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## \* Bandung Golf Courses Information \*

### Mountain View Golf Club

Bandung's latest addition is Mountain View GC. With a name like that, elevation changes aplenty are to be expected of this course that measures just 5,583 metres from the back tees. Do not be fooled by the length or lack thereof; drives are onto undulating fairways, requiring some forethought for the golfer intending to seek the short grass. This par 72 Peter Thomson and Ross Perret design is one of the more unusual in that it has 5 par threes and 5 par fives, with the rest being the requisite par fours. At an altitude of up to 1,200 metres above sea level, Mountain View offers up a bird's eye view of the entire city of Bandung. Most holes are stunning but the 10<sup>th</sup> hole takes the cake. From some 80 meters above the fairway, a precise tee shot to a narrow fairway is required, before an approach around a dogleg right to a small green uphill. Multiple tee boxes per hole presents various risk reward routes for both the casual and highly skilled golfer. Mountain View is the absolute jewel in the crown of Bandung golf and is a must-play.

### Bandung Giri Gahana Golf & Country Club

Mountains in nearly every direction and beautiful hilly terrain make playing Giri Gahana GC a real treat, especially in the cool hours of the morning or late afternoon. Set at altitude, the golfer looks down onto the verdant emerald green lushness of mountain firs punctuated by landscaped borders of flower beds. A seemingly easy course with its wider fairways, Giri Gahana lulls the golfer into complacency, only to be caught out by the potentially hazardous greenside bunkers. Like most of the newer courses in Indonesia designed by internationally acclaimed designers, the Giri Gahana layout is of immaculate quality with plenty of fabulous holes that tempt and trick; the 10<sup>th</sup> which plays downhill and invites a big drive onto a tree lined fairway both left and right, or the 16<sup>th</sup> hole where special caution is needed to guard against a wayward drive into the thick obstructive rough down the entire right side of the fairway.

### Dago Endah Golf & Country Club

Dago Endah GC started life in 1917 as a nine hole course until a further nine was added in 1994 by Japanese designer Chohei Miyazawa, turning the course into a stern test of golf skills and stamina. Not the longest at 1 km shorter than the average course, but that is more than made up for by virtue of its terrain and design. Perched on a mountain side, steep uphill fairways and exhausting climbs culminate in incredible vistas over the city of Bandung. One of Indonesia's hilliest, it is 18 challenging holes of climb and descent to very narrow fairways, each of which are tiered like Balinese rice terraces and lined on each side by tall pines. The golfer borrowing a fairway will find himself either above or below the fairway he is playing back to, looking for a gap between the pine firs. The front nine extends down into a valley, positioning most of the tee boxes well above the greens. The back nine, plays back uphill to the clubhouse's eagles nest summit. An English styled parkland course, each hole is distinctly different with its own unique set of challenges. There's never a dull moment at Dago Endah GC.