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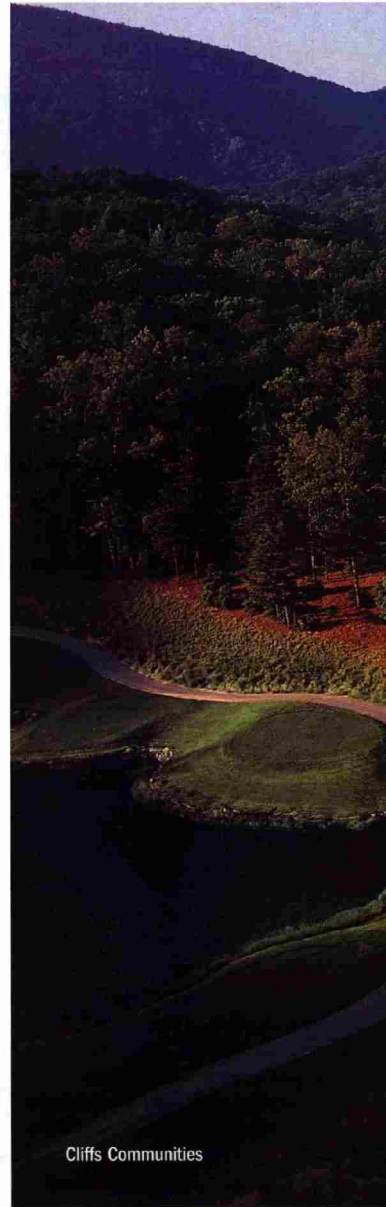
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For years, private golf communities have been little more than physical spaces: a place to live (seasonally or year-round) and a place to play golf. But the landscape of golf communities has changed, and not just in a physical sense. For one, they are no longer just in sun-drenched locales like Florida and Arizona, and now can be found all over the country. But there is a greater change afoot.

Golf communities are no longer just about golf, and buying into the following 20 that represent the best of America's Premier Properties carries a value far greater than a simple real estate transaction or initiation fee. They are platforms for owners who want to pursue their interests and passions, home bases for bringing generations of families together, conduits for building lasting friendships and eternal memories, as well as sanctuaries to decompress from the ever-growing stresses and demands of modern life. These communities, the best of the best, offer all that for their residents—and far more.



## Balsam Mountain Preserve

Sylva, N.C.

Whether residents are looking for active pursuits or just want to unwind in a tranquil setting, Balsam offers a getaway in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

**GOLF:** 18 holes (Arnold Palmer)

**HOMESITES:** \$375,000–\$950,000

**HOMES:** \$1.195 million+

**FRACTIONAL SHARES:** \$260,000

balsammountainpreserve.com, 866-452-3456

## Cliffs Communities

Travelers Rest, S.C.

With six courses, lakes, mountains and numerous amenities, the Cliffs Communities continues to set a standard for luxury private golf living.

**GOLF:** 108 holes (Tom Fazio, Tom Jackson, Jack Nicklaus, Ben Wright)

**HOMESITES:** \$300,000–\$3 million+

**HOMES:** \$700,000–\$5 million+

cliffscommunities.com, 866-435-5123

## Frederica—Sea Island

St. Simons Island, Ga.

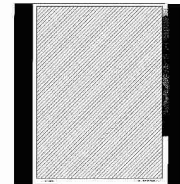
Frederica's genteel lifestyle owes much to the roots of parent company Sea Island's tradition-rich past. Present owners can explore 3,000 natural acres—anything from playing golf to relaxing on the lake.

**GOLF:** 18 holes (Tom Fazio/Sir Michael Bonallack)

**HOMESITES:** \$900,000–\$3.2 million

**HOMES:** \$3.5 million+

fredericaliving.com, 866-411-6749





## Gozzer Ranch Golf & Lake Club

*Coeur d'Alene, Idaho*

At family-friendly Gozzer Ranch, owners and their children and/or grandchildren can spend the entire day on Lake Coeur d'Alene with the property's numerous activities and amenities.

**GOLF:** 18 holes (Tom Fazio)

**HOMESITES:** \$350,000–\$1.2 million

**HOMES:** \$1.2 million–\$4.5 million  
gozzeranchclub.com, 208-765-9034

## Greenbrier Sporting Club

*White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.*

No golf property has embraced green living the way the Greenbrier has. Its Green Home neighborhood has set the bar very high for sustainable building that still places an emphasis on form and luxury.

**GOLF:** 18 holes (Tom Fazio)

**HOMESITES:** \$395,000–\$4.5 million

**HOMES:** \$1.335 million–\$6.5 million  
thegreenbriersportingclub.com,  
888-741-8989

## Hualalai Resort

*Ka'upulehu-Kona, Hawaii*

On the Big Island of Hawaii, Hualalai is all about the Pacific Ocean: golf with panoramic views of the water, dining that overlooks it, and the beach that allows you to enjoy it up close.

**GOLF:** 36 holes (Jack Nicklaus, Tom Weiskopf)

**HOMESITES:** \$1.95 million–\$5.45 million

**HOMES:** \$2.25 million–\$26 million  
hualalairesort.com, 808-325-8400

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## Iron Horse Club

*Whitefish, Mont.*

Nobody goes to Montana to stay indoors, and at Iron Horse, residents will come inside only to sleep. From sunup to sundown, they can enjoy numerous outdoor pursuits, from fishing to camping.

**GOLF:** 18 holes (Tom Fazio)  
**HOMESITES:** \$165,000–\$3.8 million  
**HOMES:** \$695,000–\$6.75 million  
 ironhorsemt.com, 406-863-3000

## Kiawah Island

*Kiawah Island, S.C.*

For visitors, Kiawah Island is best known for its dramatic Ocean Course. Residents enjoy far more: beach club, miles of trails, two private courses and proximity to the offerings of nearby Charleston.

**GOLF:** 126 holes (Pete Dye, Tom Fazio, Clyde Johnston, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, Tom Watson)  
**HOMESITES:** \$335,000–\$5.7 million  
**HOMES:** \$335,000–\$10 million+

## Kukio Golf & Beach Club

*Kailua-Kona, Hawaii*

Kukio provides members a glimpse of the way Hawaii used to be, before it became one of the leading tourist destinations in the world. The club offers a sense of seclusion in a strictly Hawaiian setting.

**GOLF:** 28 holes (Tom Fazio)  
**HOMESITES:** \$2.58 million–\$12.8 million  
**HOMES:** \$5.5 million–\$18.5 million  
 kukio.com, 808-325-4040

## Madison Club

*La Quinta, Calif.*

Tom Fazio's golf course rivals his seminal Shadow Creek in Las Vegas as a purely manufactured layout on the desert floor that is also an effective test. The club then adds to the golf with a high level of service.

**GOLF:** 18 holes (Tom Fazio)  
**HOMESITES:** \$2 million–\$5 million  
**HOMES:** \$4.5 million–\$5.5 million  
 madisonclubca.com, 760-777-9320

## Mayacama Golf Club

*Santa Rosa, Calif.*

Mayacama is the place for lovers of golf and wine. Located in Sonoma County, the club boasts one of the best courses in California, as well as a wine cellar with exclusive offerings for members.

**GOLF:** 18 holes (Jack Nicklaus)  
**HOMESITES:** \$1.8 million–\$3 million  
**FRACTIONAL SHARES:** \$225,000–\$1.65 million  
 mayacama.com, 707-569-2900

## Mountaintop Golf & Lake Club

*Cashiers, N.C.*

Mountaintop has helped make the Blue Ridge Mountains one of the hottest markets for private golf communities. Its range of amenities and outdoor pursuits provides numerous options to residents.

**GOLF:** 18 holes (Tom Fazio)  
**HOMESITES:** \$400,000–\$1.75 million  
**HOMES:** \$1.9 million–\$4.95 million  
 mountaintopgolfclub.com, 828-743-7353

## Palmetto Bluff

Bluffton, S.C.

Nowhere is the beauty of the Lowcountry more evident than at Palmetto Bluff, where marshes, rivers and creeks meet the land and form the backdrop for numerous amenities, from golf to canoeing.

**GOLF:** 18 holes (Jack Nicklaus)  
**HOMESITES:** \$295,000–\$3 million+  
**HOMES:** \$1.3 million–\$4.95 million  
 palmetto-bluff.com, 866-316-5262

## Pronghorn

Bend, Ore.

In the high desert of Oregon, Pronghorn complements a pair of first-rate courses with the Nicklaus Academy of Golf, which offers a holistic approach to instruction, from swing fixes to equipment to physical training to the mental game.

**GOLF:** 36 holes (Tom Fazio, Jack Nicklaus)  
**HOMESITES:** \$360,000–\$2 million  
**HOMES:** \$1.9 million–\$3.9 million  
**FRACTIONAL SHARES:** \$165,000  
 pronghornclub.com, 800-541-9424

## Reynolds Plantation

Greensboro, Ga.

Located halfway between Atlanta and Augusta, Reynolds Plantation has more than 80 miles of shoreline on Lake Oconee for residents either cruising on the water in a boat or trying to avoid it with a tee shot.

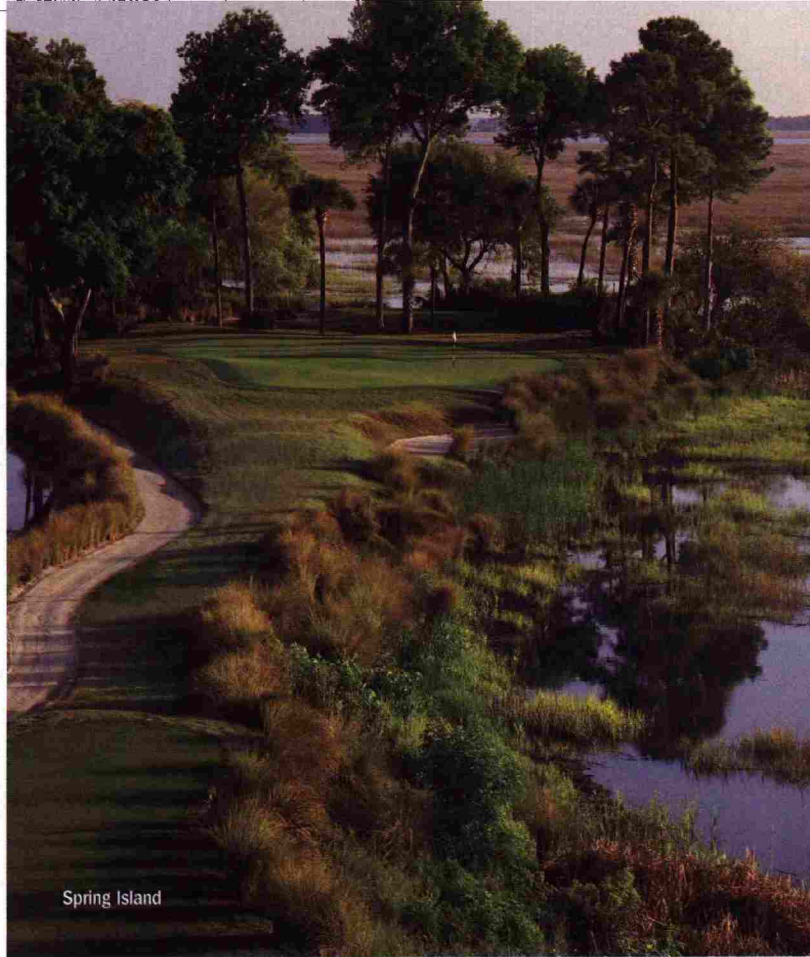
**GOLF:** 99 holes (Bob Cupp, Jim Engh, Tom Fazio, Rees Jones, Jack Nicklaus)  
**HOMESITES:** \$100,000–\$2.5 million  
**HOMES:** \$250,000–\$6 million  
 reynoldsplantation.com, 800-800-5250

## Rock Creek Cattle Company

Deer Lodge, Mont.

Rock Creek seems as big as Montana itself. It encompasses 80,000 acres and its real estate offerings include homesteads as expansive as 110 acres.

**GOLF:** 18 holes (Tom Doak)  
**HOMESITES:** \$500,000–\$2 million  
 rockcreekcattlecompany.com, 406-846-3474



Spring Island

## Santa Lucia Preserve

Carmel, Calif.

With 18,000 acres of open space, this ultimate sanctuary whose gate is just minutes from Monterey truly allows residents to leave their worries behind as they navigate more than 100 miles of trails.

**GOLF:** 18 holes (Tom Fazio)  
**HOMESITES:** \$800,000–\$3.9 million  
**HOMES:** \$3.28 million–\$4.8 million  
 santaluciapreserve.com, 831-620-6762

## Spring Island

Spring Island, S.C.

Nature rules on this Lowcountry island that has more than 1,000 varieties of flora and fauna. Four full-time naturalists help residents explore their surroundings, whether on foot, on horseback or by canoe.

**GOLF:** 18 holes (Arnold Palmer/Ed Seay)  
**HOMESITES:** \$250,000–\$1 million  
**HOMES:** \$1 million–\$4 million  
 springisland.com, 866-740-0400

## 3 Creek Ranch

Jackson Hole, Wyo.

Located within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, 3 Creek has an undisturbed landscape for residents. For those requiring a touch of civilization, it is also close to downtown Jackson.

**GOLF:** 18 holes (Rees Jones)  
**HOMESITES:** \$1.2 million–\$8 million  
**HOMES:** \$3.5 million–\$4.6 million  
 3creekranchrealty.com, 888-920-9292

## Yellowstone Club

Big Sky, Mont.

Yellowstone is a winter wonderland. With more than 2,000 acres available for skiing and more than 60 runs, residents literally can step outside and start slaloming down the slopes.

**GOLF:** 18 holes (Tom Weiskopf)  
**HOMESITES:** \$1.95 million–\$6.385 million  
**HOMES:** \$3.2 million–\$16 million  
 yellowstoneclub.com, 888-700-7748