

Old Course

COURSE RATING

BLUE	WHITE	GREEN	RED
72	70	68	72



In the fickle Atlantic weather, Ballybunion is a course that never plays exactly the same. You may find stiff winds on a misty shoreline one day, and luminous high-latitude skies the next. What you will find every day is pure, natural golf. "When you breathe here," wrote Wind, "you breathe air that has never been breathed before."

The 11th, a 453-yard par 4 perched right on the seaside cliffs, is one of the toughest holes in the world.

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6598 yds



"I am now of the opinion it is one of the best and most beautiful tests of links golf anywhere in the world."

Tom Watson

Upon playing Ballybunion Old Course for the first time, the legendary Tom Watson said of it, "A man might think the game of golf originated here. There appears to be no manmade influence. It looks like a course laid out on land as it was back in the 10th century." Ballybunion exudes a slowly evolved, majestic feel that simply cannot be compared to any other course on earth.

With beautifully contoured fairways that tumble down through a blanket of grassy dunes, it's no wonder these challenging holes have been consistently rated among the top ten courses in the world by professional golfers and journalists.

Renowned American golf writer Herbert Warren Wind proclaimed the Old Course to be nothing less than the finest seaside course he had ever laid eyes upon. Equally esteemed British writer Peter Dobereiner went further: "If sheer pleasure is the yardstick then Ballybunion gets my vote as the best course in the world."

Right: The 15th, a 212-yard par 3 is an absolute gem and fraught with danger. The large two tiered green is guarded by three bunkers, with a fourth hidden at the back left.

The 10th, a 359-yard par 4 has always been a birdie opportunity, but care needs to be taken as the Atlantic winds demand respect.

