



## RYDER CUP 2023: COSTA CRUISES IS THE OFFICIAL CRUISE LINE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL TEAM GOLF COMPETITION

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*On the occasion of the highly awaited sporting event, the company will propose its "Cruise & Golf" offer, which allows people to enjoy a cruise on Costa Toscana and Costa Smeralda, the most innovative ships of the fleet, and play in some of the most prestigious golf clubs in the Mediterranean and the UAE.*

Genoa, September 28, 2023 – The Ryder Cup 2023, the most important international team golf competition, kicks off today and, for the first time in its history, is about to start in Italy, at the **Marco Simone Golf & Country Club**, just outside Rome. In this sporting event, one of the most watched in the world, the selection of the best US players and the best European players will compete in an unrivalled contest.

**Costa Cruises**, the **Official Cruise Line** of the competition, is attending the **2023 Ryder Cup** with its own dedicated space inside the Ryder Cup Village (number 13), where it's proposing a real *putting challenge*, during which visitors will be able to challenge themselves, identifying with the European and American champions who takes the field in the Ryder Cup.

Guests on the Costa Toscana and Costa Smeralda flagships will also be experiencing the excitement of the Ryder Cup, thanks to a special Costa offer, which is allowing them to attend the **final days of the competition**, scheduled until October 1st.

During the Ryder Cup, Costa Cruises also offers its **Cruise & Golf** package, confirming itself as the perfect company for those who are passionate about golf. "Cruise & Golf" allows guests to enjoy a magnificent cruise aboard the Costa Toscana and Costa Smeralda, the most innovative ships in the fleet, and, during the two ships' calls, to play at some of **the most prestigious golf clubs in the Mediterranean** and the **United Arab Emirates**. This type of experience is also perfect for small groups of golfers who can play together and share their passion.

In particular, when cruising in the Mediterranean on the Costa Smeralda and Costa Toscana you can choose up to 4 of the 24 best itineraries in Italy, France and Spain, such as the Marco Simone Golf & Country Club, home of the 2023 Ryder Cup, the Circolo del Golf Roma Acquasanta, the Golf Club Garlenda in Savona, the Golf Club Genova Sant'Anna, the Real Club de Golf El Prat in Barcelona, the Son Gual Golf in Palma de Mallorca, and the Golf Bastide de la Salette in Marseille. While with the Costa Toscana, during the coming winter, you will be able to discover up to 4 of the 15 most famous international golf clubs in the Arab Emirates, Oman and Doha, such as the Emirates Golf Club or 'The Els Club' in Dubai, the Abu Dhabi Golf Club and Yas Links Golf Club in Abu Dhabi, the Almouj Golf Club and the Ghala Golf Club in Muscat, and the Doha Golf Club.

"Cruise & Golf" is designed to combine the passion for golf with the unique pleasure and relaxation typical of a Costa cruise, allowing guests to enjoy a true "easy golf" experience, complete with a range of amenities for comfort and fun. As part of these comforts, guests will be provided transfer from the ship to the golf club and back, priority embarkation and disembarkation at the beginning and end of the cruise, insurance and onboard storage of golf equipment, and a welcome kit in the cabin.

In addition, there is a special dedicated offer for golfers to enjoy the exceptional variety of restaurants available on the Costa Smeralda and Costa Toscana - including the Archipelago restaurant, which offers menus designed for Costa by three great chefs, **Bruno Barbieri, Hélène Darroze, and Ángel León** - and to try a range of selected treatments and services in the "Solemio" spa and beauty salon on board.

The 'Cruise & Golf' package will be available on the Costa Smeralda and Costa Toscana until early spring 2024, after which it will only be available on board the Costa Toscana. Until late winter 2023/2024 Costa Smeralda will offer one-week Mediterranean cruises, with calls in Savona, Marseille, Barcelona, Palma de Mallorca, Palermo, and Civitavecchia. In winter 2023/2024, Costa Toscana will offer one-week cruises in the Arabian Gulf, visiting Dubai (UAE), Abu Dhabi (UAE), Doha (Qatar), and Muscat (Oman). From spring 2024, Costa Toscana will return to the Mediterranean for one-week cruises to Savona, Marseille, Barcelona, Palma de Mallorca (Ibiza during the summer), Palermo, and Civitavecchia.

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