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Exclusive Playa Grande Golf & Ocean Club Opens In The Dominican Republic



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Discovery Land Company Has Developed Exclusive Residential Resorts Around The World

[Discovery](#) is responsible for developing some of the best known exclusive residential communities in the world, including Kuki'o in Kohala, Hawaii; [Baker's](#)

Bay in the Bahamas; El Dorado in Los Cabos, Mexico; Iron Horse in Whitefish, Montana; and Gozzer Ranch in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, just to name a few.

What's the secret? "We provide a sense of place in every aspect of our communities, along with attention to detail that helps create unforgettable experiences for each member of the family," says visionary [Discovery CEO and founder Mike Meldman](#), who adds that the [Playa Grande golf course](#) is one of the best courses in the company's portfolio with an impressive 10 oceanfront holes. (See Forbes Magazine's article "[Follow The Leader](#)" for more about Michael Meldman and Discovery Land Company).

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For the club's master planning Discovery enlisted [VITA Planning & Landscape Architecture](#) and worked with Discovery Design to create the residential architecture and interior design. The residences will vary in design by neighborhood but offer both contemporary designs as well as authentic Caribbean-style villas. Each villa will seamlessly blend into the surrounding tropical environment with indoor/outdoor living spaces that include large floor-to-ceiling glass and modern high-end appliances and fixtures. Backyards will feature pools, cabanas, grilling areas, and casitas. Buyers will work with the design teams to furnish their homes to the highest standards.



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Residences will range from 1,700 square feet to more than 10,000 square feet and offer between two and six bedrooms. Developer-built residences, which will be priced starting at \$2.5 million, will cost approximately \$500 plus per square foot to construct with an all-in purchase price averaging \$1,200 per square foot.



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Only 60 residences and 16 golf clubhouse units will be located along the entire golf course, a small number compared to other developments in the Dominican Republic that may offer a similar number on just two or three holes.

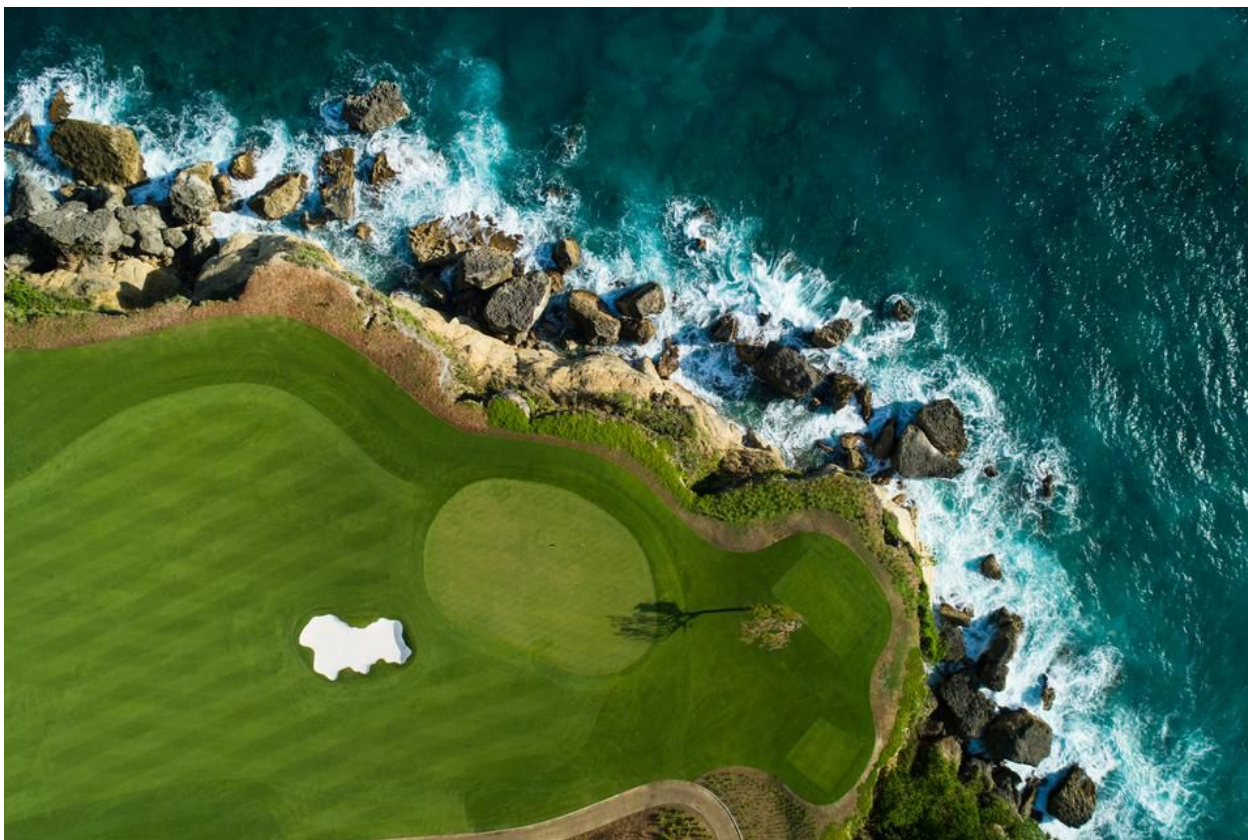
One notable residence, called **The Promontory**, is located 80 feet above the Atlantic Ocean at the center of Playa Grande's iconic seven-mile coastline. This 3-acre compound is a tropical oasis that features dramatic 270-degree views—from the **Amanera Resort** in the west to Playa Grande beach in the east. The buyer of this premier custom home site will work with world-renowned architect John Heah to design the residence, which will be fully serviced by **Aman**.



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Custom Estate Lots

Playa Grande's Phase One will offer 14 custom estate lots, from 1.5 to 3.5 acres with prices ranging from \$7 million to \$14 million. These lots can accommodate any size home a buyer wishes to construct on the building envelope, subject to the community's design-review approval.



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Estate Lot 10 is the cornerstone homesite of the Western Cliff Estate neighborhood. Priced at \$14 million, it is unique in both its size and shape, with spectacular sunset views overlooking the Atlantic Ocean with a stunning backdrop of the town of Cabarete and Mount Isabel de Torres in the distance. This spectacular 3.47-acre custom home site sits 80 feet above the water and includes an incredible 630 feet of ocean frontage.

Unlike other Dominican residential/golf developments, which have thousands of members and are open to the public, **Playa Grande Golf and Ocean Club** will cap membership at less than 500; moreover, membership in the club is extended only to property owners. Currently the membership fee is \$125,000 with annual dues at \$25,000.



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bar and Caverna Casamigos, a natural open-to-the-sky sea cavern, will be available on the back nine in 2019.



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Phase Two of the **development** will include a **golf clubhouse restaurant**, a beach club restaurant, and a mountain club restaurant. The club will feature a fitness center with state-of-the-art equipment and a lap pool. There are plans, too, to build a world-class spa with indoor and outdoor treatment rooms and private locker rooms as well as resort-style swimming pools. The community will also be home to an organic farm and activity barn designed for all ages.



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The **Outdoor Pursuits** team will help organize group and personalized activities. **Water sports** include scuba diving, snorkeling, surfing, kayaking, kiteboarding, windsurfing, stand-up paddle boarding, and Seabobs. There will also be deep-sea fishing, sailing, and boating excursions on the club's powerboat. In addition to tennis and pickleball courts, the property also features a signature 1,500-foot ocean zip line and ATV adventures, as well as miles of running, biking, hiking, and horseback riding trails along the beach and through the property's mountain reserve.



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