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GOLF AMERICA'S BEST IN DUPAGE COUNTY

America's hub for golf is now offering premier packages for the leisure golfer to the aficionado.

DUPAGE COUNTY, IL — In the prestigious and idyllic communities 20 miles west of Chicago, visitors can find a golfer's paradise in DuPage County, with more access now to top golf courses than ever before. Discover DuPage and Elevation Golf today announced that the red carpet will be rolled out for international guests, connecting them to some of the most exclusive and popular golf courses in America, with a tailored itinerary to include accommodations and services for the ultimate golfing experience. With more than 50 golf courses and a long history dating back to the arrival of golf in the states, there is no other destination in America quite like DuPage County.

With the popularity of golf on the rise, all eyes are on Presidents Cup which will be played later this year at Royal Montreal Golf Club in Montreal, Quebec, Canada; followed by Medinah Country Club in DuPage County, Illinois in 2026. With the United States versus the World (minus Europe) and no money on the line, Presidents Cup is one of the most important and exclusive professional golf team events in the world, also known for its display of camaraderie and super fans. As DuPage County prepares to welcome the 2026 Presidents Cup, the local hospitality industry is already fielding interest from international visitors who want to experience the best there is to offer. Through this new package presented by Discover DuPage and Elevation Golf, those aspirations can become a reality.

"DuPage's premier status in the golf world is undeniable and now we have the special opportunity to offer our golf experience in a luxury package for international visitors," said Discover DuPage Executive Director Beth Marchetti. "This is something we have wanted to do for years, and the timing is right. I'd like to thank our golf club partners who are graciously supporting these unique experiences and our partners in hospitality for tending to every hosting detail."

Travelers will work directly with an Elevation Golf staff expert who is well-versed in the DuPage County golf landscape. Travel packages will include unparalleled access to premier courses, golf fees, and add-on services such as golf clinics and professional instruction upon request. With more than 20 amazing golf clubs welcoming travelers through this exclusive promotion, players will benefit from being paired with the best courses for their desired experience. Packages will include accommodations in DuPage County, a destination known for its sophisticated amenities, charming communities, and Midwestern hospitality. With the best shopping, dining, entertainment, and attractions outside of Chicago, travelers can start their day with golf and end the day in DuPage style.

When playing in DuPage, golfers walk in the footsteps of many of golf's greatest in the game, past and present. DuPage County is home to the first 18-hole golf course in the United States and three of the greatest American golf courses at Butler National Golf Club, Chicago Golf Club, and Medinah Country Club. DuPage County has a storied history of hosting prestigious championships — including the Western Amateur, Korn Ferry Tour, LPGA Solheim Cup, and BMW Championship — and that list continues to grow. Once the 2026 Presidents Cup takes place, Medinah will occupy a rare space in golf history as being the only golf club in the world to have hosted a U.S. Open (twice), a PGA Championship (twice), a Ryder Cup, and a Presidents Cup.

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ABOUT THE DUPAGE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

The DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau (DCVB) is the official destination marketing organization for DuPage County, Illinois' second largest County comprised of 38 communities. The DCVB works in partnership with community business and civic leaders to maximize travel and tourism opportunities which ultimately contribute to the economic vitality of the County and its residents. For more information, visit www.DiscoverDuPage.com.

Golf packages are available starting June 1, 2024. Interested travelers can connect with Elevation Golf by emailing info@elevationus.com, or by visiting Elevationus.com/products/golf-packages-chicago. For more information on golf in DuPage County, visit discoverdupage.com/dupage-golf-packages.

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HISTORY OF GOLF IN DUPAGE COUNTY AND AMERICA

DuPage County is home to the very first, and second, golf courses in America. This history starts with one man, Charles Blair Macdonald, who learned to play golf in Scotland at the Old Course on St. Andrew's in Fife. After designing a 7-hole golf course in conjunction with the 1892 Chicago World's Fair, Macdonald and his architect friend, Jarvis Hunt, wanted their own golf course. Macdonald raised funds and constructed the first 9-hole golf course in the U.S., located in Downers Grove — the original location of the Chicago Golf Club. Some historians believe that it was also the location of the first 18-hole golf course in the U.S., as Macdonald was said to have convinced Chicago Golf Club members to add nine more holes to its existing course.

The game, though new to the Chicago area, grew in popularity. The Club decided to buy land in nearby Wheaton where Macdonald modeled a new 18-hole golf course after the Old Course on St. Andrew's. It opened in 1895 and is also recorded as the first 18-hole golf course in the U.S. Today, Chicago Golf Club is continuously ranked as one of America's 100 greatest golf courses by Golf Digest. The original location in Downers Grove is still in operation, offering a 9-hole golf course under the name Belmont Golf Club. It is said that holes 2, 4, 7, 8 & 9 are still very much the same as they were 110 years ago. Despite which location is truly the site of the first 18-hole golf course, DuPage County holds a significant place in golf history.

ABOUT DUPAGE COUNTY AND DISCOVER DUPAGE

DuPage County is the ideal American community. With a fascinating blend of high-tech, high-powered commerce matched by the preservation of heritage and natural environment, DuPage County consistently ranks among the most desirable areas to live in the United States. Discover DuPage is the official destination marketing organization for DuPage County, Illinois' second largest county comprised of 38 communities. Discover DuPage works in partnership with community business and civic leaders to maximize travel and tourism opportunities which ultimately contribute to the economic vitality of the county and its residents. For more information, visit DiscoverDuPage.com.

ABOUT ELEVATION GOLF

Elevation Golf Academy is a premier institution where excellence converges with expertise to unlock players' true potential for their golf game. With three esteemed locations spanning the United States, the academy boasts a team of distinguished professionals, including PGA Professionals, Master Club Fitters/Builders, TPI Certified Fitness Trainers, Sports Doctors, Mental Coaches, and College Recruiters, collectively offering over 80 years of expertise in both amateur and competitive golf. Elevation Golf's comprehensive training programs address the technical, physical, and mental facets of the game, catering to individuals of all ages and skill levels, men, women, and children from beginners to seasoned professionals. Whether seeking personalized instruction, access to top-notch facilities, or the perfect venue for special events, Elevation Golf Academy provides tailored solutions for every need.

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