



Try Trickle Creek for glorious golf amid stunning landscapes

British Columbia

The secret's out about North America's latest up-and-coming golf destination. Peter Ellegard ventured to Canada's far west province and found a land of birdies and eagles ready to welcome visiting golfers

The sharp call of a bald eagle pierces the air as you fire a five iron towards the green. You look up to see it circling over the stately pine trees along-side. Ahead, in the distance, the snow-capped Olympic Mountains loom up in stark contrast to the rich blue sky and verdant fairways.

This is golf, British Columbia-style – where eagles dare and birdies beckon. Canada's western-most province may not immediately spring to mind as a golfing destination, but it is a golfing wonderland just waiting to be discovered by British golfers. Word is already out. BC was named Undiscovered Golf Destination of the Year by global golf tourism industry association IAGTO (the International Association of Golf Tour Operators) in its annual awards in 2004.

It isn't hard to see why, either. There are dozens of champion-

ship-standard courses in scenic settings from Vancouver Island and Vancouver on its west coast, where some courses stay open all year and even palm trees flourish, to the craggy mountains of BC's Kootenay Rockies, where dramatic views and heart-stopping carries will leave you on a natural high.

And in between there's golf on and around the slopes of lively summer and winter mountain resort Whistler, as well as among arid desertscapes, through orchards and vineyards, around lakes and on forest-clad hills in the central Thompson Okanagan region. Join us as on a tour through the mountains, rivers, lakes and palm trees of British Columbia's spectacular golf courses.

It might just surprise you. =>



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