

# Best of 2016: Top 25 golf destinations



**The best golf destination, based on your reviews in 2016, is a familiar, world-class getaway.  
(Jason Scott Deegan/ Golf Advisor)**

We've spent much of 2017 showcasing the best golf courses of 2016 according to your ratings and reviews. Now, it's time to look at the destinations as the total sum of its parts. We looked at each destination's review count and rating averages to determine which ones left golfers most satisfied in 2016.

Our destinations are determined based on courses within a 30-mile radius from the destination's center point. A minimum of 100 reviews were needed within the destination in 2016 to be considered. (We combined several destinations for this list that are close enough together there were many overlapping courses, including Gaylord-Traverse City, Seattle-Tacoma and Reno-Lake Tahoe).

The result is a list with a mix of bucket-list destinations (in fact, our No. 1 destination may be America's most coveted) and some lesser-known hotspots that may be worth a look if you're in the area. We've also included the top-rated course within the destination based on 2016 reviews. Many of these destinations earned a spot in our [Golf Advisor Top 50 courses](#) in the U.S. or subcategory lists.

Click on each destination to see their Top 10 courses according to your ratings, as well as articles and more courses to play.

## Top 25 golf destinations in 2016, based on your ratings and reviews

25. Miami, Florida

Top course: Red Tiger at Trump National Doral Miami

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24. Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Top Course: White Birch at Brighton Dale Links

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23. Hartford, Connecticut

Top Course: Wintonbury Hills

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22. Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota

Top Course: Chaska Town Course

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21. Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Top Course: Royal Manchester Golf Links

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20. Pinehurst, North Carolina

Top course: Tobacco Road

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19. Madison, Wisconsin

Top course: Hawk's Landing Golf Club

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18. Destin, Florida

Top course: Kelly Plantation Golf Club

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17. Raleigh, North Carolina

Top course: UNC Finley Golf Club

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16. Las Vegas, Nevada

Top course: Sun Mountain at Las Vegas Paiute

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15. San Antonio, Texas

Top Course: Palmer Course at La Cantera Hill Country Resort

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14. Palm Springs, California

Top Course: Classic Club

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13. Seattle-Tacoma, Washington

Top course: Olympic Course at Gold Mountain

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12. Naples, Florida

Top course: The Rookery at Marco

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11. Reno-Lake Tahoe, Nevada

Top course: Championship course at Incline Village

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10. Knoxville, Tennessee

Top course: River Course at Sevierville

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9. Dublin, Ireland

Top course: Killeen Castle

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8. Cape Cod, Massachusetts

Top course: Kings Way Course at the Club at Yarmouthport

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7. Augusta, Georgia

Top Course: Bartram Trail Golf Club

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6. Bend, Oregon

Top course: Woodlands at Sunriver Resort

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5. Glasgow, Scotland

Top course: Glasgow Gailes

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4. Branson, Missouri

Top Course: Buffalo Ridge Springs

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3. Traverse City-Gaylord, Michigan

Top course: Cedar River at Shanty Creek

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2. Muskoka, Canada

Top Course: Deerhurst Highlands Course at Deerhurst Highlands Resort

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1. Monterey Peninsula, California

Top course: Bayonet at Bayonet/BlackHorse

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