

Perfectly complementing the Faldo Course, whilst taking advantage of the rich valley soil in contrast to the arid hillside, Christy O'Connor Jnr's course at Amendoeira offers no less of a challenge.

Large areas of water demand accurate play and creative shot making, and these lakes and streams are to be maintained as a wildlife sanctuary.

The 5th hole has orange groves left and right and should be a real beauty to play. There is also a huge orange grove off to the left on the fourth hole.'

The course also has a version of the Amen Corner, starting at the seventh. There is a lake which runs from the 9th, through the 8th and into the 7th, so it is a kind of a chain reaction and the 7th will be the first of it.

The 9th is a real, real key hole of the golf course, the lake running not only to the right off the tee, but also to the left of the second shot. It is almost a two-part golf hole. The 18th hole brings the course to a fantastic finish, a gentle climb with the river running along the right hand side.

How to find: The Resort is just 35 minutes' drive from Faro Airport along the A22 motorway, 4 kilometres inland from the beach resort of Armação de Pêra.

The Amendoeira clubhouse will be less than a kilometre to the north of the motorway.

