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Book your vacation at one of these **great resorts** now **and save** during the summer months

Like to spend your vacation on the golf course but don't want to pay full price? *Golf Tips* went looking for some of the best deals (on some of the world's best courses) and found three outstanding resorts in the process. Whether it's discounted green fees or online packages, this summer you can work on your golf swing, save a few pennies and get a tan while you're at it.

JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort & Spa at Summerlin

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Only 20 minutes from the neon lights of the Las Vegas Strip, the JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort & Spa at Summerlin is a 54-acre desert oasis set in Vegas' golfing hub. In addition to its proximity to a dozen nearby courses, the AAA Four Diamond Resort boasts a 50,000-square-foot casino and an only slightly smaller spa.

The Golf: Home of the Justin Timberlake Shriners' Hospitals for Children Open, the TPC at the Canyons is less than a mile from the JW Marriott. The 18-hole championship golf course measures 7,063 yards and was designed by Bobby Weed with input from Raymond Floyd. Be prepared for dramatic elevation changes as holes frequently cross over desert ravines and arroyos. Want to test your luck at other Vegas tracks? Guests at the JW Marriott enjoy preferred tee times at 12 nearby golf courses via the resort's Executive Golf Desk.

Accommodations: The JW Marriott has 548 guestrooms, 77 of which are suites. Rooms offer views of the distant Strip, Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area and the resort's gardens. Oversized bathrooms with whirlpool bathtubs are just one way the JW Marriott pampers its guests.

Diversions: It's hard to believe that Cirque du Soleil's groundbreaking show "O" (at the Bellagio) is in its 10th year. When it debuted in 1998, critics applauded how it blended acrobatics and clowning with sophisticated technical artistry (the stage is set in, on and above a 1.5-million gallon pool of water). Derived from the French word for water, "eau" (pronounced "O"), the spectacle has neither aged nor gotten less exciting. Tickets, which were once impossible to come by, are now slightly easier (although advanced planning is still highly recommended). Check cirquedusoleil.com for availability.

Dining: The JW Marriott offers a dozen dining experiences on site, including Ceres, an upscale contemporary restaurant serving American-style fare. Shizen, a Japanese restaurant offering both sushi and Teppanyaki (a cooking style often associated with the Benihana restaurant chain) and the authentic Irish pub, J.C. Wooloughan.

How To Save: Vegas golf courses heavily discount their green fees in the summer months. Consider TPC at the Canyons. Starting June 1st, their rates drop from \$235 to \$95 from Monday through Thursday.

Average High Temperature: June: 85°, July: 91°, August: 89°