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Bahia Beach Resort and Golf Club

LOCATION *Puerto Rico*

PRICES *\$675,000-\$3.55 million+*

COURSE *Bahia Beach*

Golf Course designed
by Robert Trent Jones Jr.

NEAREST AIRPORT *Luis Muñoz
Marín International Airport*

WEB SITE *bahiabeach-
puertorico.com*

It's a lesser-altitude sort of nature that's front and center at Bahia Beach Resort and Golf Club, located in the shoreline jungle just 25 minutes from San Juan. "We've stayed low with the construction — after all, you don't want buildings popping out above the tree line," says Federico Sanchez, developer of the resort. That was quite a trick, considering that some of these homes — with sweeping verandas overlooking bunkers and breakers — extend 10,000 square feet.

The Robert Trent Jones Jr.-designed course meanwhile tests golfers of all skill levels with lagoons, scenic sand traps and the occasional obstructionist palm tree. "We had a feeling for the technical issues," Jones says. "But we also opened the course up so you could see the mountain, the sea and the native flora. It's a beautiful site."

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Promontory

LOCATION *Park City, Utah*

PRICES *\$1.85-\$5.5 million*

COURSES *The Pete Dye Canyon
Golf Course, The Painted
Valley Golf Course, The Forrest
Richardson Short Course
(opening 2009), The Tom
Weiskopf Championship
Course (opening 2010 or later)*

NEAREST AIRPORT *Heber City
Airport (10 miles)*

WEB SITE *promontoryclub.com*

Thanks to the Sundance Film Festival and several bustling ski resorts, Park City might no longer be a pristine, sleepy former mining town. But you wouldn't know it standing out on the fairways of Promontory. Having dictated that the private lots (which range from one to six acres) can account for no more than 40 percent of the resort, the developers have set aside more than 4,500 acres of open space, much of it blanketed by sagebrush and aspen groves. "When you're standing on a hill with your driver, you

feel as though you could hit the ball 8,000 miles because you have such a view," says Perry Dye, who codesigned one of the courses with his famous father, Pete.

Promontory, only halfway through its golf build-out, already boasts two demanding sets of links. At 8,170 yards, the Nicklaus Painted Valley Course requires length (don't worry, the altitude helps); the Dyes' course merely requires you to pick your way through precipitous canyons and rock outcroppings that will

almost make you reach for a pair of crampons instead of woods. "The area has a high percentage of good golfers," Perry says, explaining his course's absurdly high 142 slope rating from the back tees. "But we put in tees for juniors, too. It runs the gamut."

Also in the works are 19 holes by Forrest Richardson, which will serve as the bunny slope to the black-diamond Nicklaus and Dye offerings, and a ridgeline course that, according to the developers, is still just a gleam in Tom Weiskopf's eye.