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### LUKE DONALD | VIETNAM

The first golf course designed by former world No.1 Luke Donald will open in Vietnam on March 25.

Ba Na Hills GC will feature 18 tour-calibre holes at the foot of a towering mountain range less than half an hour's drive from Danang, Vietnam's fourth largest city and gateway to three other designer courses built within the past seven years.

But unlike Colin Montgomerie's Montgomerie Links, Greg Norman's Danang Golf Club and Nick Faldo's Laguna Lang Co, Ba Na Hills GC will play away from the coast in a cooler setting typically void of wind.

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"This is an important addition to one of the best new golf destinations in Asia," said Donald, who at No.89 is currently at his lowest world rankings since February 2004. "The large rolling hills, stunning mountain backdrop and adjacent river at Ba Na Hills will provide golfers with the ideal complement to the existing courses in the area."

Stretching 7,858 yards from the championship tees, Ba Na Hills GC is the longest layout in the country and comprises a succession of undulating and sometimes small greens, making it perfectly capable of testing the world's best golfers.

However, with four other sets of tees, generous landing areas and high-density MiniVerde putting surfaces, the course can attract players of all skill levels.

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"I think people are going to really be taken by the diverse mix of natural topography and vegetation out here as well," said Jack Hedges, Ba Na Hills GC's general manager. "From the rose lily trees to the wispy redtop grass, there's an incomparable beauty to the landscape, especially with the Truong Son Mountains always looming."

Another distinct aspect of the course is its lighting system, a feature none of its competitors possess. What's more, the arrangement is so comprehensive that golf can begin and end in the dark.

"The entire course can be illuminated, so you can play a full round even after the sun goes down," added Hedges. "I think that will be a real draw in the warmer months, especially for overseas guests or those who maybe aren't used to golfing in tropical climates. I expect night golf to be a serious advantage for us as the destination continues to grow."

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Have you experienced playing golf in Vietnam? If so, what was it like? For more information about Ba Na Hills GC, or to make a tee time, visit [www.banahillsgolf.com](http://www.banahillsgolf.com).

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