

MISSION: *Sustainability*

*Puntacana Resort & Club
and the PGA TOUR
unite with a common
goal of supporting
philanthropic causes.*

The final stretch of holes on the Corales Course are nicknamed Devil's Elbow, daring players to bite off as much of the shoreline as possible. The 17th hole ranks as one of the toughest on all Tours.



PUNTA CANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: More than a half century ago, partners Frank Rainieri and Theodore Kheel purchased 15,000 acres of Dominican jungle with the dream of establishing an unrivaled resort destination. Their hard work and tenacity paid dividends. What started as a dirt runway, with a handful of beachfront shacks, has matured into a worldwide vacation hot spot that now welcomes millions of vacationers each year.

"I can proudly say that, during more than 50 years of uninterrupted history, we have maintained a balance between work, respect for nature, and our people," smiled Frank Rainieri. "With the same vision and determination from our beginnings, we will continue to write slowly, but surely, the pages of our history. We embrace the authentic Dominican Republic traditions and familiarity on always assuming a leadership role in the community.

With an emphasis on preservation, sustainable development, planning, health, education and culture development, we assure this charming local culture will forever be preserved."

Last year, Rainieri's son, Frank Elias Rainieri, was promoted to CEO/President of Grupo Puntacana.

The Westin at Puntacana Resort & Club, minutes away from the airport, is located on Playa Blanca beach.





“The roar of the crashing waves can be faintly heard, and the white foam of the surf can be seen catching the air. Corales is bold. Birdies are not a given on my course. The Tour’s best will be tested to the limit, particularly if the trade winds kick up.”

— TOM FAZIO (DESIGNER OF 200 COURSES OVER HIS FOUR-DECADE CAREER)

“The pure paspalum grass and wind toughen the course; it’s hard to commit mentally to make sure that you hit it hard enough to get it to the hole.”

— JHONATTAN VEGAS (\$15+ MILLION IN CAREER TOUR EARNINGS)

“Off the tee it’s not super demanding; the fairways are pretty generous. I feel as a longer player, I can let it rip a little bit.”

— SCOTT HARRINGTON (CO-LEADER DURING THE FIRST ROUND OF THE 2021 CORALES CHAMPIONSHIP)

“The finishing holes can prove vexing. I was standing on the 16th green and said to myself, ‘You’ve got to do something that’s tournament winning.’ I accomplished my mission.”

— GRAEME MCDOWELL (2019 WINNER OF THE CORALES CHAMPIONSHIP)

“It’s one of the widest courses I’ve played. It’s tricky around the greens, which plays into my strengths.”

— PAUL DUNNE (HELD OFF A HARD-CHARGING RORY MCLLOY TO WIN THE 2017 BRITISH MASTERS)

“Corales is a second-shot golf course. Everybody’s in play off the tee and it comes down to a putting competition.”

— BRICE GARNETT (\$4+ MILLION IN CAREER TOUR EARNINGS)

“I really hit some close good shots and, like I said, I had a chance to be under par pretty easily. Then two or three shots on the back nine cost me, but that’s golf.”

— TONY ROMO (RECEIVED HIS FIRST SET OF GOLF CLUBS FOR CHRISTMAS AT AGE EIGHT)

“Through the Corales Puntacana Championship we can continue promoting the best of the Dominican Republic and Punta Cana as one of the leading golf tourist destinations in the Caribbean. Our partnership with the PGA TOUR has helped us to develop our dream of empowering and growing with communities through our social and environmental programs,” said Frank Elías Rainieri. “Hosting the first PGA TOUR event in the Dominican Republic is an honor. It’s an affirmation of our golf facilities and we are thrilled to present ourselves on the international golf stage.”

OFF THE COURSE

Puntacana Resort & Club is home to the Caribbean’s ultimate beach and golfing experience. In addition to 45 holes of golf by Tom Fazio and P.B. Dye, guests have access to Tortuga Bay (the only AAA Five Diamond awarded hotel in the Dominican Republic), The Westin Puntacana Resort & Club, and a three-mile powdery sand beach. Its privately owned Punta Cana Interna-



A member of Leading Hotels of the World and the only AAA Five Diamond awarded hotel in the Dominican Republic, Tortuga Bay offers understated elegance, privacy and unparalleled personal service, with every convenience at arm’s length. Located in a private enclave within the resort, it’s comprised of 13 luxury beachfront villas with one-, two-, three-, and four-bedroom suites with interiors designed by Oscar de la Renta, all situated along a white sand beach.

tional Airport (PUJ) handles flights from almost 100 cities around the world. ■

Traveling to Punta Cana: Most major U.S. hub airports offer non-stop service to PUJ. For more information on the Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship, please visit PuntaCana.com.