



Poggio Dei Medici Golf Course

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Par 72: 6,452 meters (7,058 yards)

Poggio Dei Medici Golf Course opened to acclaim in 1995 with the popular Italian magazine, *Il Mondo del Golf*, recognizing it as the best new golf course in Italy. *Condè Nast Traveler* recently placed the course on its 'Hot List' for international

destinations. Set in rolling hills 30 km northeast of Florence (approx 45 minutes from L'Olmo), Poggio delivers memorable Tuscan views of the Mugello region. More importantly, the course is an intriguing layout of bent grass fairways and greens in impeccable condition. It is truly a pleasant surprise.

The course plays just over 7,000 yards from the back tees while the mid-tees are quite a challenge at 6,600 yards. Poggio is Italian for 'hill' and one will encounter a fair share of uneven lies. Tee shots are relatively straightforward in that landing areas are easily seen, yet most approach shots are subject to changing elevation, making club selection a challenge. If wayward off the tee, one will face numerous 175-190 yard uphill approach shots often off mounded lies. A hybrid/utility club(s) is a well-advised weapon for those longer approaches.



Long hitters will have to carry fairway bunkers to narrowing fairways that move subtly (and blindly at times) away from intended target. There are two blind tee shots -- five for the really long hitters. To that end, a hole-by-hole guide is available at L'Olmo. If nothing else, the guide will save you a pricey golf ball or two ... three.



Poggio Dei Medici offers an upscale and fully equipped pro shop with English speaking staff. The driving range has both grass and matted tee areas with manicured putting greens and chipping areas. Club rental is available. See the website for rates. One should call for tee times although not essential, as walk-ons are easily accommodated during the warmer months of July and August.