

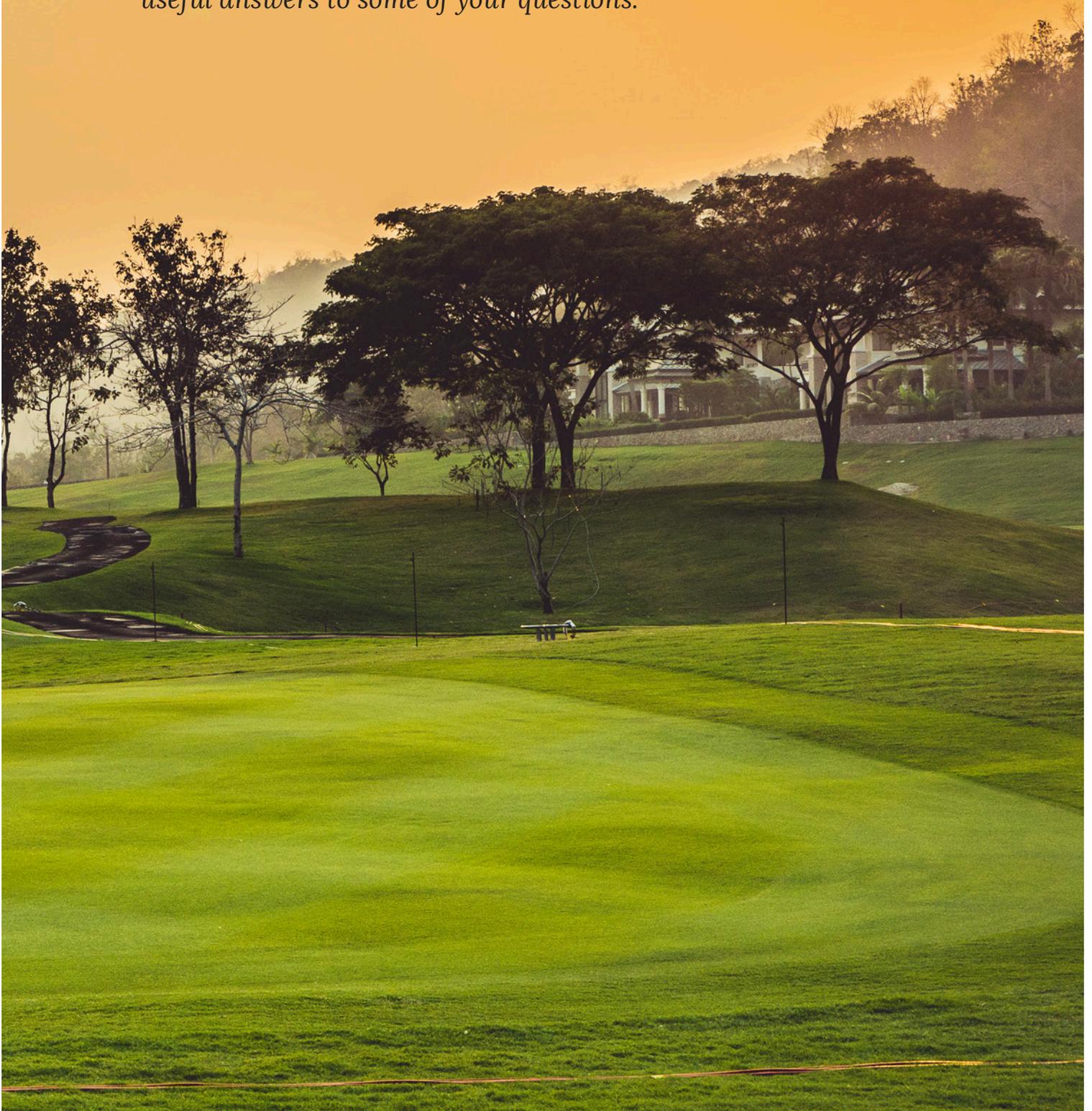
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Good things to know

about Black Mountain



Whenever you plan to visit somewhere new, there are always things that you wonder about, questions you want to ask. We want you to make the most of your time at Black Mountain, so we have made this guide, which hopefully will provide useful answers to some of your questions.





Transportation from Bangkok Suvarnabhumi International Airport (BKK)

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At Black Mountain we work closely with tour operators Golf Asia and Teetime Thailand. If you have made reservations with them, most likely your airport pickup will be organized via them.

If you have not pre-arranged transportation, there are numerous taxi and minivan companies in the arrival area after customs. We recommend that you



use the AOT taxi-service (AOT = Airports of Thailand PCL). They are located in the arrivals hall after customs by gate 4 and operate clean and safe cars. When using their service the transfer to Black Mountain costs from 4,000 baht upwards.

However, compared with in-airport counter services, transportation and taxi services outside of Thailand's

airports are generally cheaper. Once in Hua Hin, it is quite common to establish a relationship with a few local drivers with whom you book directly when you need transportation. Many of the members at Black Mountain have such contacts and would be willing to share the telephone numbers of their recommended friendly drivers.

At Suvarnabhumi airport, the most common area for drivers to pick up arriving guests is between gates 3 and 4 at the arrivals level. Most often the driver will meet you once you have passed through immigrations and customs, with a sign bearing your name.

Staying at the resort at Black Mountain

If you are visiting Black Mountain for the first time, there are few better ways to get to know the area than to stay at the Black Mountain Resort.

Located between the Water Park and the West Course, close to the entrance to Black Mountain, the resort offers 45 one, two or three bedroom houses with your own private pool.

The reception is located in the first resort house when you drive

in to the resort, the house closest to the water park. The reception is open from 06.00hrs to 21.00hrs. If you anticipate arriving outside of these hours, please advise us when making your booking, so that appropriate arrangements for your arrival can be made.





Shuttle service from Black Mountain to Hua Hin

There is also a complementary shuttle service from Black Mountain to downtown Hua Hin. The mini-van departs from the car park downstairs at Black Mountain clubhouse. You tell the driver when you board where in Hua Hin you want to be dropped and he will drive you there.

There is no shuttle service from Hua Hin to Black Mountain. A taxi or tuk-tuk costs about 400 baht one-way from Hua Hin back to Black Mountain, depending on where you are.



DEPARTURE TIMES

11.00	15.30
12.30	16.30
13.30	18.30
14.30	

The ride to Hua Hin takes about 20 minutes.

Convenience store

There is a convenience store on the ground floor of the clubhouse building where you can buy a selection of basic necessities for your stay. Next door to the store is also a laundry service.

The opening hours for both are 07.00hrs–18.00hrs.

Shuttle service within Black Mountain

There are two shuttle services within Black Mountain that will take you to the clubhouse (and back to your accommodation). One operates from the resort and West Course villas, and one operates from the condominium building.

If you are a guest staying in the resort or at a West Course house, call +66 89 836 9933 and the shuttle will come and pick you up at your door, then drive you to the drop off/pick-up area in front of the clubhouse (by the ATMs). When you wish to return to your

house, you dial the same number to be picked up at the same place where you were dropped off.

If you are staying in the condominium building, the shuttle to the clubhouse collects you at the entrance of the condo-building and drops you by the starter area in front of the club house. You just walk to the pick up-area and the shuttle will wait for you there.

Shuttle service operates from 06.00hrs–21.00hrs.



Golfing at Black Mountain

The multi-award winning Black Mountain Golf Club offers 27 holes, in three nine hole courses. The original 18 holes are now called the East and North Courses. The new nine holes is called the West Course.

If you start your round on the West Course (front nine), the East Course will be your back nine. If you start on the East Course (front nine), the North Course will be your back nine.

At times, early in the morning for example, you may start on the North Course (front nine), and the West Course will be your back nine.

The length of the courses are very similar and offer tee box options based on how long the course plays from those tee boxes. At Black Mountain the tees are designated with numbers: 76, 73, 70, 65, 61 and 57. Add two 0's to the tee box number and you have the approximate length in yards that the course plays from those tees. e.g. playing off the 65 tees, the course plays approximately 6,500 yards.





Fees

The standard green fee for playing golf at Black Mountain is 3,600 baht. Your caddie fee per round is 350 baht + tip, where the tip is expected to be 350 baht upwards, depending on your satisfaction with the caddie's work.

If you want to hire a golf cart, the fee is 700 baht. If you take a golf cart you will still need a caddie. Your caddie will drive the golf cart.

When you play golf as a member at Black Mountain, you only pay for a caddie and, if you choose to take one, a golf cart.

Arriving and checking in at Black Mountain

As a guest at Black Mountain, you will arrive and park in the covered car park. There you will be greeted by one of our caddies, who will take your bag to the starting area. Two floors up you will find the pro shop. Here is where you check in, pay your green fee and caddie fee (you pay the tip to your caddie after the round). You will receive a receipt which you are to hold on to until you check in with the starter.

Next door to the pro shop is the sales office, and beyond that is the male locker room, where you find all the amenities you can expect in a modern locker-room. The ladies locker room is just around the corner, next to the entrance to the spa.

Once you are here, it is quite obvious where the restaurant is. The restaurant overlooks the golf course and is open from 06.00hrs to 21.00hrs. If you do not have time to enjoy it before the round, you will have plenty of time after.

The starting office is down the grand stairs next to the restaurant, to your immediate right.





Warm up and tee off

As you are getting ready to tee off, you report to the starting office, where you give the receipt that you collected at the pro shop. Khun Ton, the caddie master and Khun Sompi, the golf operations manager, together with their colleagues, make sure everything runs smoothly as you are about to tee off.

If you wish to warm up on the driving range before your round, you just come to the starting area early and ask the starter for your clubs, and a shuttle will take you to the practice area. The

driving range is located behind the houses south of the 9th green. There are 16 mats under cover with cooling fans above, plus 10 open mats on the range building roof. There is also 50 yards of grass from which you can hit your grade A range balls.

It is not uncommon at Black Mountain to see players hit from the far end of the range. However, unless you have your name written all over the bag, can present at PGA badge and you are a touring golf professional ambassador for Black Mountain, that area is off

limits. That is the professional practice area and the only place on the whole Black Mountain estate where the good guys are to be left alone.

The practice area is open from 06.00hrs - 19.00hrs. The fee for a tray of 40 balls is 100 baht for grade A-balls and 50 baht for grade B-balls. If you wish to use the chipping and putting area it is 100 baht/hour (use your own balls).

There are also complementary putting and chipping areas near the starting area at the clubhouse if you have a tee-time.



The play

Black Mountain has a friendly layout, in that the fairways are wide and the rough is playable. The challenge - call it the defense of the course - is found around the green areas. The norm at Black Mountain is that the course in general is in excellent condition. But the greens in particular are well looked after. They roll smoothly, but with a lot of grain and subtle undulations, which can wreak havoc to your score, especially if they are rolling fast.



A hint: Listen to your caddie. You will be surprised by the general standard of the caddies' ability to read the greens and give you good lines.

ONE CLASSIC CONVERSATION FROM THE GOLF COURSE

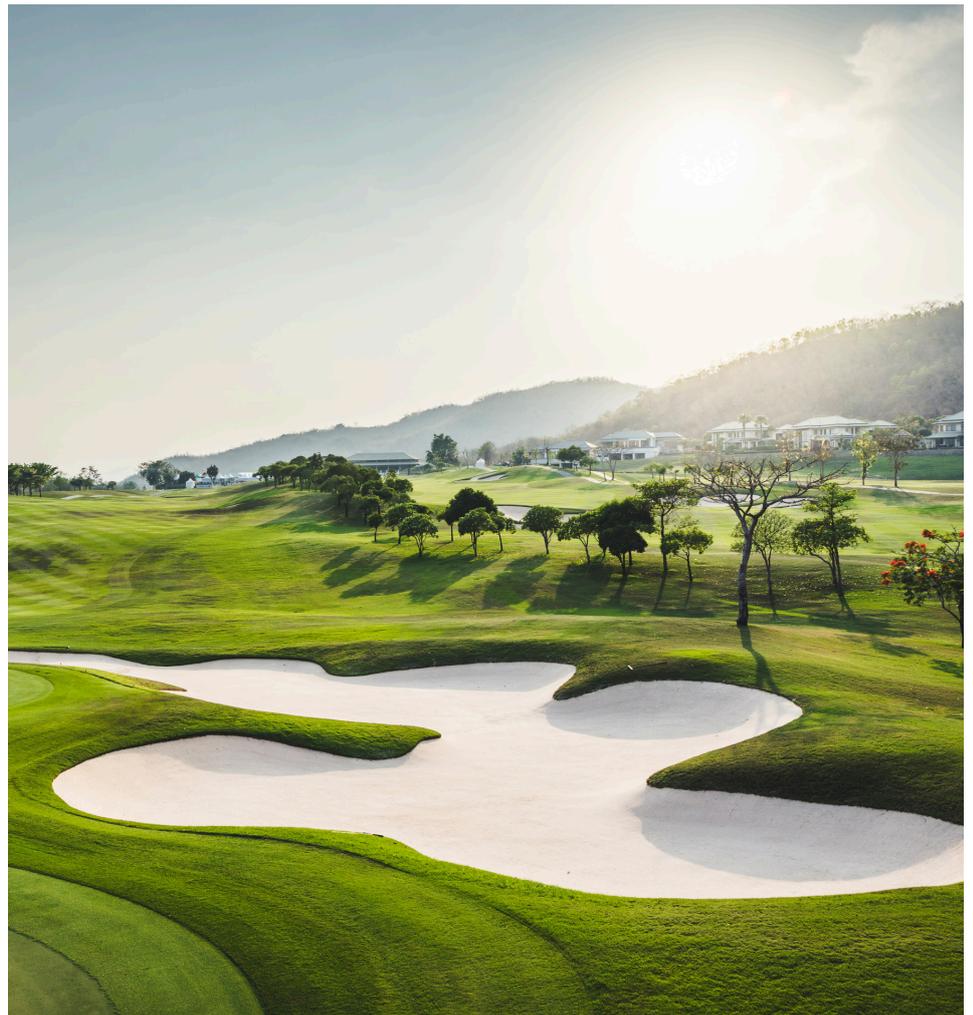
Caddie (showing the line):
"This is the line".

Player: "No, I think it breaks that way".

The player putts according to their own read. And misses.

Player: "You were right".

Caddie: "Hmmm, too late..."



Refreshments on the course After the round

At Black Mountain, you are never more than four holes away from a "kiosk" where you will be able to stock up on liquids, sandwiches and other necessities. Restrooms are also located here. Plus, there is a mini-mart in the clubhouse which you will pass after nine holes, regardless of the courses you are playing. There is no cart driving around Black Mountain selling beverages.

Upon completion of the round you will be handed your completed scorecard and a caddie rating card. Next to the entrance to the mini-mart is a box where you place the rating card to rate your caddie. Now is also when you pay your caddie the customary tip.

We hope you enjoyed your round at Black Mountain and wish to see you here again soon.

Living at Black Mountain

When you purchase a property at Black Mountain you also become a Golf Club member. The whole idea of living or having a second home at Black Mountain is that it should be as hassle free as possible and add value to your life. Our staff will look after your property when you are here - and while you are away.

We have security patrolling the resort 24/7 and our maintenance personnel take care of your garden and pool.

You pay an annual fee to Black Mountain for the services they provide. You also pay for water and electricity usage directly to Black Mountain. There is broadband fiber connection to each property at Black Mountain. If you wish to install cable-tv and Internet, you make the arrangements directly with the provider. If you need help, we have staff available to assist you with this.

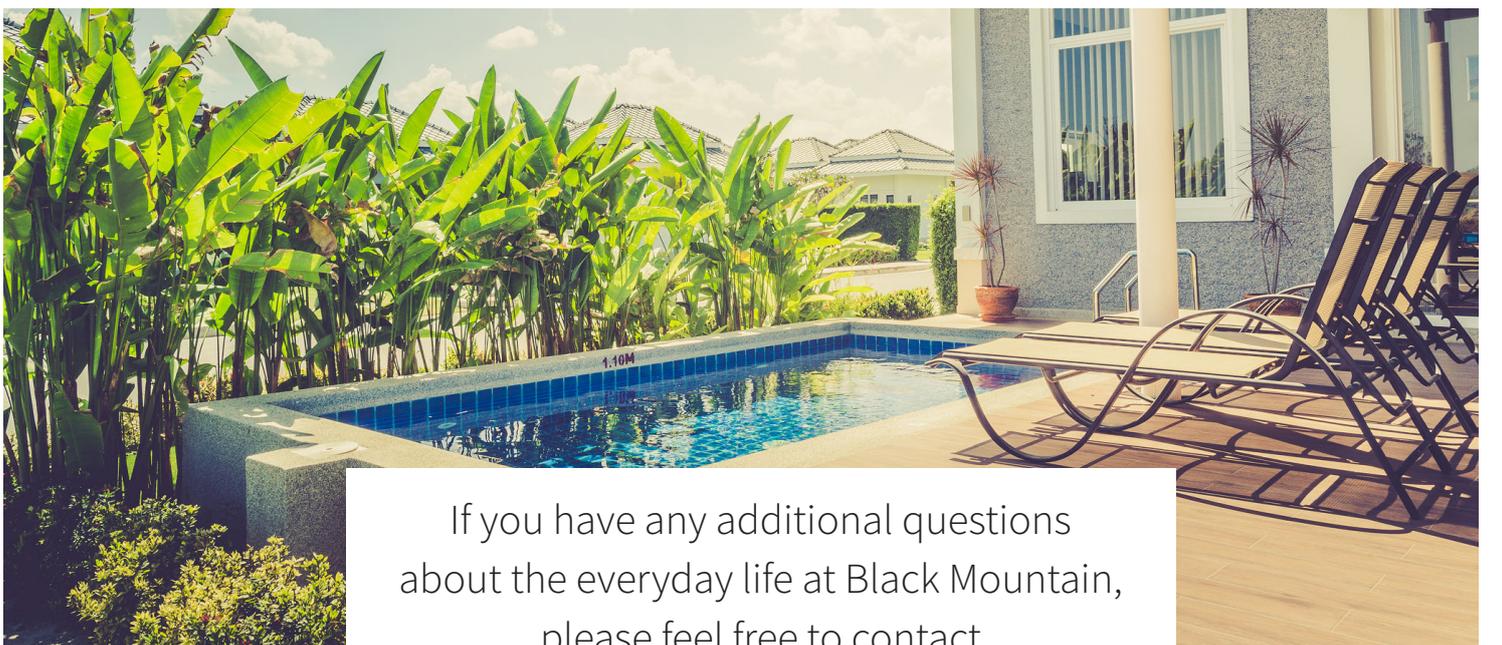
Many members communicate in advance when they are returning to Black Mountain. That way our cleaning staff can come in before you arrive to

make your property pristine, ready for your arrival.

Golf carts at Black Mountain

Even though the shuttle service at Black Mountain is excellent, many members choose to invest in their own golf cart. After all, it is more convenient to have your own transportation to come and go exactly when you want.

Members' carts are white, the golf carts on the course are black. You may only take the black club carts hired at the pro shop, onto the course. When using the clubhouse, the members' golf cart parking is behind the clubhouse, opposite the ATMs.



If you have any additional questions about the everyday life at Black Mountain, please feel free to contact

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