

# Hera

THE LIGHT OF WOMEN

TRAVEL REPORT

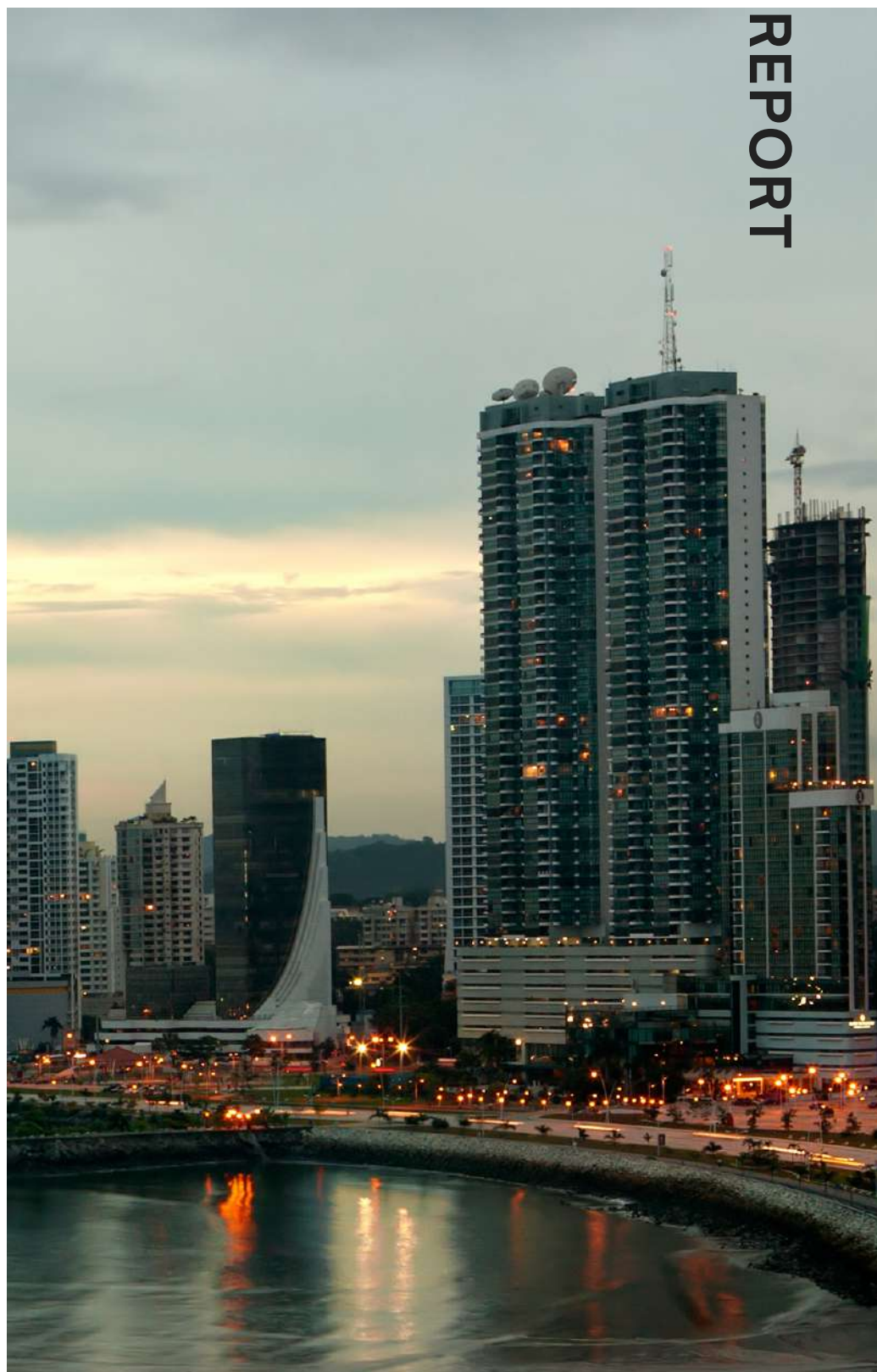
HERA GOLF WORLD

*The light of women*

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DISCOVERY 2021



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## **WOMEN, HUMANITY, EMPOWERMENT**

*Hera's vision is to promote and highlight women and their incredible strength, tenacity and creativity. We are working for the futur of humanity.*

*While we support the continuous effort to the development for legal, political and conceptual basis for gender equality, we focus on the active creation of concrete, tangible and very substantial opportunities enabling women to feel complete and live their lives with self fulfilment.*



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## An alliance of Nature and Future

" Panama is undoubtedly a golfing destination little known to Europeans and in particular to the French. This country is actually a real paradise between the Pacific and the Caribbean. In terms of tourism, we realized that the hotel and golf offer remains really attractive. On the 8 Golf clubs that we visited, we noted very beautiful references of designers (Tom Fazio, Jack Nicklaus, Michael Poellot, Randal Thompson...) and were able to play magnificent 18-hole courses with obstacles and reliefs between lakes and vegetation lush with tropical tones."



## PANAMA DISCOVERY

### HERA PANAMA GOLFS CLUBS' COLLECTION

			#	Holes
➤ BUENAVENTURA PANAMA GOLF RESORT	★★★★★	JACK NICKLAUS	1	18
➤ LUCERO GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB	★★★★★	J. MICHAEL POELLOT	2	18
➤ SANTA MARIA HOTEL & GOLF RESORT	★★★★★	JACK NICKLAUS	3	18
➤ VISTA MAR GOLF & BEACH RESORT	★★★★★	J. MICHAEL POELLOT	4	18
➤ MANTARRAYA GOLF CLUB BY ROYAL DECAMERON	★★★★☆	RANDALL THOMPSON	5	18
➤ CORONADO GOLF & BEACH RESORT	★★★★☆	TOM & GEORGE FAZIO	6	18
➤ TUCAN COUNTRY CLUB & RESORT	★★★☆☆	JEFFREY MYERS	7	18
➤ VALLE ESCONDIDO RESORT GOLF & SPA	★★★★☆	SAMUEL TALIAFERRO	8	9
➤ GOLF CLUB DE PANAMA	★★★☆☆	J.RIVIERE C. SCHAEFFER C. AROSEMENA	9	18







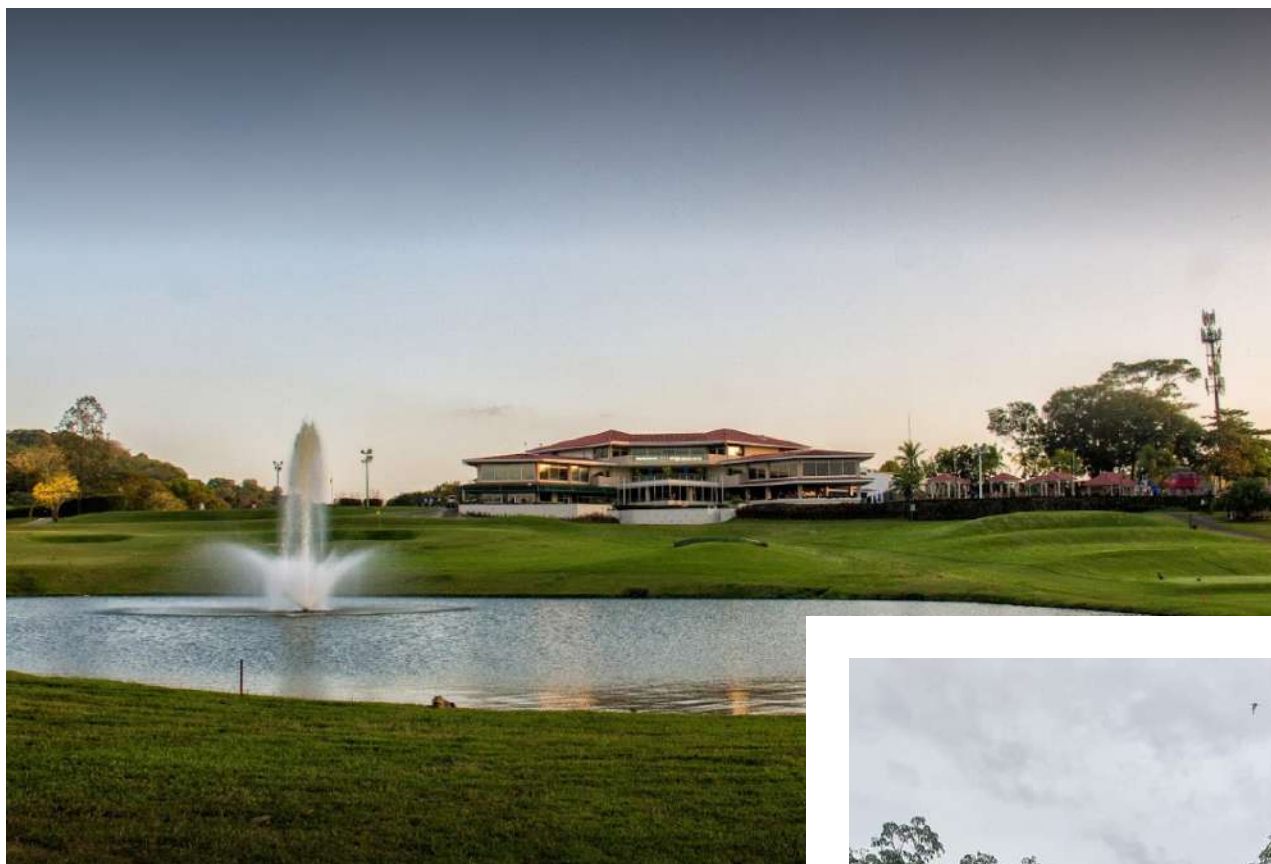
# SANTA MARIA GOLF RESORT

## **Santa Maria is a microcosm of Panama**

We enjoyed a welcoming and prestigious hotel industry throughout our stay. Right off the bat, the Santa Maria Golf Club, conveniently close to Tocumen International Airport, gave us a great first impression. The comfort of the Hotel Marriott after a long trip is appreciable. The golf course provides a great playing experience and beautiful memories of Panama City in perspective with some similarity with Dubai... The infrastructures of the Santa Maria Luxury Collection Hotel & Golf Resort are perfect for planning quality golf events. The relationship established with the new Director of Golf, Alfonso Castiñeira, immediately allowed us to fuel our imagination for our future golf event project...







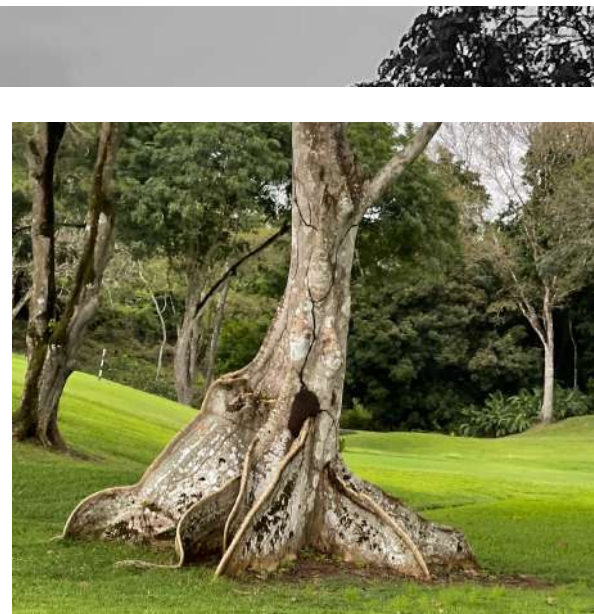
## PANAMA GOLF CLUB

For our general knowledge, it is always good to visit the oldest golf course of the country (created in 1932), and as such has been steeped in history for over a century of existence. It has been the scene of big tournaments since 1952, when big stars arrived to take part in the first Golf Open that Dick Dehlinger organized until 1974. Emerging as dynamic golf club, it was one of the official stages of the PGA Tour, and in 2017, the seat of the Latin American Amateur Championship - The winners of this tournament go directly to the Masters Championship, The Open, the US Open, the US Amateur Championship, and any other tournament hosted by the USGA.

The very hilly course, recognized as being one of the most beautiful courses in Latin America by the past, currently lacking maintenance, seems fragile during bad weather, especially near rivers. It is difficult to play your handicap on this Golf, even for good players. Major work is planned from February to June next year. Friendly welcome, but in our opinion, like most old or century old golf courses, it needs a little makeover ...









# BOQUETE

## Valle Escondido Resort Golf & Spa

The time of a domestic flight, it is in the middle of nature that we had the pleasure of starting our trip to the West of the country, in the "Valle Escondido Golf Resort & Spa", which has just won the award. One of the most beautiful Hotel of the Golf Resorts in Panama at the "World Golf Awards" in Dubai on October 31st. What a privilege, what a coincidence, and above all what happiness! It is in this magical and relaxing setting, where nature reigns supreme, that we have been admirably welcomed. A place full of charm and a source of guaranteed well-being, with all the comforts required of an authentic and peaceful establishment.

Congratulations to the family of our beloved companion, Travis, who made this a true haven of peace here. The 9-hole golf course surrounded by nature greatly enhanced our visit to this region. "It is an extraordinary garden".



Here we discover the perfect example of an unpretentious golf course, in step with biodiversity and with total respect for its environment. This is all the more remarkable as sustainable development has now become a major issue for all golf courses on the planet ...



# BOQUETE IS MAGICAL



For us, Boquete is a world where the wildness and native culture is appearing when you land at the David Airport. The wildlife viewing is astounding : Bird-watcher come for a glimpse of the resplendent Quetzal, while adventurers come to climb a mountain, golfer come to golf and relax, and what we really loves this town is the principal crop of the world : coffee. As coffee lover, we fuel up and we are ready for the next adventure !







DOLAND BOTET NIGHT MEETING.  
Doctor Sport Medical











# LUCERO CLUB - GASTRONOMY Immersion.

We have just left the Valle Escondido, we moved for lunching at the Lucero Golf Club. This place is stunning - you can spend your day between golf, tennis, swimming, meet your friend at the restaurant or pour a coffee at the top of the mountain. Everything you need for a break is here.



# LUCERO GOLF CLUB

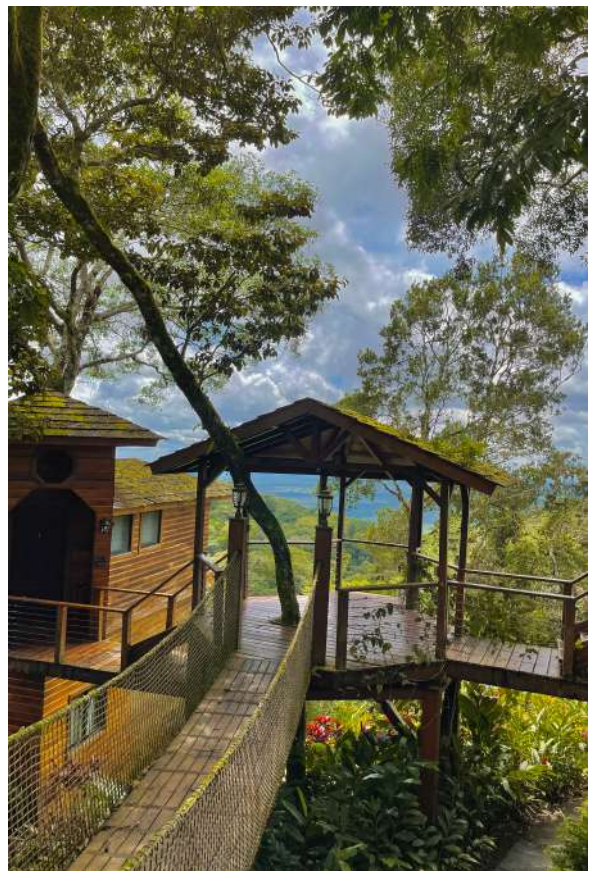
## PLAYING AT LUCERO GOLF CLUB IS LIKE PLAYING AT THE TOP OF THE WORLD...

It is at altitude that we continue our journey towards the rare pearl of the country, a change of scenery guaranteed! The "Lucero Golf Club", 18 holes Par 72 of 7,243 yards, is located in the highlands of the province of Chiriqui, famous for the production of coffee, near the sleepy little town of Boquete, from where its course emerges. An extraordinary beauty and serenity.



Architect Mike Poellot, reportedly used more than double the area typically reserved for an 18-hole championship golf course to preserve enough space between holes for members to enjoy the serenity. The land is hilly with incredible 360 ° panoramic views. According to him ; *"I sincerely believe that we have created one of the most visually stunning courses in all of Central / South America. Each hole is a golf experience in itself, accentuated by stunning views from the highest golf course in the world. Panama. The property is so vast, of such natural beauty and such wildlife, that the entire route which encompasses woods, meadows, ridges and riparian valleys coupled with dramatic elevation changes make it a "signature of global experience".*

**For accommodation,** luxury treehouses are available for rent. It's a real experience to do. Alternatively, you can live like a real local in a duplex villa, in family homes or condominiums on large private lots for custom built homes. Once again, the major concern has been to preserve the natural environment, while giving free rein to each owner to create a house according to his idea. Here, no wire, no electric pole is visible; the aesthetic beauty of the region is all the more remarkable as the drinking water plant is supplied by underground sources... ”.



# CORONADO GOLF CLUB

1H30 FROM PANAMA CITY



**Day 3.** Time to embark in our private shuttle, in the direction of some golf courses on the program along the Pacific coast - First of all, the "Coronado Luxury Club & Suites", which is a very nice course. 18 holes, designed by Tom and George Fazio, recognized among the most prolific American golf architects. Tom Fazio has always insisted on the principle that golf courses should reflect the natural beauty of their surroundings ”.

Maintaining this principle, Fazio Design has strived to follow design priorities which include creating smooth transitions from existing topographical conditions, developing courses that provide golfers with varied skills, a challenging yet enjoyable experience, and providing each client with optimal use of the property. The Coronado Luxury Club & Suites golf course is a perfect example. Little anecdote; on hole 10, as on many courses in the country, It's recommended that you refrain from going for a swim or looking for your ball in the water, at the risk of meeting a crocodile. Is it a legend or not? The mystery remains unresolved since of the 8 golf courses covered in 6 days of discovery, we unfortunately did not see the shadow of this animal.



# CORONADO GOLF CLUB

3rd Day



Business to be continued... Quality accommodation in a peaceful and unpretentious hotel, hammocks scattered here and there, local food and perfect hospitality... Manila cannot believe it, her room is so unique. As a terrace, she finds a lovely little swimming pool, which she was able to take advantage of to relax after these many trips made. No need to wake up with an alarm here in the early morning, birdsong is more pleasant to hear ...





# Swimming pool & restaurant



# VISTA MAR RESORT GOLF



In the afternoon, despite the threatening sky, we headed for our 5th Golf. The 'Vista Mar Resort Golf, Beach & Marina' is a true championship course (18 holes Par 72 of 7,100 Yards), which has matured since its opening in 2009 and well deserves the rave reviews made about it. It borders the Pacific Coast on a magnificent property with spectacular mountain and ocean views from virtually every hole - Architect: Michael Poellot. The fairways are quite wide with many palm trees and water features. American style with well placed bunkers!



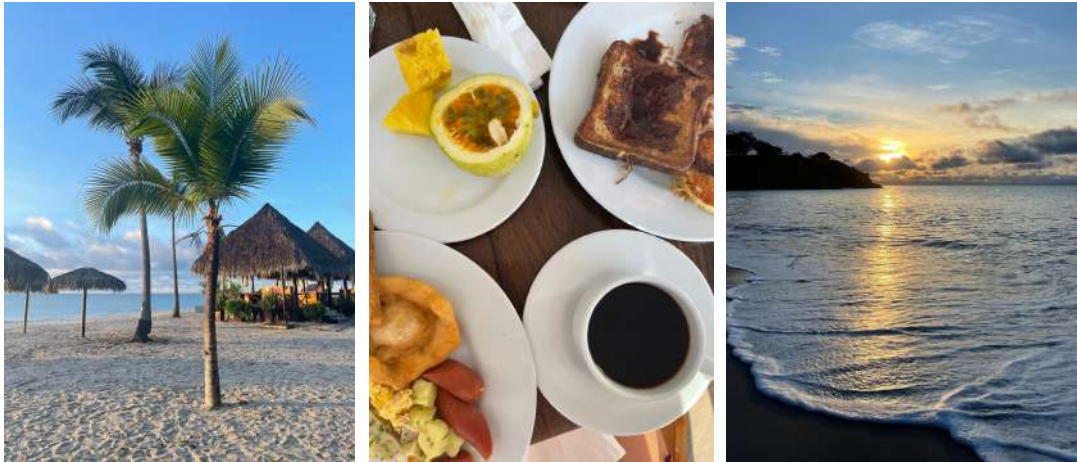


# VISTA MAR RESORT GOLF



# DECAMERON RESORT

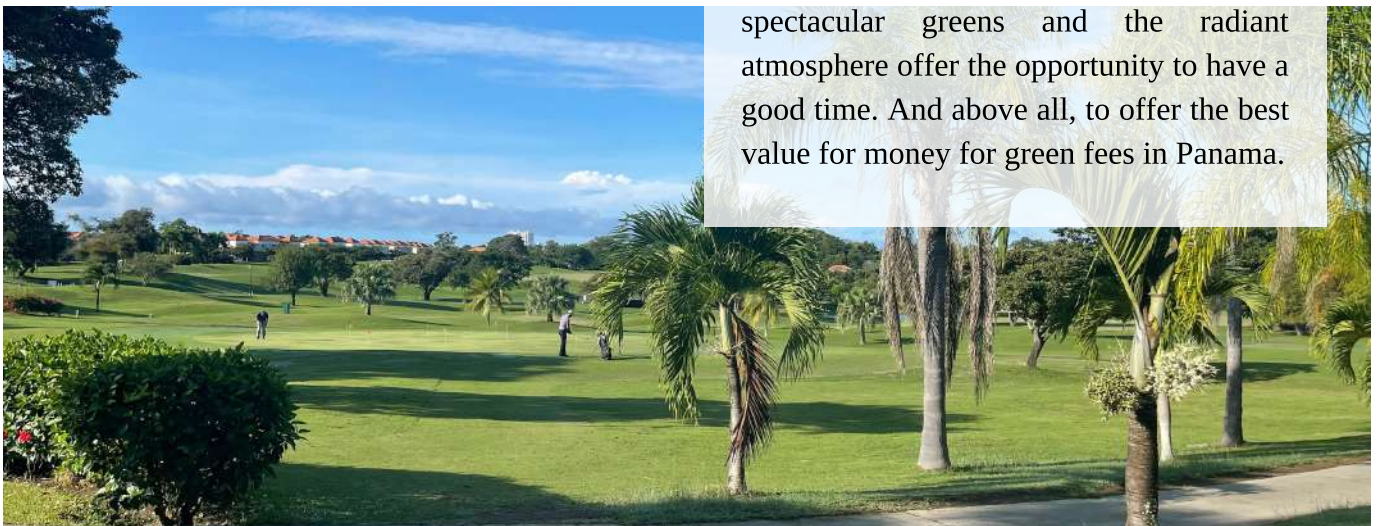
A well-deserved rest in the evening in this region of Farallón, for an overnight stop at the Decameron Resort, in one of the many rooms of the residential complex with breathtaking views of the Pacific. But here is the typical place to party in "Club Med" mode with wrist bracelet and anti-covid mask. No need to draw you a picture, the Resort lives entirely to the rhythm of Latin music and shows organized daily by the beach. It's the non-stop fiesta costume party for a Halloween party.



# MANTARRAYA GOLF CLUB

In the early hours of the morning, the shuttle, which is always punctual, takes our golf bags and our luggage, while we meet happy night owls, quite confused by their drunken night. We are off to our penultimate Golf Club. It only takes a few minutes to get to the Mantarraya Golf Club, symbolically

represented by the image of a Manta ray. The Golf course is a real treat. We have learned that this prime location offers the best microclimate in Panama as it is located in a dry area, which is why sunny days can be enjoyed for most of the year. It is an 18 hole Par 72 course of 7,087 yards designed by Randy Thompson. The spectacular greens and the radiant atmosphere offer the opportunity to have a good time. And above all, to offer the best value for money for green fees in Panama.









## BUENAVENTURA RESORT GOLF

BUENAVENTURA WAS BEAUTIFUL. WE LOVED THE AMENITIES LIKE GOLF, BEACHES AND POOLS AT THE SAME RESORTS.

Very warm welcome in the afternoon at Buenaventura Golf Club by General Manager Alvaro VENEGAS to close this day.

Also designed by Nicklaus Design, the “Buenaventura Golf Club” is a competition course where the player can live a unique golf experience in Panama. Par 72 by 7,324 yards, it is located in the heart of the most exclusive residential beach area 90 minutes outside of town and is surrounded by a tropical landscape with water hazards and towering old Corotus (variety of gigantic trees) native to the region. The sublime Hotel Spa bears the name of this magnificent tree. Its estate stands out for the quality of maintenance and services offered to its customers, in particular a beautiful private beach on the Pacific Ocean.

The preliminary visit we were able to make at the Hotel won us over. We are now thinking about a prestigious program for golfers that we would like to see come here next year ...



# The resort



Amazing experience on the Buenaventura Golf course.





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## TUCAN GOLF CLUB

The Golf was first a course built by the U.S. Navy and then redesigned. Very warm welcome from Antonio Lasso, Director of Golf, who explains that a superintendent has been appointed to ensure major renovations to the Club, which has great ambitions in the years to come, seeking to offer its members and its visitors a better standard of services. The course borders on one side the famous forest reserve of the country and offers panoramic views of the Panama Canal and the line of skyscrapers of the capital in the background. The 18-hole Par 72 course of 6,618 yards blends with the residential environment and the tropical landscape.

The Halloween day of October 31st allowed us to get to know some "ladies", active members of the Club, and to discover beautiful disguises of golfers on the greens of the Club in question. The golf course has been designed to preserve the integrity of the flora and fauna of the region, it is a paradise in itself.

Surrounded by lush vegetation, the closest golf course to the Panama Canal is undoubtedly the "Tucan Golf & Country Club", named after the famous bird characteristic of the country, which has an oversized and brightly colored beak.



# TUCAN GOLF CLUB







## **Welcome to Hera Panama World Heritage Golf Trophy's Club...**

From now on, it is clearly established that this country has real hidden treasures for the World of Golf and Tourism to discover, which is why we can already program, in agreement with the authorities of Panama and Hera The light of Women , the organization of a series of events, and from 2022 the organization of an unprecedented annual international mixed Golf tournament, probably in an original form of play in Pro-Am (Professionals and Amateurs combined). Event communication will be based on the philosophical and societal axes of "Hera", whose name is inspired by the story of the goddess of the sky and the God of Greek mythology; Zeus. (heracity.org)





*Sincere thanks to Promtur, ATP and Propanama without whom this beautiful trip would not have been possible, and to all those who have contributed to the success of this exceptional discovery. On course for 2022 ...*

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