

GOLF COURSE GUIDE

Course Name	El Bosque Golf & Country Club
Address	Ctra. Godelleta, Km.4, 100 46370 Chiva Valencia
Telephone No.	0034 961 808000
Website	www.elbosquegolf.com
Directions	15 minutes from Valencia Airport. Exit 337 on the N-3 (A-3) Valencia / Madrid road – see website for full instructions. Took us about 1 hour driving from Javea.
Course Description	Voted one of the top 5 courses in Spain, this Robert Trent Jones Snr. course was opened in 1975. It is challenging enough for all levels of golfer, and when we played it in May, the greens were very quick! Some memorable holes, especially the 8th, a par 3 over water, and the par 4 13 th and par 5 15 th , both of which have approach shots to the green over water. Good selection of food at the 19 th hole, albeit when we went, the service was very slow and the food which arrived bore very little resemblance to our order!
Handicap Certificate?	Not required
Cost	Monday to Friday €70 Weekends & National Holidays – members only
Overall Verdict / Value for money	A challenging course, which was in good condition when we visited. Some memorable holes and certainly enough water and other hazards to ensure that you finish your round with less golf balls than you started with! Friendly service, and not too pretentious. Overall, pretty good value for money and

	definitely worth a visit.
GOLF COURSE GUIDE	
Course Name	El Saler
Address	Avda. de los Pinares, 151 46012 El Saler Valencia
Telephone No.	0034 961 611186
Website	www.parador.es
Directions	Located between Lake Albufera and the Mediterranean – take the Cullera exit on the AP7 – see website for full instructions. About a 1 hour drive from Javea.
Course Description	<p>Just been voted the 2nd best golf course in Europe, and not difficult to see why. 12 holes meander through pine groves, and then 6 are laid out links style through the dunes along the Med coastline. We played the course of a calm day, but if the wind blows....</p> <p>This is definitely a challenge for all levels of golfer, and although the course was busy when we went, it was in very good condition. The par 4 8th was tough (short but big dogleg) and the 18th, a par 4 running alongside the beach. Clubhouse snack menu was limited and expensive, albeit there is a nice hotel / restaurant there, so would probably be good (but expensive) if you were to eat there.</p>
Handicap Certificate?	Required (albeit no-one checked ours)
Cost	€88 – essential that you pre-book
Overall Verdict / Value for money	A very good quality golf course, which offers a variety of challenges on most of the holes. We played on Thursday in May and the course was very busy (probably not helped by the fact that we missed our tee-time!). It is a little on the expensive side, but what you do get for your money

	is one of the best courses in Europe. Definitely try to visit, but probably one for the true golfers.
GOLF COURSE GUIDE	
Course Name	Denia Marriott La Sella Golf Resort & Spa
Address	Alqueria Ferrando Jesus Pobre Denia, Alicante 03749
Telephone No.	0034 966 454054
Website	www.marriott.com
Directions	When heading back from Javea towards junction 62 of the AP-7, there are signs for La Sella – see website for full instructions. Took From Javea town centre, approximately 15 minutes.
Course Description	The course was designed by Jose Maria Olazabal, and as well as being the closest to Javea (in amongst the mountains), is also the best we played for all abilities of golfer. It is well looked after, and has some cracking holes – in particular the 7 th , a long par 4 with a massive lake in front of the green, and the final 3 holes, all of which are very tough, with water playing a big part. That said, there is some respite, with some ‘less challenging’ holes. Good selection of food in the clubhouse, as well as having extensive alternative facilities (spa / health club).
Handicap Certificate?	Not required
Cost	€65 per round - second round played on same day is at a reduced rate of €46
Overall Verdict / Value for money	A nice looking course, with El Montgo seemingly looming over you on many holes. The atmosphere is less formal than the other two courses we played, but don't let that fool you into thinking you are playing an ordinary public course – it was

	<p>a very enjoyable experience, good for all levels of ability, and was excellent value for money (especially if you play two rounds in the day). Give it a go – I don't think you'll be disappointed!</p>
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