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### **MOODY GARDENS GOLF COURSE RANKED AMONG TOP IN STATE**

*Named Golf Advisor's Best of 2016 Top 50 U.S. Courses*

**GALVESTON, Texas** – With its stunning views, green fairways and gulf breeze, Moody Gardens Golf Course has become one of the most popular public golf courses in Texas.

Since undergoing a \$16 million renovation in 2008, the island course has earned numerous honors, including “Recommended by TripAdvisor” status. Recently, GolfNow ranked Moody Gardens as the third-best course in the Greater Houston area. The par-72 course is a Jacobsen Hardy design and measures 6,816 yards from the farthest back tees. There are five tee boxes for players of all levels.

“Being located on Galveston Island, our golf course offers scenic views,” Moody Gardens Golf Course General Manager Bill Pushak said. “Ours is a unique and challenging course in a tropical setting.”

When Moody Gardens took over the previous course, the elevations were raised, new irrigation and drainage systems were added and it was reseeded in paspalum, a salt-tolerant grass. It was the first course in the continental United States to be seeded with paspalum, and uses effluent water from the City of Galveston to water the grounds as a part of Moody Gardens’ conservation efforts.

The premier public golf course has earned rave reviews from TripAdvisor, GolfNow and Golf Advisor since those improvements, including being named to Golf Advisor’s Best of 2016 Top 50 U.S. courses list and ranked the No. 1 golf course in the U.S. in August by GolfNow.

Since 2011, Moody Gardens Golf Course has an average rating of 4.5 stars on TripAdvisor. TripAdvisor averages more than 50 million unique visitors a month and features more than 60 million reviews. GolfNow’s ranking was based on ratings and reviews from thousands of its website’s visitors. The site’s users have given Moody Gardens Golf Course an average rating of 4.5 out of 5. Among the reviews, the course was called “beautiful”, “top-notch” and “one of the best.”

Get more green for your green while visiting. Moody Gardens Golf Course offers an All-Inclusive Golf Package that includes the 18-hole green fee and cart fee, one dozen golf balls, a bucket of range balls and unlimited food and drinks, alcohol excluded, all for \$100 per person Monday-Thursday. Golfers get the same deal for \$125 per person Friday-Sunday and holidays. Reservations are required. Free replay round is subject to availability.

Golfers can also enjoy Stay & Play Golf Packages for two or four. Packages include a luxurious room at the Moody Gardens Hotel, a round of golf at the Moody Gardens Golf Course, golf cart and bucket of range balls.

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Prices for four, Monday-Thursday, start at \$369 plus tax and \$434 plus tax for Friday-Sunday. Stays on Saturday-Sunday include yoga. Prices for two, Monday-Thursday start at \$299 plus tax and Friday-Sunday prices start at \$354 plus tax. Some blackout dates apply. Tee times can be booked 14 days in advance.

There's also Golf & Glo, at \$229 plus tax Monday-Thursday and \$329 plus tax Friday-Sunday. This golf getaway includes a beautiful room for one night, golf for one and a \$75 credit to the Moody Gardens Spa, plus valet parking. Yoga is included on Saturday and Sunday.

For information or to book a tee time, call 409-683-4653 or visit [www.moodygardensgolf.com](http://www.moodygardensgolf.com).

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