

Donnafugata to serve up NEW Five Star Treat for French Golfers



French golfers are being invited to discover one of the modern stars of European golf by heading to Sicily to compete in the third edition of the Trophee Golf Autour du Monde at the deluxe Donnafugata Golf Resort & SPA later this year.

The prestigious amateur event will be held for the first time at the award-winning five-star venue from November 18-21, offering players the chance to experience the many sporting and cultural delights of a golfing break on the largest island in the Mediterranean.

Organised by Golf Autour du Monde – the golf department of leading French tour operator Voyages Gallia – and costing €980 per person to enter, the tournament will feature a field of 30-plus players competing over 36 holes on Donnafugata’s two championship courses, the Links and Parkland – venue for the 2011 Sicilian Open won by Frenchman Raphael Jacquelin.

Competitors will enjoy three nights’ bed-and-breakfast accommodation in the resort’s five-star hotel, a welcome cocktail drink and three evening meals including a gala prize-giving dinner (including wine), with flights from Paris to Catania, golf club carriage and airport transfers all included.

In addition, pull trolleys, on-course refreshments and access to Donnafugata’s luxury 900m2 Spa is also provided. Non-golfer packages can also be booked for €855 per person, with all prices based on two people sharing a room. Charlotte Leclere, golf groups coordinator at Voyages Gallia, said: “Having previously held the event in Cyprus and Spain, we were keen to use a new venue and Donnafugata has everything that French golfers look for when booking an overseas break.

“Sicily is rich in cultural and gastronomic heritage and you are assured good weather. At Donnafugata, people have the chance to play two good and very different golf courses and to experience something away from their normal daily routines.

“We’re delighted to be partnering with the resort on this event and I’m sure it will be a memorable few days for everyone that takes part.”

Donnafugata has experienced a rapid rise in the number of golfers visiting from France in the last two years, with the resort becoming increasingly popular with golf groups anxious to take advantage of its range of five-star facilities including two championship golf courses.

Guy Roberts, director of golf at Donnafugata Golf Resort & Spa, added: “We have been working very closely with Voyages Gallia to promote this corner of Sicily to the French golfing market. They have been very creative in preparing packages that combine the quality of Donnafugata’s two championship golf courses with an abundance of local cultural and gastronomic experiences

“This successful partnership has seen a considerable increase in the numbers of golfers visiting from France, and it’s an honor to have been chosen to host such an important event in their calendar.”

Situated in the heart of the province of Ragusa, Donnafugata boasts a number of fantastic historical cities to explore nearby including Val di Noto, the heart of Sicilian baroque; Ragusa Ibla, Modica, Siracuse, Noto and Scicli. All are deemed fitting of UNESCO World Heritage status.

As well as outstanding golf facilities, Donnafugata Golf Resort & SPA has two swimming pools, a private beach and three restaurants offering a broad selection of ‘0km food’ locally-sourced gastronomic delights, well accompanied by perfect Sicilian wines to enhance flavor.

For further details about the Trophee Golf Autour du Monde visit www.voyages-gallia.fr