



WALDORF ASTORIA®
GOLF CLUB

Waldorf Astoria® Golf Club Pays Tribute to Florida's Biggest Sport *Award-Winning Course Enjoys Unique Location in Bonnet Creek Nature Preserve*

ORLANDO, FL – The Waldorf Astoria® Golf Club, created by acclaimed golf course architect Rees Jones, is an 18-hole, 7,108-yard championship course, and the first golf course for the Waldorf Astoria brand. With its distinctive setting within the Bonnet Creek nature preserve, the course gives golfers a sense of being alone with nature.

One of the few golf courses in Central Florida to be free of real estate dotting its greens, the Waldorf Astoria Golf Club is open to all players – those staying at the adjacent Waldorf Astoria Orlando and Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, as well as those who want to experience Orlando's "must-play" course.

Using the land's natural contours as a canvas and a fertile imagination as his palette, Jones meticulously designed the course to reflect the world's classic courses, some designed a century ago. A true 18-hole masterpiece, the layout ingeniously blends its traditional character with endless subtleties for a challenging experience. Mindful of the natural elements and in homage to the game's storied history, Jones created a course of great integrity and environmental consciousness that seamlessly folds into the terrain, so it appears to have been here forever.

From the beginning, the club has caught the attention of the golf community. Most recently it has been named one of the Top 25 Courses by *Golf Advisor*. And, it continues to receive the Silver Medal in *Golf Magazine's* Premier Resort Awards.

Visually stunning and immensely playable, the classic Waldorf Astoria Golf Club winds through a large wetland preserve, punctuated with stands of towering pines and stately cypress trees. Fairways meander past long stretches of shimmering lakes. The well-contoured greens require inventive approach shots and present a different challenge every round.

Each hole reveals Jones' considerable genius, the land's natural beauty, and features five sets of tees to accommodate golfers of every caliber. The par72 Waldorf Astoria Golf Club measures an impressive 7,108 yards from the Professional Tees and maintains a course rating of 74.6 and slope of 139.

"If I were to summarize my philosophy for golf course design, it would be this: to create an environment for the game of golf that is challenging, fair, and aesthetically pleasing," said Jones. "I would rather create a natural, classic course that blends with its surroundings, than a course full of unnecessary gimmicks which discourage the average golfer."

Rees Jones, son of Robert Trent Jones, Sr. was named Architect of the Year by *Golf World* magazine in 1995 and is consistently ranked among the top five architects in *Golf Digest* magazine. He adds Waldorf Astoria Golf Club to a list of several national prestigious golf courses he has designed or significantly remodeled such as Baltusrol, Congressional, Hazeltine, Pinehurst #2, Brookline, and Bethpage Black.

The Golf Clubhouse features a fully stocked golf shop, two locker rooms with showers, as well as convenient day lockers for guests at no charge. The Clubhouse Grille offers a continental breakfast, as well as a pub lunch menu.

Full player services are available, including rental clubs and shoes. The Waldorf Golf Academy, led by a team of professional golfers, offers a variety of instructional packages and hour-long lessons to improve technique. Programs are tailored to fit your individual or group needs.

To arrange a tee time, call 407-597-3780. The Clubhouse is located at 14224 Bonnet Creek Resort Lane, Orlando, Florida 32821. Visit www.WaldorfAstoriaOrlando.com/Golf.

About Rees Jones

Rees Jones was born into the game of golf. He learned to play as a youngster and competed as a junior golfer, in college and while in the army. He grew up traveling with his family to golf courses all over the world and worked in the summers for his father, renowned golf course architect Robert Trent Jones. After college at Yale and graduate studies at Harvard, he went to work in 1964 as a principal in Robert Trent Jones, Inc. Ten years later, he founded his own design firm, Rees Jones, Inc., headquartered in his hometown of Montclair, New Jersey.

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About Bonnet Creek

Conveniently accessible from within Walt Disney World® Resort, Bonnet Creek is a 482-acre vacation destination encompassing Waldorf Astoria Orlando and Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek.

Waldorf Astoria® Orlando is nestled in a peaceful 482-acre nature preserve and conveniently surrounded by *Walt Disney World®* Theme Parks. An artful blend of comfort and modern elegance, Waldorf Astoria Orlando has redefined the vacation experience.

The hotel's elegant setting includes fine resort amenities like the award-winning Waldorf Astoria® Golf Club, the luxurious Waldorf Astoria® Spa, a formal swimming pool with private cabanas, and access to more than a dozen dining and lounge experiences, including the famed Bull & Bear®. The hotel features 498 stylish guest rooms and suites, along with complimentary transportation to the *Walt Disney World®* Theme Parks.

Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek offers the best of both worlds: a convenient location surrounded by *Walt Disney World®* Resort and the peaceful serenity of the surrounding 482-acre nature preserve. The resort features 1,001 elegant and family-friendly guest rooms with world-class amenities to include an award-winning 3-acre lazy river and pool, poolside cabanas, Rees Jones-designed championship golf course, Waldorf Astoria Spa, full fitness center, and nearly a dozen dining and lounge options, including the award-winning La Luce®. Guests enjoy complimentary transportation to the Disney Theme Parks, and children 12 years of age and under receive 50% off the breakfast buffet and complimentary dinner as part of the daily resort charge.

For more information on the Waldorf Astoria Orlando, please call 407-597-5500 or visit www.WaldorfAstoriaOrlando.com. For more information on the Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, please call 407-597-3600 or visit www.HiltonBonnetCreek.com. To arrange a tee time at Waldorf Astoria Golf Club, call 407-597-3780.

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FACT SHEET

OVERVIEW:

The centerpiece of the Waldorf Astoria® Golf Club is the 18-hole, 7,108-yard championship course created by acclaimed golf course designer Rees Jones. The course represents the first golf club for the Waldorf Astoria brand, and features a contemporary clubhouse.

Located at Bonnet Creek, the course is open to all golfers, including those staying at the adjacent Waldorf Astoria® Orlando or Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek and those who want to experience a piece of history. It is one of the few golf courses in Orlando to be free of real estate.

DESIGN OVERVIEW:

The challenging course is designed with a five-tee system for all playing abilities, winding through a large wetland preserve with a par 72, slope 139 and 74.6 rating from the professional tees. Holes are visually arresting from tee to green and require intelligent management of the game. Bunkers are carved to be reminiscent of the hazards designed on courses a century ago. Towering pine and cypress trees line the fairways. The style was dictated by the land's existing contours, which Jones enhanced, always mindful of the natural elements and environmental sensitivity.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Waldorf Astoria Orlando offers a total of 498 guest rooms including 171 suites with separate living rooms and spacious bathrooms.

HOLE BY HOLE:

Hole One

385 yards, par 4

With the teeing area a few strides from the golf shop, the first hole on the outward nine is a gentle right bender framed on either side by mature trees and indigenous foliage. Easing players into the course, this manageable par 4 sets the stage for a tranquil round. Accuracy is required on the approach as the green is guarded on either side by bulging manicured bunkers. As is the case throughout the course, anything long makes for a touchy recovery from the thick Bermuda rough.

Hole Two

173 yards, par 3

It is the shortest of the course's four par 3s and the first of four holes on the outward nine with water directly in play. Club selection is critical as central Florida's prevailing winds change with the seasons and the back of the green is open to the elements and the next tee.

Hole Three

429 yards, par 4

The course flexes a bit with this long straightaway par 4, as water runs the length of the right side. The optimum landing area for the tee shot is pinched tight between the water and large fairway bunker. The green is further protected in front by two more traps.

Hole Four

556 yards, par 5

The first par 5 on the front nine provides some relief from the water. Big hitters can give it a go by carrying the fairway bunker on the right. As is the case with most of the course, golfers should not be long as the second of the course's three big lakes lurks precariously close to the back of the green.

Hole Five

393 yards, par 4

Favoring a right-to-left shape shot, this par 4 is a chance to shave a stroke. Despite bunkers and water running the length of the left side, there is ample fairway right. The green is open in the front allowing for multiple approach shot options.

Hole Six

478 yards, par 4

What this straightaway par 4 lacks in water it makes up for in length. Approach shots are beautifully framed on all sides with tall stately pines. The green is open to the front, making it receptive to longer iron shots.

Hole Seven

207 yards, par 3

The second par 3 on the front is both visually stunning and intimidating. Two gaping bunkers protect the left side, sloping down and away into the beginnings of a large lake. Anything short right or on the surface off the tee makes for a good chance at par. This hole also provides a look at the first of four impressive wooden bridges peppered throughout the course.

Hole Eight

508 yards, par 5

Easily one of the trickier holes on the course, this five-shotter is the first of only two holes that require tee shots to carry water. In this case, it's a lake that continues down the entire length of the right side and ends at the elevated green. It also boasts the only green entirely guarded in front by sand.

Hole Nine

417 yards, par 4

The tree-lined fairway gives way to a distractingly beautiful view of the resort. Players should keep approach shots right to avoid the beginnings of another large lake. There is ample room beyond the decoy fairway bunker for an approach to an oblong, sloping green.

Hole 10

372 yards, par 4

Tee shots away from the resort quickly return play to tranquil. Tall jetting pines along the fairway are joined by a series of undulating bunkers down the left side. But left is still the preferred route into the wide side of the green.

Hole 11

240 yards, par 3

There is more than meets the eye to this stunning layout, the longest par 3 on the course. The elevated, hourglass-shaped green is almost completely surrounded by a massive, meandering ribbon bunker.

Hole 12

624 yards, par 5

The longest hole by more than 60 yards, this leggy par 5 intimidates off the tee with a long wavy bunker that hugs the right side. There is ample landing area left and water doesn't come into play until the front left side of the green. Final approach shots from the right are preferred here and set up well to the open front green. Patience here will be rewarded with a par.

Hole 13

322 yards, par 4

This left-turning hole brings play out of the trees and wraps around one of the course's many water features. The shortest par 4 on the course, lucky 13 demands accuracy off the tee to an abbreviated landing area. Three sizable, crescent moon-shaped bunkers protect the right side. Three more greenside traps stand guard around the green, requiring a firm decision on the approach.

Hole 14

432 yards, par 4

Two separate water features come into play down the right side on this par 4. However, right is still the preferred angle on approach. Open to the elements, there are no trees to wrestle with, allowing for another good chance to shave a stroke.

Hole 15

391 yards, par 4

Maximizing visual impact, the fifteenth offers expansive views of the entire backside of the resort complex. Water runs the length of this fun par 4's left side, but there's room right off the tee. Players should avoid being long on their second shot. Recovery from the thick Bermuda sloping away from the green can quickly turn a likely par into a disappointing double.

Hole 16

172 yards, par 3

This photo-op three-shotter is one to be remembered. To the right there are jetting pines, and to the left a beautiful lake running the length of the resort. Accuracy and high arcing tee shots are needed here to carry the front bunker and raise the probability of par. The long sloping green has multiple distinct landing areas. However, anywhere on the green off the tee is good.

Hole 17

484 yards, par 4

The longest par 4 on the course is also the second that requires a carry over water from the tee box. All the best elements of the course can again be found here: a view of the resort over your shoulder, an impressive bridge leading to the fairway, trees lining both sides of the hole, and fairway bunkers stuffed with character. It may be long but the odds of carding par are still good.

Hole 18

530 yards, par 5

The picturesque finale plays into a peninsula green, with the resort and setting sun serving as the backdrop. The green slopes back to front with two distinct landing areas separated by a formidable spine. While it's not the shortest of the course's par fives, it poses few problems. A decent tee shot sets the stage for a final birdie attempt and a desire to start again.

PRACTICE FACILITY:

The practice range features several target greens, enabling golfers to hone their accuracy with a number of different clubs. There is also a chipping area to fine-tune the short game and a putting green is maintained in the same condition as the ones on the course. Professional instruction is available for individuals and small groups.

GOLF ACADEMY:

To truly improve your game, the Waldorf Astoria Golf Academy offers a range of private and group golf packages. Benefit from the advantages of private, one-on-one instruction led by *Golf Magazine's* Top 100 and *Golf Digest's* Top 50 Golf Instructor Brian Mogg, Director of Instruction.

DESIGNER:

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