

Golf's Best-Kept Secrets: Awesome and Affordable Public Courses Anyone Can Play

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All right, die-hard golfers-and you know who you are-throw the clubs in the car, and get ready to grip it and rip it on any one of more than 200 great public courses! If you aren't sure about where to go, well-known golf writer Jeff Barr has the perfect golf travel guide ready for you.

From Alaska to Florida, from Maine to California-and everywhere in between, with stopovers in Canada, and exotic excursions to Hawaii, the Bahamas, Jamaica, and Mexico-Barr has found the most "awesome and affordable public courses that anyone can play." Now, with Barr's informative and attractive guide in front of you, you can plan (or at least dream about) your next golfing road-trip.

Perhaps you want to play a beautiful course that won't cost you more than that used sand wedge you bought just last week. There are plenty of less expensive courses where green fees and cart are less than \$75; the challenging Kiva Dunes course in Gulf Shores, Alabama, might be a good choice. Perhaps you're willing to splurge a bit and postpone buying that new driver. There are a few courses that will set you back \$200 or more for 18 holes; for example, you could head north to beautiful Banff Springs Golf Club in Alberta and enjoy the perfect Canadian Rockies destination.

For each golf course included in his guide, Barr gives you an intriguing, thorough description of the facilities (with details about yardage, layout, rating, green fees, notable features, and course contact information) and-since even the most addicted golfer cannot play the game around the clock-the author also gives you great "After Your Round" suggestions for other activities. At Bandon Dunes Golf Resort in Bandon, Oregon, you can hook up with one of Barr's recommended fishing guides for some salmon fishing, or you can take a leisurely horseback ride through the seaside dunes.

Finally, whether you're a scratch golfer or a 20+ handicapper, you do not have to be an exclusive country club member to enjoy all of the public courses included in this fantastic collection of golf getaways. All in all, with its seductive photographs-those fairway shots all look spectacular-and with the encyclopedic quality of essential information, Barr's *Golf's Best-Kept Secrets* is an absolute hole-in-one. So what if you're not actually able to travel to all of the courses. You can still have a beer or two and dream! (October) *Tim Davis* (November / December 2009)

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