

NORTH AMERICA 2006

THE FACT THAT YOU'RE READING this means you are either about to embark on a golfing trip to North America, are contemplating one or simply want to reminisce about a previous visit.

Join us as we guide you around some of the very best golf you'll find across the pond. If you've never swung a club before in America or Canada you're in for a treat. And if you have, you'll know the golf is as good as anywhere else in the world.

There is every kind of golf from courses among the peaks and valleys of Canada's British Columbia to the cactus-studded desert layouts of Arizona and New Mexico. Tee up in the woods and hills of historic Pennsylvania, where the Declaration of Independence was signed. Soak up the golfing history of North Carolina's legendary Pinehurst area and visit its mountains and coast, or take your pick from the abundance of courses around Myrtle Beach and along the rest of South Carolina's coast. Georgia has more island golf, together with courses in mountain, lake and other inland settings.

Take a leisurely golfing meander around Florida,

where there are more fairways than any other state. Flukes in Hawaii are more likely to be tails of whales cavorting off its exotic courses. And there's still a profusion of golf throughout Mississippi despite Hurricane Katrina's visit.

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Many North American courses are attached to luxury resorts so you can stay where you play. Service standards are high wherever you go, with someone always ready to help with your clubs or clean them after your round. Some courses provide caddies or forecaddies, who run ahead to help find balls and tend pins.

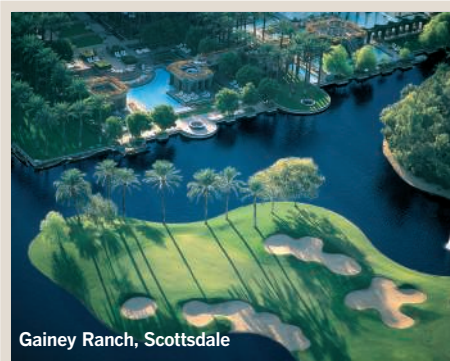
Most have carts – or buggies as we call them – and the cost is usually part of the green fee. They are often compulsory. But for those who like exercise some do allow walking.

North America also offers good value. You can pay top dollar on some courses, but many compare very favourably with European prices. And with

the pound's continuing strength against the dollar and Canadian dollar, there's never been a better time to go.

So what are you waiting for?

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