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# Cahill moves to **Villa**

Everton hero Tim Cahill tells **Janet Tansley** about his four-bedroom holiday home in Turkey

**E**VERTON midfielder Tim Cahill is clearly at home on the football pitch. But now he's at home a little further afield too. The 30-year-old Australian has bought a four bedroom villa in Turkey.

"I was looking for a good holiday home about a year and a half ago," says Tim, "when I heard about the Flamingo Golf Resort. My villa was completed about six months ago and I love it. I'm very lucky, it's somewhere to catch some sun and I do see it as an investment too."

The villa has been built on a 500 sq m plot and has four bedrooms, a living room and three bathrooms, one of which is an ensuite.

There is a terrace and roof terrace and a private swimming pool and garden.

"And it's got great views of the golf course," smiles Tim.

"Being a footballer you don't always know when you're going to be able to get away, so this is ideal.

"It's not too far away and it's easy to get to. It's five minutes from Bodrum airport, so I can take in some sun, play a bit of golf and fly my family over from Australia for a holiday too."

So why Turkey?

"Turkey is a beautiful location and it's fascinating to see how much the area I have chosen is growing," he says.

"It's got great weather, beaches, good food and a great tourist industry which is booming.

"It's not too far either from Galatasaray who my mate Harry Kewell plays for so I will be able to go and watch him and other mates play when I come out here.

"I have travelled all over the world and Turkey has got to be one of the most beautiful places I have been to.

"And there's not only places like Bodrum, but Istanbul too, with so much to see. It's a great place to have a holiday home."

Tim paid around £200,000 for his property but there are smaller apartments and villas on offer too.

"I like my villa because the bedrooms are nice and big, there's a massive kitchen and, of course, my own pool was a big plus.

"The living area is all 'summer living', open plan, which suits me being an Australian. I'm really happy with it so whenever I can get away I'll be here."

Property has always been something Tim is interested in.

"I love being involved in it," he says. "Outside of football it is something I like to do.

"Here, the guys are still working on this project and so there are always new things, and the more I do to my property, the more value there is in it.

"But it's not just about money. It's a beautiful estate, with great villas, and a great place to be. I know I'm getting my money's worth and I hope to keep this villa for a very long time."



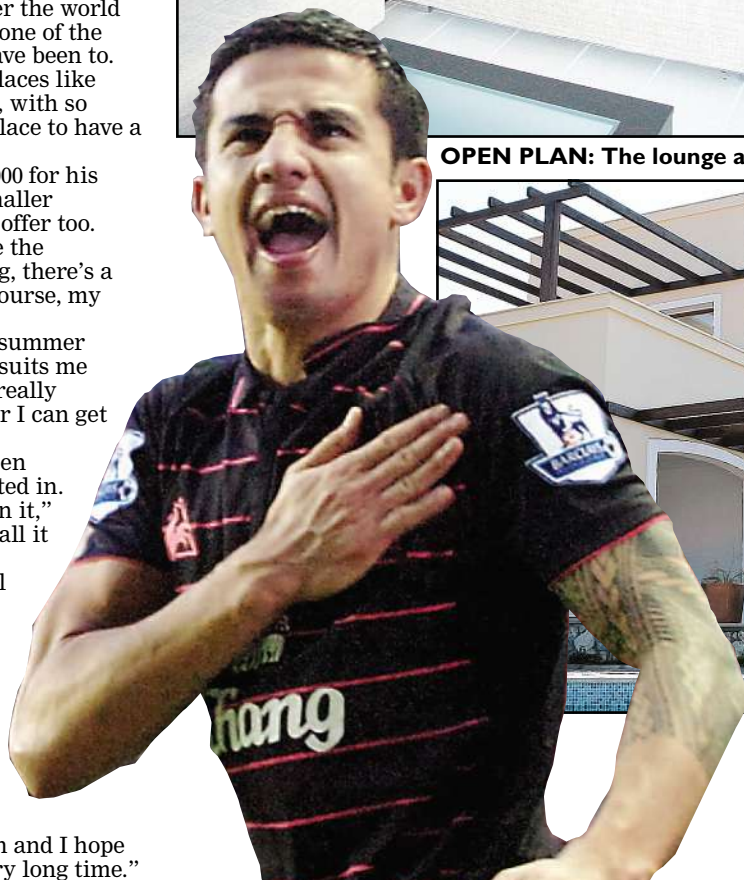
**WATER VILLA:** The private swimming pool at Tim Cahill's Turkish golf villa, near Bodrum



**OPEN PLAN:** The lounge and kitchen area



**SPORTSMAN'S PARADISE:** The villa has fabulous views of the nearby golf course, says Tim



**ON THE DAY JOB:** Tim celebrating a goal for the Blues (left) and the exterior of his new villa

## Need to know Flamingo Golf resort, Bodrum

● Flamingo Golf Resort is a self-contained development of apartments and villas adjacent to Vita Park golf courses, a 40 unit shopping complex, a hotel, flamingo nature reserve and the Aegean Sea inlet.

It is 22km from Bodrum town and 7km from Bodrum-Milas international airport, and 2km from the picturesque coastal village of Guvercinlik which boasts numerous restaurants specialising in Aegean seafood.

Each plot is 500-800sq m with individual freehold title deed and full planning permission for a two storey villa or apartment.

Each one also has its own garden, gated entrance and private swimming pool.

There are bars and restaurants, supermarkets, shopping facilities, a fitness centre, communal swimming pools and park areas.

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Although known mostly as a summer holiday destination, Bodrum is becoming increasingly popular with visitors in the other seasons.

Unlike many holiday resorts Bodrum does not close its shutters at the end of summer but continues an active though less frenetic life of its own.

The colourful bazaars are open on their scheduled days, temperatures pleasant and local people have more time for each visiting guest. It is increasingly becoming a trendy, cosmopolitan holiday resort popular with families and with the younger set.

The Turkish government has decided to designate the Bodrum peninsula as an area to be developed and marketed as a world-class golfing destination. Plans are already lodged for as many as six further golf resorts in the area.