France's Golf Courses located among outstanding sites and vineyards

It's hard to believe that there are several hundred golf courses tucked away in the Texas size country of France, especially when you consider the wine industry has so many acres planted with grapevines. Golf has become an added value to visitors from around the world seeking amazing culture, art, gastronomy, history and spectacular scenery.

French golf holidays are extremely popular, particularly with travelers from America and the UK. This is primarily a result of the outstanding golf courses that are littered all over the country.

With the advent of the Eurotunnel between the UK and France, the already well-known resort towns of Le Touquet and Hardelot, and their phenomenal golf courses, became even more accessible. Just a short drive inland are some superb golf resorts as well. Most notably, Saint Omer, with its outstanding hotel and a superb championship 18-hole course plus a friendlier 9-hole track; and Arras, a nice town with a golf club and hotel that's worth a visit.

Paris and its majestic surroundings are home to comprehensive resorts like Dolce Chantilly, and famous courses such as Fontainebleau and Golf National, home of the 2018 Ryder Cup. Heading west to Normandy, Brittany and the Western Loire, the coastline is dotted with charming courses and holiday towns. Trouville, Deauville and La Baule are perfect for a golf and beach holiday, especially if you like a bit of evening action, as they are crammed with restaurants, bars and the odd casino.

From the Atlantic coast to the warm shores of the Mediterranean, Southern France is a real favorite. In the west, great resorts and golf courses can be found around the fantastic cities of Biarritz and Bordeaux, while in the south, Provence and the Côte d'Azur are ideal for a golf holiday in the near-guaranteed sunshine. The French Alps have also emerged as a golfing destination, particularly with the focus on the LPGA Evian Masters, where the air is rarified and the views are unparalleled.