



# MIJAS GOLF

*Los Lagos (the lakes)*

## Costa del Sol Spain

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**Like a Phoenix rising from the ashes the new Los Lagos is even better, longer and now ranks as one of the best golfing challenges in Southern Spain.**

Since 1976 Los Lagos has always been acknowledged as a great test of golf, this fact ensured the Mijas Golf complex to be rated as one of the busiest on the Costa del Sol along with its sister course Los Olivos.

So it was a brave decision to totally restructure and refurbish the whole course in 2012.

The new Los Lagos re-opened in January 2013 boasting a very impressive 6,536 meters in length. (Approx. 7200 yards). The par of the course is now back to the original par 72; the 15th hole previously a Par 3 is now a Par 5 and hole number 16, previously a Par 4, has now become a Par 3.

Areas of land, not part of the original course, have now been incorporated to help re-define the structure of the new layout, some trees have been replaced with the addition of more strategically placed bunkers. It is worth noting that some 350 new trees have been planted to replace the ones removed.

Most of the fairways have been redesigned to be wider in places and narrower in others, thus taking into account the high technology golfing equipment now in use. Los Lagos is truly a course for the modern day golfer.

Water is now an even more evident feature of

the course with 9 lakes of various sizes; some of the lakes come into play on several holes at the same time. Clever tee positions ensure that teeing off over water is kept to a minimum but in my opinion Los Lagos is a golf course of championship quality so it is not meant to be an easy course, Los Olivos is more suited for higher handicap players.

With so much water on the course a new drainage and irrigation system has been installed, guaranteeing the best playing environment in both wet and dry conditions.

Most noticeable changes are the larger greens, built to USGA specifications; larger greens allow a more subtle green design to be considered, some offer soft flowing undulations and others more challenging slopes and the ability to vary the pin position.

New paths have been built on Los Lagos, which will allow the use of the buggy 365 days per year, avoiding the past problems when rainy days have restricted buggy use.

To sum up Los Lagos has evolved into an even greater golf course than it previously was, a true championship course that must surely be in line for a high profile event in the near future. I have no doubt as to the quality of this course, so much so I have committed to play one of my competition weeks there arriving in June 2014, details can be found on page 25.

Don't forget to enter our competition to win a round of golf on Los Lagos for 2 golfers.

If you would like to play Los Lagos please contact **Sungolf on telephone number 0115 9681007 or email [sungolfinfo@btinternet.com](mailto:sungolfinfo@btinternet.com)**



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Answer these 2 simple questions:

- 1 - What is the length of the Los Lagos golf course?
- 2 - When is Sungolf holding a competition week that incorporates playing Los Lagos?

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