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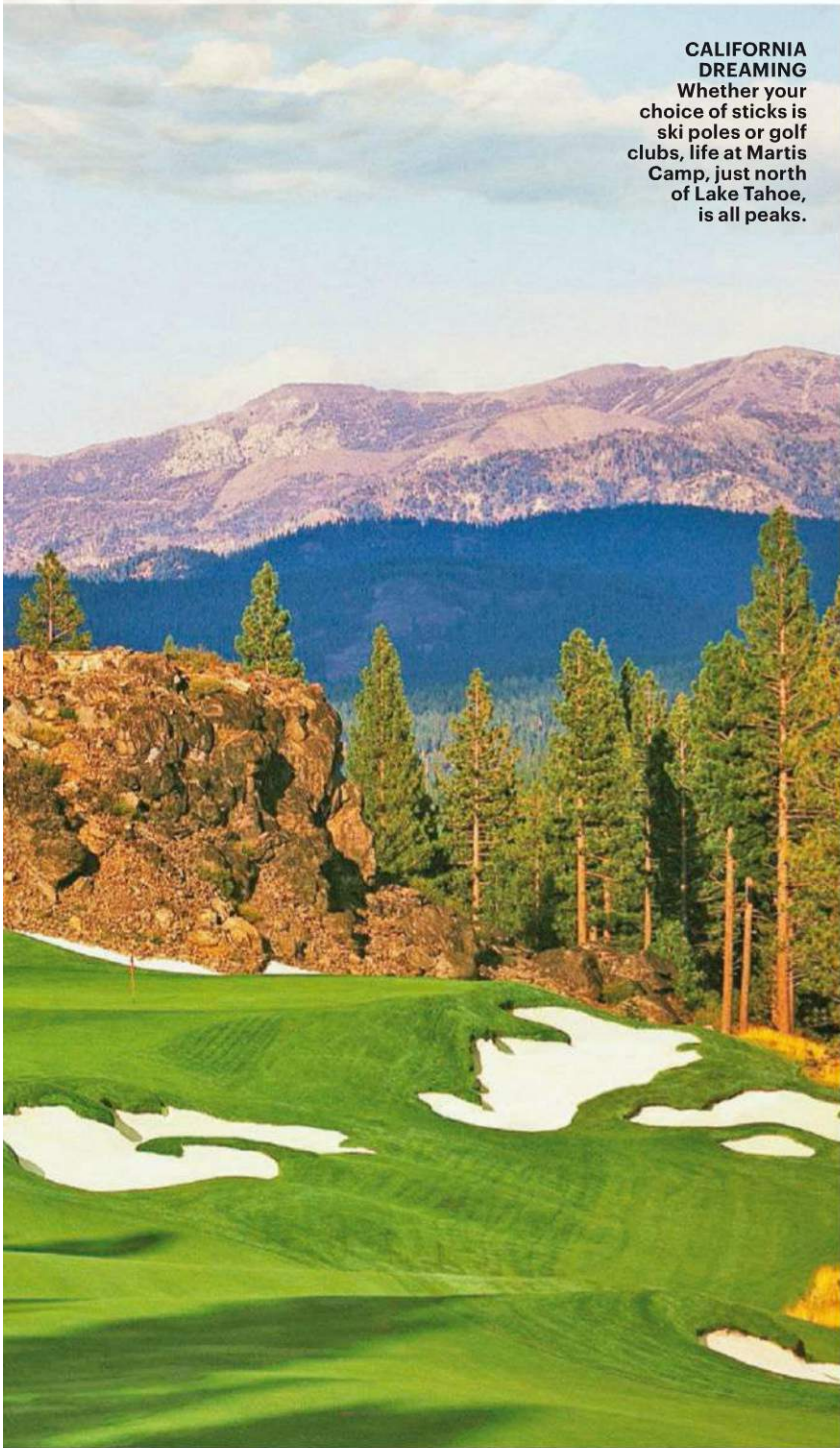
COMMUNITIES



the Best Places *to* Live

The good life is about more than spectacular courses. You also want luxury, amenities, natural beauty—and your own private jeweler wouldn't hurt. Living well starts with good choices. Here are ours for the **25 Best Golf Communities in North America.**

By Joe Passov



CALIFORNIA DREAMING
Whether your choice of sticks is ski poles or golf clubs, life at Martis Camp, just north of Lake Tahoe, is all peaks.



The Bear's Club

Jupiter, Fla.

NUMBER OF RESIDENCES: 88

HOME PRICES:

\$5,000,000–\$20,000,000

FAMOUS NEIGHBORS:

Jack Nicklaus, Rory McIlroy, Michael Jordan

Located a mile from the Atlantic Ocean, this enclave offers all the culinary, cultural and aesthetic advantages of coastal Florida, combined with the privacy that lets celebrities be themselves.

GOLF: The 7,164-yard Nicklaus signature design zigzags through lush vegetation, lakes and wetlands. A par-3 course and a Jack Nicklaus Performance Solutions Academy round out the roster.

AMENITIES: A 40,000-square-foot, Tuscan-themed clubhouse stylishly appointed by Barbara Nicklaus. thebearsclub.com



Bighorn

Palm Desert, Calif.

NUMBER OF RESIDENCES: 500

HOME PRICES:

\$1,295,000–\$24,500,000

FAMOUS NEIGHBORS: *Michelle Wie, Jim Colbert, Kurt Russell, Goldie Hawn*

Bighorn provides a handsome haven for those who demand an unparalleled desert lifestyle, just minutes from the upscale shopping and dining of El Paseo in suburban Palm Springs.

GOLF: Arthur Hill's Mountains hosted the Skins Game from 1992 to 1995; Tom Fazio's Canyons welcomed the LPGA Tour's Samsung World Championship. Both are rollicking rides through the desert.

AMENITIES: Three private jets are at your beck and call, along with a Med-jet Assist program and a private jeweler. bighorn-golf.com

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: JIM MANDVILLE/NICKLAUS DESIGNS; JOHN AND JEANNINE HENBERY (2)



Casa de Campo

La Romana, Dominican Republic

NUMBER OF RESIDENCES: 2,000+

HOME PRICES:

\$300,000–\$45,000,000

FAMOUS NEIGHBORS: *Pete Dye, Alonzo Mourning, George Hamilton*

The crown jewel of the Caribbean is located on 7,000 gorgeous coastal acres. Its holdings include condos, townhomes and massive villas.

GOLF: Casa de Campo rolls out 81 Pete Dye–designed holes, most notably Teeth of the Dog, which boasts seven holes practically sunk into the Caribbean Sea. Dye Fore features holes draped eight stories above the Chavón River.

AMENITIES: Unique attractions include Altos de Chavón, a reconstructed 16th-century village complete with cobblestone streets, shops, restaurants and courtyards. casadecampo.com.do

The Cliffs Communities

Travelers Rest, S.C.

NUMBER OF RESIDENCES: 2,800

HOME PRICES:

\$500,000–\$4,000,000

Membership in one Cliffs community means playing privileges at all seven mountain and lake properties under the Cliffs umbrella, in a region that stretches all the way from Asheville, N.C. to Greenville, S.C.

GOLF: Seven diverse, surprisingly undulating courses were designed by Jack Nicklaus and Tom Fazio (two each), Gary Player, Tom Jackson and Ben Wright.

AMENITIES: Boating and fishing on 26-mile-long Lake Keowee is a highlight for the three Cliffs communities situated nearby. cliffscommunities.com



Diamante

Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

NUMBER OF RESIDENCES: 100–150

HOME PRICES:

\$1,000,000–\$6,000,000

A stirring setting among gigantic dunes overlooking the Pacific is Diamante's prime attraction, as is its access (15 minutes) to Cabo San Lucas. Golf villas, club suites,

Desert Mountain

Scottsdale, Ariz.

NUMBER OF RESIDENCES: 1,707

HOME PRICES:

\$600,000–\$9,000,000

Perched in the high desert, where it's five to ten degrees cooler than nearby Phoenix, this massive development is comprised of 35 neighborhoods scattered across 8,000 acres.

GOLF: Among the six Jack Nicklaus–designed desert courses are Cochise, home to the Champions Tour's Charles Schwab Cup, and the versatile Renegade, where each hole has two flags.

AMENITIES: Five superb clubhouses, a fitness center with personal trainers, and 15 miles of private hiking trails in the mountains. desertmountain.com



Dorado Beach

Dorado, Puerto Rico

NUMBER OF RESIDENCES: 888

HOME PRICES:

\$950,000–\$10,000,000

FAMOUS NEIGHBORS:

Chi Chi Rodríguez, Ricky Martin

The shine is back at this venerable resort community on the Atlantic Ocean, thanks to a new Ritz-Carlton boutique hotel and enhanced residential offerings.

GOLF: Robert Trent Jones Sr. crafted four courses, the best of which, the East, was recently restored by his namesake, Robert Trent Jones II.

AMENITIES: The most distinctive touch is the Watermill, a \$12 million aquatic playground that features waterslides, a lazy river, fountains and music. doradobeach.com





The Greenbrier Sporting Club

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

NUMBER OF RESIDENCES: 209

HOME PRICES:

\$989,000–\$6,495,000

FAMOUS NEIGHBORS:

Bubba Watson, Nick Faldo, Jerry West

Tucked in the forests of the Allegheny Mountains near the Virginia border, the 15-year-old Sporting Club is a worthy companion to its fabled sibling resort.

GOLF: A pastoral, private Tom Fazio track complements the three Tour-tested resort courses next door. Legends Nicklaus, Palmer, Player and Trevino are teaming up to create an additional 18 holes.

AMENITIES: An unmatched collection includes a superior spa, casino, off-road driving and tours of a declassified Cold War fallout shelter called the Bunker. thegreenbriersportingclub.com



Hualalai at Historic Kaupulehu

Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

NUMBER OF RESIDENCES: 329

HOME PRICES:

\$4,300,000–\$33,000,000

Located on the Big Island's dry Kona-Kohala Coast, this resort community is best known for its Four Seasons Hualalai.

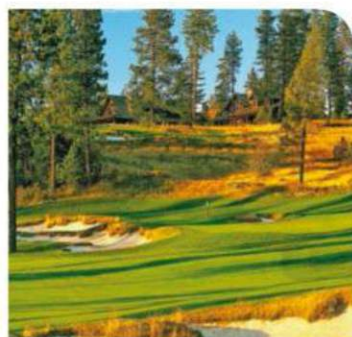
GOLF: Residents can enjoy the Jack Nicklaus–designed Four Seasons Resort course, edged by black lava and the Pacific, and Tom Weiskopf's Keolu layout.

AMENITIES: The hotel's spa is among the nation's finest, and the Sports Club offers open-air strength and cardio gyms. hualalairesort.com

casitas and large estate lots provide a variety of ownership opportunities.

GOLF: The aptly named Dunes, a design by Davis Love III, comes in at No. 38 on GOLF's world list. Traversing higher ground is El Cardonal, Tiger Woods's first completed course.

AMENITIES: The highlight is the Crystal Lagoon, a 10-acre saltwater waterpark, where you can swim, sail, paddleboard and kayak. diamantecabosanlucas.com



Gozzer Ranch

Harrison, Idaho

NUMBER OF RESIDENCES: 96

HOME PRICES:

\$1,750,000–\$3,800,000

FAMOUS NEIGHBOR:

Wayne Gretzky

Adjacent to the lovely Lake Coeur d'Alene, Gozzer Ranch is an upscale summer camp come to life.

GOLF: Tom Fazio created a dazzling canvas that includes a beautifully treed valley, rocky bluffs that sprout 100-foot spires, tattered-edge bunkers and compelling lake vistas.

AMENITIES: The Lake Club, with two full-service marinas, and The Homestead, which offers a baseball field, tennis and basketball courts, top the list of enticing non-golf activities. gozzeranchclub.com



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