

THE GOLF DU CHATEAU GOLF COURSE



A championship golf course

Adjoining the two hotels is the magnificent 18-hole golf course of the Golf du Château, which stretches out over 100 hectares. This course is the work of architect Peter Matkovich, of Peter Matkovich & Hayes, a South African architectural firm of international renown.

Located between the sea and the mountains in a naturally hilly landscape featuring lakes, streams and tropical trees and this championship course (Par 72), both technically challenging and varied, provides our golfer guests exhilarating golfing moments and an exceptional game.

It presents a real challenge to everyone who plays there, challenging themselves – whatever their level of competence – to improve their technique, their know-how and their skill. The architects of the course have integrated the two water courses that cross the golf course in the most beautiful way, creating small lakes which enhance the demands made on the technique of the players and yet fully respect the harmony and tranquillity of the location. They have also integrated the magnificent Château of Bel Ombre and its gardens into the design at the heart of the golf course.

This course is certainly one of the most beautiful on the island with an amazing view over the lagoon to the south on one side and towards the hills of the Black River Gorges nature reserve on the other, giving players unique panoramic views at each hole.

It consists of 2 courses of 9 holes each. The 9 hole outer course is 3,210m long while the inner course is 3,297m long: the 3 par 3s vary from 140m to 200m, the 4 par 4s from 320m to 430m, the 4 par 5s from 490m to 520m. In addition, a 9 hole par 3 course, ideal both for beginners as well as for more advanced golfers wanting to perfect their game is sited at the heart of the 18 hole course.

The many facilities offered by the “Golf du Château” golf course include a putting green, chipping green and driving range. Guests can of course combine their game with physical exercise and take a wonderful walk along the course or else opt for a golf cart. Carts and caddies are available to golfers.

In addition, two qualified professionals are responsible for running the golf course and offer courses for beginners supported by the use of video. Finally, a restaurant and a bar run by courteous staff are there to receive players for a well deserved rest after a game of golf.



Par for the course....



The first holes are perfect for giving one an idea of the scale of the course.

- » On the 1st, no problem, it is a Par 4 and the main challenge is the bunker at midway.
- » On the 2nd, with its length at 372 to 476 meters, one is already flirting with the longest shots to be played. But as it is a par 5, it is quite do-able. Beware, however of the green. It may hold some surprises!
- » At the 3rd, one of the shortest, the Par 3 should be achieved by everyone.
- » The 4th, a Par 4, nothing to report.
- » On the 5th, the river is not far, take care!
- » At the 6th, the wind can be particularly vicious. You hit a little too hard and your ball ends up in the trees. Too short and it lands in the river. Not easy!
- » For the 7th, take a deep breath, at 517 meters it is almost the longest for the champions. But as it is a par 5, you will have time to get out of the river which is before the green.
- » You have to cross a cascading waterfall to reach the 8th. Across from the Telfair you look out over the lagoon. But don't be fooled by this wonderful view: the green is banked, quickly bringing you back to earth.



- » At 9th it's the tees which are cascaded. To be consistent with the number of the hole, 9 tee offs are available. So do not overestimate your strength ... you have a choice.
- » Do you like dog legs? In this case the 10th may really please you..... if you get to cross the lake from the tee off!
- » At the 11th, don't let the view of the Chateau de Bel Ombre impress you too much because you must struggle against a strong headwind.
- » Perfectly British, the 12th faces the mountain and faithfully reproduces the image you see in the distance. Bravo Peter! It's beautiful.
- » No mistakes are permitted at the 13th, and you have to play accurately to achieve the Par 3.
- » Finally, an American Par 3! The 14th has 499 meters to be covered in Par 5 if you want to keep up with Tiger Woods. Very, very hard with its double dog leg.

- » Probably the most beautiful and why not the most attractive: the 15th is also an American Par 3. 25 to 30 meters in altitude, the wind swirling around, a wild river behind the green, a stream in front of it, it demands a low swing. Very technical and very difficult to achieve the Par 3. It remains one of the most musical with the sounds of the waterfall and the birds singing in the background.
- » Wide open spaces at the 16th! It is the largest fairway of the course.
- » If the 17th doesn't impress you, beware! It is the most difficult of the whole course. Before reaching the green you have to cross a valley. That's where the trouble begins: the green becomes inaccessible because it is high up and at a difficult angle.
- » A little too short, and the ball comes back down, a little too long and it gets lost in the bushes. Good luck anyway with your attempt at the Par 4.
- » The 18th leads you gently back to the Club House ... provided you cover the longest distance of all the holes... 523 meters. But as it is a par 5, one can hope to finish in style.

On arrival there is nothing further to worry about, our attentive staff is there to take care of your equipment. You just take a well deserved rest at the Club House bar, sharing your impressions with the others, before returning to take your revenge ... on yourself.

The Golf Club

This very convivial restaurant facing the golf course is open to guests of the two hotels, and serves a light breakfast, a varied menu of snacks, a wide variety of quick dishes and also Mauritian specialities. At night the restaurant will soon be turned into a Steak House.



Two resorts, 3 golf courses!

To provide a complete experience for golfers, the Golf du Château at Bel Ombre, Le Paradis Golf Club and the Tamarin have teamed up with each other. These two other golf courses are available to residents of Heritage Le Telfair Golf & Spa Resort and Heritage Awali Golf & Spa Resort, are located at Morne and Tamarin the one approximately ten kilometres away and the other about forty kilometres from the hotels.

