

*Golf Club of the European Union  
Club de Golf de l'Union européenne*

Brussels, 8 June 2023

**The friendly Albion: EUGC trip to Kent, 13 – 15 October 2023**

We shall meet at the St. Augustine's Golf Club on Friday, 13 October.



<https://staugustinesgolfclub.co.uk/>

Cottington Rd, Cliffsend, Ramsgate  
CT12 5JN, Royaume-Uni  
Tel.: +44 (0)1843 590333

The location is about 50 km from  
Folkstone. It should take you less than  
one hour.

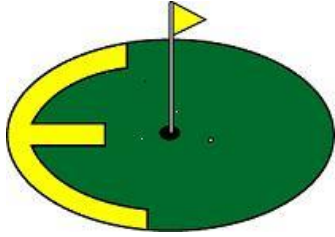
St Augustine's is a popular golf course  
with fairways lined by mature trees and  
has several waterways and ponds that  
are home to a variety of wildlife.

At 5,129 yards from the yellow tee-  
markers (4,855 yards from the red tees),  
the course is suitable for all levels of  
golfer. High handicappers will find that  
they are able to reach most fairways  
from the tees without too much difficulty  
and shots to the greens are achievable  
with some care.

The more experienced players will find  
they need to maintain a high degree of  
accuracy and consistency to score well.

Reservations have been made for  
13h30. Green fee: £23

After the round we shall drive to the  
Princes Golf Course, where we stay and  
have dinner.



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The following day, Saturday, 14 October, we shall play in the North Foreland Golf Club:

<https://www.northforeland.co.uk/>

Kingsgate Golf Club Limited  
trading as North Foreland Golf Club,  
Convent Road, Broadstairs, CT10 3PU

Tel: +44 (0)1843 862140

The Main course comprises of four par 3, three par 5 and eleven par 4 holes. While the broad fairways instill a sense of relaxation and tee-shot confidence, don't be fooled as strategically placed bunkers lie in wait. That all-important second shot needs careful thought, as making and holding the greens is deceptively tricky.

The 3 short par 3s look innocuous enough, but fire offline and recovery is far from easy. The eighteenth hole, which is the longest par 3 is a fine test as it requires both length and accuracy. The par 5 holes are fair and straightforward until you encounter the wind which is a major feature of our coastal course.

On average most of the par 4 holes can be reached in two, but the 8th, 9th, and 17th both offer a considerable challenge, and one feels successful with a bogey on each.

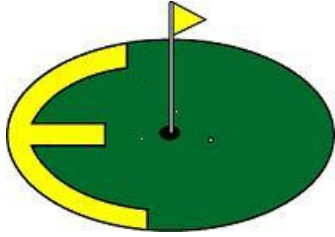
Yellow: 6,198 yards, Red: 5,762

Play starts at 13h28.

Green fee: £80

(Christian: pretty course, but not easy.)





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On Sunday morning the Princes Golf Course will welcome us.



The Lodge



Clubhouse

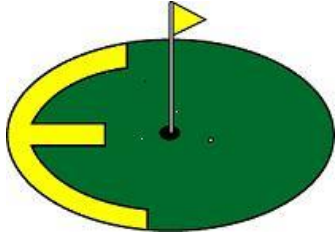
<https://www.princesgolfclub.co.uk/>

Prince's Golf Club and  
The Lodge at Prince's  
Sandwich Bay, Sandwich, Kent CT13 9QB

Tel.: +44 (0) 1304 611118

Three nine-hole courses:

*The Shore*: As its name implies, the clockwise loop of nine holes initially follows the Shoreline south towards the Lodge at the entrance to the course. The opening drive is straightforward but a par 4 is still quite difficult to achieve. In contrast the drive at the par 5 second required the longest carry to the fairway of any hole at Prince's. With its severely undulating fairway the fourth is a daunting hole even for the best golfer. The 6th is the post war 18th playing to the same green where Gene Sarazen won the 1932 Open Championship. The 7th begins the return north to the new Clubhouse, an accurate tee shot must be followed by an even more exact second to find the elevated green which slopes steeply to the right. The 8<sup>th</sup> is a challenging par 5 with a tight fairway and a par at the last is often hard to achieve. The clubhouse flagpole is an excellent aiming point for the drive which should best find the far right of the fairway to open up the approach to the green.



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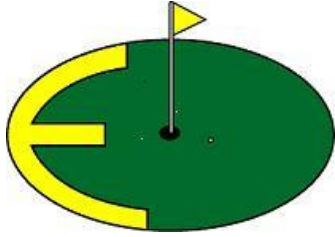
*The Dunes:* The Dunes forms an anticlockwise loop of nine holes five out in a southerly direction to the boundary of Royal St. Georges and four back. The dog-leg 1st hole is arguably the most difficult on the course with a narrow green, tricky to hold even with the shortest of approach shots. The par 3 second offers only temporary respite before three very testing holes particularly the 4th and 5th both challenging par fours. The 6th tee affords fine views across both golf courses and is the start of the excellent par 5 with hazards both left and right of the green for those choosing to go for the green after a good drive. The approach to the 7th can be difficult to judge while the par 3 eighth calls for a long and accurate tee shot. Two good shots are required to find the final green which was resited in 1985 when the central Clubhouse was built, the original green now being one of the practice green.

*The Himalayas:* The members' favourite nine has undergone a major upgrade. Renowned architects Mackenzie & Ebert have reimagined the Himalayas course. These changes are most visible on the 2nd hole, which has been combined with 3rd hole to produce a sweeping par 5 around wetlands to the old par 3 green. The 3rd, previously a short par 4, sees the addition of 3 new bunkers down the left-hand side and the ditch on the right hand side has been enlarged into a wetland. the jewel in the crown is the new par 3 'Bloody Point' located at the far end of the course, this short hole, set against the backdrop of the sea requires an accurate tee shot to the raised green. The walk from the 5th green to the 6th tee alongside the beach, gives the golfer a little respite before taking on the mammoth par 5. The 4th and 8th share of one of the few Championship double greens outside the Old Course at St. Andrews. The 6th is the course's longest hole at 580 yards, a genuine par 5 for all golfers with a new marshland water feature. The tee of the par 3, 7th affords a spectacular view across Pegwell Bay. From elevated tee to elevated un-bunkered green, into the prevailing south westerly wind the tee shot can require a driver if the wind is strong yet only a short iron with a following north easterly breeze. This par 3 sees a slight tweak in the new Mackenzie & Ebert design with a sand scrape added on the left side but this par 3 which affords a swift return to the Clubhouse after seven holes as well as nine. The closing tee shot from the highest tee on the course is similarly affected by the wind and the green, positioned almost underneath the Clubhouse balcony is protected by the Sarazen bunker that collects any overdrawn shot.

Early start.

Green fee is covered by the accommodation package.

(Christian: A venue for the brave-hearted, in particular if the wind is blowing. Whatever the outcome, at least you can say: I have tried!)



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**Travel costs, accommodation, and meals**

On behalf of the EUGC Committee I would like to thank Dominic DOYLE for having contacted the clubs. The EUGC has already played North Foreland and Princes in 2011. At the time, the trip was a huge success.

We will be staying in the *Prince's Golf Club*. £ 330 pp cover two nights in a twin-occupancy room (£420 for a single-occupancy room), breakfast, one two-course evening meal, one round of golf. To this amount you should add the green fees of the other courses.

This means this arrangement costs £ 433, or £523 in a single-occupancy room.

Participants will be responsible for their own travel arrangements (car & channel tunnel).

If you would like to join us, please transfer €100 to the club's bank account: BE12 3100 5849 1692, including the mention "Kent". First come, first serve.

The following members have already registered for the trip:

Peter BAADER, Jean-Claude BURGELMAN, Helen Collins, André MAMBOURG, PAUL REIDERMAN