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## **CORALES GOLF COURSE AT PUNTACANA RESORT**

Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

Opened in 2010, this Tom Fazio-designed course includes six oceanside holes, as well as abundant natural features, like cliffs, ocean coves and inland lakes. The last three holes, known as Devil's Elbow, involves a forced carry over the Bay of Corales.

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The top 10 winners in the category Best Caribbean Golf Course are as follows:

1. Old Quarry Golf Course - Curacao
2. Punta Espada Golf Course - Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
3. Teeth of the Dog at Casa de Campo - La Romana, Dominican Republic
4. Apes Hill Club Course - Barbados
5. Provo Golf Club - Providenciales, Turks & Caicos
6. Corales Golf Course at Puntacana Resort - Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
7. The Country Club at Sandy Lane - Barbados
8. East Course at Dorado Beach - Dorado Beach, Puerto Rico
9. Ocean Club Golf Course - Paradise Island, Bahamas
10. Cinnamon Hill at Rose Hall - Montego Bay, Jamaica

A panel of experts partnered with 10Best editors to pick the initial 20 nominees, and the top 10 winners were determined by popular vote. Experts Melanie Reffes and Larry Olmsted were chosen based on their knowledge and experience of Caribbean travel and golf.

Congratulations to all these winning golf courses!

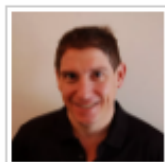
**A note on Irma and Maria:** The 2017 hurricane season greatly impacted the Caribbean, with hurricanes Irma and Maria leaving destruction in their wakes. Where some islands were able to bounce back quickly, recovery continues on others. Each of our nominees in this contest is either currently open to visitors or has an expected opening date in 2018.

## THE EXPERTS

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### LARRY OLMSTED

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Larry Olmsted is the weekly [Great American Bites](#) columnist for USA TODAY, covering regional cuisine and restaurants across the nation. He also writes frequently on culinary travel topics for his [Forbes.com Great Life](#) column. He is the Contributing Travel Editor for *Cigar Aficionado* magazine and has written extensively on food and travel topics for a wide variety of publications, including *American Way*, *Celebrated Living*, *Rhapsody* and *Hemispheres*. His New York Times bestselling book [Real Food/Fake Food](#) takes readers on an enlightening (and sometimes disturbing) journey deep into the food industry. Larry has traveled extensively all over the globe; attended cooking classes in Italy, England, Mexico and the United States; and is certified as competition barbecue judge by the Kansas City Barbecue Society.

### MELANIE REFFES

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[Melanie Reffes](#) is a seasoned travel journalist specializing in the Caribbean. She is often circling the globe in search of a good story or racing through airports trying to make a flight. Melanie is a contributor to USA TODAY Travel and [CaribbeanTravel.com](#), she covers the Caribbean for Montreal's *The Suburban* newspaper and she is the author of the blog 'The Caribbean Romance Report' on [MarryCaribbean.com](#). When she she's not taking five the under a palm tree, you'll find her at home on the sunny island of Montreal. Follow her on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).