

# Blue Canyon Country Club — Canyon Course — Golf N Golf Course Page

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## 1. Hero Section

**Golf Course Name:** Blue Canyon Country Club — Canyon Course

**Tagline:** The championship course where Tiger Woods made his name in Asia — still Phuket's most respected test.

**Golf N Golf Rating:** ★★★★★ (4.4)

### Quick Facts strip:

- Best For: Golfers who want to play a genuine tournament venue
- Travel Time from Downtown: ~10 minutes from Phuket Airport
- Difficulty: Hard
- Course Condition: Excellent
- Value for Money: Good

### CTAs:

- "Check Tee Times" – contact us
- "Ask James" —logo Whats app, Line, WeChat logo

## 2. Golf N Golf Quick Verdict

The Canyon Course is where Tiger Woods beat Ernie Els in a playoff and where Greg Norman won a Johnnie Walker Classic — this is the real thing, not a marketing claim. It's demanding, tournament-conditioned, and rewards accurate ball-striking over power. Play it if you want to measure your game against a genuine championship layout; go elsewhere first if you're newer to golf, as this isn't a forgiving course to learn on.

## 3. At a Glance — Quick Data Table

| Field                 | Detail                                                                |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Designer              | Yoshikazu Kato                                                        |
| Holes / Par / Yardage | 18 holes · Par 72 · 7,179 yards                                       |
| Opened                | 1991                                                                  |
| Location + Drive Time | ~10 mins from Phuket International Airport. Thalang, northern Phuket. |
| Closed On             | Open every day                                                        |

| Field                 | Detail                                                                |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Driving Range         | Yes                                                                   |
| Max Golfers per Group | 4 (Weekday & Weekend)                                                 |
| Golf Cart             | Include/compulsory in green fee package rate                          |
| Caddies               | Included/compulsory in green fee package rate. Separate Tip for caddy |

## 4. Overview

Blue Canyon Country Club opened its Canyon Course in 1991, the first of two 18-hole layouts Japanese architect Yoshikazu Kato carved from a 720-acre valley of former tin-mining land and rubber plantation in Phuket's Thalang district. It is, by a wide margin, Phuket's most internationally decorated course.

The Canyon Course hosted the Johnnie Walker Classic three times — 1994, 1998, and 2007 — plus the Honda Invitational in 1996 and the Thailand Open in 2005. Its most famous moment came in 1998, when a 22-year-old Tiger Woods entered the final round eight shots behind Ernie Els, shot a closing 65, and won in a sudden-death playoff — a result still cited as one of the defining moments of his early professional career in Asia. More recently, the course hosted the Asian Tour's Blue Canyon Phuket Championship in 2021.

The layout uses the site's canyon walls, freshwater lakes, and elevation changes to create narrow landing zones and forced carries that reward precision over distance — a more traditional, tournament-style test than most Phuket resort courses offer.

## 5. Why Play This Course?

- **Tournament pedigree.** Few Asian golf courses can claim a Tiger Woods win on their record.
- **A true championship test.** Built for professional competition, not resort ease — this is the round for golfers who want to be challenged.
- **Historic scenery.** Canyon walls, lakes, and jungle terrain carved from the original tin mine give the course a distinct character within Phuket.
- **Convenient location.** Ten minutes from the airport makes it easy to slot in on arrival or departure day.

## 6. Course Highlights

- **Championship design:** Yoshikazu Kato's routing uses canyon edges and ravines for dramatic, demanding holes — narrower and less forgiving than the neighboring Lakes Course.
- **Conditioning:** Tournament-standard year-round, reflecting its ongoing role as an Asian Tour venue.
- **Tournament history:** Johnnie Walker Classic (1994, 1998, 2007), Honda Invitational (1996), Thailand Open (2005), Blue Canyon Phuket Championship (2021).
- **Clubhouse & facilities:** Full resort-standard clubhouse, spa, villas, driving range, and pro shop shared with the Lakes Course.
- **Caddies & service:** Compulsory caddies, well-versed in tournament-standard course management.

## 7. Green Fee

**Green Fee (Weekday / Weekend / High Season):** [Contact us for current rates / Get a Quote](#)

## 8. Who Should Play This Course?

- **Low-handicap and competitive golfers** who want a genuine championship-standard test
- **Golf history enthusiasts** wanting to play the same holes as Tiger Woods and Greg Norman
- **Corporate groups** looking for a prestige-name course to anchor a golf day
- **Golfers on arrival/departure day** thanks to the near-airport location
- Less suited to complete beginners or golfers wanting a relaxed, low-pressure round

## 9. James' Recommendation

*"If someone asks me which Phuket course has the best story, it's Canyon every time — Tiger Woods won here. I always tell golfers not to underestimate it just because the yardage looks playable on paper; the canyon walls and narrow lines punish anything loose off the tee. Bring your A-game and lean on your caddie for the tournament-tested lines — they know exactly where the trouble is."*

## 10. Golf N Golf Recommendation

Best suited to golfers with some tournament or competitive experience who want a genuine test. Pair it with the **Lakes Course** next door for a two-round Blue Canyon day that contrasts the Canyon's demanding championship character with the Lakes' more approachable layout — convenient since both share one clubhouse. For a broader "best of Phuket" trip, pair with Red Mountain for two very different but equally respected championship experiences.

## 11. Guest Reviews

[No guest reviews yet — [ฟลัด เขียน Review](#) ให้น้อย.]

## 12. Frequently Asked Questions

### How far is the Canyon Course from my hotel?

About 10 minutes from Phuket International Airport and northern Phuket resorts; expect 35–45 minutes from Patong or Karon further south. Ask James for your specific transfer time when booking.

### Is the Canyon Course suitable for beginners?

Not ideally — this is a genuine championship layout built for competitive play, with narrow landing zones and demanding carries. First-timers or high-handicap golfers may enjoy it more as a "bucket list" round than a comfortable one; we're happy to suggest a gentler alternative if that fits your group better.

### What's the best time of year to play?

November through April offers the most consistent dry-season conditions across Phuket, Blue Canyon included.

### Can Golf N Golf arrange transport to Blue Canyon?

Yes — we handle transfers for guests staying anywhere on the island, whether for a single round or as part of a multi-course Phuket trip.

#### **Is Blue Canyon suitable for non-golfers in the group?**

The resort has a spa and villas on-site, so non-golfing companions have plenty to do while you play, rather than needing to be dropped elsewhere.

### **13. Planning Your Golf Holiday**

**3-Day Golf Trip:** Day 1 — arrival, settle in near the airport/north Phuket; Day 2 — Canyon Course; Day 3 — Lakes Course for a lighter contrast round, then relax.

**5-Day Golf Trip:** Open with Canyon Course early in the trip while legs are fresh (it's demanding), follow with 2–3 other courses across the island, and close with a rest day.

**Sightseeing:** Thalang district is close to Phuket's Old Town history sites and the Thalang National Museum for a non-golf half-day between rounds.

### **14. SEO Package (Internal Use)**

- **SEO Title:** Blue Canyon Canyon Course Phuket | Tiger Woods' Championship Course — Golf N Golf
- **Meta Description:** Play the Blue Canyon Canyon Course, site of Tiger Woods' famous 1998 win. Book tee times with Golf N Golf and get James' honest course guide.
- **URL Slug:** /golf-courses/phuket/blue-canyon-canyon-course
- **Focus Keyword:** Blue Canyon Canyon Course Phuket
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