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# GOLF HOLIDAYS 2007-2008



## OSOYOOS GOLF CLUB — DESERT GOLD OSOYOOS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

At the very southern end of the Okanagan valley, just a few minutes from the U.S. border lies a true desert links. One of two 18 hole gems on the site, Osoyoos Desert Gold was completed in 2006 and is located on a desert bench overlooking Osoyoos Lake, vineyards and orchards of the South Okanagan. The desert course layout offers length, challenge and Okanagan valley scenery second to none.

Measuring 6500 yards from the back tees, a par of 71 and a slope rating of 134, the course is not long by today's standards, but the par 3's are long and two are in excess of 200 yards. The opening par 5 is a very challenging 575 yard par 5 and there is no forgiveness for your opening tee shot. The fairways are quite narrow, lined with sagebrush and desert plants, while the greens, rarely at the same level as the fairway, are small and require accurate shot making. Make no mistake, this is a tricky course and many areas are deemed as protected where a penalty shot is incurred rather than risk injury both to and from the wildlife and spiny cacti.

Like so many courses in this region, it is extraordinarily quiet and peaceful, with long vistas to vineyards, lake and mountains around you. Many have commented that their golf is improved just by the lack of audible distractions, but perhaps it is the relaxed feeling one incurs playing in this natural landscape.

After your golf, you must take a moment to enjoy a glass of local wine on the patio of the 13,000 sq ft Mediterranean inspired Clubhouse, set high above the course and providing no reason to leave early once your round is completed. With 3 dining areas, extensive decks and patios and the beautiful panorama of orchards and lake below, the Osoyoos clubhouse facilities are a special feature of this location. Casual and warm hospitality are the norm for Osoyoos Golf Club staff, and the menu offers comfortable "clubhouse" fare with daily features that offer a little more adventure and further enhance your dining experience. Indeed, you may well be tempted to stay on for more food and wine and if you are staying at nearby Spirit Ridge Vineyard Resort, a short taxi ride maybe the best solution later in the evening!!



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