

## 5 Great Golf Destinations Accessible by Private Jet

Golf, unlike most games which utilize a ball, does not have an even playing field. The varied forms of terrain which are encountered during the course of the game is a key part of the challenge and the game itself. With early forms of golf being traced back to as far as 100 BC to the Roman game called *paganica*, the origin of modern day golf is traced back to 15<sup>th</sup> century Scotland, where the 18-hole round was first created at the Old Course at St. Andrews in 1764.

The British Open is the oldest and first major tournament in men's professional golf, with the other three being the Masters, the U.S. Open and the PGA Championships played in the U.S. For the first time in 112 years, golf was played at the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. With so many great golf destinations in the world to choose from, below are five courses in the U.S. which you can access by booking a private charter with Mercury Jets:

**Kohler, Wisconsin** – One of the best championship courses in the U.S., the Whistling Straits of the American Club Resort is a 36-hole links-style golf course that has hosted the 2004, 2010 and 2015 PGA Championships and the site of the 2020 Ryder Cup. Located near Kohler, Wisconsin, the resort is one of the best golf resorts in the country and is a member of the Historic Hotels of America and the National Trust of Historic Preservation. The scenic village of Kohler is also home to River Wildlife, a wilderness preserve and dining club that consists of more than 30 miles of scenic woodland trails along the Sheboygan River.

**Bandon, Oregon** - Located off the Pacific Coast of Coos Bay, the Bandon Dunes Golf Resort is a hidden gem surrounded by cedars, evergreen trees, pines and the Pacific Ocean. With a total of four courses, three of which are links-style courses with the scenic backdrop of the Pacific Ocean, the Bandon Dunes Resort is one of America's most beautiful oceanfront golf destinations. The scenery being one of the top attractions to this Oregon golf course, the resort first opened its doors in 1999 and is enjoyed by golfers of all skill levels.

**Colorado Springs, Colorado** - Dating back to 1959 when young Jack Nicklaus took a birdie to win his first major on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole of the East Course, the Broadmoor is a luxury hotel with rich history and great golf. The property itself has more than 5,000 acres and a variety of activities to choose from including fly-fishing and tennis. Outside the premises of the hotel, the city of Colorado Springs also has a great variety of outdoor activities such as hiking, rock climbing and horseback riding. Located at the foot of the Rocky Mountains, Pikes Peak is a famous summit known for having inspired the words to the song "America the Beautiful." Founded as a resort town in 1871, Colorado Springs is the epitome of natural scenery, outdoor adventure, great golf and it's no surprise that private jet charters are becoming more frequent to this destination.

**Big Island, Hawaii** - In Hawaii, the Big Island is a beautiful island that has everything from black-sand beaches to active volcanos and lush rainforests. It has also been voted in 2018 as the #1 Best Golf Destination and #2 Best Luxury Destinations in the U.S. by U.S. News & World Report travel rankings. With so many luxurious and scenic courses to choose from, and some designed by the biggest names in course design such as Jack Nicklaus, Francis H. II Brown and Robert Trent Jones Sr., it's no wonder why the Big Island is known as the "Golf Capital of Hawaii." Tee off amongst the lush green fairways of the Volcano Golf & Country Club or the turquoise waters of Mauna Lani Resort, and you won't regret coming here.

**Palm Springs, California** - With mid-century architecture and warm weather, Palm Springs is a popular destination in the desert for its first-class golf resorts, hot springs and luxury spas. Of the many golf resorts to choose from, the 36-hole Indian Wells Golf Resort is among the top 20 courses you play at in California, according to Golfweek magazine. The city of Palm Springs and the Coachella Valley consistently draws visitors to its world-class courses to participate in the year-round golf tournaments as well as being a beautiful and relaxing destination to bring your family to on your next vacation.

Booking your private charter with Mercury Jets ensures that you arrive at your destination for a round of golf in no time. With the cabins of the aircraft being pressurized to 6,000 ft. and enough space in the baggage compartment to bring along your golf equipment and luggage, allows for a stress-free flight without the hassle of commercial flights, weight restrictions and jet-lag. Whether you are flying on a buddy trip or bringing your entire family along, there is a variety of entertainment and cabin configuration options as well which ensures you are kept busy, relaxed and comfortable during the duration of your flight.

