

A wide-angle photograph of a golf course green and sand trap. Two golfers are on the green, one standing near a flagstick and the other in a putting stance. The background shows a clear blue sky and a vibrant blue ocean. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

**2016 WORLD AMATEUR
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HOSTED BY
THE MEXICAN GOLF FEDERATION

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THE INTERNATIONAL GOLF FEDERATION



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GENERAL

The Mexican Golf Federation (FMG) has the honor of hosting the prestigious 2016 World Amateur Team Championships (WATC) in September 2016 in Riviera Maya, Quintana Roo, Mexico.

The 2016 WATC golf courses are Mayakoba El Camaleon Golf Club and Iberostar Playa Paraiso Golf Club, both located approximately 40 minutes from Cancun International Airport (CUN).

The Championship Organizing Committee is pleased to forward the following event details in preparation for the Championships in Riviera Maya.

The Riviera Maya is one of the most beautiful areas in the Caribbean. It extends about 130 kilometers along the coast from the south of Cancun Airport to the village of Tulum.

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

The dates for the Championships are as follows:

Espirito Santo Trophy (Women)

Mayakoba El Camaleon Golf Club and Iberostar Playa Paraiso Golf Club
Championship: Wednesday 14th – Saturday 17th September 2016
Reserve day: Sunday 18th September 2016

Eisenhower Trophy (Men)

Mayakoba El Camaleon Golf Club and Iberostar Playa Paraiso Golf Club
Championship: Wednesday 21th – Saturday 24th September 2016
Reserve day: Sunday 25th September 2016

TEAM REGISTRATION

Team registration is located at Iberostar Convention Center – Foyer 3 at the following times:

ESPIRITO SANTO TROPHY

Saturday 10th September 2016 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Sunday 11th September 2016 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

EISENHOWER TROPHY

Saturday 17th September 2016 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday 18th September 2016 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

NOTE: Teams will not be allowed to play a practice round if they have not registered. All Team members (i.e., Captain and Players) must be present together at registration.

To inform IGF of unforeseen travel delay please send an email to WATC@igfmail.org

PRACTICE ROUNDS

Team practice rounds for the Espirito Santo Trophy will be on Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 September. Team practice rounds for the Eisenhower Trophy will be on Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 September. Each team will be assigned one practice round time on each course. Practice round schedules will be allocated by the IGF; requests for specific times/courses will not be accepted. Teams missing their assigned practice round times will not be permitted to play at another time unless there are exceptional circumstances, in which case any changes must be approved by the IGF in advance. Please note that it will not be considered exceptional circumstances if players/teams choose to travel on practice round days. Further, if inclement weather causes delay or cancellation of a practice round, that round will not be re-scheduled.

CADDIES

Caddies are not permitted during the Championships. Players may carry their own bags or use trolleys, which are available on a complimentary basis.

VENUES

MAYAKOBA EL CAMALEON GOLF CLUB

ADDRESS: Carretera Federal Cancún-Playa del Carmen Km. 298, Playa del Carmen, Solidaridad, Quintana Roo, México, C.P. 77710

WEBSITE: www.mayakoba.com

TOTAL NUMBER OF HOLES AT THIS FACILITY: 18

TYPE OF COURSE: Resort

ORIGINAL ARCHITECT: Greg Norman

YEAR OPENED: 2005

PROVISIONAL DISTANCE AND PAR FROM EISENHOWER TEES: 6,978 yds, 6,377 meters / Par 71

PROVISIONAL DISTANCE AND PAR FROM ESPIRITO SANTO TEES: 6,328 yds, 5,784 meters / Par 72

TYPES OF GRASSES: Sea Isle 1 seashore paspalum

IBEROSTAR PLAYA PARAISO GOLF CLUB

ADDRESS: Carretera Chetumal-Cancún km. 309, Playa Paraíso, Quintana Roo, México

WEBSITE: <http://golf.iberostar.com/en/riviera-maya/golf-courses/iberostar-playa-paraiso-golf-club>

TOTAL NUMBER OF HOLES AT THIS FACILITY: 18

TYPE OF COURSE: Resort

ORIGINAL ARCHITECT: P.B. Dye

YEAR OPENED: 2005

PROVISIONAL DISTANCE AND PAR FROM EISENHOWER TEES: 6,709 yds, 6,133 meters / Par 72

PROVISIONAL DISTANCE AND PAR FROM ESPIRITO SANTO TEES: 6,147 yds, 5,619 meters / Par 72

TYPES OF GRASSES: Sea Isle 1 seashore paspalum, except for the putting greens which are Sea Isle 2000 seashore paspalum

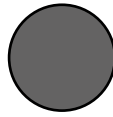




OFFICIAL CHAMPIONSHIP HOTELS

**FAIRMONT MAYAKOBA
IBEROSTAR PARAISO MAYA
IBEROSTAR PARAISO LINDO
IBEROSTAR PARAISO BEACH**





OFFICIAL CHAMPIONSHIP HOTELS

Fairmont Mayakoba and The Iberostar Riviera Maya Complex including Iberostar Paraiso Maya, Iberostar Paraiso Lindo and Iberostar Paraiso Beach, have been designated as the “Official Championship Hotels” for the 2016 World Amateur Team Championships.

The Fairmont Mayakoba is in the same Complex as Mayakoba El Camaleon Golf Club. Iberostar Paraiso Beach, Paraiso Lindo and Paraiso Maya are in the same Complex as Iberostar Playa Paraiso Golf Club.

Please note that, to secure rooms, reservations must be made by Thursday June 30th 2016 (payment will also be due at this time). After Thursday June 30th 2016, the room block will be released and reservations will be on an availability basis only.

When making your reservation, please keep in mind that there is a reserve day at the end of each championship, which will be utilised if the competition is unable to conclude in four days. The reserve day will be Sunday September 18th 2016 for the women's championship and Sunday September 25th 2016 for the men's championship. Please ensure you plan your departure after the reserve day.

To make a reservation, use the [Online Reservation System](#) or return the [Booking Form](#) by Thursday June 30th at the latest. Should you need assistance with your booking, please contact us by e-mail or by phone: **2016WATC@kgroup.com.mx**, +52 999 944 65 11 | +52 999 941 54 66

FAIRMONT MAYAKOBA

A master planned luxury resort within 240 acres of tropical forest intersected by crystal clear waterways and surrounded by a pristine Caribbean shoreline, the Mayakoba resort community is located 40 miles / 65 km south of Cancun near the town of Playa del Carmen, in Mexico's famed Riviera Maya. Known as the Venice of the Caribbean, at Fairmont Mayakoba you will live a unique resort experience. It is in the same Complex of El Camaleon Golf Club. The IGF Biennial Meeting will take place at this hotel.

CODE	FAIRMONT MAYAKOBA	OCCUPANCY	RATE
A	Fairmont Room <i>One King Size Bed</i>	1	USD 272.00
B	Fairmont Room <i>One King Size Bed</i>	2	USD 318.00
C	Fairmont Room <i>Two Double Size Beds</i>	2	USD 318.00
D	Deluxe Casita <i>One King Size Bed</i>	1	USD 295.00
E	Deluxe Casita <i>One King Size Bed</i>	2	USD 342.00
F	Deluxe Casita <i>Two Double Size Beds</i>	2	USD 342.00

• Rate per room per night. Includes Buffet Breakfast, Taxes, Resort Fee (Tips for bell boys and maids, internal transportation personnel) and Wifi.

• We will take notice of all your accommodation requirements during reservation process, however please consider that you may get a Two Double Size Beds room if no more One King Size Bed rooms are available.

IBEROSTAR PLAYA PARAISO GOLF & SPA RESORT

The Iberostar Playa Paraiso Golf & Spa Resort is a complex located in the center of the Riviera Maya. Paraiso Maya, Paraiso Lindo and Paraiso Beach are the hotels selected for the WATC. They all offer magnificent locations with marvelous views and walking access to the Iberostar Playa Paraiso Golf Club. In addition, hotel personnel provide top-notch exquisite service, the rooms are spacious and elegant and the cuisine and entertainment options will ensure that your stay will be everything you had dreamed. They all offer free WiFi.

IBEROSTAR PARAISO BEACH

The Iberostar Paraiso Beach is a 5-star all-inclusive family hotel with a distinctive Mexican colonial style. This impressive hotel is located in Playa Paraiso, the center of Mexico's Mayan Riviera. The hotel's decor includes furnishings that are true works of art and the lobby is adorned with marvelous wooden carvings. It is in the same Complex of Iberostar Playa Paraiso Golf Club.

CODE	IBEROSTAR PARAISO BEACH	OCCUPANCY	RATE
G	Iberostar Paraiso Beach <i>One King Size Bed</i>	1	USD 133.00
H	Iberostar Paraiso Beach <i>One King Size Bed</i>	2	USD 185.00
I	Iberostar Paraiso Beach <i>Two Double Size Beds</i>	2	USD 185.00
J	Iberostar Paraiso Beach <i>Two Double Size Beds</i>	3	USD 253.00
K	Iberostar Paraiso Beach <i>Two Double Size Beds</i>	4	USD 323.00

- Rate per room per night. All Inclusive Plan (Maid service and luggage | Minibar with sodas, bottled water | Breakfast, lunch and dinner buffet at set times. You have access to the restaurants in Paraiso Beach and Paraiso Mar Hotels | Specialty restaurant for dinner, reservations required, at set times | Snacks at the pool, at set times | Snacks on the beach at fixed times | Room Service | Unlimited service national and international alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages are only for 18+ Age | Waiter service at the pools and the beach | Entertainment with live music every night | Access to gym, tennis courts | Recreational activities planned daily | Wifi).

- We will take notice of all your accommodation requirements during reservation process, however please consider that you may get a Two Double Size Beds room if no more One King Size Bed rooms are available.

IBEROSTAR PARAISO LINDO

The Iberostar Paraiso Lindo is a luxurious and elegant hotel on the Riviera Maya. Located right on the beach between Cancun and Playa del Carmen, this 5-star All-Inclusive resort has amazingly beautiful traditional architecture in a rich natural environment. The best entertainment services and an exquisite gastronomy make it the best choice for an unforgettable experience. It is in the same Complex of Iberostar Playa Paraiso Golf Club.

CODE	IBEROSTAR PARAISO LINDO	OCCUPANCY	RATE
L	Iberostar Paraiso Lindo <i>One King Size Bed</i>	1	USD 156.00
M	Iberostar Paraiso Lindo <i>One King Size Bed</i>	2	USD 231.00
N	Iberostar Paraiso Lindo <i>Two Double Size Beds</i>	2	USD 231.00
O	Iberostar Paraiso Lindo <i>Two Double Size Beds</i>	3	USD 319.00

- Rate per room per night. All Inclusive Plan (Maid service and luggage | Minibar with sodas, bottled water | Breakfast, lunch and dinner buffet at set times . You have access to the restaurants in Paraiso Lindo, Beach and Mar Hotels | Specialty restaurant for dinner, reservations required, at set times | Snacks at the pool, at set times | Snacks on the beach at fixed times | Room Service | Unlimited service national and international alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages are only for 18+ Age | Waiter service at the pools and the beach | Entertainment with live music every night | Access to gym, tennis courts | Recreational activities planned daily | Wifi).

- We will take notice of all your accommodation requirements during reservation process, however please consider that you may get a Two Double Size Beds room if no more One King Size Bed rooms are available.

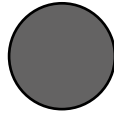
IBEROSTAR PARAISO MAYA

Located right on the beach between Cancun and Playa del Carmen, on the Riviera Maya, the Iberostar Paraiso Maya hotel is a 5-star All-Inclusive accommodation with the best sports, gastronomy and entertainment. Two stunning statues greet guests at the reception area of Iberostar Paraiso Maya hotel. Traditional Mayan decor brings great beauty to this hotel that features much Mayan art and ruins. It is in the same Complex of Iberostar Playa Paraiso Golf Club.

CODE	IBEROSTAR PARAISO MAYA	OCCUPANCY	RATE
Q	Iberostar Paraiso Maya <i>One King Size Bed</i>	1	USD 179.00
R	Iberostar Paraiso Maya <i>One King Size Bed</i>	2	USD 277.00
S	Iberostar Paraiso Maya <i>Two Double Size Beds</i>	2	USD 277.00
T	Iberostar Paraiso Maya <i>Two Double Size Beds</i>	3	USD 381.00
U	Iberostar Paraiso Maya <i>Two Double Size Beds</i>	4	USD 485.00

- Rate per room per night. All Inclusive Plan (Maid service and luggage | Minibar with sodas, bottled water | Breakfast, lunch and dinner buffet at set times. You have access to the restaurants in Paraiso Maya, Lindo, Beach and Mar Hotels | Specialty restaurant for dinner, reservations required, at set times | Snacks at the pool, at set times | Snacks on the beach at fixed times | Room Service | Unlimited service national and international alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages are only for 18+ Age | Waiter service at the pools and the beach | Entertainment with live music every night | Access to gym, tennis courts | Recreational activities planned daily | Wifi).

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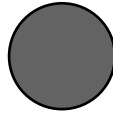


CANCELLATION POLICY FOR ALL HOTELS

In case of cancellations made within the time periods specified below, or non-arrival of the guest to the hotel, or departure of the guest prior to the pre-booked departure date for whatever reason, the guest must make full payment to the hotel, covering the full stay and reflecting the type of accommodation and rate specified.

Cancellation policy (Before scheduled check-in date):

- 46 or more days before arrival date, all cancellations have no penalty charge
- 30 - 45 Days before arrival date, all cancellations have a two nights penalty charge
- 29 Days before arrival date all cancellations have a full stay penalty charge



IMMIGRATION INFORMATION

Please check the [Immigration Bureau of Mexico \(Instituto Nacional de Migración\) website](#) for advice on visa requirements prior to booking travel. Countries that require a visa are listed on this page.

For more information, please contact the Embassy of Mexico, its consulate or the representative of Mexico in your country.

If you need an invitation letter in order to process your visa, please contact us by e-mail or by phone **2016WATC@kgroup.com.mx**, +52 999 944 65 11 | +52 999 941 54 66

AIRPORT AND TRANSFERS

Cancun International Airport (CUN)

Cancun International Airport (CUN) is one of the busiest airports in the Caribbean and the point of entry to the “Maya World”. Every year millions of people visit Cancun and the Riviera Maya and the number of visitors is expected to increase rapidly thanks to the new mega-resorts already under construction all over the area.

Major international airlines as well as charter airlines have direct or connecting flights to Cancun every day. Now more than ever Cancun Airport International is easily accessible from almost every major city in the world. With first class shops, restaurants and services, Cancun Airport is one of the easiest most convenient airports to fly to/from in Mexico.

Cancun International Airport is located 29 miles / 47 km (36 min) from Mayakoba Resort and 22 miles / 36 km (27 min) from Iberostar Resort.

WATC staff will welcome teams, Biennial Meeting Representatives and supporters upon arrival and provide transfers to the Official Championship Hotels. To help us plan for your arrival, please fill in the [Airport Transfer Booking Form](#) by Monday August 1st 2016 at the latest. All accompanied luggage will be transported with teams and officials on the same bus whenever possible.

Transportation will be free of charge for Players, Team Captains, IGF Officials and Rules Officials. All others may be provided a transfer for a one way-trip fee at a cost of USD \$35.00 per person in shared transportation. The [Airport Transfer Booking Form](#) must be completed and the payment made to guarantee the service. If you wish you can book a private transfer for a one way trip fee of USD \$170.00 per vehicle (8 people max). These charges are to be paid when you book your transportation by credit card, debit card, paypal or wire transfer.

Should you have any questions or require further assistance, our team will be happy to assist you:

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e-mail: **2016WATC@kgroup.com.mx**

INTERNAL TRANSPORT

Complimentary transport for all attendees from the official hotels to the courses and will be provided by shuttle services. Shuttle schedules will be posted at the official hotels and championship venues. Participants who are not staying at the official hotels will need to make their own transport arrangements.

CAR RENTAL & PARKING SPACES

Internal transport at WATC will be a very efficient way to travel to and from competitions venues and we strongly encourage officials and teams to use shuttles. However, should you wish to rent a car during your stay in Mexico, please note that for visitors from most countries, an International Driving License is required.

Should you need help for rental, please contact us at **2016WATC@kgroup.com.mx**

Anyone driving their own vehicle may be required to show their WATC accreditation at the security entrances to the hotels.

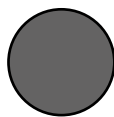
Similarly, a parking pass will be required at the security entrances to the golf courses.

These parking passes and accreditation may be obtained at Team Registration.

It is worth mentioning that parking is very limited and that anyone choosing to drive a car could have to walk a long distance.

HOST COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICE

The Host Country Championship offices will be located at the Training Center at Mayakoba El Camaleon Golf Club (Flamboyán) and at the Iberostar Convention Center (Maya 3). The Host Country Championship offices will be operational as of Friday 9 September. The hours of operation before and between Championship days are 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. During the practice and Championship days, the offices will be open at 05:30 am and will close one hour after the end of play. **Emergency contact numbers will also be available + (52) (331) 281 26 52**



GALA DINNER

A Gala Dinner for all participants will be held at the Iberostar Convention Center on Saturday September 17th 2016 held in conjunction with the closing ceremony of the Espirito Santo Trophy. The Gala Dinner provides an excellent opportunity for players, captains, Biennial Meeting Representatives, IGF officials and others to socialize, spending a pleasant evening dedicated to fellowship and goodwill with people of very diverse cultures and backgrounds. Officials of the IGF, Rules Officials, IGF Biennial Meeting Representatives, team captains and players are cordially invited as guests of the Mexican Golf Federation.

For countries which have additional officials and supporters attending the Championships and who wish to attend the Gala Dinner, please note that there will be a charge of USD \$65.00 per person for any additional guests. These charges are to be paid upon arrival at Team Registration by cash or credit card.

FAREWELL RECEPTION

The Farewell Reception, hosted on a complimentary basis by the FMG, will be held in conjunction with the Men's Closing Ceremony on 24 September 2016 at the Iberostar Convention Center.

CAPTAINS AND DELEGATES RECEPTION

Two receptions will be hosted by the FMG for Team Captains and National Federation Biennial Meeting Representatives. One will be held on the evening of Thursday 15th September and the second will be held on the evening of Thursday 22th September. Further details regarding times and venues will be communicated at a later date.

DELEGATES & DUFFERS

Following the Biennial Meeting, a friendly Tournament, exclusively for Biennial Meeting representatives will be held on Monday 19th September at Hard Rock Golf Club Riviera Maya. Participants are kindly requested to register online by Monday August 1st. Please refer to the [2016 WATC Entries Guide](#) for registration procedure.

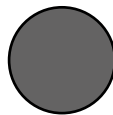
RIVIERA MAYA IN SEPTEMBER

RIVIERA MAYA	SEPTEMBER
Average Temperature	27 °C / 80 °F
Average Max Temperature	31 °C / 88 °F
Average Min Temperature	23 °C / 73 °F
Average Total Monthly Rain	218 mm / 9 in

Riviera Maya weather in September is when the hottest summer months are behind us and temperatures start to cool a little. It is still a very hot and humid climate with maximum temperatures in the low nineties and minimums at the mid 70°F range.

In an average, every day of the month the temperature will exceed 80°F. Humidity levels in September range from 75-85%. And around 9 inches of rain in a typical month.

This 9 inches of rain typically falls over a total of 7 days, meaning that 23 days of the month are typically rain free. So you can figure out from those figures that it doesn't rain that often but when it does rain it rains heavily. Those 7 rainy days are likely to be spread fairly evenly throughout the month rather than being one whole consecutive week of rain. Despite the rainfall, the destination enjoys an average of nine hours of sunshine each day.



2016 HOST ORGANIZATION

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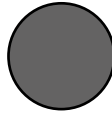
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PAYMENTS

Local currency is Mexican Peso. Hotels and Golf Clubs accept American Dollar and Mexican Peso and all major credit cards.

ATMs will be available at the main lobby of Fairmont Mayakoba, at the Shopping area in Iberostar Resort and at the front desk of Iberostar Paraiso Beach, Iberostar Paraiso Lindo and Iberostar Paraiso Maya.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE

The best option for money exchange is upon arrival at Cancun International Airport, as there are many options for money exchange inside the Airport.

At Fairmont Mayakoba, guests can exchange up to \$1,500 USD for Mexican Pesos per month, at the hotel's exchange rate of the day. A copy of a valid passport is required to complete the transaction.

Iberostar Paraiso Maya, Iberostar Paraiso Lindo and Iberostar Paraiso Beach guests can exchange up to \$1,500 USD for Mexican Pesos per person per stay, at the hotel's exchange rate of the day. A copy of a valid passport is required to complete the transaction.

INSURANCE

All visitors are advised to take out their own individual travel insurance (medical, accident, repatriation) when travelling to Mexico. Public liability insurance at all Championship venues will be covered by the Host Organization.

It will be possible to buy travel insurance contacting 2016WATC@kgroup.com.mx

OTHER MATTERS

A special service for officials and supporters for their tourism and golfing needs will be available throughout the Championships. The service will allow you to book tee times at local golf clubs and rates will be inclusive of transportation to and from the golf course. If you do not wish to travel with your own clubs, arrangements can be made for rental sets.

MEXICAN GOLF FEDERATION

Person in charge

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The Mexican Golf Federation will make every effort to ensure that your visit to Riviera Maya is a memorable experience. Should you have any particular areas of interest, please let us know and we will make every effort to meet your request. In the meantime, should you need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us at 2016WATC@kgroup.com.mx

Should any teams wish to visit the courses prior to the Championships, they are advised to contact the FMG in advance at 2016WATC@kgroup.com.mx

SHIPPING

We strongly advise you to bring items with you whenever possible. There is a risk of delay in international shipping and customs. For those who decide to ship, please make sure to allow plenty of time. Please note that IGF and FMG have no control over international shipping and customs practices in Mexico, and make no guarantees of being able to assist in case of delay. If you must ship items, please contact Customs Brokerage Agency Cervera for further advice.

Customs Brokerage Agency Cervera

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