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Poland
– The Perfect
Destination for Golfers

Rosa Private Golf Club, near Częstochowa

The Rosa Private Golf Club was opened in 2006, and designed by Hans-Georg Erhardt. A course that is beautifully laid out among lakes, streams, mounds and numerous large bunkers. Water in play on most holes. An excellent example of strategic design and target golf.

- 18-hole golf course
- Golf lessons are available
- Green Fee: approx. €55 (Monday – Thursday), approx. €66 (Friday – Sunday)
- Nearest airport: Katowice (50 km away)
- For further information, www.rpgc.pl

Kraków Valley Golf & Country Club, near Kraków

Opened in 2003 and designed by Ronald Fream, Kraków Valley Golf & Country Club is a beautifully laid out course among hills and forests. Wind plays a major role.

- 18-hole course and a 6-hole executive course
- Golf lessons are available
- Green Fee: approx. €38 (Monday – Thursday), approx. €45 (Friday – Sunday)
- Nearest airport: Balice-Kraków (25 km away)
- For further information, visit www.krakow-valley.com

Sierra Golf Club, Wejherowo near Gdynia

Designed by Cameron Sinclair and opened in 2002, the Sierra Golf Club has a championship course laid out on hills among lakes at the very edge of a forest.

- 18-hole championship course
- Golf lessons are available
- Green Fee: approx. €43 on weekdays, approx. €55 at weekends
- Nearest airport: Gdańsk (35 km away)
- Nearest ferry terminal: Gdynia (30km away)
- For further information, visit www.sierragolf.pl

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Golf in Postołowo

The Gdańsk Golf & Country Club, near Gdańsk ranked by the Golf Digest as the best golf course in Poland. With a length of 7, 101 meters is also quite possibly the longest PAR 72 course in Europe.

Beautifully laid out among hills and lakes with wide fairways and very large greens, Postołowo Golf Club is a true test of golf for all standard of players. The golf club was established in 1997, and the course was designed by the British-born golf architect, Jeremy Turner, who explained at the time, "What I have tired to do with this beautiful tract of land is to create a golf course that is a real challenge to the good player. At the same time I want it to be really enjoyable for the higher handicapper". Many golfers – regardless of their ability – would be inclined to agree that he has achieved this.

Gdańsk Golf & Country Club is regarded as one of the best golf clubs in Poland, and the club will also be hosting a reception for the delegates of the AITO (Association of Independent Tour Operators) Annual Conference, which will be taking place in Gdańsk in June 2009. President of Gdańsk Golf & Country Club, William Siwek is looking forward to welcoming the delegates, "I am looking forward to welcoming the delegates of the AITO Conference in June. Gdańsk Golf & Country Club will be hosting a special rece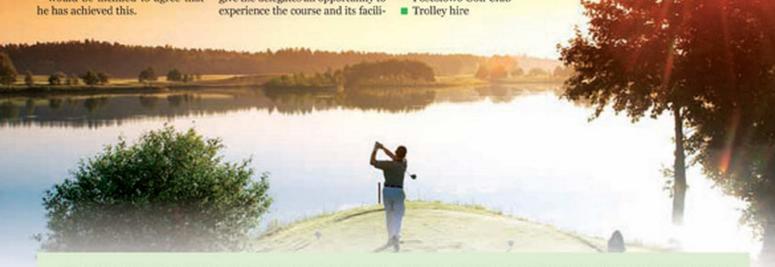ption, which will give the delegates an opportunity to experience the course and its facili-ties for themselves. Some of the delegates are specialist golf tour operators, many of whom will be visiting Poland for the first time. This will be an excellent opportunity for them to see that Postołowo Golf Course can easily rival any other golf course in Europe, if not the world."

Gdańsk Golf & Country Club has recently launched a special package, which is perfect for anyone tempted to visit this beautiful part of Poland. For €195 per person, golf enthusiasts can enjoy:

- Two days of unlimited golf at Postołowo Golf Club
- Trolley hire

- Token for the driving range
- Welcome drink
- Two nights' accommodation at a 3 star guest house (double room, two people sharing)
- Private airport transfer

For further information on Postołowo Golf Club visit **www.golf.com.pl**

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"I am a single figure handicap golfer of more than 40 years, and have played golf on more than 300 golf courses in 15 countries including the Bahamas, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Kenya, the Netherlands, Portugal, South Africa, Swaziland, the United Kingdom, the United States, and of course Poland.

Whilst stationed in Warsaw during the nineties, I had the opportunity to play golf on the only three courses that existed in Poland at that time: the First Warsaw Golf & Country Club in Rajszew, Międzyzdroje near Szczecin, and the Gdańsk Golf & Country Club in Postołowo, all of which were relatively new courses at that time, and the clubs varied in terms of the facilities that they offered.

However, having since been back to Poland on holiday to visit the relatives of my Polish wife, we have had the pleasure of playing golf several times on each course, and each time we play it is evident that the Gdańsk Golf & Country Club is comparable to many of the top golf courses that I have played, and is by far the best in Poland. This well manicured course has gently rolling fairways and excellent undulating greens, plenty of hazards including trees, well placed sand traps, thick rough, lakes and other water features that come into play on several holes, all of which results in a truly enjoyable and testing golf course, a course which is worthy of championship events, both amateur and professional.

It would be wonderful, for many countries, if there were more visionaries like William Siwek, the owner of the club, who had the same passion for golf and a willingness to make the long term investment necessary to build, develop, manage and market top class golf courses which would in turn attract the best and most valued visitors – golf tourists - to their venues. Visiting Gdańsk Golf & Country Club would be my top piece of advice for a golfing trip to Poland."

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Craig Ballantyne
Golf Enthusiast

Craig Ballantyne is an avid golfer who has been passionate about the game for over 30 years.