play venues offering indulgent in-room facilities and furnishings, the perfect swimming pool and a soothing spa centre can seem like the ideal getaway. But all too often the experience is overshadowed by poor meals, poor service and offensive overpricing.

Offering a real, hearty 'home away from home' comfort—a sentiment more golf resorts should employ—it's here that Victoria stands out from the rest. Victoria creates an engaging atmosphere that can only be developed from years of practice.

The 'House' quarters are full of character. As you walk through the halls and rooms of the elegant clubhouse, the notion that this is a club with both a rich and proud history is unmistakable. The walls are fixed with photographs and paintings from bygone days. In fact, an Olympic torch from the 1956 Melbourne Games—believed to be one of only three in existence—hangs proudly above the Members Bar. There is even a room (Bachli Thomson Room) dedicated to showcasing memorabilia that relives the exploits of two famous life members—Doug Bachli and Peter Thomson.

Staff at Victoria are equally impressive at delivering a level of service nothing short of

excellent, and it's a familiar praise echoed by in-house guests.

That feeling of welcome is reinforced by members, who eagerly embrace you as a fellow golf connoisseur. It's not uncommon for house guests to be joined by members at the magnificent fireplaces after a cool winter's round, or out on the terrace under the balmy, twilight sky.

Likewise, the dining experience is out of this world. What better way to top off your day on the fairways than to sit down in the dining room, dressed in your finest attire, perusing the daily-changing a la carte menu? It is fine dining of the highest order. And for those who enjoy a glass of wine, you can select some of the finest drops available from the award-winning list. Bar manager for more than 30 years, Graeme Kenny, has certainly fashioned a remarkable cellar, with his own cellared wine list available upon request, and at honest prices.

The fact that all of this resides around a world-renowned championship golf course that has hosted the 1961, 1981 and 2002 Australian Opens and 2011 Australian Masters, supports the notion that Victoria is indeed a remarkable venue.

In fact in some ways the course itself—which also hosted the 1974, 1976 and 2014 Women's Australian Opens—plays second fiddle to the other offerings on site.

Some people travel to a golf destination predominately for the golf course. Others travel for aesthetic value. Victoria Golf Club combines them both with outstanding clubhouse life.

The Course

Playing at Victoria Golf Club

VICTORIA Golf Club boasts one of the best compilations of short and long holes in Australia—if not the world. The character-filled layout offers all golfers both a challenging and enjoyable golfing experience. Here's a snapshot of VGC's 18 great holes.





This short par 4 is the classic risk reward hole. Avoiding the cross bunkers, the best play is left and short of the green. A brilliant opening hole.



A tough examination when played into the prevailing winds. The fairway rises gently to a green which features a ridge dividing its slick putting surface.



The 3rd hole requires two quality shots to reach its green in regulation. The green rises dramatically from front to back—leave your approach under the hole.



A low-boring shot works best as flukey cross breezes cause havoc with high flying tee shots. Don't get greedy. Aim to find the centre of the green.



The beautifully tree-lined 5th hole is one of VGC's toughest. It features a long slender green and steep banks left of and behind the putting surface.



With its right to left sloping fairway climbing uphill to one of Victoria's most notorious greens, posting a par at the course's second hardest hole is a real plus.



The best way to tackle this tough one-shotter is by playing through the narrow opening at the left hand side of the green known as 'Bishop's Gate'.



VGC's first par-5 offers a generously wide fairway— this is one place you can launch a long drive. The green is elevated, so on approach take an extra club.



The 9th is the longest hole at VGC and showcases the layout's rolling sand dune landscape. Take care with club choice—aim to avoid a downhill lie.



With its sharp right to left dog-leg fairway, strategically placed bunkering and slick green set on a raised platform, posting a par score here isn't easy.



The left to right shaped par-4, rises gently to its green. It features spectacular fairway & greenside bunkering and a fast putting surface.



From its elevated tee ground, the left to right dogleg par 4 falls dramatically to its single bunkered green. Allow for the right to left slope on the green.



The tee shot at the undulating 13th hole is arguably the most intimidating at VGC. The green features a false front and is surrounded by bunkers.



A well-struck iron is required to reach the significantly raised green which is practically surrounded by bunkers. Wind conditions play a factor in club selection.



The 15th hole features an impressive stretch of bunkering along its left hand side. Accuracy not distance is the key here. The green runs from front to back.



Showcasing another cluster of classic bunkering that VGC is renowned for, the 16th hole features a two-tiered green which slopes severely from right to left.



The long par-5, 17th hole features a wide and shallow green which contains a slick putting surface with tremendous borrow. The back bunker is a no-go area.



The final hole finishes at the foot of Victoria Golf Club's stately clubhouse. Fire approach shots at the right half of the green, which runs from front to back.



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