

# The Montgomerie



## What the THE MONTGOMERIE says ↗

Expansive, well-bunkered fairways wind between lakes and mature foliage of up-market housing estates, over attractively and moderately undulating ground: a grand scale course. The combined design styles of one of the world's more adventurous designers, and a seasoned and respected tour player (plus a lavish budget) was always going to produce some interesting results. For a player known for his consistency off the tee, there's a lot more space off the tee than Monty might himself require. Enter Muirhead: the greens all have significant undulations and/or ridges - out of place on the fairway, and your short game and putting will be severely tested. Water and bunkers add to the challenge. Muirhead-ism also seems evident at the par 5 4th designed like a snake (whose eyes are bunkers behind the green), the extraordinary par 3 13th green shaped like the UAE surrounded by water and a 360o teeing ground, and a bunker in the shape of a hand at the par 3 17th. A must-play course for those interested in design...



| Yards | Par | Yards  | Par |
|-------|-----|--------|-----|
| 1 402 | 4   | 10 411 | 4   |
| 2 421 | 4   | 11 404 | 4   |
| 3 473 | 4   | 12 463 | 4   |
| 4 543 | 5   | 13 190 | 3   |
| 5 421 | 4   | 14 541 | 5   |
| 6 220 | 3   | 15 370 | 4   |
| 7 421 | 4   | 16 464 | 4   |
| 8 197 | 3   | 17 204 | 3   |
| 9 595 | 5   | 18 656 | 5   |
| 3693  | 36  | 3703   | 36  |
|       |     | 7396   | 72  |

Muirhead & Montgomerie (2002)

✉ **The Montgomerie** ★★★★★  
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✈ Dubai. Exit airport following signs for Al Rashidiya. After 700m, approaching first lights, r onto sliproad leading to Marrakesh St, following this for approx 1.5km. Then follow signs for, and take, the Business Bay bridge crossing, some 6km after which, take sliproad r on to Al Khail Rd in the direction of Abu Dhabi (j). After some 16km, take sliproad r onto Umm Suqeim St. After some 4km take sliproad for Sheik Zayed Rd in direction of Abu Dhabi (l). After some 2.5km take sliproad for Emirates Hills, straight across first rbt and follow road to club (N.B. roadworks at the rbt may change this).



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Max handicap **28 36**  
Hotel, Pool, Spa, Golf Academy with 9 hole par 3 course

# The Best Place to Stay in Dubai

The competition is strong, not least with the hyped attraction of The Burj Arab (OTT, if you want it!), The Address (modern sumptuous) and plenty of other top-end competition, but the key to The Montgomerie is understatement (rare for Dubai). Discreet and exclusive, next door to top end residential Emirates Hills, with welcoming staff and stunning interior décor, this is a boutique hotel immediately above The Montgomerie's clubhouse, of which it forms a seamless part. Generously sized rooms easily meet five-star standards, featuring huge double beds and lavish bathrooms with separate self-contained shower

presented in shot glasses and other attractive little dishes) – all for some £33 per head for as much as you can eat... Meanwhile, the informal Bunkers restaurant on the ground floor serves well for post-golf refreshments, as much as for snacks after a dip in the large nearby pool (outside bar to go with it).

Such are The Montgomerie's powers of relaxation that you may find it hard to fit in time for golf either here, or at the neighbouring Emirates club: the hotel is the ideal base for them both. Shopping around on the internet, you can get a room here



and toilet suites. Elemis toiletries and other luxuries add to the pampering opportunities.

There are also two large suites, one of which connects to Monty's room – he always stays in the same one: ask on reservation.

The Angsana Spa is just as stunningly designed, with sumptuous treatment rooms. All kinds of massages are on offer and/or The Essence of Angsana (e.g. a Royal Treat comprises a 30 minute body polish, 60 minute body massage and a 30 minute foot massage - the ultimate body pampering session, soothing your senses, smoothing your skin; all for approx £100). Revitalisation reincarnated...

Launched a couple of years ago, 19 has won numerous best restaurant awards. The best here is the Friday Brunch, a complete feast of hot and cold buffet goodies beautifully displayed in fine dining style: prawns, seafood and fish; zillions of little plates full of starters; meat courses and desserts (fruit soups, and sweets



in high season for less than £200 per night, extremely good value for this level of quality.

Easily the nicest place we stayed at in Dubai.

*NB Sterling equivalent prices are based on exchange rates as at August 2009*



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