

Golf's LITTLE BIG TOWN – Santee, SC

A “must stop” for golfers

A book appeared on shelves that spotlights this most unlikely of golf meccas, “From Cotton Fields to Golf Courses.” is a pictorial history that chronicles the transformation of lively little Santee’s profitable cotton fields into even more profitable golf courses. It’s must reading for anyone planning an affordable golf trip.

While there are three golf courses in this town of less than 1,000 people, the ‘trinity’ has become sacred ground for many thousands of golfers who make the annual pilgrimage here to play what some consider the “best valued golf” in North America.



Lake Marion Golf Club

Just an example: **Golf packages that include rounds with power carts, accommodation and breakfast, start at just \$75 a day.**

Now that’s a good value, especially when

you see the quality of golf offered for that price. Over 100,000 golfers took advantage of those deals last year.

The accommodations in Santee vary from comfortable motel and hotel rooms to well-appointed 2-bedroom condos and villas, some of which back onto the courses. All accommodation properties are within a mile of the 3 courses in town.

The town of Santee has lots of excellent dining and entertain-



Santee Cooper Resort Country Club

ment options as well: some golfer favorites include the elegant Clark’s Inn and Restaurant, Captain’s Kirks, fish and prime rib are the specialties there, Armando’s for some awesome Mexican and jumbo margarita’s, while Wilbur’s will give

you an amazing selection of fine wine for your dinner.

Another reason golfers keep coming back to Santee is because the courses keep getting better – Todd Miller, general manager at Santee Cooper Resorts reports that all courses are continuously spending and improving with the golfers in mind.

Golf Santee that manages Santee National and the Ballard Pointe waterfront condos, expects the town’s popularity to increase even more in the coming years thanks to the addition of hundreds of new condo units, which are favored by golf groups.

There are 17 other courses a short drive from Santee, but here are the “real stars” awaiting golfers when they reach the first tees at Santee’s courses:

LAKE MARION GOLF COURSE: Wide fairways with challenging

greens test golfers on a course that stretches to 6,670 yards from the back tees; four sets of tee blocks; five of its 18 holes have water hazards; there are 47 cleverly set sand traps scattered about the golf course..



Santee National

SANTEE COOPER RESORT COUNTRY CLUB: The serene setting surrounding you at this 6,512-yard beauty will make you forget all your troubles. Tall pines, flowering Craig Myrtle trees and graceful birds that call this course home make it a surreal place to play. The course is first rate and a must play.

SANTEE NATIONAL: Five lakes scattered about this course make it a real test and quickly makes you realize why it caught the eye of Golf Digest (4 Star Rating). Rolling fairways lined with massive oak trees, slick greens make the National a treat to play and at 6,858 yards, get ready for a real test.

The great thing about the courses in Santee is that they’re all within a short drive – think 3-wood here - of your accommodation and the town’s surprisingly vibrant nightlife.

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