

MINI GOLF COURSE HOLE DESCRIPTION

MURRAY'S EEL-ELECTRIC AVENUE

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Eel-lectric Avenue: A Bioluminescent Mini Golf Adventure

Welcome to “**Eel-lectric Avenue**,” Murray the Moray Eel’s pride and joy. Set within the existing 3,500–4,000 sq ft mini golf course on the top deck of Royal Caribbean cruise ships, this course immerses guests in a **vivid coral reef by day** and transforms into a **glowing bioluminescent seascape by night**. Inspired by **ocean lighting and the various quirks of eels**, each hole combines themed obstacles with interactive effects.

Design & Layout

This compact course loops through a reef of coral sculptures and rockwork to divide up the green, while also creating unique environments for each hole. Murray appears at key points offering fun facts and tips. Lightweight modular turf provides stability on the moving ship, while gentle elevation changes add variety to the green. At night, UV-reactive paint and LEDs activate throughout the course, lighting up paths, props, and even the golf balls. Fiber optics simulate glowing coral polyps and plankton, giving players the feeling of snorkeling by day and night-diving in a living reef.

Hole Descriptions

Hole 1: Murray’s Man-Cave (A Moray’s Welcome)

After closing time at The Fang & Fin, Murray slithers back to his cozy coral pad—aka his “Man-Cave”. This hole introduces players to Murray’s reefy residence, nestled into the side of a vibrant coral outcrop. Players must putt their foam golf balls into the entrance of Murray’s cave, timed just right to avoid his animated head popping in and out. This obstacle is inspired by the natural breathing motion of morays. By day, the cave is a colorful coral nook dotted with sponges and sea stars. By night, UV paint causes the reef to softly glow, while Murray’s eyes gleam a spooky green. As the ball sinks into his hideaway, Murray’s voice chimes in: “Nice shot! Welcome to Chez Moray – no shoes, no scales, no problem!”

This hole kicks off the journey by showing where Murray hides out when he is not mixing drinks, an opportunity to dole out golf tips at his pride and joy, Eel-lectric Avenue. A cheeky plaque outside the cave reads: “Home Sweet Hole – Murray the Moray’s Reef Retreat.”

Hole 2: Ribbon Reef (Color-Changing Eel)

A winding, ribbon-shaped fairway guides the ball through three color-coded arches representing the ribbon eel’s life stages—black (juvenile), blue(male), and yellow(female). A small eel head peeks from a burrow, while UV paint on arches glows at night, symbolizing the eel’s transformation and ribbon-like body.

Hole 3: Snowflake Shallows (Double Jaws)

Inspired by the snowflake eel, this hole features speckled rock obstacles and a double-mouth tunnel that mimics its pharyngeal jaws. Players putt through a larger head into a smaller one, triggering a “chomp” sound. Glowing patterns and crab shell bumpers reflect their diet and behavior.

Hole 4: Electric Eel Estuary (Shocking Encounter)

A murky Amazon River scene with epoxy “water” patches and mangrove roots, the ball passes between electrodes, activating strobe lighting and buzzing sounds. A short tunnel reveals a glowing eel silhouette. The setting mirrors electric eels’ shocking ability and their dim, swampy habitat.

Hole 5: Garden Eel Garden (Seagrass Swing)

Players navigate a field of slender garden eel-styled poles that sway and retract if hit. The sandy green is calm but demands precision. At night, the poles glow and UV highlights simulate a bioluminescent field. The reactive eels mimic how these creatures vanish into burrows when approaching their domain.

Hole 6: Wreck of the Eel (Sunken Treasure)

A sunken ship has a ramp into a porthole that is guarded by a large conger eel. The ball rolls into a treasure chest-themed hole surrounded by the eel’s body. Sound and glowing eyes dramatize the moment. Themed to the idea of eels hiding in wrecks, it blends realism with the pirate-themed fantasy of the neighborhood.

Hole 7: Dragon Eel Den (Fiery Cavern)

Set within a volcanic cave, this hole honors the horned, vibrant dragon moray eel. Players aim through its toothy mouth and across a narrow red bridge over a red-turfed lava pit. Smoking puffs and draconic sounds enhance the drama. Its distinct horns and coloration make this eel a natural “boss level.”

Hole 8: Luminescent Lagoon (Nighttime Spectacle)

A simple hole focuses on the atmosphere. Glow sand, fiber optic filled coral, and jellyfish-like lights fill the area. As the ball rolls, LEDs create a glowing trail, mimicking plankton wakes. Calming sounds and immersive lighting offer a meditative break before the finale.

Hole 9: Gulper's Abyss (Grand Finale)

Set in the deep sea, players must land the ball in the massive gaping mouth of a gulper eel model. Its glowing whip-like tail snakes across the hole, flashing pink/red like the eel's real lure. The mouth "swallows" the ball into a collector, accompanied by sound effects. A glowing Murray bids farewell as players surface.

"Eel-lectric Avenue" brings marine biology and magic together in a compact, high-seas adventure. By day, guests explore colorful reefs; by night, they plunge into a glowing dreamscape. Each hole educates through play—highlighting behaviors, anatomy, and habitats of eels from shallow reefs to abyssal depths. Whether dodging chomping jaws or gliding past glowing jellyfish, players leave with smiles, stories, and a new appreciation for these incredible underwater creatures.