



## Golfing in Perennial Sunshine

El Gouna's 18-hole championship course boasts year-round golfing in a setting where players can feast their eyes on stunning views of mountain, water and sky as the course challenges the strength, ingenuity, and skill of novice and professional alike.

Gene Bates and Fred Couples designed the El Gouna Championship Course with every level of golfer in mind, from the beginner looking to try out the game for the first time to the advanced golfer playing the tournament circuit. The course boasts three different tees for men and ladies, carefully placed bunkers, lagoons, and desert rough, all designed to challenge the individual at his or her own level.

Golfers can warm up at the town's unique Aqua Driving Range, a short walk along the lagoon from the resort's many quality hotels. The Golf Club offers a full range of retail products, rental equipment and driving range facilities as well as PGA tuition. Tee-off times must be reserved in advance. The Golf Club welcomes golfers of all levels; handicap proof is mandatory. For non-golfers, don't miss the weekly Golf Introduction with PGA Professionals on the driving range.

### Course Facts

<b>Holes:</b>	18 holes
<b>Rating:</b>	Par 74
<b>Opening:</b>	1999 (front nine); 2000 (back nine)
<b>Length:</b>	6,296 meters
<b>Tees:</b>	5-6 (ladies and men)
<b>Grass:</b>	Seashore Paspalum
<b>Players:</b>	Handicaps 0-45
<b>Lessons:</b>	Beginner and advanced courses
<b>Services:</b>	Pro Shop, caddies, carts, driving range, shoes and club rental
<b>Catering:</b>	Bistro Bar and a la carte restaurant

### Ready to Play

<b>Membership:</b>	El Gouna Golf Club requests from guest players proof of membership in an internationally recognized golf club.
<b>Handicap:</b>	Handicap of max -45 required from November until April; please present proof of handicap.
<b>Tee Times:</b>	Tee times must be requested in advance and confirmed by the Club.
<b>Seasons:</b>	Summer Season is from 1 May to 31 October; Winter Season is from 1 November to 30 April.
<b>Open:</b>	All year round



## Golf Club House

If you're looking to relax after the game, the club house and fitness club offer a well-equipped gymnasium, three plunge pools, a sauna, a beautiful Turkish bath, and massage services. Additionally, the on-site Angsana Spa offers professional treatments.

The terrace Green Bar, located in the club house, serves drinks and light snacks, while the La Rotisserie Restaurant in the club house tower offers fine French dining with a panoramic view of the course. In the course's Pro Shop you will find unique souvenirs, exclusive accessories, high-quality clothing, handmade leather articles and more.

## Details on the Holes

Out on the greens, golfers find that navigating the course's pitfalls and varied wind currents challenges their creativity and hones their ability. The par five fourth hole heads straight into the prevailing wind and requires at least two well-placed wood strokes to close in on the green. Because players must aim into the wind, those who draw a fade risk sending their balls into the desert, making it a uniquely challenging hole.

The ninth hole plays towards the La Rotisserie Restaurant in the club house tower, and while it's a relatively easy drive for beginners, it presents a serious challenge for those hitting off the championship tees. After surviving the first drive, players are faced with a second shot into the narrowest part of the fairway.

Confident long drivers will attempt to carry the sand trap that guards the front of the green, but even the best may fall short. The green itself is a large target, but once there, players often have to make long putts. Only a careful read of the terrain will save you from the dreaded three-putt.



The back nine have their own surprises. The longest par four is the fourteenth hole, where nearly 440 yards separate the championship tee from the flag. To have a reasonable shot to the green, the golfer must be courageous enough to carry a bunker on the left side of the fairway that ends 250 yards from the tee.

Fortunately, the prevailing winds can provide the extra push needed to carry this hazard. Once that's accomplished, reaching the green requires a straight long iron or a wood. Par here is an excellent score.

The following hole, a dogleg right, presents yet another interesting dilemma. With a lagoon on the right and a large bunker in the center of the fairway, the golfer can try to carry the lagoon, which leaves only 140 yards to the green, relatively unhindered by the bunkers.

But the wind or the slightest fade can send you into the water—a pleasure when you're cooling down after a long day out in the sun, but a one-stroke penalty if you've still got your cleats on. Playing it safe to the left side of the fairway bunker, on the other hand, leaves 200 yards over a sprawling third bunker that guards the whole left side of the green.

Another signature hole is the 17th, a long, narrow, and gentle dogleg right running along the lagoon that separates the back nine from the Steigenberger Golf Resort . Accuracy on the drive is essential to avoid the sand and water traps to the right and the fairway bunker on the left. Rare is the golfer ambitious enough to carry both the lagoon and massive bunkers protecting the green.

Playing it safe to the left leaves a relatively short iron to a large, sloping green. Tricky at first, but a good opportunity for a birdie once you know the lay of the land.

Scorecard			
Hole	Champion	Ladies	Par
1	381	333	4
2	467	398	5
3	191	137	3
4	492	419	5
5	153	116	3
6	329	285	4
7	173	144	3
8	363	302	4
9	461	380	5
10	351	298	4
11	335	288	4
12	185	143	3
13	524	475	5
14	440	373	4
15	363	325	4
16	193	164	3
17	513	431	5
18	355	308	4
Total	6269	5319	72

## Course Rating by the German Golf Federation

Men		Women	
White CR 73, 7	Slope 124	Black CR 74, 5	Slope 126
Yellow CR 71, 4	Slope 119	Red CR 71, 5	Slope 120
Blue CR, 68, 8	Slope 116	Orange CR, 68, 4	Slope 114



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