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OVERVIEW

FINCA CORTESIN

- Located in one of the most sought-after enclaves on the Andalusian coast across a vast 215-hectare estate
- Officially opened in 2009, the resort is home to an impressive all-suite independent hotel
- Named 'Spain's Best Golf Hotel' and 'Europe's Best Golf Venue' at 2022 World Golf Awards
- Home to a world-class championship golf, designed by Cabell. B. Robinson, that is renowned for its incredible conditioning and layout
- Other state-of-the-art facilities include exceptional Real Estate, a magnificent Beach Club, and an exclusive shopping area
- Became a signatory to The R&A's Women in Golf Charter in September 2022
- Renowned for being one of Europe's most sustainable golf resorts
- Situated only 50 minutes from Malaga, one of the most accessible destinations in Europe
- Currently sponsors three Spanish professionals to compete on the Ladies European Tour:
 - Ana Pelaez Trivino
 - Nuria Iturrioz
 - Noemi Jimenez Martin



Finca Cortesin has hosted several high-profile events throughout its history including:

Volvo World Match Play Championship

2009 – won by Ross Fisher

2011 – won by Ian Poulter

2012 – won by Nicolas Colsaerts

ANDALUCIA / COSTA DEL SOL

- Andalusia is the largest of Spain's 17 regions, with the capital, Seville, being the 4th largest city in Spain
- The region spans across an area of over 85km² with a population of 8.4 million people
- The architecture reflects the region's Moorish roots with landmarks such as the Alcázar Castle and the Plaza de España
- 30.8 million visited Andalusia in 2022 with 33 million tourists predicted to travel to Southern Spain in 2023
- The first golf club in Andalusia was opened in 1925
- Key attractions include –
 - Alhambra and Granada – a medieval fortress and Moorish palace
 - Ronda – one of the oldest cities in Spain, located on a plateau surrounded by city walls
 - Plaza de España – built in 1928 for the Ibero-American Exposition of 1929
- The Costa del Sol has over 159 km of coastline
- The region welcomed over 12.4 million visitors in 2022 - the 3rd most popular coastal destination in Spain
- The Costa del Sol is the home to more golf courses than anywhere else in Europe, with over 70 in the region

SPAIN

- Measuring around 506k square kilometres, Spain is the second largest country in the European Union
- Spain is home to 47 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, which is the third highest in the world
- In 2022, Spain welcomed more than 100 million tourists, contributing to around 10% of their GDP
- The first golf club in Spain was founded in 1891
- 27 Spanish golfers play on the Ladies European Tour - Carlota Ciganda will be the only representative from Spain at the 2023 Solheim Cup
- Ciganda will make her sixth consecutive appearance at the tournament in 2023 – a record number of appearances by a Spaniard
- Seven players have represented Spain in the history of the competition



SOLHEIM CUP

- The first Solheim Cup was held in 1990 at Lake Nona Golf and Country Club, Florida.
- After 17 editions of the tournament, USA lead Europe 10-7
- Europe are going for a hat-trick of wins after victories in 2019 and 2021
- The event is being held in Spain for the first time in the competition's history
- Spain will be the sixth different nation to stage the competition
- The largest margin of victory was in 2013 when Europe won 18-10

HISTORY

BRIEF HISTORY OF FINCA CORTESIN

2006 – The championship course, designed by Cabell. B. Robinson, opens

2009 – The resort's 67-suite independent hotel opens for business

2009 – The first Volvo Match Play Championship is held at Finca Cortesin, won by Ross Fisher

2011 – Return of the Volvo Match Play Championship, won by Ian Poulter

2012 – Final edition of the Volvo Match Play Championship at Finca Cortesin, won by Nicolas Colsaerts

2017 – Becomes the first golf club in Spain to convert all its greens to warm season Bermuda grass

2019 – Named 'Best Hotel in Spain & Portugal' at Conde Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards

2020 – Ranked #1 in Top 100 Best Golf Resorts in Europe by Leading Courses



2021 – Announced as the host venue of the 2023 Solheim Cup

2022 – Ladies European Tour professional, Nuria Iturrioz, becomes an ambassador at the resort

2022 – Awarded the prestigious ACOSOL seal of quality for efficient golf course irrigation

2022 – Becomes a signatory to The R&A's Women in Golf Charter, marking one year to go until the Solheim Cup

2022 – Named 'Europe's Best Golf Venue' and 'Spain's Best Golf Hotel' at World Golf Awards

2023 – Ana Pelaez Trivino, currently 2nd in the Ladies European Tour's Race to Costa del Sol, is announced an ambassador for the resort – marking six months to go until the Solheim Cup

2023 – Awarded the highly respected GEO Certified label for their commitment to sustainability

THE GOLF COURSE AT FINCA CORTESIN

OPENED IN 2009

- An incredible Par-72 layout designed by world-renowned golf course architect, Cabell. B. Robinson
- One of the longest layouts in Europe, measuring approximately 7,500 yards
- Named 'Spain's Best Golf Course' at 2022 World Golf Awards
- Hosted the Volvo World Match Play Championship on three separate occasions (2009, 2011, 2012)

KEY COURSE FEATURES:

- Large, undulating greens
- Wide fairways
- More than 100 strategically placed bunkers

KEY RENOVATIONS & LAYOUT FOR THE SOLHEIM CUP

Led by Head Greenkeeper, Ignacio Soto, the maintenance team has been hard-at-work improving the overall conditioning of the award-winning championship course at Finca Cortesin to heighten the playing experience for the world's best players during the event. Several key areas have been upgraded in the build-up, with bunkers, tee boxes, and fairways having been reinstated to improve consistency, texture and playability across the course.

A brand-new first hole: a driveable par four where players will face the challenge of reaching the green with their tee shots, has been created out of the existing 4th hole at Finca Cortesin. The new 1st hole is now 256-metres, with a large lake running along the left side that reaches the front of the green, it has narrow, well-protected fairways, and a large green. The first six holes of the original layout have also been reshuffled for the Solheim Cup.

The latest renovations included:

- Re-levelling of all tee boxes
- A full course landscape programme
- Cleaning and refilling of the lake on the 3rd hole
- Application of the Billy Better Bunker methodology in over 30 sand traps
- A brand-new 1st hole



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Named 'Spain's Best Golf Course' at
2022 World Golf Awards

7,500 YARDS

The course is renowned for being one
of the longest in Europe

VOLVO WORLD
MATCH PLAY

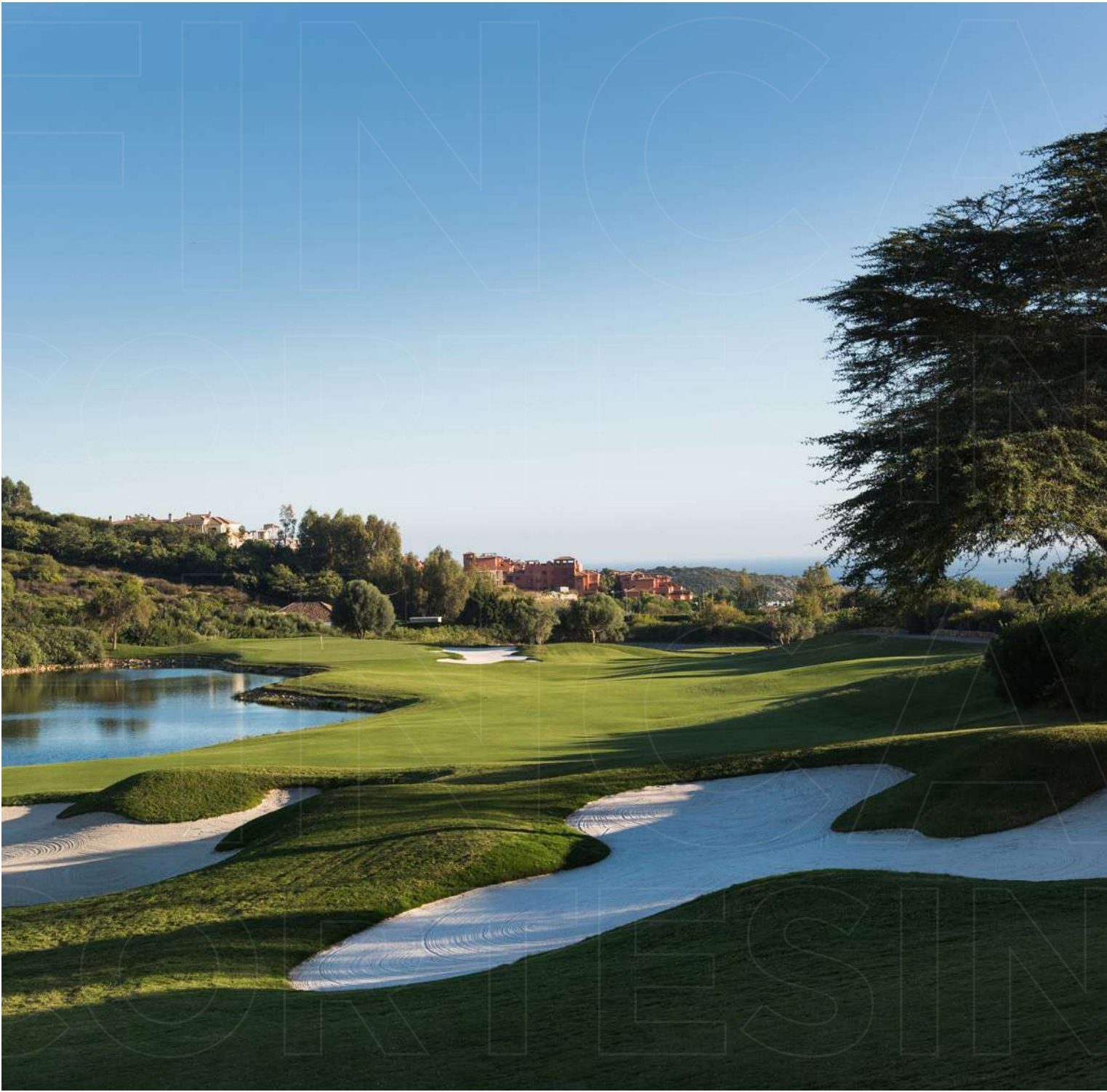
Hosted the European Tour
event on three occasions
(2009, 2011, 2012)

CABELL. B.
ROBINSON

Designed by world-renowned golf
course architect in 2006

HOLES 1 - 6

Hole 1	Hole 2	Hole 3	Hole 4	Hole 5	Hole 6
Par 4 280 yards	Par 5 505 yards	Par 3 195 yards	Par 5 476 yards	Par 4 341 yards	Par 3 189 yards
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This hole is a great challenge for hitters. The distance of the hole will encourage you to hit directly to the green, but you will have to overcome a large lake that reaches the entrance to the green.• A narrow and well protected fairway awaits those trying to place the ball in the fairway. The green is large and rolling with interesting pin positions that will make for a short but difficult second shot.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This hole is a great par 5, long and with a wide tee shot to a fairway that narrows as you approach the green. The green is very narrow for a long hole and demands great precision in your shot to the flag.• Several well-designed bunkers protect the green which also has a slope on the left that will take the ball far away from the green if you miss on that side.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hole 3 is a very long par 3 with a very large green. Avoid leaving the tee shot short or to the right as the bunkers in this area are deep and you will have a blind shot to the green.• It is better to lay up on the left to leave yourself a straighter shot.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A beautiful par 5 with all the elements that a great golf hole should have; a wide fairway, a large lateral water lake, spectacular views and a good reward if the player decides to go for the small green and succeeds.• Look out for the bunker to the right of the green which was made new in 2010, from which you will be left with a difficult shot with the water just behind the green. This hole has magnificent views over the Mediterranean sea which make it a special hole.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hole 5 is a great hole. A tee shot to a wide and comfortable fairway; the second shot is demanding to a green protected by a large bunker on the left.• The miss to the right side of the green leaves a complicated approach downhill to a very fast green.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hole 6 is not the longest short hole on the course, but demands a precise tee shot with the narrow green surrounded by several bunkers that make getting up and down a real challenge.• The shape of the green is unique since it has several small landing areas, so it's always better to leave a putt short of the hole or you will face a challenging downhill.• Beware of the wind since the tees are slightly elevated, making club choice tricky.



HOLES 7 - 12

Hole 7	Hole 8	Hole 9	Hole 10	Hole 11	Hole 12
Par 4 447 yards	Par 5 561 yards	Par 4 352 yards	Par 3 188 yards	Par 4 394 yards	Par 3 178 yards
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hole 7 is the longest par 4 on the Costa del Sol. This hole is a great challenge for any player, where once you have placed the ball in a wide fairway, protected by bunkers on both sides, you will find yourself with a very long second shot.The approach is to aim for the left side of this very large green as there is plenty of room over that side.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A very difficult par 5 with a narrow fairway. The ideal shot is a fade and avoid the bunkers on the left looking for the dog-leg of the hole.The second shot requires a good strategy as the lay-up area is surrounded by bunkers and bushes on the left. Use the slope to the right of the hole as all shots will roll down to the fairway or green.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A short par 4 that proves that a good hole does not necessarily have to be long. The tee shot is very wide, which will leave a short but very difficult second shot to the green.The green is narrow and small, and any miss will leave you with a very difficult approach shot to an elevated green. The views over the hotel on this hole are wonderful; the ninth hole is one of the jewels of Finca Cortesin.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">This hole is probably one of the best and most spectacular holes on the course with incredible views over the Estepona mountains. It is not a very long hole, but the green is narrow in the shape of a Spanish guitar and is well protected by a hazard on the right-hand side.Careful with club selection in windy conditions as it is normally always very difficult from a high tee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A double dog-leg par 4, with a very wide fairway that is well protected by bunkers and lateral water on the right.All second shots should be kept to the left as the fairway has a steep drop off to the right. A beautiful natural stream of water runs down the right-hand side of the hole.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The 12th hole is a difficult par 3 to forget. The tee is elevated with an accurate shot needed into a green protected by spectacular bunkers both left and right. It is the largest green on the course and one of the most difficult to read.



HOLES 13 - 18

Hole 13	Hole 14	Hole 15	Hole 16	Hole 17	Hole 18
Par 4 400 yards	Par 4 353 yards	Par 4 430 yards	Par 4 417 yards	Par 3 177 yards	Par 5 492 yards
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is Finca Cortesin's signature hole. The tee shot is wide where you must avoid the lateral hazard that flanks the hole on the left and crosses in front of the green.• Bunkers to the left and right complete one of the most beautiful green environments in Spain. The green is large with a lot of undulations which offers many possibilities for different flag positions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hole 14 is a short recovery hole where many birdies will be made, with even the possibility of an eagle.• It has a wide fairway, a large green and many bunkers to protect it. It is a very pretty hole, especially when viewed from the clubhouse. It is necessary to keep the ball left away from the hazard on the right.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One of the most demanding holes on the course. The tee shot is difficult as you must fly over a stream of water to reach the fairway.• The second shot is usually downhill to a small green that is high and very well protected. Always take more club than you think is correct for the second shot and enjoy the wonderful views over the Mediterranean Sea.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A great dog-leg to the right. Long, demanding and with a narrow drive drop zone between two large bunkers and a narrow green with difficult pin positions.• Several bunkers to the left of the green will make you want to keep the ball on the right side. However, from here you can often find a difficult and fast putt or chip.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is the shortest par 3 on the course, but undoubtedly the most technical of all.• It requires great accuracy on the tee shot, especially if the flag is on the left and the movement of the green makes any putt difficult. Enjoy the incredible views of the Estepona mountain range at the back of the hole.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A great final hole. You can try and get to the green in two. The wide fairway invites you to try and hit a great drive leaving several options for the second shot.• Beware the out of bounds on the left for your second shot, as well as the bushes and bunkers to the right of the green.• For the average player, watch out for the bunker in the middle of the fairway 100 metres from the green in the lay-up area. It is a great match play hole with reward for the risk later.



TOURNAMENT BUILD-UP

The sooner preparations for a tournament begin the better – this mainly includes renovations such as tee levelling, new construction areas or the redesign of holes that take more time to complete. General maintenance preparations tend to wait and most of them take place during the last six months before tournament week.

Normally, two weeks to go before the tournament is when manicuring like edging and landscaping the surrounding areas takes place, alongside any final preparations to the greens, bunkers and mowing quality across the course.

IN-PLAY MAINTENANCE

Sustainability is crucial at Finca Cortesin, and irrigation is no exception. The team use various methods to ensure that the course is in prime condition, as well as considering the environmental impact.

During the summer months, the resort tends to irrigate as deep and infrequently as possible. The fairways always tend to require additional watering due to having more shaping with movement. Works have also been made to the surfaces with verticuts and tining to improve infiltration.

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The number of greenkeepers in the agronomy team preparing for the tournament

100%

All the irrigation water on the golf course is regenerated

2.5mm

Mowing height of the greens at Finca Cortesin

35

Volunteers working with the agronomy team during the tournament

COURSE SET-UP

Different areas of the golf course at Finca Cortesin are typically defined by various characteristics such as heights of the grass and quality of the sand in the bunkers.

Tee Boxes

- Maintained at 10mm and are cut to the same height as the green surroundings and fairways

Fairways

- Cut to a height of 10mm, providing a nice cushion for the ball to land and roll

Rough

- The roughs are maintained at 67mm while the semi-roughs are kept at 23mm

Greens

- The greens are cut to 2.5mm and the surroundings are kept at a height of 10mm

Bunkers

- The sand is checked for its depth, aeration and humidity to ensure the utmost quality

AGRONOMY PREPARATIONS

The Agronomy team at Finca Cortesin implement several widely recognised techniques to ensure that the course is in pristine condition for the start of each day's play, including the use of a 100% Toro fleet equipment and irrigation system:

- All areas are mowed to fit the specification.
- The greens are double cut and rolled.
- All bunkers are hand raked by a member of the agronomy team
- Drier spots are hand watered

SUSTAINABILITY AT FINCA CORTESIN

Sustainability is a vital part of everyday life at Finca Cortesin. Considered to be one of the most environmentally-friendly golfing destinations in Europe, the resort has always looked to respect nature and consider the environment when implementing new initiatives:

- Use of 100% regenerated irrigation water on the golf course from nearby village of Manilva
- First golf course in Spain to introduce Bermuda grass across all its green, reducing on-course water consumption by 30%
- Introduction of water management techniques and advanced weather monitoring systems to guarantee optimal water usage throughout the year
- Creation of bee colonies to help support vital pollination
- Development of on-course bird habitats to support the local ecosystem
- First golf club in Spain to receive ACOSOL seal of quality for efficient golf course irrigation in April 2022
- Awarded GEO Certification status for ongoing commitment to sustainability in July 2023



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QUALITY**

**ON-COURSE HABITATS
TO SUPPORT LOCAL
ECOSYSTEM**

**CREATION OF BEE
COLONIES**

SUSTAINABILITY AT THE SOLHEIM CUP

The 18th edition of the Solheim Cup aims to be environmentally-friendly and to create a path for the future of the competition to follow. The tournament's overall goal is to make the Solheim Cup a cleaner and more sustainable event with several key commitments outlined throughout the event, including:

- Reducing the overall carbon footprint
- Promoting recycling and removing single-use plastic
- Rationalising water consumption
- Conserving the natural habitat



The tournament is also working closely with a few 'sustainability partners' to help create a more sustainable event. These partners include:

- **Peninsula** – one of the world's largest shipping companies and a key player in the decarbonisation of the maritime industry
- **Trablisa** – a security company
- **Activacar** – an electric mobility partner
- **Kyocera** – a company that helps to make document management more efficient and environmentally-friendly by installing generators powered by solar panels
- **ACOSOL** is also fully committed to making the event and Finca Cortesin, more sustainable by:
 - Collecting, transporting, treating and reclaiming wastewaters
 - Preserving water resources
 - Irrigating golf courses through recycled water



In addition, the event's fleet of vehicles is more efficient thanks to a collaboration with BMW Automotor Premium, Official Dealer of the Bavarian brand in the province of Malaga, which provides many electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles. Social work through the NGO Ángeles de la Noche will also result in the improved efficiency of the tournament and social and economic sustainability.

The public can also calculate their own carbon footprint through the Zero Footprint action established by Costa del Sol, as well as create, thanks to the collaboration of PING, some super-seeds of different varieties of native trees that will be planted in the Finca La Almoraima after the event to create a memorable environmental legacy for the competition.

TEAM EUROPE



Celine BOUTIER

Boutier qualified for the Solheim Cup 2023 through the LET points list and has made two previous Solheim Cup appearances (2019 & 2021)

Won 3 events on the LPGA Tour in 2023 including Amundi Evian Championship

Her Solheim Cup record is 5-1-1, with an impressive display in 2019 when she won all four of her matches



Carlota CIGANDA

The 2023 Solheim Cup will be Carlota's 6th consecutive appearance in the competition, having qualified through the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings

Four top-10 finishes on the LPGA Tour in 2023

Ciganda ranks joint top in the most fourball matches played (3) for Team Europe



Gemma DRYBURGH

Chosen as a Captain's pick for the 2023 Solheim Cup, Dryburgh will be making her first Solheim Cup appearance

One top-10 finish in 2023 on the LPGA Tour



Leona MAGUIRE

Making her second Solheim Cup appearance, Maguire qualified through the Rolex Women's World Rankings

Won the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give in 2023

Maguire is the only Irish player to ever play in the Solheim Cup



Anna NORDQVIST

PLAYING ASSISTANT CAPTAIN

8th consecutive appearance at the Solheim Cup

Three top-10 finishes on the LPGA Tour in 2023

Nordqvist ranks joint 5th in the most fourball matches won in the history of the competition



Emily Kristine PEDERSEN

Another Captain's pick for the event, Pedersen will be making her 3rd Solheim Cup appearance in 2023

Three top-20 finishes on the 2023 LPGA Tour

Pedersen sunk the putt to clinch outright victory for Team Europe in 2021



Linn GRANT

Having qualified through the LET Solheim Cup points list, the 2023 edition of the Solheim Cup will be Grant's first appearance

Won the Dana Open in 2023



Georgia HALL

The 2023 Solheim Cup will be Hall's 4th appearance at the event, qualifying through the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings

Five top-10 finishes in 2023 on the LPGA Tour

Hall is half of one of the few undefeated teams (at least three partnerships) with teammate Celine Boutier



Caroline HEDWALL

Playing in her 5th Solheim Cup, Hedwall was another Captain's pick

One top-10 finish on the LPGA Tour in 2023

Hedwall/Gustafson beat Stanford/Lewis by a margin of 6 and 5 in 2011, a joint record for foursomes in the competition's history



Madelene SAGSTROM

Sagstrom will be making her 3rd appearance at the Solheim Cup in 2023, after being the 4th player picked by Suzann Pettersen.

Two top-10 finishes in 2023 on the LPGA Tour



Maja STARK

Having qualified through the LET Solheim Cup Points list, 2023 will be Stark's first appearance at the event

Three top-five finishes on the LPGA Tour in 2023



Charley HULL

Qualified through the Rolex Womens World Golf Rankings, Hull is playing at her 6th Solheim Cup in 2023.

Three top-3 finishes in the 2023 LPGA Tour

Finished 2nd at the 2023 AIG Women's Open in August

Hull became the youngest ever competitor in the history of the Solheim Cup, when she was selected at the age of 17 in 2013



CAPTAIN

Suzann PETTERSEN

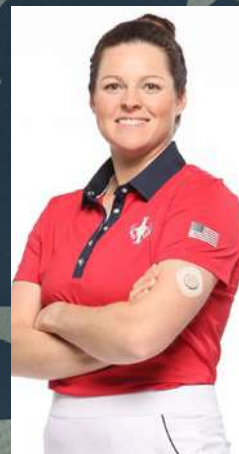
TEAM USA



**Allisen
CORPUZ**

Corpuz will be making her debut at the 2023 Solheim Cup after qualifying through the U.S Solheim Cup Points list

The Hawaiian won this year's U.S Women's Open



**Ally
EWING**

Having qualified via a Captain's pick, the 2023 Solheim Cup will be Ewing's 3rd consecutive appearance at the event

Ewing has four top-10 finishes on the LPGA Tour in 2023

Set the record for the largest margin of victory in a fourball when playing with Angel Yin at the 2019 edition



**Danielle
KANG**

Kang will make her 4th consecutive appearance at the Solheim Cup in 2023, having qualified through her U.S Solheim Cup points list

With three top-10 finishes on the LPGA Tour in 2023, Kang will be looking to improve her record of 5-7-0 at this year's Solheim Cup



**Jennifer
KUPCHO**

After making her debut in 2021, this will be Kupcho's second appearance at the event

Kupcho has two top-10 finishes on the LPGA Tour this year and qualified for the Solheim Cup through U.S Solheim Cup points list



**Andrea
LEE**

Lee will be making her debut for the US Team

The Californian has two top-10 finishes on the LPGA Tour in 2023



**Lexi
THOMPSON**

Thompson qualified for the 2023 Solheim Cup through the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings

The 2023 edition will mark Thompson's 6th successive appearance at the Solheim Cup, with a career record of 6-6-7

Thompson holds numerous records at the Solheim Cup, such as most overall points won and being undefeated with teammate Cristie Kerr



**Megan
KHANG**

Khang will be making her 3rd consecutive appearance at the tournament

Won the CPKC Women's Open on the LPGA Tour in 2023

Khang's all-time Solheim Cup record stands at 1-3-2



**Nelly
KORDA**

Korda will make her 3rd consecutive appearance at the Solheim Cup 2023, with a career record of 5-2-1 at the event

The Florida born golfer qualified through U.S Solheim Cup Points list for the 2023 edition

Korda went unbeaten in the 2019 Solheim Cup



**Cheyenne
KNIGHT**

One of Lewis' picks, the 2023 Solheim Cup will be Knight's debut appearance at the tournament

Winner of the Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational in 2023

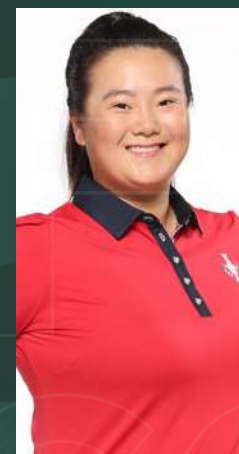


**Lilia
VU**

Vu has qualified for her first Solheim Cup through U.S Solheim Cup Points list

The Californian secured all three of her career wins on the LPGA Tour in 2023

This included victories at the Chevron Championship and AIG Women's Open



**Angel
YIN**

Yin will make her 3rd appearance at the Solheim Cup in 2023 as one of Lewis' captain's picks, having missed out on the 2021 edition

Yin has a record of 3-2-1 at the Solheim Cup.

She previously made her Solheim Cup debut aged just 19



**Rose
ZHANG**

Zhang has qualified for the 2023 Solheim Cup through Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings, with one win on the LPGA Tour in 2023 at Mizuho Americas Open

The 2023 edition will be Zhang's first Solheim Cup

She only turned professional in June 2023, having won the Augusta National Women's Amateur title earlier in the year



CAPTAIN

**Stacy
LEWIS**



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