



1 Nikanti is a distinctive all-inclusive experience set in a first-class facility where the buggies come with Visage GPS.

2 The six-star cuisine at the Kun Restaurant and ambiance is exceptionally good.

3 The restaurant is the centre piece of Nikanti's huge clubhouse and can seat up to 120.

4 The par-3 14th hole is not as easy as it looks and the green has some serious slopes.

5 The idea of having six par-3s, six par-4s and six par-5s makes it an interesting challenge.

6 The views of the surrounding areas are excellent, even from the cigar room.

Nikanti ready for challenge

World-class facility opens in southwest Bangkok with unique all-in-one concept

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THE latest addition to the region's list of golf courses has been unveiled – it is one that is certainly going to cause a stir and most definitely ranks among Thailand's premier destinations.

Nikanti Golf Club is in Nakhon Pathom Province, located in the southwest districts of the capital and about an hour's drive from downtown Bangkok.

Almost everything about this golf club is different and uniquely crafted. For starters, it's a par-72 18-hole layout that prides itself as Asia's first course comprising three six-hole tracts, a rather novel idea of having each six featuring two par-3s, two par-4s and two par-5s.

Indeed, local golf course architect Pirapon Namatra, who designed Nikanti, has developed an interesting and challenging venue.

It is simple to see that careful planning went into Nikanti and that steps were taken to ensure the surrounding natural terrain and environment were kept almost untouched.

There's little doubt the experienced players will find it a good test. In equal measure, high handicappers will enjoy this course, playing off the intermediate tees.

The big-hitters have several options from where to attack and while length can be an advantage, Nikanti does place a premium on shot-making and good course management.

The club's all-inclusive concept is also one that will be widely accepted as the right direction in which to move.

Such are the arrangements, that one's fees for a round here include green fee, buggy, caddy and lunch.

"This allows our golfers and guests to concentrate on enjoying themselves and their golf," said Nikanti managing director Nick Sasomsub. "The black, or championship tees, measure 6,789 yards, while the blue tee box comes in at 6,273 yards and the white at 5,796 yards. The ladies' red tees stretch 5,143 yards."

"There is no other destination in Asia that we know of where such a truly distinctive and all-inclusive golf experience can be had.

"From tee to green, as well as from the chef's kitchen to dining table and during private events, Nikanti Golf Club goes out of its way to make it a pleasure visiting here," added Sasomsub.



Facts & Figures

Golf Course Nikanti Golf Club
Course Architect Pirapon (Ope) Namatra of Golf East

Holes 18
Par 72
Golf Cart Compulsory
Caddies With each player, including tip

Club rentals Yes
Shoes rentals Yes

Club House 9,467sq.m with pro shop, restaurant, courtyard, wine bar, cigar room, locker rooms, function rooms and ballroom.

Bookings An all-inclusive fee which includes green fees, buggy, caddie and lunch

Length **Yards**
Black 6,789
Blue 6,273
White 5,796
Red 5,143

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