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I am delighted to have been asked to welcome you to Scotland on the back of what was a truly unforgettable year for me personally. There can surely be no bigger thrill than captaining your team to victory on home soil and I was privileged to experience that for myself at Gleneagles during last year’s Solheim Cup. Quite simply, it was the greatest week of my career. To win is always a great feeling but to do it in front of a home crowd, only an hour-and-a-half from my home in North Berwick, was extra special.

As a proud Scot, it was wonderful to see and hear the compliments people had both for Gleneagles and the country in the build-up to, during and since the match. Once again, we demonstrated why, when it comes to golf, there’s no place quite like the cradle of the game.

This year marks my 26th year as a professional golfer and, in the last quarter-century or so, I’ve lost count of the number of times somebody – from supporters to fellow players – has asked me about the best places to play golf in Scotland. It has an appeal that is truly unique.

That’s where this guide comes in. It is designed to give you all the information you could possibly want about our rich history and fabulous courses. It is split into six regions to make it easy for you to navigate.

Whatever it is that you’re looking for – from the background to how we invented the game or the phone number or email address for a specific club – you’ll find it all in here.

All that remains is for me to say, on behalf of all my compatriots, welcome to Scotland! You’re going to love it here.

Catriona Matthew
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Discover the ‘Birthplace of the Open’ and a region that is famed for its proliferation of world-class links courses and stunning coastline.

Highlands & Islands
Get a taste of the game in the northernmost corner of the home of golf... and try some island hopping.

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“From Cambodia to Canada, Lithuania to Lebanon, and Bulgaria to Belize, there are golf courses in every corner of the globe – but there’s only one country that the sport calls home, and that’s Scotland.

A number of other countries have, at various times, tried to lay claim to being the cradle of the game but none can lay claim to what Scotland can: historical documents that support their claims with tangible evidence.

The first written record of golf can be traced back to March 6, 1457, when King James II banned the sport. The monarch wrote: “It is ordained and decreed that football and golf be utterly condemned and not practised.” He had grown tired, it appears, of the game distracting his people from military training – more specifically, archery practice – and so it was prohibited by royal command.

That’s how it stayed for almost half a century before the ban was finally lifted when the Treaty of Glasgow – also known as the Treaty of Perpetual Peace – came into effect in 1502. A significant moment in history, it put an end to the warfare that Scotland and England had waged against one another for the preceding 200 years and paved the way for the Union of the Crowns just over a century later. This, in turn, led to the formation of Great Britain as we know it today.

For golf, the signing of the Treaty of Glasgow was a significant watershed. With a reduced need for military training, the people of Scotland could once again enjoy playing the sport, which, in turn, laid the foundations for it to become the multi-national sport and multi-billion business it is today.

Welcome to Scotland, the birthplace of golf, and the home of many of the world’s best courses. You’re going to love it…

“Scotland is a fantastic place to play golf. It’s very friendly and it’s also very cheap to play in the home of golf. Compare it to other destinations and you’re getting a really good deal. There is so much to offer. Scotland is just such a good place to go and play golf. There is no place like Scotland after your round, what with all the pubs and restaurants to go to, there really is so much going on. It’s just out of this world.”

Sam Torrance
The most recent detailed research puts the total number of people who play golf around the world at over 60 million, with more than 31,000 different courses spanning six of the seven Continents.

However, the oldest of them all is found right here, on the east coast of Scotland, in the ancient university town of St Andrews. Archbishop Hamilton’s Charter from 1552 is the earliest documented evidence of the people of the town being allowed to play golf on the famous links adjacent to the West Sands. Principally a license to allow the Archbishop to breed rabbits on the ground, the document also permitted locals to continue “playing at golf, football, schuting at gamis, with all uther maner of pastyme as ever thai plais.” From that, the Old Course was born.

In addition to being the home of the world’s oldest course, St Andrews is also widely accepted as golf’s spiritual and administrative hometown. The sport’s ruling body, The R&A, is based directly behind the first tee of the Old Course, whilst the influence of the game is felt all throughout the town.

So it’s appropriate, then, that it was a St Andrews man who helped to increase the game’s popularity during the 19th century. That man was Thomas Mitchell Morris Sr, although you may know him better as ‘Old Tom Morris’. Born on 16 June 1821, Morris was the son of a weaver and started playing golf at the age of ten. According to folklore, he used to knock wine-bottle corks pierced with nails around the streets of the town using a homemade club before, at the age of 14, he was hired as an apprentice by Allan Robertson.

Widely regarded as the world’s first-ever professional golfer, Robertson operated St Andrews Links and was the owner of an influential equipment-making business. Morris spent a number of years working with and learning from him before leaving to take up a job at Prestwick Golf Club in Ayrshire. It was there that he helped to establish golf’s first real professional tournament: The Open Championship.

Morris himself struck the first-ever shot in The Open on 17 October 1860, where a further seven golfers joined him at Prestwick to do battle for the Challenge Belt. Made from red Moroccan leather and embellished with a silver buckle and emblems, the belt was the brainchild of the Earl of Eglinton, a leading light in the championship’s creation. However, there was to be no fairytale victory for Morris that first year. Instead, it was Willie Park Sr of Musselburgh who entered the history books as the first-ever ‘Champion Golfer of the Year’, beating Old Tom to the title by two shots.

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James Montgomerie, father of European Tour star Colin, has spent over 60 years of his life linked with Royal Troon. He was also the golf club’s secretary for 11 years.

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James & Colin Montgomerie

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The 147th Open in 2018 saw Carnoustie host its eighth Open Championship, and along with the annual Alfred Dunhill Links Championship, the course has played host to the prestigious Women’s British Open and two Senior Opens, making it one of very few courses to have done so.

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Since then, The Open has become an annual fixture in the British sporting diary and, along with The Masters, the US Open and the US PGA Championship, it is one of the four men’s major championships.

It has been held every year, with the exception of 1871 and during the First and Second World Wars, with the most recent edition in 2019 having taken place at Royal Portrush in Northern Ireland, where the Emerald Isle’s own Shane Lowry won his maiden major.

Nowhere, however, has staged the championship more than St Andrews. The Old Course, in fact, was the first course outside of Prestwick to stage the event. The Ayrshire links hosted the first 12 championships before it moved east to St Andrews, no doubt partly on account of Old Tom having returned there to take up the position of greenkeeper and professional in 1865. It has since hosted it 29 different times.

As well as the Old Course and Prestwick, five other places in Scotland have staged the championship: Musselburgh Links, Muirfield, Carnoustie, Royal Troon and Trump Turnberry. With the exception of Prestwick and Musselburgh Links, all continue to feature on what is called the ‘Open Rota’ to this day. In total, the event has taken place in Scotland on a total of 86 occasions. It will next be played here in 2021, when the Old Course plays host to the 150th edition of the championship.

Towards the end of the 19th century, interest in golf had really taken hold across Scotland and the wider UK, and new courses soon began to appear in just about every part of the country. Designs were drawn up by the sea, amidst parks, through dramatic mountain ranges, on the edges of cliffs, within glorious forests, inside luxurious country estates. Wherever there was an opportunity to build a course, one would soon appear, invariably crafted by the design skills and intuition of some of the game’s most important figures.

Old Tom was one of the foremost designers of his day and lent his talents his to the likes of Carnoustie’s Championship Course, Cruden Bay and Royal Dornoch.

James Braid, meanwhile, was behind the King’s and Queen’s Courses at Gleneagles, as well as Boat of Garten, Downfield and Royal Musselburgh. The Elie man was equally adept as a golfer, winning The Open on five occasions.

“The End of the 19th Century, Interest in Golf Had Really Taken Hold Across the Wider UK”
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More recently, modern Scottish stars have designed exceptional courses of their own in their home country. Sam Torrance’s eponymous links at the Fairmont St Andrews Resort in Fife is one such example, whilst eight-time European Tour Order of Merit winner Colin Montgomerie created the popular inland track at Rowallan Castle in Ayrshire.

Truth be told, though, wherever you look, you will find a golf course that takes your fancy. With over 550 layouts to choose from, it goes without saying that you are spoilt for choice.

As well as Open host venues, Scotland is also home to the likes of Kingsbarns Golf Links, Castle Stuart, Royal Aberdeen, Royal Dornoch, Gullane, Dalmahoy, Dundonald Links, North Berwick, Monifieth and so on. It is a long and distinguished list that is the envy of many other countries around the world.

Now, you could easily be forgiven for thinking that they cost a small fortune to play but nothing could be further from the truth. On the contrary, one of the great things about golf in Scotland is how affordable, accessible and inclusive it is. Whether you have £20 to spend on a green fee or £200, whether you are a scratch golfer or have never swung a club before in your life, whether you are a young child or a grown adult, there is something for everybody here in our country – and you don’t have to look hard to find it.

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**Colin Montgomerie**
An eight-time winner of the European Tour Order of Merit and one of the best Ryder Cup players of all time.

**Paul Lawrie**
The 1999 Open champion won a total of eight European Tour titles and starred in the Ryder Cups of 1999 and 2012.
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No visit to Scotland would be complete without experiencing golf the way that it was originally intended to be played, when the first recorded rounds of golf were played in St Andrews around the middle of the 16th century. In order to do that, you need to play a links course.

The game has grown massively since then, especially in the last 20 years, through new technology, new players and new audiences, which has helped take the game to previously unthinkable heights.

However, throughout all of that, there has, and always will be, one constant: links golf. Links isn’t a term specific to golf courses. Effectively, it’s a strip of generally undulating but sandy terrain linking the sea and the arable farmland around the British Isles. As it was often unused, it proved to be perfect ground for golf, due to its firmness and grass which, when cut, provides an easy-to-maintain playing surface.

In the main, links courses are found in coastal locations. The word ‘links’ is thought to be derived from the Old English word ‘hlinc’, which means ‘rising ground’, or ‘ridge’, and was commonly used to describe an area of coastal sand dunes. For golf course architects, it is the dream location.

For many traditionalists, links golf is the ultimate test of a golfer’s skill, as it requires so much more than a drive, an iron and a putt. Links golf demands imagination and creativity, and it is a game played
There are roughly 45,000 rounds of golf being played on the Old Course at St Andrews every single year.
I really didn’t like links golf in the beginning, but the one thing I could do was chip and putt. I could really get the ball up and down. When you play links golf courses, you miss more greens on your approach shots than you do on soft American greens. So getting the ball up and down was right in my wheelhouse, so to speak. I think that’s one of the reasons I had such great success on them.

*Tom Watson*
close to the ground, rather than through the air.

This criteria matches the great Seve Ballesteros perfectly. The late Spaniard is regarded as one of the finest links golfers of all time, having won the Open Championship on three occasions, and Seve is famous for his miraculous escape shots from almost every possible spot on a links course. After winning his first Open at Royal Lytham in 1979, aged 22, he famously said: “I play good from the rough – I have plenty of practice.”

He also observed another important element that regularly plays a major part in links golf: “The biggest problem when playing links courses is the wind. If the wind is up, then it’s a real test,” he said.

Colin Maclaine, chairman of the 1979 Open committee, perhaps summed up Seve’s play on links courses better than anyone: “Seve preferred his own course, which mainly consisted of hay fields, car parks, grandstands, dropping zones and even ladies’ clothing.”

It is vital that you stay out of the aforementioned places when playing some of Scotland’s finest links, especially when the almost ever-present wind is up.

Links is golf as it was originally intended to be played, and, as a result, roughly one in five of Scotland’s 550 courses is a links. On the whole, traditional links courses have simply been laid out over the natural terrain, and haven’t been forced upon the land. Hence why it is deemed the purest, and most challenging, form of golf there is.

Links are largely exposed to the elements, and tend to have very few trees. Bunkers are smaller and deeper than those on an inland course, and the turf is noticeably different also. You’ll find grass that has short blades with long roots, and wispy, long grass in the rough. The type of soil drains very quickly, and this allows many links courses to be open 365 days of the year.

Links golf isn’t easy, it’s often unfair, but it is undoubtedly golf at its very best.

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“THE TYPE OF SOIL DRAINS VERY QUICKLY AND ALLOWS LINKS COURSES TO BE OPEN 365 DAYS A YEAR.”
THERE’S NOWHERE BETTER FOR A QUICK ROUND

TIME FOR NINE?
Pushed for time but still desperate to grab your clubs and get out on the course? Nine-hole golf is the answer to all your problems. The sport has embraced nine-hole golf in the last few years and that step away from the traditional game has, so far, been a huge success.

The results of a survey conducted by golf’s governing body, the R&A, back in 2015 discovered a particularly intriguing statistic that would trigger a change in how the 18-hole game is played. It highlighted that 60% of people would enjoy golf more if it took less time. It also discovered that, amongst 25 to 44-year-olds who are unhappy with the time required to play the game, more than one in five would like to see the playing time reduced by up to an hour-and-a-half. The survey also showed that 19% would love the chance to play nine holes more often.

The answer? Embracing shorter formats of the game, similarly to other sports such as cricket with the introduction of T20, and this is exactly what the R&A did with the introduction of its annual Nine Hole Championship. Its success has been evident, with over 15,000 golfers entering nine-hole qualifying events held at clubs throughout Great Britain and Ireland.

In Scotland, the nine-hole qualifying event again took place at Milnathort Golf Club after a hugely successful debut in 2018 that resulted in the event spanning two days due to the high volume of entries. The final is held each year on the Saturday prior to the Open Championship, giving 42 golfers the chance to play one of the world’s greatest courses in peak condition.

If you are now convinced, you’re in luck, as Scotland is home to an abundance of nine-hole layouts. Roughly one in five Scottish golf courses has just nine holes, and although they are only half the size of a conventional layout, they lack absolutely nothing in terms of enjoyment, attraction and challenge. Just ask 1999 Open champion Paul Lawrie, who knows a thing or two about golf.
“I am very supportive of shorter forms of the game, including nine-hole golf,” said the two-time Ryder Cup player, who owns his own nine-hole course in Aberdeenshire. “It’s great to see that so many clubs and golfers around the country are involved in organising and playing nine-hole competitions.”

The popularity of nine-hole golf is clear and easy to see. The sport isn’t reinventing the wheel though, with so many courses to choose from, but the fun and faster form of the game has perhaps been overlooked at times.

One of the key aspects of the nine-hole format is that it appeals to people who don’t have much in the way of spare time. Whether it’s through family commitments and attempting to juggle this with work, or through general day-to-day life, some golfers simply can’t afford to spend upwards of four or five hours playing golf once or twice a week. However, for many such golfers there is an answer: nine-holes, which naturally takes half the time to play being half the size of the regular layout.

The majority of the population are now very time conscious, therefore with the average time to play a nine-hole course being only a little more than an hour-and-a-half, it is the ideal alternative that many people will be desperate for.

Add to this the fact that half the number of holes generally equates to half the cost – if not more – which is fantastic news for those who still love playing the sport but don’t particularly want to burn a hole in their pocket.

As if that wasn’t enough, nine-hole courses are also mainly more relaxed and, therefore, ideal for those who enjoy a round but aren’t necessarily golf fanatics. It is also for this same reason that it is the perfect location for families to enjoy the sport or those looking to simply practise.

Clubs are now beginning to cotton on to the fact that their members and visitors require better flexibility in order to allow them to play 18-holes when they can but with the option of nine-holes when a full round isn’t possible. Indeed, nine-hole memberships are growing in popularity and are typically far more affordable than a full membership.

So, this beggars the question, where can you sample the best nine-hole courses in Scotland? Look no further than the home of golf, St Andrews, which is home to numerous courses, or perhaps you have a favourite nine-hole course elsewhere? Here are a few suggestions to get you started:

**South West**
- Auchenharvie
- Beith
- Blairmore & Strone
- Bute, at Kingarth
- Carradale
- Castle Douglas
- Corrie
- Craignicks
- Craignure
- Crichton
- Dalbeattie
- Dalmally
- Gailles
- Gatehouse
- Isle of Gigha
- Hoddon Castle
- Innellan
- Inveraray
- Kyles of Bute
- Langholm
- Lochgilphead
- Lochgoilhead
- Lochranza
- Machrie Bay
- Maybole
- Muirkirk
- New Cumnock
- New Galloway
- Portpatrick, Divin
- Sanquhar
- Isle of Seil
- St. Medan
- Tarbert
- Taynuit
- Teburnary
- Vaul
- Wigtown and Bladnoch

**Highlands**
- Abernethy
- Aigas
- Aita
- Ballindalloch Castle
- Isle of Barra
- Benbecula
- Bonar Bridge/Ardgay
- Brahan
- Carrbridge
- Cawdor Castle
- Cove Links
- Craiggan
- Dalfaber
- The Dragon’s Tooth
- Durness
- Fort Augustus
- Gairloch
- Isle of Harris
- Helmsdale
- Kinloss Country
- Loch Ness, Wee Monster
- Lochcarron
- Lybster
- Portmahomack (Tarbat)
- Rothes
- Sandy Bay
- Skeabost
- Isle of Skye
- South Ronaldsay
- Spean Bridge
- Traigh
- Ullapool
- Westray

**North East**
- Aboyne Loch Pitch & Putt Plus
- Auchencleith
- Cruden Bay, St Olaf
- Deeside, Blair
- Fraserburgh, Rosehill
- Hazlehead 9 Hole
- Inchnamario
- Lumphahan
- Muncor Links (9 hole)
- Strabathie
- Paul Lawrie, Devenick
- Rosehearty

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courses, including the Balgove. The best thing about this course is you don’t need to book in advance, you can simply turn up and play. It’s brilliant fun, featuring numerous bunkers and a double green.

Perthshire is home to a wealth of fantastic nine-hole courses, and one of the best can surely be found at Gleneagles, host to the 2014 Ryder Cup and 2019 Solheim Cup. It is affectionately known as the ‘Wee Course’ and solely comprises par-3s, complementing the three world-class courses at the resort.

However, the pick of the nine-holers in Perthshire may just be Killin. Dating back to 1911, it offers stunning scenery of Loch Tay and the majestic Ben Lawers mountain range. The best is saved until last here, as the 500-yard par-5 ninth is regarded as one of the most scenic holes in golf. Perthshire is also home to St Fillans, Comrie, and the Dornock Course at Crieff.

In and around the country’s capital, Edinburgh is home to many great nine-hole layouts but the most famous of all must be Musselburgh Links. It is one of the oldest courses in the world and has hosted six different editions of The Open. Plus, it is less than £20 to play!

As well as Lawrie, two-time Open champion Padraig Harrington is a huge advocate of nine-hole golf and the benefits it can provide.

“I’m pleased that clubs are offering more opportunities for people to enjoy nine-hole golf,” the Irishman said. “This is both socially and also competitively, including for handicap purposes.”

Whether you are short on time, on a budget or simply looking for something for all the family, there are plenty of nine-hole courses for you to enjoy.

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# Designing the Perfect Open Course

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A track made entirely of holes from Scottish courses on the Open rota? It doesn’t get much better than this...

Of the ten courses currently on the Open Championship rota, five are in Scotland. In addition to the Old Course in St Andrews and the Ailsa at Trump Turnberry, you also have Royal Troon, Muirfield and Carnoustie – a quintet of the greatest courses not just in the home of golf but anywhere in the world.

Ever wondered what a golf course comprising the pick of the holes from those five layouts would look like?

That’s the task we put to Michael McEwan of Scotland’s only golf magazine, bunkered. Here’s his ‘Ultimate Open Course’.

1. **1st St Andrews (Old)**
   **Par 4, Yards 376**
   Arguably the most famous first tee in golf, the opening hole of the Old Course has one of the widest fairways in the game but beware: there’s out of bounds left and right, the Swilcan Burn encroaches down the fairway and you will, more often than not, have an audience for your first shot of the day. Historic, brilliant and challenging – what more could you want?

2. **11th Royal Troon**
   **Par 4, Yards 482**
   The toughest hole on the course – according to the Stroke Index, at least – the 11th is a long par-4 where trouble is never far away. From the railway line on the right that runs parallel to virtually the entire hole, to the thick gorse that awaits a hooked tee shot, it is brutal but brilliant.

3. **15th Muirfield**
   **Par 4, Yards 448**
   A left-to-right dog-leg, this is a superb par-4 that’s famous for its heavily guarded and raised green, which members refer to as the ‘Camel’s Back’. This is typically one of the toughest holes whenever the Open comes to town.

4. **17th Carnoustie**
   **Par 4, Yards 461**
   Is there a more difficult penultimate hole in championship golf? Not likely. The 17th at Carnoustie requires you to cross the Barry Burn multiple times and then drill a long approach into a narrow, well-protected green. A par here always feels like a birdie.

5. **6th Royal Troon**
   **Par 5, Yards 601**
   The longest hole on the Open rota, the sixth at Royal Troon requires precision from tee to green. Incidentally, you can see another Open course from this hole, with the lighthouse at Turnberry further down the coast visible on a clear day.
18th Muirfield
PAR 4  YARDS 473
As close to a perfect finish as you can get, Muirfield’s 18th has been the undoing of many players down the years. The prevailing cross-wind complicates the tee shot, whilst the bunkers that guard the entry and both sides of the green have to be avoided if you don’t want to drop shots.

3rd Carnoustie
PAR 4  YARDS 350
Proof that not all great holes have to be long, the third at Carnoustie is little more than a 4-iron off the tee in most conditions to lay up short of the bunkers. Stay out of Jockie’s Burn short of the small, undulating green and you’ll give yourself a fine chance of a birdie.

9th Trump Turnberry (Ailsa)
PAR 3  YARDS 248
Once one of the weakest holes on this Ayrshire gem, the ninth is now unquestionably one of the finest. Transformed from a par-4 into a par-3, it plays entirely across the lapping waters of the Firth of Clyde from the championship tee toward a large, sloping green that lies adjacent to the iconic Turnberry lighthouse. Just magnificent.

11th Trump Turnberry (Ailsa)
PAR 3  YARDS 215
A once mediocre par-3 is now a truly world-class one following a complete redesign in recent years. From the championship tee, you play over a succession of small inlets and rocky outcrops towards a green that is built into the rocks. Word of warning: don’t go left.

6th Carnoustie
PAR 5  YARDS 578
Named after the great Ben Hogan, who won the Open at Carnoustie on his championship debut in 1953, ‘Hogan’s Alley’ isn’t the prettiest hole on the Open rota but it’s most certainly one of the toughest. With out of bounds down the left and a string of bunkers on the right, it rewards only the most precise shot-making.

9th Muirfield
PAR 5  YARDS 556
Don’t be fooled by the number on the card – the ninth at Muirfield plays way longer than its yardage given that it plays straight into the wind. Out of bounds lurks all the way down the right of this somewhat ‘S’ shaped hole, whilst there are no fewer than eight bunkers and lashings of thick rough to negotiate.
13th Muirfield
PAR 3
YARDS 191
A truly outstanding short hole, Muirfield’s uphill 13th has proven to be unlucky for many down the years, and even more so since it was lengthened by over 30 yards ahead of the 2002 Open. At almost 50 yards deep, you could be forgiven for thinking its green is a soft target but here’s the rub: at its widest, it’s 15 paces across, drops sharply from back to front, falls away to the right and has deep bunkers either side. Hit the green… or else.

10th Trump Turnberry (Ailsa)
PAR 5
YARDS 565
After significant improvements made to the course in recent years, the Ailsa’s tenth hole is magnificent from tee to green. Arcing its way around the bay, a good tee shot is required to give you any hope of picking up a shot. Watch out for the famous ‘doughnut’ bunker on your approach into a spectacular green that sits almost on the rocks.

18th Carnoustie
PAR 4
YARDS 499
Where to start with this beautiful monster? Stay out of the Barry Burn, which you’ll cross three times, avoid the thick rough, keep it out of the deep bunkers and don’t go out of bounds and you’ll have an outside chance of making par on what must surely be the most difficult closing hole in championship golf. As Padraig Harrington once said: “It’s one of those holes that keeps you awake at night.”

8th Royal Troon
PAR 3
YARDS 123
The ‘Postage Stamp’ – so called after being described by William Park in Golf Illustrated as a pitching surface skimmed down to the size of a Postage Stamp – the eighth at Royal Troon might the shortest hole on the Open Rota but it is a huge challenge. Just ask Rory McIlroy. The Northern Irishman took a nine there during practice for the 2016 Open Championship.

18th St Andrews (Old)
PAR 4
YARDS 357
The toughest finishing hole in golf? Absolutely not. But you’ll struggle to name one that’s more iconic. Take dead aim at the clock on the R&A Clubhouse off the tee, staying away from the road (and parked cars) on the right, and make sure to avoid the infamous ‘Valley of Sin’ short of the green to give yourself a great chance of closing with an unforgettable birdie. Even if you don’t, you get to have your photo taken on the Swilcan Bridge – a ‘must’ for any ardent golfer.
ONE GAME, MANY PLEASURES

Whatever you look to enjoy when it comes to playing golf, you are guaranteed to find what you are looking for in Scotland.
You could use any number of words to describe how good golf is in Scotland. It’s dramatic, historic, enthralling and enchanting. However, two particular words could arguably sum it up better than any others: variety and inclusive.

Firstly, it is truly a sport for all. When you play golf, especially in Scotland, forget any misconceptions you might have about golf being a game for all middle aged, middle class men. Here in the country that gave birth to it, golf is a game for everybody. It is an all inclusive, accessible and affordable pastime, regardless of age, race, gender and social status, which is proven to be fantastic for your own health and wellbeing, both physical and mental.

Secondly, golf is a sport of true variety. From 18-hole championship courses to nine-hole par-3 tracks, from competitive golf to social golf, it offers something for every man, woman and child who wishes to play.

The importance of being able to relax and enjoy a round of golf cannot be underestimated, especially in today’s fast-paced world. According to a 2016 report, which analysed findings from 5,000 studies, playing golf regularly may prevent chronic illness, improve your mental health and increase your life expectancy.

Lead scientist Dr Andrew Murray, from the University of Edinburgh, was involved in the research: “We know that the moderate physical activity that golf provides increases life expectancy, has mental health benefits, and can help prevent and treat more than 40 major chronic diseases such as heart attacks, stroke, diabetes, breast and colon cancer,” he explained.

Fortunately, a golf course in Scotland is never far away, but for those looking to fit a little of their favourite sport into their busy schedules, it can sometimes feel impossible. However, the answer is simple: why not try your hand at some of the country’s vast array of wonderful nine-hole courses?
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There are, in fact, over 150 to choose from and whilst they might be half the size of the conventional layout, they certainly don’t lack anything in terms of challenge, enjoyment and appeal.

On average, a nine-hole round of golf should take two people no more than an hour-and-a-half and even less so if it is a par-three course, which many of them are, so it’s ideal for those you simply can’t afford the time for a full round. Half the number of holes generally means at least half the cost, too, which is great news for those who want to play a round but don’t want to have to burn a hole in their pocket.

The Balgave in St Andrews, the St Olaf Course at Cruden Bay and Kingsfield Golf Centre are just a handful of some of the best nine-hole courses you can choose from.

A nine-hole course will also typically have a more relaxed feel to it, making it ideal for those who wish to play in a more laid back environment or wish to introduce golf to their children for the first time.

Simply, there are few better sports to get your kids interested in. Not only does the sport encourage a certain level of behaviour and etiquette which, in turn, instils good values, it teaches honest and good sportsmanship whilst remaining fantastic fun throughout.

Perhaps most importantly, it is also good for you. During an average round of golf, a player will walk four to five miles, often across undulating ground. Add the fact that 80 to 100 shots will be hit in the process, and the fact that you will spend around four hours at a time out in the fresh air, it is the perfect pastime for anyone but especially children.

Many golf facilities in the country are staffed by PGA professionals, who are on-hand to offer advice or lessons.

Scottish people are well renowned for being a friendly bunch, and it would be fair to suggest that, as well as being the Home of Golf, Scotland could also rightly stake a claim to be considered the home of hospitality. And the 15 million-plus visitors who come to Scotland every year can testify to that.

The so-called ‘19th hole’ is also an essential part of any golf experience in the country. Each clubhouse that you visit has its own unique character and charm, as well as plenty of famous memorabilia and trophies to see up close.

A number of clubs also have their own Starter, who will send you off on your way with a bit of advice and friendly encouragement.

From business trips, to catch-ups with friends and family or just the chance to make new acquaintances, there’s nowhere like a Scottish golf course. It truly is a game for all.

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As well as being a fantastic destination for playing golf, Scotland is also arguably the finest place to watch it, too. Each year, the country’s sporting calendar is filled with an abundance of top quality domestic and international golf tournaments that anybody can attend.

Last year’s Solheim Cup was the perfect demonstration of that. Arguably the most thrilling edition of the match ever staged, it took place at Gleneagles and saw a crowd of 90,000 people turn out to watch the best female golf professionals from Europe take on their American counterparts – a record attendance for a women’s golf event in the UK.

Of course, the beauty of Scotland is that a fantastic golf tournament is never too far away, with 2020 promising a jam-packed schedule of events for you to take in.

The pick of the lot has to be the AIG Women’s British Open. One of the five major championships in the ladies’ game, it will break new ground this year when it takes place at Royal Troon for the first-ever time.

First staged in 1976, it has been won by many of the greats of the game, amongst them Laura Davies, Karrie Webb, Lorena Ochoa and, of course, Scotland’s Catriona Matthew, who claimed the title in 2009.

Japanese star Hinako Shibuno will be the player to beat, having won the championship at Woburn Golf Club in 2019 – her first event outside of Japan. Can the 21-year-old become the first player since Yani Tseng in 2011 to successfully defend the title? We’ll find out on the Ayrshire coast in the summer.

The Aberdeen Standard Investments Scottish Open and Ladies’ Scottish Open both return to The Renaissance Club in East Lothian in 2020, each having made their debut there in 2019. The men’s event has cemented itself as one of the most popular on the European Tour, not to mention one of the most lucrative. Part of the tour’s elite cluster of tournaments, it has a whopping $7m prize fund. That, combined with the fact that it provides the perfect opportunity to tune-up ahead of The Open Championship the following week, has made it a ‘must play’ with many of the game’s top players. Rory McIlroy, Justin Thomas, Rickie Fowler, Matt Kuchar and Ian Poulter all played last year, with Austrian Bernd Wiesberger ultimately taking the spoils.

A matter of weeks after the men’s event, The Renaissance will welcome some of the world’s top female professional golfers when it plays host to the Aberdeen Standard Investments Ladies’ Scottish Open. Won in 2019 by Mi Jung Hur of South Korea, the event is co-sanctioned between the Ladies European Tour and LPGA, so has a huge prize fund which always attracts a world-class field.

The Scottish Senior Open, staged at Craigielaw in 2019, is also expected to return to the European Senior Tour.
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schedule in 2020. Former Open champion and two-time Ryder Cup star Paul Lawrie won it last year – his first win in the over-50s’ ranks – to keep up his impressive track record of winning on home soil.

The Alfred Dunhill Links Championship, meanwhile, offers the chance to see both top golfers and an abundance of other well-known faces when it takes place towards the end of the season over three of the most prestigious courses in the country: Old Course at St Andrews, Kingsbarns Golf Links and Carnoustie.

The popular pro-am event has been an annual fixture on the European Tour schedule since 2001, when it replaced the old Alfred Dunhill Cup, and it sees tour pros teaming up with an amateur partner for a round on each of the three aforementioned courses. At the end of those first three rounds, those on the top half of the leaderboard advance for a final round over the Old Course.

Stars from the worlds of sport, music and showbiz love to take part, with ten-time Grammy Award-winning musician Justin Timberlake, Ghostbusters actor Bill Murray and former world heavyweight boxing champion Wladimir Klitschko amongst those to have played in 2019. You can expect another all-star cast to assemble this year, too.

At the opposite end of the professional game, the Scottish Hydro Challenge is expected to return after a hiatus in 2019. It is the ideal place to see tomorrow’s stars up close. Multiple major winner and world No.1 Brooks Koepka is one of its former champions. The American triumphed in the event at Spey Valley Golf Course in Aviemore in 2013, a win that proved to be the springboard for what is shaping up to be a ‘Hall of Fame’ career.

However, it’s not all about the pro game in Scotland. Several top amateur events are set to take place across the country in 2020. The flagship men’s event in Scotland, the Scottish Amateur Championship, will be staged at Murcar Links and Portlethen at the end of July, with the women’s equivalent to be held at Ladybank in June. The British Ladies’ Amateur Championship will be played in Scotland the same month, with Kilmarnock (Barassie) set to play host.

In September, the battle for the Ladies Senior Home Internationals will be waged at West Kilbride, whilst the Jacques Leglise Trophy – an annual amateur boys’ team golf competition between Great Britain & Ireland and the Continent of Europe – to be contested over the Lansdowne Course at Blairgowrie Golf Club at the end of August.

There really is so much golf happening in 2020 so, if you happen to be visiting Scotland to play some courses this year, why not combine it by witnessing some of the world’s best professionals and amateurs in action?

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Scottish Amateur Championship
Murcar & Portlethen
28 July – 1 August

Aberdeen Standard Investments Ladies Scottish Open
The Renaissance Club
13-16 August

AIG Women’s British Open
Royal Troon (TBC)

Alfred Dunhill Links Championship
St Andrews / Kingsbarns / Carnoustie (TBC)
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Fixing up a tee time on any one of Scotland’s spectacular golf courses couldn’t be easier - and there are lots of different ways to do so, too.

Anyone who has ever picked up a golf club and built up a relationship with the game dreams of one day making the golfing pilgrimage to St Andrews. Quite simply, it is the ‘Mecca’ for all enthusiasts of this great game and with ten courses either in the town or on its outskirts, there’s no shortage of playing opportunities available.

So how do you go about playing where and when you want in the ‘Auld Grey Toon’? Well, there are three main ways to book: through a registered tour operator; research your itinerary and book the various parts yourself; or a combination of the two by consulting an expert on your itinerary but taking responsibility for booking everything yourself.

Most people choose to use a tour operator, which is perfectly understandable given the number of advantages that offers. For one thing, they arrange golf trips day in and day out, so they have extensive local knowledge and key contacts in all the right places.

They can also save you a huge amount of time in terms of research, take the hassle out of planning the logistics, while they can also recommend what to see and do in the St Andrews area away from the course. They are adaptable enough to cater for all kinds of budgets, too.

Best of all, tour operators aren’t as expensive as you might think and, because of their strong relationships and good database of contacts, they can often negotiate very favourable rates.

Should this be the route you want to go down, a good place to start is www.sigtoa.com. The Scottish Incoming Golf Tour Operators Association is a conglomerate of golf tour operators based in Scotland. Others are available. Do some research to find what best suits your needs.

However, going it alone can be equally as fun, especially when it comes to the Old Course. It is notoriously difficult to get a tee time here with two methods of getting on: entering the ballot or queuing.

Nearly half of Old Course tee times each year are allocated to the ballot to give people who have been unable to book a chance of playing. It is drawn 48 hours in advance of play and golfers should provide their names, home club and handicaps either online, by phone or at one of the clubhouses before 2pm, two days before the day they wish to play. To enter there must be a minimum of two and a maximum of four players. The ballot reflects the public spirit of St Andrews Links and its commitment to staying as open and accessible to all golf lovers.

Alternatively, single golfers with suitable handicaps who wish to play the Old Course without an existing tee time should check in at the Old Pavilion on the day of play and the staff will do their best to join them with a two or three-ball group.

There is no obligation on the existing golfers to make up a fourball but common practice is that single golfers are warmly welcomed. With patience, this can be successful but there are no guarantees. Some people have been known to queue from 3am for the chance to secure their place on the hallowed links.

For the other courses that make up St Andrews Links – New, Jubilee, Eden, Castle, Strathclyde and Balgove – most tee times can be booked through an online booking system. This is also the same at Fairmont St Andrews and its two courses: the Torrance and Kittocks, while with The Duke’s – the course owned by the Old Course Hotel – bookings can be made over the phone.

Whichever option you go with, your next golf trip to St Andrews is a whole lot closer than you think.

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The Kittocks
The Kittocks Course has been designed by Bruce Devlin, a notable course architect of many famous courses including the Kings Course at Gleneagles and the exclusive Secession club in Beaufort, SC. It’s a 72-par course spread upon 5600 – 7191 yards.

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Ayrshire is one of the most historically significant places in the world of golf, and it undoubtedly forms an essential part of any visit to Scotland. As the birthplace of the Open Championship, the region’s reputation as one of the premier stop-offs for golf in Scotland doesn’t need enhanced any further. It was here, back in 1860, that Prestwick Golf Club hosted the very first edition of golf’s most historic championship, and it’s only fitting that some of the game’s most cherished events have taken place in Ayrshire.

Whether it’s the ‘Duel in the Sun’ contested between Tom Watson and Jack Nicklaus at Turnberry in 1977, Watson’s heart-breaking play-off defeat to Stewart Cink there 32 years later or Henrik Stenson and Phil Mickelson’s epic clash at Royal Troon in 2016, Ayrshire has captivated audiences for years and this is why visitors return every year in their thousands.

Of course, retracing golf’s history isn’t the only reason to visit this corner of Scotland. There is a seemingly endless supply of stunning courses across the region. Royal Troon is one of two layouts in the region on the Open rota these days, and it would be hard to argue that it isn’t the toughest. The nine-time host of the world’s oldest major is perhaps most famous for its par-3 eighth, better known as the ‘Postage Stamp’. The name stuck after Willie Park referred to the hole as ‘a pitching surface skimmed down to the size of a postage stamp’. Undoubtedly the most famous moment at this hole occurred in 1973, when 71-year-old Gene Sarazen made a hole-in-one, though Phil Mickelson nearly aced it twice during the 2016 Open. “I just love that hole,” said Mickelson, who finished runner-up to Henrik Stenson that year.

Just up the road from Troon is the aforementioned Prestwick, the home of the first Open Championship. Although it hasn’t hosted the Open since 1925, after hosting 24 championships in a 65-year period, only St Andrews has staged golf’s oldest major on more occasions. Four-time major winner Ernie Els is a huge fan, describing it as “one of the best golf experiences in the world”.

The final Open Championship venue in Ayrshire is Trump Turnberry, which is home to two wonderful courses. The Ailsa underwent significant changes at the end of 2015 and re-opened in the summer of 2016 to widespread praise. The alterations included strengthening the turn and transforming the famous Turnberry lighthouse into arguably the most spectacular halfway house in the world. If you can’t get a round on the Ailsa – it is advisable to book in advance – its redeveloped sister course, the King Robert The Bruce, is not to be passed up.

However, world-class golf in the region isn’t just limited to the three venues that have Open pedigree in their lockers – not to mention the fact that they are all located within a relatively short drive of each other - this is an area rich with exceptional golf courses. To be more specific, between the towns of Irvine and Troon, you will come across Western Gailes, Gailes Links, Dundonald Links and Barassie Links.

“On Royal Troon’s back nine, the fairways are notoriously uneven. You don’t get a lie that’s remotely flat, and they’re pretty narrow as well. Then there’s the 11th. That might be the hardest hole on the planet.”

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Back in 2017, Dundonald Links ended a wait of 81 years for the Scottish Open to be held in Ayrshire, when Rafa Cabrera Bello came out on top on a course that only opened in 2005 but rose to prominence to become one of the most popular in the region. It has also staged other high profile events, such as the Ladies Scottish Open in 2015 and 2016 and a number of leading amateur events.

Gailes Links is another course not to be missed in this corner of the country. It was opened in 1892 by Glasgow Golf Club, the ninth oldest club in the world, to complement the club’s sister course, Killermont, which is based some 30 miles away in Bearsden, Glasgow. It has staged no fewer than 32 international championships to date, while it hosted Final Open Qualifying for four years from 2014 to 2017. The Willie Park Jnr designed course is a tremendous layout with some of the best greens in Scotland.

Neighbouring Western Gailes is a classic, bumpy links of supreme quality that will certainly test your skills to the limit. It has been visited by the likes of multiple major winners Gary Player and Harry Vardon, and its finest moment was hosting the 1972 Curtis Cup, which was narrowly won by the USA.

The last of this stretch of courses is Barassie Links. It offers everything golfers would expect from a Scottish seaside golf course: challenging fairways, quality greens, humps, hollows and devilish bunkers. The course staged Scottish Open Qualifying in 2017 that earned it rave reviews.

North of Irvine lies Irvine Golf Club, a stunning links crafted by the legendary James Braid, while West Kilbride is another ‘must play’ course in the region and takes the honour as the most northerly of the true links on this coastline. There are a number of standout holes, with many providing exceptional views of the Firth of Clyde and the beautiful Isle of Arran.

The very first course in the UK to be designed by former Ryder Cup captain Colin Montgomerie is Rowallan Castle. It opened in 2009, making it one of Ayrshire’s newest layouts, and is located near Kilmarnock. It is one of the finest inland tracks in the area and proves that great golf in the region is by no means confined to the coast.

Another great example is Belleisle in Ayr. Originally opened in 1927, it is one of the finest public courses in the country and, like its neighbour Seafield, has benefited significantly from large-scale investment in recent years.

Maybole, Dalmilling and Girvan are three other highly-respected municipal courses to tee up in this part of Scotland, proving that golf in this corner of the country provides options for all budgets. Ardeer, meanwhile, is an understated gem of the highest order and dates back back to 1880, making it one of Ayrshire’s oldest clubs. It describes itself as ‘deceptively demanding’, which is very apt. With many of the fairways flanked by trees, it is, indeed, an accurate portrayal - but the engrossing views across the Firth of Clyde provide the perfect trade-off.

That really is just the tip of the iceberg for a region that is, quite simply, littered with options for world-class golf. In truth, this is a corner of the country that offers something for absolutely every visiting golfer who wants to experience the very best of Scotland.
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Argyll & The Isles is a region that takes some beating in terms of drama and raw, natural beauty, and many of the golf courses blend perfectly into the contours of the rugged landscape.

The area comprises large parts of westernmost Scotland, in particular to the north west of Glasgow, south to the furthest extremity of the Kintyre Peninsula and north as far as Oban and across to Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park. It is sparsely populated but, nonetheless, is home to a spectacular collection of wonderful tests of golf.

If you head south, close to Campbeltown, you’ll find two of the finest courses in the region: Machrihanish & Machrihanish Dunes.

Machrihanish Golf Club is a widely acclaimed links and has gained international recognition for the quality of its opening hole, as the club describe it as ‘the best opening hole in the world’. It plays across the corner of a beach and the waves of the Atlantic Ocean. You will struggle to find a more dramatic, and tougher, start to a round of golf. Unfortunately, the club lost its clubhouse in a devastating fire at the end of 2018, but the course is still open and the club is confident of moving into a new building by the end of the year.

It is not to be confused with the neighbouring Machrihanish Dunes, which opened in 2008, becoming the first true links to be built on the west coast for over 100 years. However, it has the look of a layout that has been around for much longer thanks to excellent design that only required tees and greens to be built from scratch.

Dunaverty, Tarbert and Carradale are other courses you should add to your list. The same applies to Glencruitten – home to Scottish star Robert MacIntyre – as well as the likes of Taynuilt and Tobermory.

Moving away from the mainland towards the many islands lying just off the Argyll coast, the experiences keep on coming. The pick of the bunch would have to be Arran, home to seven courses. The island is only an hour on the ferry from Ardrossan, and Shiskine is arguably the most well known course, a 12-hole gem that sits at the foot of the Drumadoon Cliff. It is a regular inclusion on lists of the UK’s top 100 courses.

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Respected TV presenter Eilidh Barbour loves golf and says her favourite course is Shiskine on the Isle of Arran, describing it as “quirky but beautiful”.

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Southerness is the most celebrated course in the region, and is a terrific place to start. Its classic 18-hole links overlooks the Solway Firth and has staged many high-profile tournaments since it opened for play in 1947. For example, the Scottish Amateur Championship has been played there on three occasions, most recently in 2015. It is considered to be one of the toughest tests in the country, measuring more than 6,500 yards with a par of 69. Understandably, it regularly features in lists of the best courses in the UK and is a must visit in this region.

Dumfries & Galloway Golf Club, meanwhile, is where the aforementioned Willie Fernie played much of his golf around the turn of the 20th century. It is a formidable but fair test from start to finish.

Thornhill is another classic course. Located just a short drive north on Dumfries on the A76, it is home to a magnificent blend of parkland and heathland. Incidentally, it is also where a young Andrew Coltart started playing golf. He would go on to win multiple European Tour titles as well as go toe-to-toe with US star Tiger Woods in the 1999 Ryder Cup.

In the south west corner of this region is Stranraer, famed for being the last of James Braid’s course designs, combined with stunning views towards Ailsa Craig and the Isle of Arran.

Next door is Portpatrick, a picturesque town that is home to two fantastic courses. The 18-hole Dunskey is a charming layout set on rolling moorland and seaside heathland, while the nine-hole Dinvin is the perfect complement. Time spent in Portpatrick is time well spent.

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Unquestionably, one of the most popular courses in the region is Castle Stuart Golf Links, which is only a 15-minute drive east of the capital of the Highlands. Designed by Gil Hanse and the late Mark Parsinen, it only opened in 2009 but has already had a significant impact on the international stage as a regular host of the Scottish Open. It has now staged the event on four occasions, most recently in 2016 when Alex Noren took the title. Phil Mickelson, Scottish Open winner in 2013 at Castle Stuart, is a huge fan: “I think it’s got a great mix of holes. I loved it even before I played well there.”

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Similarly, Nairn Dunbar is worth a visit while you’re there. This 120-year-old course is renowned for having some of the best greens in the north of Scotland. This stretch of coastline has a never-ending list of top courses to play that also includes Forres, Kinloss Country, Cullen and Hopeman.

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One of the finest tests of golf in the Highlands is surely Fortrose & Rosemarkie. It is contained fully within the Chanonry Peninsula, a long, narrow headland that juts out onto the water, and it sits on the opposite side of the Moray Firth, from the likes of Castle Stuart and Nairn. There is reference to golf being played at Fortrose & Rosemarkie as far back as 1702, but it was not until 1889 that a golf club was established. The road to the lighthouse divides the course in two, and there is just enough land to accommodate this stunning course.

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One of the most famous and popular of the island courses is to be found on South Uist, the second largest island of the Outer Hebrides - and its fame comes via the incredible story behind its golf course. Askernish originally opened in 1891, having been designed by the great Old Tom Morris, but it was abandoned in the 1920s and used as an airstrip in the 1930s. However, in 2006, it rose from the ashes through a major rejuvenation project and now closely resembles the original design. Renowned golf architect Martin Ebert has described it as a ‘living golf course museum’, providing the most natural links you could ever wish to play. This is a truly historic place to play.

Orkney, an archipelago of 70 islands, provides five courses to choose from, of which Orkney Golf Club is the best renowned, sitting outside the town of Kirkwall. It’s a tight, challenging course that’s wonderful to play, particularly on a clear day when the views stretch across the town and out towards several islands.

Stromness is another enjoyable course, which is less than a half-hour drive from Kirkwall. It is laid out on the water’s edge and overlooks the splendid, hilly island of Hoy. It is a fun course and also would allow a fourball to play in under three hours, which is perfect timing to explore the rest of the island.

Take a north-easterly bearing from Orkney and you will eventually arrive in Shetland, which boasts four courses. Of these, Whalsay is arguably the most popular with visitors, as it has the added attraction of being the most northerly golf course in the British Isles. Other excellent options include Shetland Golf Club or the nine-hole Asta course.

Another memorable experience will take place on the Isle of Skye, where a nine-hole course nestles between Cuillin Mountains and the Isle of Raasay. Benbecula is also well worth a visit, as is Barra.

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The highly acclaimed Trump International Golf Links Scotland can be found just a few miles further up the coast. The first European golf property developed by US president Donald Trump, this fabulous modern style links opened to rave reviews in 2012 and has grown in stature ever since.

Sandwiched between Royal Aberdeen and Trump International is Murcar Links. A regular feature on lists of the top 100 courses in the UK, it hosted its first European Tour event in 2015, the inaugural Paul Lawrie Match Play. It is a classic links in every respect. The same can be said of Balnagask and King’s Links, both of which are a stone’s throw from Aberdeen city centre, whilst Auchmill is another hugely enjoyable layout. The closing hole, a 459-yard par-4 that averages 6.11 amongst the club’s members, is generally regarded as one of the toughest in the country.

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One of the most remote regions in Scotland, the area directly north of Aberdeen is blessed with natural beauty and stunning scenery. As a result of this, it is also home to some magnificent courses that match the beautiful beaches and rolling fields.

One of the best places to start would be walking along a piece of true Scottish golf history, and you can do that by teeing it up at Fraserburgh Golf Club.

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Travel further up the coast and you will find Peterhead Golf Club. Its Craigewan Links was originally laid out by Willie Park Jr in 1892 and remains one of the most popular places to play in the North East. Just ask Tiger Woods’ former coach Butch Harmon. The American described it as a ‘real hidden gem’ when he played there back in 2005.

Visit the delightful seaside town of Macduff and you will have the opportunity to play Royal Tarlair, which is perched on top of cliffs overlooking the Moray Firth. It is hard to decide what provides a more memorable experience: the terrific course or the breathtaking views.

Inverurie is another course that should be at the top of your list. Its 18-hole course is maintained to the highest standards and it incorporates tree-lined fairways and lashings of gorse and broom for good measure.

Other clubs well worth visiting include the 36-hole Newmachar, Rosehearty and Huntly, but wherever you choose to play, you are guaranteed to enjoy it.

NORTH OF ABERDEEN

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DID YOU KNOW...

Legend has it that Aboyne Golf Club was a particular favourite of the British Royal Family back in the early 20th century. It was, in fact, reported that King Edward VIII was fond of it and would spend large parts of holidays at nearby Balmoral playing there.

One of the shortest holes in Scottish golf awaits visitors to Banchory. ‘Doo’cot’, the 16th hole on the course, measures only 88 yards and takes its name from an old pigeon loft, which sits to the left side of the elevated green. Salvage par and you’ll be doing well.

The South & West of Aberdeen may be the Scottish home of the Royal Family but it is also the home of some picturesque parkland courses.

Home to Balmoral Castle, the Royal Family’s Scottish summer retreat, it goes without saying that the region to the south and west of Aberdeen is a particularly special part of Scotland. The same could also be said if you happen to be a golfer, with a number of fantastic courses to enjoy.

Rising in the Cairngorms next to Ben Macdui – the tallest peak in the UK’s largest national park - and meandering through Strathdee to its North Sea estuary at Aberdeen Harbour, the Dee flows past notable landmarks such as Balmoral and Braemar Castle, but it is the golf courses that are of greatest interest here.

The first course the Dee passes on its way into Aberdeen is Braemar. At just over 1,200 feet above sea level, it is the highest 18-hole course in Scotland so you can expect stunning views in addition to a firm test of golf. It is an ever-popular destination with holidaymakers and golf societies and, given its location in the heart of the Cairngorms National Park, it’s easy to see why.

Then there’s Banchory. The Dee also flows through this hilly, parkland layout, and is just one of a number of hazards you have to negotiate. It was here that a young Paul Lawrie, the 1999 Open champion, learnt his trade working as an assistant to Doug Smart in the early days of his professional career. It is a relatively short course but is full of character and charm.

Further downstream, you’ll find Ballater, which is located opposite the grounds of Balmoral. A fine mix of heathland and parkland that runs alongside the river on many holes, the course is especially renowned for the quality of its par-3s. The 13th is a particular highlight. It is a fun course from start to finish.

Deeside Golf Club dates back to the early 20th century and is one of the North East’s foremost golf facilities, with the original nine-hole layout believed to have been opened in 1903. The 18-hole Haughton and nine-hole Blairs are two terrific courses.

Last but not least, no trip to this part of the world would be complete without a visit to Stonehaven. The dramatic links features breath-taking clifftop views and is simply a stunning place to play.
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THE KINGDOM OF GOLF AWAITS

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For golfers all around the world, Fife is golfing paradise, plain and simple. Affectionately known as The ‘Kingdom of Fife’, no visit to Scotland is complete without paying a visit to this magnificent and historic region. Located between the Firths of Forth and Tay, with inland boundaries to Perth & Kinross and Clackmannanshire, it’s widely accepted that this is where golf was born, dating back several centuries. As a result, thousands upon thousands of tourists from across the globe head here to not only enjoy a taste of history, but more importantly, play some of the best golf courses the world has to offer.

The sheer volume and quality of golf available in the region is beyond compare. From some of the most famous and iconic 18-hole layouts in the game, to the less heralded but no less exciting tracks, to nine-hole hidden gems, its no exaggeration to say that Fife has got the lot.

Naturally, St Andrews is the centre of golf in Fife, as it’s the acclaimed birthplace of the game and where people have been playing the sport since the early 15th century. Golf is everywhere you go in and around the town. There are no less than seven different courses operated by St Andrews Links in the town itself. These are headlined by the Old Course, of course, which is the oldest golf course in the world and will host its 30th Open Championship next year on the 150th anniversary of golf’s oldest major.

Everywhere you look in the ‘Auld Grey Toon’ there are links to golf in the shape of pubs, restaurants and shops, and the Old Course isn’t the only reason why golfers flock here. Nearby you will find the New, Jubilee, Eden, Strathclyde and Balgove courses, while the Castle Course – the newest addition to the St Andrews portfolio – opened in 2008 and boasts a stunning clifftop location overlooking St Andrews.

Just a 15-minute drive from the town centre, you will come across Kingsbarns Golf Links. Hugging the North Sea coastline, it appears in most lists of the world’s best courses – and there isn’t a single person who will disagree with its lofty status. It opened back in 2000 and has since hosted the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship alongside the Old Course and Carnoustie - but perhaps its biggest moment was in 2017, when it hosted its first major, the RICOH Women’s British Open.

Located perfectly between Kingsbarns and the Old Course is the Fairmont St Andrews Resort, which has two excellent courses: the Torrance and the Kittocks. The former was, unsurprisingly, co-designed by former Ryder Cup winning captain Sam Torrance and has staged high-profile events such as the Scottish Senior Open. It’s an exceptional test of golf.

Further afield from Fife, you must pay a visit to the East Neuk. ‘Neuk’ is the old Scots word for ‘corner’ and it perfectly sums up this delightful piece of Fife coastline. It’s not only home to a host of bustling fishing villages and picturesque scenery - it’s also the location of some...
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Leven Links is also close by and has deservedly earned its place among Scotland’s top courses. It has everything that is required to be regarded as a ‘classic’ links: tight fairways, pot bunkers and large, fast-running greens. The neighbouring Lundin Links is just as special. Designed by Old Tom Morris and reworked by James Braid in the early 20th century, it is renowned for the quality of its greens and the strength of the par-4s, along with open burns and an internal out of bounds created by the old railway line. Simply brilliant.

Only a few minutes drive away you will find Elie, where it is believed that golf has been played as far back as the 15th century. The late five-time Open champion Peter Thomson was a huge fan of Elie’s set-up and said: “It’s quirky and the most enjoyable course I know. If I had my way, I’d build Elies all over the world.”

Moving away from links, courses such as Scotscraig, Ladybank and The Duke’s at St Andrews act as proof that Fife delivers on any type of golf that you could wish for.

Scotscraig, which is part-links, part-heathland, is the 13th oldest club in the world and is a course that you simply cannot afford to miss. It is a course where accuracy is considerably more important than length.

Meanwhile, Ladybank is maintained to the highest of standards and is thoroughly deserving of its reputation of one of the best inland courses in Scotland. It staged Senior Open Qualifying back in 2018 to great acclaim.

The Duke’s, owned by the famous Old Course Hotel, is the only non-links in St Andrews but is arguably one of the toughest in the home of golf. Although it measures a daunting 7,512 yards, it has five tee boxes that allow golfers of any ability to enjoy a round. It was revamped a few years ago and boasts waste-area bunkers similar to US Ryder Cup venue Whistling Straits.

Although St Andrews is the home of golf, it is far from the biggest town in ‘The Kingdom’. That accolade goes to Dunfermline, with Kirkcaldy not far behind, and there are plenty of golfing delights to enjoy here, too.


The likes of Drumoig - just outside St Andrews - Aberdour and Charleton also deliver proof that Fife has got the lot. The latter, incidentally, was opened by the 41st President of the USA, George H.W. Bush, in 1994.

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US swimmer Michael Phelps has another record to add to his resume. He holed the longest televised putt in history at Kingsbarns during the 2012 Dunhill Links. Phelps drained his putt from 159 feet (that’s 53 yards) on the par-4 sixth for an unlikely eagle two.

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Make sure you tick off Panmure Golf Club as this is where Ben Hogan geared up for his one and only Open appearance in 1953. He spent two weeks playing Panmure before going on to win at Carnoustie for his only Open victory.

DUNDEE & ANGUS

From championship links to some of the best inland courses in the UK, this stunning part of Scotland will leave you wanting more.

As the fourth largest city in Scotland, it should come as no surprise that Dundee and the surrounding area is home to a large concentration of great courses. Although it is often overshadowed by its neighbours to the south, Fife, there are 34 beautiful courses all within an hour’s drive of one another. Not only that, but it’s an area that’s extremely rich in golf history.

Most of the attention focuses on Carnoustie and there is no better place to start your trip to the ‘City of Discovery’ than by paying a visit to the seven-time Open Championship venue. Twelve miles east of Dundee, its championship links dates back to 1842. Old Tom Morris extended the original ten-hole layout in 1867 and, in 1931, it hosted the Open Championship for the very first time. Don’t be put off by its bruising reputation. This is a brilliant championship links, with one of the very best finishes in world golf - and the welcome is typically Scottish.

Also on offer at Carnoustie Golf Links are the Burnside and Buddon courses, both of which have been the subject of significant upgrades recently and offer excellent links tests.

Just two miles down the road is Panmure, the perfect blend of links and heathland. It is the course where Ben Hogan practised ahead of his one and only Open appearance in 1953 (which he won). Panmure is always beautifully presented and offers a classic links set-up close to the village of Barry.

Monifieth, meanwhile, is where another American legend - Tom Watson – first experienced playing links golf before going on to become a five-time Open Championship winner. The Medal Course is a must-play for all golf fanatics, with its deep revetted bunkers and meandering burns.

Montrose Golf Links is a fantastic place to play with the added draw of two courses to play, the 1562 Course and the Broomfield. The 1562 Course is the fifth oldest golf course in the world and was renamed in a bid to recognise the significant role played by the ancient east coast course in world golf.

North of Carnoustie, there’s the traditional links layout of Arbroath, with open fairways and greens surrounded by deep, penal bunkers. Then there’s Downfield, one of the finest inland tracks in the UK. Just a short drive from the centre of Dundee, it’s every bit of enjoyable as a classic links.

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When the Gleneagles Hotel opened in 1924 it was described as ‘a Riviera in the Highlands’ and ‘the eighth wonder of the world’. It is packed full of history and its King’s and Queen’s were designed by James Braid and were built by horse and cart.

Perthshire extends from Strathmore in the east, to the Pass of Drumochter in the north, Rannoch Moor and Ben Lui in the west, and Aberfoyle in the south. It certainly proves that the best of Scottish golf is by no means restricted to the coast.

Understandably, Gleneagles will be top of the agenda for most people visiting this region. The host of the acclaimed Ryder Cup in 2014 – and venue for last year’s Solheim Cup – Gleneagles owns four superb courses. It has three 18-hole championship courses: King’s, Queen’s and the PGA Centenary, which hosted the matches between Europe and USA. The King’s, meanwhile, is up there with the best moorland courses in the world, and the shorter Queen’s is even more beautiful. The par-3 Academy Course is also fantastic for newcomers.

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Located just outside Perth, Murrayshall has another pair of excellent courses to choose from. The championship course provides a stern test of golf, whilst the shorter Lynedoch course allows you to get in a quick knock if short on time.

Auchterarder, which backs onto Gleneagles, is extremely popular, particularly for its stunning views towards Glendevon and the Ochil Hills, and is a real pleasure to play.

The likes of Alyth and Crieff’s superb Ferntower Course also come highly recommended, as does Pitlochry, which is home to some of the most dramatic and spectacular views in Scotland.

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Extending along a 40-mile stretch of coastline, from Musselburgh to Dunbar, East Lothian has the distinction of being officially the sunniest part of Scotland, with an average of 1,400 hours of sunshine per year. Combine this with no fewer than 15 world-class links courses in such a tightly packed area, there is no doubt that you are in for a true golfing treat in this part of the world.

Overall, there are more than 20 great courses to choose from and where better to start than Gullane Golf Club, which is home to three of them. The club became the first in East Lothian to host the Scottish Open back in 2014, which was a massive success. In 2018, it hosted both the Men’s and Ladies’ Scottish Open, the latter being co-sanctioned by the LPGA and LET. Gullane No. 1 is the biggest pull of the trio, while No.2 offers a strategic test of your links skills. No.3 may be shorter, but it’s no slouch. The great golf writer Bernard Darwin once described the view from atop Gullane Hill as ‘one of the most beautiful spots in the world’.

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Located next door to The Renaissance Club is North Berwick, which sits on the fringes of the Firth of Forth and affords stunning views across to Bass Rock and Craigleith Island. Founded in 1832, North Berwick is the 13th oldest golf club in the world and, perhaps even more significantly, the third oldest still playing over its original fairways.

The oldest is, of course, the Old Course at St Andrews, but the second oldest can also be found in East Lothian – Musselburgh Links. It is fair to say that it is one of the most historic clubs in the world, as evidence shows that the game has been played there as far back as 1672. It also has the distinction of being a former Open Championship venue, having staged the tournament six times between 1874 and 1889. Do you need any other reason to visit?

Longniddry, Aberlady and Kilspindie are other ‘must play’ courses – the latter’s eighth hole, a dramatic par-three that plays across the corner of Aberlady Bay, is one of the most photographed in the region. Craigielaw, meanwhile, opened in 2001 and provides an excellent test of a modern, championship links and has hosted many top events.

Further down the coast, Dunbar is one of the country’s most underrated tracks. Contained primarily within a narrow strip of land where golf has been played for over 150 years, the stretch of holes from the fourth to the 17th are extremely special. The nearby Winterfield is a true hidden gem of a course, with spectacular views greeting you at almost every hole.

If you head inland and away from the coast, the likes of Castle Park, Gifford and Royal Musselburgh are proof that there is much more to East Lothian than links courses. Indeed, Royal Musselburgh is the fifth oldest club in the world and its Old Club Cup is the oldest trophy played for in the world, having been first awarded in 1774.

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One of these is ‘Edinburgh’s City Centre Golf Course’, which is, of course, Prestonfield. Another James Braid design, it is characterised by difficult par-4s and is located within a former deer estate at the foot of Arthur’s Seat, one of Edinburgh’s famous landmarks.

The fourth oldest club in the world awaits at Bruntsfield Links Golf Society, located to the north west of the city, in the Cramond Regis Estate. Recently re-worked by Mackenzie & Ebert, who oversee the R&A’s Open venue upgrades, this is a superb test amongst mature trees.

Dalmahoy Hotel & Country Club can be found just seven miles west of the city centre and houses two courses. The East famously hosted the Solheim Cup in 1992 and has one of the longest back nines in Scottish golf. The West is shorter and has a fine finish with the par-3 17th, The Wee Wrecker, one of the standout holes.

Murrayfield, next door to Edinburgh Zoo, is another course that is terrific fun, whilst Royal Burgess Golfing Society, established in 1735, is arguably the city’s most exclusive and distinguished club.

Another option for your city itinerary is Baberton. The course was also designed by the legendary James Braid and can be found just off the City of Edinburgh Bypass, the south east of the capital. Likewise, Swanston New is a wonderful test of golf with a modern clubhouse to boot, and you’ll struggle to get a better welcome anywhere else.

Venturing outwith the city boundaries and the likes of Deer Park and Bathgate are not to be overlooked, with the latter producing many fine Ryder Cup players such as Eric Brown, Bernard Gallacher and Stephen Gallacher.

Kings Acre is another exciting course to play for the whole family, whilst a number of extremely accessible municipal courses, run by Edinburgh Leisure, are available to play. These include Portobello, Princes and Craigentinny. However, the pick of the bunch has to be Braid Hills, which affords stunning views of the capital’s skyline. A fantastic round that won’t burn a hole in your pocket – the perfect combination!

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The Scottish Borders is affectionately known as the ‘Gateway to the Home of Golf’ for visitors coming up from England and Wales, but you don’t need to look far to find a good reason to visit the region. It’s renowned for its picturesque scenery, terrific value for money, friendly locals and a collection of fine golf courses.

There are, in actual fact, more than 20 layouts to choose from and, whilst the region certainly doesn’t enjoy the same high-profile acclaim as others, it’s well worth the effort.

Hawick is the oldest course in the region and an appropriate place to start any Borders trip. It dates all the way back to 1877 and can be found on the picturesque Vertish Hill on the outskirts of the town. Incidentally, Sir Nick Faldo holds the professional course record of 64. Good luck beating it.

Perhaps the best-known venue in the region is The Roxburgh. Located just outside the quaint market town of Kelso, the Dave Thomas-designed course hosted the Scottish Senior Open and is also a former host venue for European Tour Qualifying School. The track can be found within the Roxburghe Estate, owned by the Duke and Duchess of Roxburghe, and it is deservedly considered to be one of the finest inland courses in the country.

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Jedburgh is also home to a fantastic course, whilst Torwoodlee, Duns and West Linton are well worth a visit. Woll Golf Course, in Selkirkshire, is another standout course and basks in glorious scenery.

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It’s here that you will find one of the oldest golf clubs in the world, Glasgow Golf Club. It’s the ninth oldest to be exact and dates back to 1787. The club is located just five miles from the city centre and the Killermont course was originally designed by Old Tom Morris, before being further upgraded by James Braid and, later, by Dave Thomas. It is a true throwback to a classic, inland golf experience.

That said, it is not the only top quality golf course in and around Glasgow. Cawder is well worth the visit, as it’s one of the very best 36-hole golf facilities in west central Scotland. The Championship course has its very own ‘Amen Corner’ from holes 13 to 16 and is routed over gently undulating parkland filled with an abundance of mature trees. The Keir course complements it perfectly, as it is an excellent shorter test.

Two clubs that neighbour each other in the north of the city, Hilton Park and Milngavie, are also great options. The former is home to two terrific tracks, the Hilton and the Allander, where PGA Tour star Martin Laird cut his golfing teeth. Milngavie, meanwhile, is full of personality and charm. It is perhaps best known for its difficult finish and drivable par-4 fifth, following by one of the best short holes in the area, the par-3 sixth.

Bearsden, Windyhill, Balmore and Douglas Park are other brilliant layouts to consider if you find yourself in this particular area.

There’s arguably even more choice to the south of the city, with a particular highlight being Hagg Castle, which has hosted a number of European Tour events over the years. You could also choose to play Whitecraigs, Pollok or Cathkin Braes, which offers fantastic views across the Campsie Hills. To the east, Lenzie Golf Club is a testing mix of moor and parkland.

If you fancy venturing further out of Glasgow, be sure to visit The Carrick on Loch Lomond. The location is unique, with the front nine played out over relatively flat land at the boundary of the Lowlands, while the back nine is routed over higher ground.

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**Leadmills Golf Club**, which sits near Abington, has the honour of being Scotland’s highest golf course, sitting at 1,500 feet above sea level. It is, as expected, noted for its high winds.

Tennis brothers Andy and Jamie Murray, both keen golfers, were made honorary members of **Dunblane New Golf Club**, with the club’s 18th hole being renamed The Murrays’ Hame. “It’s really cool,” said Jamie. “We’re both really honoured.”

**STIRLING & FORTH VALLEY**

Some of the finest inland courses in Scotland can be found in one of its most historically significant regions.

**Stirling and Forth Valley** is undoubtedly one of the most historically significant parts of Scotland, but it’s also home to some of the finest courses in the country. In fact, there are more than 20 first-class layouts for golfers to choose from, including some of the most beloved and underrated inland tracks in Scotland.

The best place to start has to be Stirling Golf Club, which is laid out at the foot of Stirling Castle. The castle was formerly used for the coronation of Scottish Kings and Queens, including Mary Queen of Scots in 1542, and the course today is contained within former hunting grounds. The views the course offers are stunning, with the Ochil and Lomond Hills, the Carse of Stirling, and the Trossachs all visible at different stages on the course. It is a truly special location for golf.

Another highly rated course is Glenbervie, which can be found to the north of Falkirk, just off the M876. It is formerly the home of the PGA in Scotland before its move to Gleneagles and this testing parkland course has also hosted the British Boys Championship in 1983 and 1993, with two familiar names coming out on top: two-time Masters champion Jose Maria Olazabal and Ryder Cup star David Howell.

North of Stirling lies the former spa town of Bridge of Allan, which boasts a wonderful nine-hole course designed by the great Old Tom Morris in 1894. It’s always great fun to play, and if you continue upstream on the River Allan, you will arrive in Dunblane - where two-time Wimbledon champion Andy Murray grew up. It is also home to the Dunblane New course and it is well worth a visit.

Nearby Alloa is where you will find top quality courses in Braehead and Alloa Schawpark, both of which will provide a stern test to any golfer.

If you head out on the A91 east of the town, you’ll find the likes of Muckhart, Tillicoultry and Dollar, which is an extremely unique Ben Sayers design, as it’s renowned for having no bunkers. Muckhart has 27 holes for you to enjoy, comprising of three nine-hole loops.

For a region that has witnessed quite a few famous battles, it’s now your turn to battle it out over the many courses of Stirling & Forth Valley.
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For suggestions of itineraries or general golf information go to: www.visitscotland.co.uk/golf
USEFUL TRAVEL INFORMATION

Getting to Scotland
Direct flights into Scotland operate all year round and fly from many major European cities, Canada, the United States of America, the Middle East and Asia. Flying to Scotland from the UK and Ireland couldn’t be simpler, with flight times to Edinburgh and Glasgow around one hour from London and Dublin. Aberdeen, Inverness and Dundee can also be reached in under two hours.

AIRPORT INFORMATION
Aberdeen
T: 0344 481 6666
www.aberdeenaэрport.com

Edinburgh
T: 0844 448 8833
www.edinburghairport.com

Glasgow
T: 0344 481 5555
www.glasgowairport.com

Highlands and Islands
Airports
T: 01667 462445
www.hial.co.uk

BY RAIL
There is a fast, efficient, cross-border railway service from England and Wales to Scotland with regular services throughout the day. There are also direct services from London King’s Cross to Scotland and good links from other main English cities such as Birmingham and Manchester.

First TransPennine Services
www.tpexpress.co.uk
National Rail Enquiries
www.nationalrail.co.uk

BY COACH

BY TRAM
Edinburgh Trams operates a 8.7 mile tram route between Edinburgh Airport and York Place in the city centre.
T: 0131 338 5780
www.edinburghtrams.com

Bus STATION INFORMATION

FURTHER INFORMATION

Traveline Scotland
T: 0871 223 0700
www.travelinescotland.com

Traffic Scotland
T: 0800 028 1414
www.trafficscotland.org

Ferry Services

P&O Ferries
www.poferries.com

Stena Line
www.stenaline.co.uk

Balfour Ferries
www.bcmotorhomes.co.uk

BY AIR

Not an extensive international air network connecting the islands and several regional airports to the main airports of Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow & Inverness.

Flybe
T: 0371 700 2000
www.flybe.com

Eastern Airways
T: 0803 669 100
www.easternairways.com

Loganair
T: 0344 800 2855
www.loganair.co.uk

Scottish Citylink is the largest operator, linking over 200 towns

BY SEA

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Stena Line
www.stenaline.co.uk

P&O Ferries
www.poferries.com

Loganair
www.loganair.co.uk

Virgin Trains
www.virgintrains.co.uk

BY COACH

BY FERRY
Scotland has hundreds of islands, so ferries are very important. Many of our islands can be found off the west coast - the Inner Hebrides, Outer Hebrides and the islands of the Clyde Estuary. Orkney and Shetland can be found to the north of the Scottish Mainland.

Caledonian MacBrayne
www.calmac.co.uk

Pentland Ferries
www.pentlandferries.co.uk

Orkney Ferries Ltd
www.orkneyferries.co.uk

Argyl Ferries
www.argylferries.co.uk

Further INFORMATION

Traveline Scotland
T: 0871 200 2233
www.travelinescotland.com

Traffic Scotland
T: 0800 028 1414
www.trafficscotland.org

Nevis Campers
www.neviscampers.co.uk

Motorhome Rental Centre
www.motorhomercntre.com

FOR Motorhome HIre
Several companies provide motorhome hire, including:
BC Motorhomes
www.bc므otorhomes.co.uk

Sixt Rent a Car
www.sixt.co.uk

Hertz
www.hertz.co.uk

Enterprise Rent-A-Car
www.enterprise.co.uk

Avis
www.avis.co.uk

Budget
www.budget.co.uk

EasyCar
www.easycar.com

Enterprise Rent-A-Car
www.enterprise.co.uk

GREEN Tourism-because we care – Businesses that work in a sustainable, environmentally friendly way are graded: Bronze ¤, Silver ¤¤ or Gold ¤¤¤. www.green-tourism.com

We want you to feel welcome – We have developed a range of Welcome Schemes which highlight the extra provision of service and hospitality required for some particular markets, below are some of the welcome schemes.

Quite simply, it takes us the length and breadth of Scotland to visit thousands of different properties every year and grade them on the things we know matter to you. Things like the overall quality on offer and warmth of welcome to help you make a more informed choice. VisitScotland Quality Assurance. Quality you can trust.

An acceptable standard

A good, all round standard

Very good standard, with attention to detail in every area

Excellent – superb food where provided and friendly, professional service

An exceptional standard where quality, hospitality and service are hard to fault.

Serviced accommodation establishments awarded gold stars have consistently achieved the highest levels of excellence within their star grading.

Taste Our Best – One way to ensure that you’ll enjoy great quality Scottish food and drink, prepared with care and delivered with passion, is to look for places that are part of Taste Our Best, our food and drink quality scheme.

For any feedback or comments you may have on quality assured properties please email us on qa@visitscotland.com.
USEFUL INFORMATION

When to play
Many courses are open all year round, but the golf season generally runs from the start of April until mid-October. This is when the courses tend to be at their best and busiest, with daylight hours at their longest between May and September (typically 5am until 10pm).

Handicap certificates
Some clubs require a handicap certificate or letter of introduction. If you have one, bring it with you.

Arranging golf
During peak season, it’s advised to pre-book your round to avoid disappointment. Should you wish to book an Open venue to your itinerary in advance, such as Muirfield or the Old Course at St Andrews, you will have to plan ahead with written applications required months beforehand.

What to wear on the course
Scotland’s average summer temperature ranges from 60-74°F (15-23°C), so it is advisable to pack warm and waterproof clothing.

In the clubhouse
While some clubs adopt a relaxed dress code, it is worth noting that denim jeans, collarless shirts and trainers are still generally frowned upon, whilst some clubs insist that gentlemen wear a jacket, collar and tie in the main lounge. If in doubt, check what is acceptable when you book.

Caddies, clubs, trolleys and buggies
Caddies are available at most of the bigger courses but should be arranged in advance. Most clubs provide hand trolley and club hire. Some venues provide buggy hire. If you need a ride-on buggy for medical reasons, you are best to book well in advance.

Emergencies
If you need the police, ambulance or fire brigade during your stay, dial 999. Note: this number should only be used in real emergencies. For all non-emergencies, dial 101.

Getting about
Pop into a VisitScotland iCentre to pick up a touring map of your choice.

HOW TO BOOK GOLF AT ST ANDREWS
The Old Course at St Andrews attracts more than 42,000 rounds a year so special conditions apply to booking a tee time. Around 50% of the course’s availability is allocated by public ballot, which is drawn two days in advance of play. For example, tee times for February 3 are drawn on February 1, and so on.

The Old Course is closed on Sundays, so there is no ballot draw on Fridays, and entering the ballot is not a guarantee of a tee time. A minimum of two golfers can enter the ballot either by telephone or in person before 2pm and two days before play. Those lucky enough to secure a tee time can find out after 4pm on the website, at the clubhouse, the starters’ box, the caddie pavilion, local golf clubs or the St Andrews VisitScotland iCentre. Limited advance reservations are available for single golfers. Advance applications can be requested from the first Wednesday of September for the following year, subject to availability. Visit www.standrews.org.uk/howtobook

WELCOME
Golf clubs in the ‘Visiting Golfers Welcome’ scheme provide the following services, facilities and amenities for all visitors:

- changing facilities and lockable storage for golf clubs and equipment
- good signposting around the course
- all facilities in good order
- catering on site or information on the nearest eating places
- flexibility of payment – by card, cheque or cash
- information on club hire, coaching, practice areas and driving ranges
- a commitment to the training of caddies (where this is offered)
- a warm welcome from both club members and staff

SEE PAGES 104-105 FOR ALL CLUBS PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHEME

Our friendly information experts can offer advice on what’s on and where to go and book tickets for events, activities and transport. Our Shop Local initiative promotes local artisans so we’re sure to help you find the perfect gift from Scotland.

Our happy herd of Coo Vans will be on the moo-ve throughout Scotland, with our Coo-visors delivering excellent local advice. Look out for them at events and attractions and discover our top tips to make the most of your Scottish experience.

Our accredited Information Partners are based throughout Scotland and can offer tailored advice to help you make the most of your visit. Chat with them for insider tips about the must see attractions in the local area. Find them at visitscotland.com/iknow

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Hill of Allargue viewpoint at Corparff
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**The Lagg Hotel**
The Lagg Hotel, Kilmory, Isle of Arran KA27 8PQ  
E: info@lagghotel.com  
T: 01586 552133  
Prices from £75 pppn

**Fairfield House Hotel**
The 4-star Fairfield House Hotel basks in a picturesque seafront location on the Ayrshire coast, with spectacular views across the waters to the Isle of Arran. A mix of both classic suites and modern executive bedrooms, some with sea views. An award-winning AA rosette restaurant and extensive leisure facilities make Fairfield House Hotel an ideal place to relax and unwind.

**No 7 Barns Terrace**
No 7 Barns Terrace is a 3 storey town house located in a private terrace with parking for up to 3 cars, minutes from restaurants and bars. All the Ayrshire golf courses are on our doorstep making it the perfect choice for your next golfing trip to Ayrshire. Owners Fiona and Steve De Lee hope golfers will feel at home in this luxurious 4 bedroom house with plenty of public space to relax in after a day on the Ayrshire links!

**Western House Hotel**
Western House Hotel offers four star luxury accommodation located in the heart of Burns Country. A short drive from Glasgow Prestwick International & 40 Minutes from Glasgow. Ideally located to explore the South West of Scotland with a string of championship golf courses on our doorstep. The new refurbished Hotel offers a spacious lounge, extensive Bar, free Wi-Fi, complimentary Electric Car Charging points, free car parking and our own Jockey Club Restaurant serving a selection of delicious dishes carefully prepared by our team of award winning chefs.

**The Corrie Hotel**
The Corrie Hotel is situated in the beautiful village of Corrie, six miles from Brodick ferry Terminal, making it an ideal base for your golfing holiday in Arran. You will find a warm, friendly atmosphere with a comfortable lounge, lounge bar and public bar as well as home cooked meals and hearty Scottish breakfasts. There is also a lovely, shoreline beer garden with fantastic views. Variety of rooms available including a family room and a bunkroom. Free Wi-Fi.

**Grammar Lodge**
Grammar Lodge is a luxurious B&B, sitting in a desirable, quiet part of Campbeltown, only minutes from the main street & Springbank Distillery. Developed with golfers in mind we have a 9 hole putting green in the front garden, drying & storage facilities for clubs / clothing and a battery charging station. We can arrange tee times at the local courses. The 7 rooms (doubles or twins) have home cooked meals and hearty Scottish breakfasts. There is also a lovely, shoreline lounge, lounge bar and public bar as well as a well stocked bar. Secure off road parking. Free WiFi.

**The Ardsie Hotel**
The Ardsie Hotel is a traditional family run hotel full of character with a cozy and relaxed atmosphere. All bedrooms are en suite with views over Campbeltown Loch to the front and Beinn Gheakuim to the rear. Conveniently situated just a 2 minute walk from the town centre and within easy walking distance of the 3 local distilleries. Our restaurant is open daily to non-residents and serves a wide range of freshly prepared meals using locally sourced ingredients. Our bar has over 700 whiskies, a great range of wine, craft beers and artisan gins. We also have a gift shop with a range of local products, whisky and gin for sale. Whisky Bar of The Year 2019.

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The Corrie Hotel is situated in the beautiful village of Corrie, six miles from Brodick ferry Terminal, making it an ideal base for your golfing holiday in Arran. You will find a warm, friendly atmosphere with a comfortable lounge, lounge bar and public bar as well as home cooked meals and hearty Scottish breakfasts. There is also a lovely, shoreline beer garden with fantastic views. Variety of rooms available including a family room and a bunkroom. Free Wi-Fi.
Cairndale Hotel & Leisure Club
The Cairndale Hotel in Dumfries Town centre offers excellent value golf breaks in Scotland. With numerous superb golf courses in Dumfries & Galloway, our golf co-ordinator can help you choose the perfect combination of courses that will ensure a challenging and enjoyable golf break. Packages start from £99 per person and include 2 nights dinner, bed and breakfast and 2 rounds of golf on a choice of local courses. Contact our Golf co-ordinator for a full list of courses or to discuss your individual golfing requirements.

Local Courses: Southerness, Powfoot and Lochmaben

T: 01387 254111
E: info@cairndalehotel.co.uk

www.cairndalehotel.co.uk

The Carradale Guest House
Carradale is a traditional Victorian Villa. Built in 1880, it has been lovingly refurbished and is Kenzie’s Only 5 Star Visit Scotland Guest House offering fully licensed, luxurious accommodation, open fires and a wonderful dining experience from our professional and accomplished Chef who makes everything, as far as possible, from locally sourced ingredients. This stunning area is perfect for golfing and whisky enthusiasts and for those wishing to relax and enjoy the breath-taking and tranquil scenery.

Local Courses: Carradale, Machrihanish Golf Club and Machrihanish Dunes

T: 01583 431199
E: stay@ carradale.com

www.carradale.com

Hetland Hall Hotel
Hetland Hall Hotel is a Georgian country house hotel set in 18 acres of land and ideally situated for various golf courses and other outdoor pursuits. Just 15 minutes from Gretna and 20 minutes from the M74, we are a stones throw from Powfoot and just a 15-20 minute drive to Dumfries and Lochmaben courses. Great food and friendly staff await you, everybody is welcome!

Local Courses: Powfoot, Lochmaben and Southerness

T: 01587 840201
E: reception@hetlandhallhotel.co.uk

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The Gailes Hotel
Luxury four-star 42 bedroom property (inclusive of Penthouse) in the heart of Ayrshire and surrounded by world class championship golf courses (Western Gailes, Dundonald Links and Gailes Links). Introducing a brand-new spa development in 2019 to create one of the most desirable destinations in Ayrshire. Full gym and leisure plus floodlit dining range, nine-hole course, teaching studio all on site. Part of the Simpshill group.

Local Courses: Western Gailes, Gailes Links and Dundonald Links

T: 01294 204040
E: reservations@simpshills.com

www.gailes.com

Fernhill Hotel
With breathtaking views over the village and harbour of Portpatrick, Fernhill is ideally situated to enjoy the superb golf courses close by, with Portpatrick golf course only a short 150 yards from the door. Our bar is welcoming with its cozy fire and our dining room and conservatory restaurant offers excellent cuisine and a selection of fine wines. Well appointed, comfortable rooms and friendly, welcoming staff make guests return to Fernhill again and again. Year round golf packages available.

Local Courses: Portpatrick, Stranraer and Wigtownshire County

T: 01776 810511
E: info@fernhillhotel.co.uk

www.fernhillhotel.co.uk

Carlton Hotel
If you’re looking for the perfect break away and to have the choice of over 40 courses, then The Carlton Hotel offers everything that you would need. Why not enjoy Logans Restaurant, where you can enjoy the local cuisines, relax with a drink in the bar after a long day out on the course and an executive room to rest your weary legs. Contact us for more details on rates, availability, offers and we can also offer assistance on booking courses and transport.

Local Courses: Prestwick, Dundonald Links and Royal Troon

T: 01292 476811
E: reservations@simpsinns.com

www.carlton-prestwick.com
North West Castle Hotel

Traditional family run hotel offering friendly hospitality with excellent cuisine, service and amenities. Situated in the heart of Stranraer with 72 en suite rooms, a restaurant and bar, the hotel offers easy access to all local courses. The hotel has its own leisure complex including swimming pool, sauna, small gym and spa bath and separate games room, and during the winter months has an indoor curling rink. Year round golf packages available.

Local Courses: Stranraer, Portpatrick and Wigtownshire County

T: 01776 704443
E: hotel@northwestcastle.co.uk
Port Road, Stranraer DG9 8EH
www.mcmillanhotels.co.uk

Lochgreen House Hotel & Spa

Experience the charm and luxury of our beautiful country house hotel & spa located in Troon. With deluxe accommodation, award winning spa suites, 3AA Red Rosette Restaurant and malt whisky room it is the perfect location for golfer and non-golfers alike. Within easy striking distance of Ayrshires superb range of golf courses, including Royal Troon and only 5 minutes from Glasgow Prestwick International Airport. B&B price is based on two sharing.

Local Courses: Royal Troon, Prestwick and Western Gailes

T: 01925 319343
E: lochgreen@castley-hotels.co.uk
Monskrivill Road, Southwood, Troon KA50 7EN
www.castley-hotels.co.uk

The Marine Hotel

Located on the beautiful South Ayrshire coastline with breathtaking views over Royal Troon Golf Club, our stunning 4 star hotel has everything you need for a relaxing getaway. The Marine Hotel promises to deliver both an elegant and comfortable experience for all guests with a vast selection of luxury bedrooms, full leisure club, spa & superb dining options. Located only 65 minutes drive from Glasgow Airport, The Marine Hotel is centrally located with over 10 golf courses all within a 5 mile radius.

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T: 01292 314444
E: reservations@themarinetroon.co.uk
Crosbie Road, Troon KA50 4HE
www.themarinetroon.co.uk

Old Loans Inn

Award winning boutique hotel with 20 luxury and spacious bedrooms plus popular country pub and restaurant in the village of Loans on the outskirts of Troon. This four star property is part of the family owned SimpsInns group and within easy reach of Ayrshire’s Open Championship venues. The Old Loans Inn was named Small Hotel of the Year 2017, 2018 and 2019 at the Scottish Golf Tourism Awards.

Local Courses: Royal Troon, Prestwick and Kilmarnock Barassie

T: 01294 204040
E: reservations@simpsinns.com
31-33 Main Street, Loans, Ayrshire KA10 7EX
www.oldloansinn.co.uk

Piersland House

The choice for many golfers, Piersland House is a 4 star Country House Hotel in the heart of Ayrshire golf country – adjacent to Royal Troon Golf Club and Portland Parkland courses. It is a 10 – 15 minute drive to Dunoon Links; Western and Glasgow Gailes, Barassie and Prestwick and within 45 minutes of Trump Turnberry. There are also 3 other golf courses in Troon town. Many people use Piersland as the base for their trip. Piersland House is well known for good food and a friendly welcome with a wide selection of gins and whiskies in our Walker Bar. Piersland was the home of Sir Alexander Walker, the grandson of Johnnie Walker whisky fame!

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T: 01292 364747
E: reservations@piersland.co.uk
15 Craigend Road, Troon KA10 6HD
www.piersland.co.uk

South Beach Hotel

This is the perfect location for Ayrshire’s finest courses. With 12 championship courses in close proximity and only 5 minutes’ walk from Royal Troon, municipal courses and town centre. Golf packages to suit all budgets and handicaps. Golf storage and drying facilities. Enjoy our quality menu using fresh local Ayrshire produce, served by friendly staff in a relaxed atmosphere.

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T: 01292 310033
E: info@southbeach.co.uk
73 South Beach, Troon KA10 6EG
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Malin Court Hotel & Restaurant

Adjacent to Turnberry Golf Course, Malin Court Hotel and Restaurant lies on Scotland’s west coast and is ideally located for golf lovers. Enjoy excellent Scottish hospitality in Cotters Restaurant which has magnificent views of the Isle of Arran and the Firth of Clyde. Our en suite rooms are spacious and have either sea or golf course views. We can offer club storage, drying facilities and private parking.

Local Courses: Trump Turnberry, Belkiside and Troon Courses

T: 01655 334657
E: info@malincourt.co.uk
Maidens Road, Turnberry KA26 9PB
www.malincourt.co.uk

The Waterside Hotel

A stunning four star hotel along the water's edge with panoramic views over the Firth of Clyde to the Isle of Arran. Great food and luxury accommodation come as standard at this wonderful New England/Cape Cod designed property. The Waterside boasts a range of 23 bedrooms, suites and spa accommodation. Covered verandas and private garden leads onto the beach. Part of the family-owned SimpsInns group.

Local Courses: West Kilbride and Largs

T: 01294 824414
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Fairwinds Hotel & Chalets
A hotel for golfers by golfers!
Situated in the Cairngorms National Park, Fairwinds Hotel offers spacious, comfortable en-suite bedrooms in addition to 6 self-catering chalets in beautifully landscaped grounds. Carrbridge has an excellent 9 hole course just a minute away with the renowned Boat of Garten, designed by James Braid just 4 miles away and another Braemar course, Grantown-on-Spey just 15 minutes drive. Forty minutes away are the links courses of Castle Stuart, Nairn, Nairn Dunbar, Fortrose, Hopeman and Moray Golf. Just over one hour away is Royal Dornoch.

Local Courses:
- Royal Dornoch Golf Club
- Castle Stuart Golf Course
- Fortrose Golf Club
- Newtonmore Golf Club
- Grantown-on-Spey Golf Club

Prices from £52.50 ppn

Embo House
Just a couple of minutes from the world-famous Royal Dornoch Golf Club, and standing in 8 acres of private garden, Embo House occupies a commanding position overlooking the Dornoch Firth. Steeped in history, this Grade A listed house dates originally from the sixteenth century and was an ancestral castle of the Clan Gordon. Today it provides contemporary and elegant dining room for 16. Sleeps 8 - 16.

Local Courses:
- Royal Dornoch, Brora and Tain

Prices from £800 pw

Glen Dael
Glen Dael is an artist’s bright bungalow, deep below Dornoch Firth, ideal for golfing parties. The accommodation comprises a lounge, dining/kitchen, utility, bathroom (with over bath shower), TV with Freesat, DVD, CD with iPod dock, electric hob, fan oven, washer drier, tumble drier, dishwaher and oil central heating. All linen and towels included. There is parking for 3 cars and garage storage. Please call about short breaks for golf clubs. Please call about short breaks for golf clubs.

Local Courses:
- Royal Dornoch, Brora and Golspie

Prices from £510 per week

Links House at Royal Dornoch
5 star award winning luxury accommodation with the charm, grace and elegance of the world’s finest boutique hotels, adjacent to the 1st tee at Royal Dornoch Golf Club. Choice of dining options between MARA - Seafood & Highland Farey or The Courthouse for Food, Wine & Music. We have 15 individually designed and appointed rooms and a programme of highland sports & activities beyond golf to ensure your stay at Links House is a memorable one.

Local Courses:
- Royal Dornoch, Tain and Brora

Prices from £2195 ppn

Coylumbridge Highland Lodges
Tucked into the foldths of the Cairngorm Mountains with lovely walks, lochs and cycle trails, these lodges offer a perfect base for golfers in the Highlands of Scotland. Well-equipped with a distinctive Nordic design, the lodges sleep 4 to 8 people. Lodge guests can access resort amenities and activities including dining, indoor pool, sauna, adventure golf, soft play, mini bowling and a games arcade. The Outdoor Discovery park on the grounds offers trampolines, wall climbing, bicycle and ski rentals. These lodges are also available for purchase.

Local Courses:
- Spey Valley, Boat of Garten and Castle Stuart

Prices from £524 (2 bedrooms) pw

Royal Marine Hotel, Restaurant, Golf & Spa
The Royal Marine Hotel is situated in the small village of Brora, adjacent to Brora Golf Course and beach. Just over 1 hour drive north of Inverness and Castle Stuart Golf Course, holder of the Scottish Open and 20 mins’ drive from Royal Dornoch Championship Course. Our luxury Links and Links View Apartments, all with 2 bedrooms en-suite, are situated overlooking the golf course and beach. Quote ‘GIS2020’ to receive a 10% accommodation only discount for hotel bookings when booking direct.

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- Brora, Royal Dornoch and Golspie

Prices on application

European Waterways
Unique golf themed cruises through the Great Glen, across lochs D’cheann, Ness, Oich & Lochy and along the Caledonian Canal on luxury hotel barge ‘Scottish Highlander’ or ‘Spirit of Scotland’. Charter one of these fully-catered, 8 and 12 passenger hotel barges for a 6-night, all-inclusive cruise, and play courses such as Royal Dornoch and Castle Stuart. Be pampered by an attentive crew and indulge in gourmet meals, fine wines and an open bar well stocked with delicious single malts. Play 4 rounds with pre-booked tee times. For non-golfers, day trips can be arranged to Eilean Donan, Cawder Castle & Gardens, Glencoe & Glen Ord distillery.

Local Courses:
- Royal Dornoch, Castle Stuart and Nairn Dunbar

Prices from £3,790 pp 6 nights all inclusive

Cairn Hotel
Authentic Highland inn offering excellent value golf packages at all our local courses in the beautiful villages of Carrbridge or Boat of Garten. Alternatively we are an excellent base for playing Castle Stuart, Spey Valley, Nairn and many more. Tailor made packages available. Offering comfortable accommodation, seasonal menus using the best local produce and winner of TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence 2019.

Local Courses:
- Carrbridge, Boat of Garten and Spey Valley

Prices from £35 ppn

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- Brora, Royal Dornoch and Golspie

Prices on application
Sunninghill Hotel

Sunninghill Hotel stands in its own grounds with adjacent carpark. An imposing Victorian house which has been completely refurbished and offers superb accommodation. We specialise in the use of local produce in our extensive menu and our bar stocks a number of beers including local and well known real ales. A large selection of malt whiskies are also available. Golf and accommodation packages available.

**Local Courses:** Elgin, Moray and Fornos

- T: 01343 547799
- E: info@sunninghillhotel.com
- www.sunninghillhotel.com

Blervie House

Blervie House offers 5* accommodation to suit individuals or small groups in a beautifully restored Country House set in its own secluded grounds. Just a 30-minute drive from Inverness airport. Blervie House is within easy reach of some of Scotland’s best golf courses and whisky distilleries. With views overlooking the Moray Firth and Inverness airport, Blervie House is ideally suited for your golfing break with 13 courses within a 30-minute drive of the hotel. Upon booking please quote V5 Golf.

**Local Courses:** Castle Stuart, Nairn and Moray

- T: 01309 674629
- E: info@blervie.com
- www.blervie.com

Grant Arms Hotel

The Grant Arms Hotel offers 50 en-suite bedrooms all with tea and coffee making facilities, toiletries, hair dryer, colour TV, direct dial phone and free Wi-Fi. Our Restaurant is a delightful setting to enjoy delicious meals cooked using the very best of local produce, after your evening meal you can enjoy our extensive array of Speyside malt whiskies in our Capercaillie Bar. The hotel is ideally situated for your golfing break with 13 courses within a 30-minute drive of the hotel.

**Local Courses:** Granton on Spey, Botan of Garten and Abendonny

- T: 01479 872526
- E: info@grantarmshotel.com
- www.grantarmshotel.com

Holm Lodge

Situated less than two miles from the City Centre of Inverness and only 25 minutes from Inverness Airport, Holm Lodge offers our guests the very best of highland tranquility with the convenience of a town and airport only moments away. The lodge can accommodate up to 12 guests with 6 inviting bedrooms, each enjoying modern luxurious en-suite facilities and furnished to our high 5 star standard throughout. A number of excellent golf courses are available locally. WiFi. Short term lets available.

**Local Courses:** Macdonald Spey Valley, Castle Stuart and Royal Dornoch

- T: 01463 237816 M: 07587 187495
- E: info@ness-side.com
- www.ness-side.com

Beachview Holiday Flat 2

Only a short iron from the 18th green, Beachview Holiday Flat is a spacious, 3 double bedroom, beautifully furnished property, offering stunning views of the golf course, beach and Moray Firth. Quite simply, a golfer’s paradise. Breaks from Saturday-Saturday.

**Local Courses:** Moray

- T: 01479 872526
- E: info@grantarmshotel.com
- www.grantarmshotel.com

Orton Holiday Cottages

Orton Holiday Cottages is located in the heart of idyllic Speyside in the Highlands of Scotland. We offer our guests comfortably furnished, family-friendly cottages and farmhouses on the banks of the River Spey. With Aberdeen and Inverness airports within easy reach, we are conveniently situated for both short breaks and longer holidays. We will be happy to arrange green times and transport to various golf courses in the region.

**Local Courses:** Castle Stuart, Cullen and Dufftown

- T: 0343 880240 M: 07709 841336
- E: orton@ortonestate.com
- Orton by Fochabers, Moray IV2 7OE
- www.ortonholidaycottages.com

Sandown House

Sandown House is a luxury 5 star gold guest house. Beautifully appointed former dairy farm is within easy access of A96. A few minutes walk to fabulous beaches, wildlife and Nairn Golf Club. Six luxury and flexible bedrooms. Fresh breakfast, cooked to order serving local and homemade produce. Free private parking and Wi-Fi. Only 15 minutes from Inverness Airport. Special rates for weekly stays!

**Local Courses:** Nairn, Royal Dornoch and Castle Stuart

- T: 01961 876717
- E: relax@glenmorangie.co.uk
- www.theglenmorangiehouse.com

Glengormlie House

Tucked away in a peaceful corner of Easter Ross, lies Glengormlie’s 17th century Highland home. More of a country home than a hotel, Glengormlie House promises guests the warmest of Highland welcomes. Here, you may luxuriate in traditional style, dine on the very best of Scotland’s larder and discover what we mean by “Tranquillity restored.”

The House was included in the 5 Best Hotel Experiences 2016 by Forbes.com.

**Local Courses:** Royal Dornoch and Tain

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- www.theglenmorangiehouse.com

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Carmelite Hotel

Carmelite Hotel is often referred to as the ‘Hidden Gem’ as it’s only a 3-minute walk from Aberdeen transport hub. This chic venue located in the city’s merchant quarter, encompasses designed boutique rooms, eclectic suites and economy accommodation. Relax in either a booth, lounge or formal dining seating for coffees and cocktails, whilst choosing from menus of local foods including char-grilled steaks, informal bar münchies, and a fabulous selection of champagnes and wines. All rooms have Freeview TVs, free WiFi, work desks, tea/coffee making facilities, iron & board, quality bed linen and a private bathroom.

Local Courses: Trump International, Royal Aberdeen and Cruden Bay

The Lodge on the Loch

The Lodge on the Loch, Scotland’s premier 4-star hotel, is located on the banks of the River Dee. It offers luxurious 4-bedroom suites with stunning river views, and access to an 18-hole championship golf course.

Local Courses: Aboyne, Ballater and Braemar

Craighendarroch Lodges

A stunning location beside the River Dee within the idyllic and historic setting of Royal Deeside, these lodges are surrounded by plentiful nearby outdoor activities including golf, fishing, horseriding, cycling, and main attractions such as Balmoral Castle and Royal Lochnagar Distillery. The lodges are well-appointed with private terraces and many with private saunas, and sleep 2 to 8 people. Lodge guests can enjoy the resort facilities including restaurants, swimming pools, gym, sauna, steam, spa, squash, snooker and tennis. These lodges are also available for purchase.

Local Courses: Ballater, Aboyne and Braemar

Maryculter House

Nestled on the banks of the River Dee, just a few minutes drive from the city centre of Aberdeen and only 15 minutes from Aberdeen Airport, this historic, family owned 40 bedroom Country House is ideally suited for both business and leisure travellers. Offering spectacular views out over the River and PeterCulter Golf Course our Poachers Brasserie menu provides our guests with a seasonal menu using only the best in local produce whilst our Bar, stocked with only the finest hand-picked tipplers including our very own ‘Knights Gin & Templars Tonic’, named after our historic past.

Local Courses: PeterCulter, Banchory and Paul Lawrie Golf Centre
**The Banff Springs Hotel**

The Banff Springs Hotel is the perfect base for your golfing trip. We have 36 modern bedrooms and fantastic bar and restaurant facilities on site. We offer various golf stay and play packages ranging from a 2 night stay, 2 rounds to a 6 night stay, 5 rounds at our two local courses Duff House Royal (5 mins) and Royal Tarlair (10 mins). As well as these courses there is also a driving range in Macduff.

Local Courses: Trump Aberdeen Cruden Bay and Dun cran, Duff House Royal, Buckpool, Inverurie Golf Club, Kemnoy Golf Club and Netherchan Golf Club

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**Heath Hill Hotel**

Heath Hill is well placed for golfing visits to the North East with Fraserton, Peterhead, Banff, Turiff and Balmedie all a short drive away. Cities and towns in the vicinity include: Aberdeen city, Inverness city, Inverurie, Huntly and Elgin. For your entertainment and comfort all rooms at The Inn have High Definition television and pocket sprung superking beds. The Inn has full restaurant and bar facilities available at lunch and dinner. For those in pursuit of leisure, Fraserburgh has a fabulous sandy beach backed by grass topped sand dunes and Fraserburgh golf club lying beyond the dunes.

Local Courses: Fraserton, Inverurie and Peterhead

T: 01346 541492
E: info@heathhillhotel.co.uk
[www.heathhillhotel.co.uk](http://www.heathhillhotel.co.uk)

**Clovenstone Lodges**

Luxury self-catering 4-bedroom lodge up to 8 singles), a “home from home”.

Relax in your private hot tub on the veranda overlooking rolling countryside.

Private dining, whisky & gin tastings, distillery & castle tours available.

5 mins to the bustling town of Inverurie, 15 mins to the airport and train station and no more than 30 mins to most of the 56 local golf courses.

Local Courses: Inverurie Golf Club, Kemnoy Golf Club and Netherchan Golf Club

T: 07878 057374
E: info@clovenstonelodges.co.uk
[www.clovenstonelodges.co.uk](http://www.clovenstonelodges.co.uk)

**Meldrum House Country Hotel & Golf Course**

Award-winning Meldrum House boasts one of the finest parkland golf courses in Scotland. Nestled within a 240-acre estate in stunning Aberdeenshire countryside and steeped in history, the 13th century baronial country house and golf course guarantees unrivalled luxury. Following a multi-million pound development in 2016, the hotel now boasts 51 bedrooms, some of which have views of the golf course with floor to ceiling windows. Two new dining experiences launched in 2019 include 1236, a casual eating experience. Pineapple launched in their 2 Red Rosette Dining Room, showcasing local produce from 3 renowned butchers.

Local Courses: Trump Aberdeen Cruden Bay and Murrar

T: 01651 872294
E: enquiries@meldrumhouse.com
[www.meldrumhouse.com](http://www.meldrumhouse.com)

**Redgarth Inn**

Our accommodation comprises of one twin and five double rooms all of which are furnished to a 4* Visit Scotland standard. Rooms are all en-suite and offer the usual refinements. Using the freshest of ingredients, sourced locally where possible, our menu is international with a strong hint of Scotland including vegetarian and gluten free options. In addition to a choice of draught lagers, stouts, cider and craft ales our award winning bar has a variety of malt whiskies. Free Wi-Fi.

Local Courses: Oldmeldrum, Trump International and Royal Aberdeen

T: 01651 872235
E: redgarth@tiscali.com
Kirk Brae, Oldmeldrum AB51 0DU
[www.redgarth.com](http://www.redgarth.com)

**Buchan Braes Hotel**

Buchan Braes Hotel is a contemporary designed 4-star hotel featuring an open plan lounge and an AA Rosette winning grill room with open kitchen serving delicious locally supplied food. In their 2 Red Rosette Dining Room, showcasing local produce from 3 renowned butchers. Casual eating experience. Pineapple launched in 2016, the hotel now boasts 51 bedrooms, some of which have views of the golf course with floor to ceiling windows. Two new dining experiences launched in 2019 include 1236, a casual eating experience.

Local Courses: Oldmeldrum, Kemnoy and Netherchan

T: 01779 474821
E: info@buchanbraes.co.uk
Boddam, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire AB42 3AR
[www.buchanbraes.co.uk](http://www.buchanbraes.co.uk)

**Station Hotel Portsoy**

The warmest of welcomes awaits you.

- Great accommodation
- Great food
- Great sports bar
- BT and Sky Sports
- Beautiful scenic village coastal location
- Near whisky distilleries
- On NorthEast 250 Trail
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- All-inclusive golf breaks a specialty
- Parties of 2 to 30 welcome
- Over 600 golfers a year can’t be wrong

Local Courses: Duff House Royal, Buckpool and Cullen

T: 01261 843237
E: enquiries@stationhotelportsoy.co.uk
Seafield Street, Portsoy Banffshire, Scotland AB45 2QT
[www.stationhotelportsoy.co.uk](http://www.stationhotelportsoy.co.uk)

**The Ship Inn**

Historic Inn with spectacular views of the picturesque harbour. Sit on suite bedrooms (7 with harbour views).

All rooms have flat screen TVs with freeview. High quality, home-cooked meals served in restaurant with panoramic harbour views, cosy bar and outside terrace. Real Ales, Wine List, Wins by the Glass, Over 100 Single Malts. Great Fresh Coffee & Selection of Teas.

Local Courses: Stonehaven, Edzell and Portlethen

T: 01559 762857
E: enquiries@shippinnstonehaven.com
5 Shorehead, Stonehaven, Kincardineshire AB39 2JY
[www.shippinnstonehaven.com](http://www.shippinnstonehaven.com)

**The Banff Springs Hotel**

B&B prices from £69.50 pppn

**Heath Hill Hotel**

B&B prices from £69.50 pppn

**Clovenstone Lodges**

SC Prices from £30 pppn (based on 8 sharing)

**Meldrum House Country Hotel & Golf Course**

Prices from £165 pppn

**Redgarth Inn**

B&B prices from £85 pppn

**Buchan Braes Hotel**

Prices from £75 pppn

**Station Hotel Portsoy**

B&B prices from £40 pppn (based on 2 sharing)

**The Ship Inn**

Prices from £55 pppn
WHERE TO STAY IN SCOTLAND...

**ABERDOUR**

*HOTEL*

Prices from £39 ppn

**Aberdour Hotel**

The Aberdour Hotel is surrounded by many golf courses to suit every level of golfer. Our 16 rooms accommodate up to 24 golfers. We offer B&B, DB&B and organise discounted golf packages with local courses. We are 30 minutes from Edinburgh and can arrange airport pickups. Call Scott to discuss your requirements.

- Local Courses: Aberdour, Burntisland and Kirkcaldy
- T: 01383 860325
- E: reception@aberdourhotel.co.uk
- www.aberdourhotel.co.uk
- www.aberdourhotel.co.uk
- Prices from £85 ppn

**Woodside Hotel**

The Woodside Hotel, dating back to 1873, is nestled in the heart of the beautiful Fife village of Aberdour. Perfectly situated, Aberdour sits on the north bank of the Firth of Forth, home to fabulous coastal walks and stunning beaches. The Woodside Hotel is an excellent base for discovering what Scotland has to offer; whether you’re after a golfing, walking or dining break, or prefer to immerse yourself in the rich history of Edinburgh. We have super fast wifi in all our rooms. We have a fully licensed bar and guests can dine and relax in our historic Clipper restaurant, restored from RMS Orontes.

- Local Courses: Aberdour, Burntisland and Kirkcaldy
- T: 01383 860328
- E: reception@thewoodsidehotel.co.uk
- www.thewoodsidehotel.co.uk
- Prices from £65 ppn

**Scottish Highland Lodge**

Our spacious 3 bedroomed (all en suite) lodge in the heart of Perthshire is perfectly situated for those looking to explore the region by foot. The area offers the widest possible range of walks, from gentle riverside to challenging long distance walks. After a day out walking you can come back to the comfort of the lodge where you can relax in the open plan king and dining room which opens onto your own balcony with uninterrupted views of the magnificent countryside. Free parking. Free Wi-Fi.

- Local Courses: Aberdour, Mains of Taymouth and Strathblane
- T: 01882 636005
- E: info@scottishhighlandlodgerental.co.uk
- www.scottishhighlandlodgerental.co.uk
- Prices from £125 ppn

**Mains of Taymouth Country Estate & Golf Course**

Mains of Taymouth, 4 and 5 star award winning luxury self-catering accommodation in stunning Kenmore, Highland Perthshire. A family run 160 acre Estate, we pride ourselves on having some of the most luxurious self-catering accommodation Scotland has to offer. Spacious, homely properties sleeping from 2 to 12 and many properties with private hot tubs, saunas and games rooms. On site there is a superb 9 hole golf course with guest discount, trekking stables, bar and restaurant, deli and gift shop.

- Local Courses: Mains of Taymouth, Aberfeldy and Killin
- T: 01887 830226
- E: info@taymouth.co.uk
- www.taymouth.co.uk
- Prices on application

**Kinblethmont House & Holiday Cottages**

Kinblethmont House is a Victorian mansion house with many period features and is perfect for larger golfing groups, boasting 14 bedrooms and 9 bathrooms, and lots of spacious reception areas and private grounds. There are also 5 beautiful 4 star holiday cottages sleeping from 4 to 12 people which can be rented on their own or in conjunction with Kinblethmont house.

- Local Courses: Carnoustie, Montrose Courses and Gleneagles
- T: 01241 890204
- E: info@kinblethmont.com
- www.kinblethmont.com
- Prices from £125 ppn

**Glendevon Hotel**

The Glendevon is a family owned, family run Hotel set in the heart of Perthshire only minutes from Gleneagles. We offer 8 clean comfortable bedrooms, all en-suite and tastefully decorated. The facilities on offer include a public bar with log fire, Pool Room, Lounge Bar, Restaurant, and Beer Garden. We have Sports TV in both bars, and Freeview in all rooms. It is a couple of minutes away from the main motorway network with Glasgow and Edinburgh Airports about 40 minutes drive away.

- Local Courses: Gleneagles, Auchterarder and Crieff
- T: 01764 662578
- E: glendevonhotel@outlook.com
- www.glendevonhotelperth.co.uk
- Prices from £80 ppn

**Glendevon House Hotel & Holiday Cottages**

In front of the Glendevon Hotel and set in the heart of Perthshire, our beautiful 18th century mansion is the perfect base for your golfing holiday whatever the size of your group. Kinblethmont House is a Victorian mansion house with many period features and is perfect for larger golfing groups, boasting 14 bedrooms and 9 bathrooms, and lots of spacious reception areas and private grounds.

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- T: 01241 890204
- E: info@kinblethmont.com
- www.kinblethmont.com
- Prices from £125 ppn

**Blairgowrie**

**Luxury Inclusive Stays**

Prices on application

**Altamount Manor**

Our luxury golf hospitality packages provide fine accommodation, food and a taste of the Scottish Heartlands. Altamount Manor is a building of considerable character, dating from 1875, with two bars, two dining rooms, lounge, a large function room and 18 en-suite bedrooms. We operate as an exclusive hire venue for a single party at a time, organising transport, entertainment and whatever else you may require. Alternatively, self-catering is also an option if you want to have the place totally to yourselves. Landscows & Rosemount courses are only one mile away. St Andrews, Carnoustie & Gleneagles are within an hour’s drive.

- Local Courses: Rosemount, Landscows and Strathmore
- T: 0800 233 59 22
- E: info@altamount.net
- www.altamount.net
Ballathie House Hotel & Sportsman’s Lodges
Staying at Ballathie and playing golf on one of the many fabulous surrounding courses is a unique experience. Ballathie offers elegance, comfort and quality, not to mention a spectacular setting. A short drive from Blairgowrie, Crieff, Gleneagles, Pitlochry and St Andrews. Combine a round of golf with a relaxing stay, award winning food, and perhaps a spot of fishing. All in all Ballathie is as unique as Scotland itself.

Local Courses: Blairgowrie, Crieff and Glencairn

T: 01250 883 268
E: info@ballathiehousehotel.com
Kirkcudbright, Stanley, Perthshire PH10 4QN

www.ballathiehousehotel.com

Prices from £110 pppn (inc. golf)

Carnoustie
Aboukir Hotel
Welcome to The Aboukir – Hotel, Restaurant & Bar in Carnoustie, Angus. The Aboukir is a friendly and inviting hotel, bar and restaurant that is located at the end of Carnoustie High Street. It is a 7 minute walk from all golf courses in Carnoustie, including the Championship. We provide excellent dining and a friendly atmosphere in the bar, and have the only beer garden in Carnoustie. Aboukir can comfortably accommodate 20 guests. For larger parties we also have the Seaview Guesthouse located 50 metres away from Aboukir. It's a sophisticated 4 star guesthouse located even closer to the golf courses that make Carnoustie famous.

Local Courses: Carnoustie, St Andrews and Monifieth

T: 01241 852 149
E: enquiry@aboukir.co.uk
38 Ireland Street, Carnoustie, Angus DD7 6AT
www.aboukir.co.uk

Prices from £44 pppn

Carnoustie
Lochty House
Exclusive use of spacious, traditional 3 bedroom semi-detached comfortable home. Self catering, fully modernised with all amenities. Walking distance to the famous Carnoustie Links course. Suitable for families and get togethers. Other nearby attractions include Glamis Castle and The Victoria and Albert Museum. Two double and one twin bedroom. A plethora of nearby courses including St Andrews and Gleneagles.

Local Courses: Carnoustie Golf Links, Panmure Golf Club and Monifieth Golf Links

T: 07732 624640
E: ren earnbr itch@bl az yond er.co.uk
20 Lochee Street, Carnoustie DD7 6EF

Prices from £140 pn / price on application

CoupAr Angus
Red House Hotel
One of Scotland’s favourite sporting, touring and corporate hotels, centrally situated, personally run with extensive in-house facilities. Voted Best Small Hotel with 20 rooms or less - STGA 2016. Our restaurant is open all day. Snooker, squash, gymnasium and sauna all available for residents’ use. Over 30 fabulous golf courses all within 45 mins drive, this is a perfect base for golfers. You’ll return again and again!

Local Courses: Blairgowrie, Alyth and Strathmore

T: 01828 628500
Station Road, Coupar Angus PH13 9AL

www.red-house-hotel.co.uk

Prices from £69.50 pppn

Craill
Golf Hotel
The Golf Hotel is a quality, hotel, bar and restaurant, perfect for a golfing holiday. Craill has two links courses and is perfectly situated for a trip to ‘the home of golf’, St Andrews. The Craill Golfing Society was founded in this hotel in 1786. Our restaurant has been in the CAMRA Sportsman’s Lodges for a trip to ‘the home of golf’, St Andrews. The Craill Golfing Society was founded in this hotel in 1786. Our restaurant has been in the CAMRA

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T: 01333 450206
E: info@golfhotelcraill.com
4 High Street, Craill KY9 3TD
www.thegolfhotelcraill.com

Prices TBC

Crief
Blairmore Farm & Estates
Luxurious 5* holiday cottages, based in Fowlis Wester just outside Crieff. Our luxury fully ensuite cottages based in the heart of Blairmore Farm, are available all year round. Guests can come and experience the good life whilst staying in a cosy cottage.

Local Courses: Glencairn, Crieff Golf Club and St Fillans Golf Club

T: 01784861789
E: reservations@blairoermorefarm.com
Blairmore Farm, Crieff PH7 3NN
www.blairoermorefarm.com

Prices from £70 perpn

Dundee
Best Western Invercarse Hotel
Situated in the west end of Dundee, just 2 miles from the city centre, the stylish and modern bedrooms have everything you need for a comfortable stay. The Redwood Restaurant is renowned for its imaginative use of local produce and the lounge bar is a relaxing area for business or social needs. Fantastic location to play some of the challenging local courses in the area as well as being less than a half hour drive to famous courses such as Carnoustie and St Andrews. Complimentary strong Wi-Fi, ample free parking, close to city centre, train station, Dundee Airport and A90.

Local Courses: Ballumbie, Card Park and Camperdown

T: 03823 688331
E: reception@invercarsehotel.co.uk
371 Perth Road, Dundee DD2 1PG
www.invercarsehotel.co.uk

Prices on application

Dundee
Best Western Woodlands Hotel
Best Western Woodlands Hotel is a warm and welcoming 3* accommodation surrounded by mature wooded gardens. The Woodlands is only 16 miles from the famous ‘Old Course’ in St Andrews, and only 6 miles from the Championship Carnoustie Golf Links. The Leisure Club boasts a fully equipped gym, pool, sauna, steam and Jacuzzi. You’ll find the restaurant and bar is relaxed and informal with an extensive menu choice. Free Wi-Fi, free parking.

Local Courses: Camperdown, Monifieth and Panmure

T: 01382 466033
E: reception@woodlandsdundee.co.uk
13 Panmure Terrace, Dundee DD5 2QZ
www.woodlandsdundee.co.uk

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www.woodlandsdundee.co.uk

Prices on application
Dunkeld Lodges managed by Hilton Grand Vacations

A perfect base for golfers, these lodges are nestled within the spacious grounds of a 280-acre estate rich in history and legend. Spacious, well-equipped, and furnished to a high standard, the lodges sleep 4 to 5 people. Lodge guests can access the onsite hotel facilities including a swimming pool, sauna, gym, spa, restaurant and bar. The estate grounds also offer outdoor activities including salmon fishing, tennis, mountain and quad biking, and one of Europe’s finest clay shooting academies.

These lodges are also available for purchase.

Local Courses: Glencraigie, St Andrews and Rosemount

T: 01339 755558
E: reservations@royaldunkeld.co.uk
www.royaldunkeld.co.uk

Royal Dunkeld Hotel

Friendly family-run hotel, within easy reach of 50 golf courses to suit everyone in glorious countryside. Storage facilities for clubs. Drying facilities available. The keen golfer will enjoy our local Dunkeld & Balmaha course and of course Pitlochry Golf Course. We also have a very popular restaurant and bar in the hotel.

Local Courses: Dunkeld & Balmaha, Pitlochry and Blairgowrie

T: 01350 727322
E: info@abbeyford.com
www.abbeyford.com

Elie Holiday Park

Multi-award-winning Elie Holiday Park is one of Fife’s hidden gems and the ideal location for a golfing holiday. Fringed by woodlands and a nature reserve, the park has direct access to a sweeping beach and the Fife Coastal Path. Accommodation includes the choice of stylish holiday home caravans either close to the beach or forest and a lodge with private hot tub – all with the added luxury of decking. There’s a family-friendly bar, restaurant, café, shop and the exciting Robinson Crusoe Adventure Park. Touring caravans and motorhomes are also welcome.

Local Courses: Elie, Anstruther and Leven Links

T: 01333 330283
E: elie@abbeyford.com
Elie Holiday Park, Shell Bay, Elie, Fife KY9 9BG
www.abbeyford.com

Hawkswood Country Estate

Hawkswood Country Estate is a family business owning all three properties on the estate. Hawkswood House, The Roundel and Bowhill Bed and Breakfast located only a few miles from St Andrews, Hawkswood House and The Roundel each use 5 star properties with 5 bedrooms in each property or 10 in total when booking both properties. 8 super king to twin and 2 king, all en-suite. Each property has a private short game golf area, luxury hydro spa and access to a private 250 yard driving range. Hawkswood Country Estate provides luxury coach transfers in the Fife area. Guests can self-cater or be fully catered with a private chef.

Local Courses: The Old Course, Kingbarns Golf Links and The Duke’s

T: 01334 840830
E: luxury@hawkswoodcountryestate.com
Hawkswood House, Fife KY15 5LL
www.hawkswoodcountryestate.com

St Monans Holiday Park

Award-winning St Monans Holiday Park is set in a prime coastal location, quietly nestled between the East Neuk villages of Elie and Pittenweem. Overlooking the Fife Coastal Path our Signature Plus and Roundel are exclusive 5 star properties with 5 bedrooms in each property or 10 in total when booking both properties. 8 super king to twin and 2 king, all en-suite. Each property has a private short game golf area, luxury hydro spa and access to a private 250 yard driving range. Hawkswood House and The Roundel are exclusive 5 star properties with 5 bedrooms in each property or 10 in total when booking both properties. 8 super king to twin and 2 king, all en-suite. Hawkswood House and The Roundel are exclusive 5 star properties with 5 bedrooms in each property or 10 in total when booking both properties. 8 super king to twin and 2 king, all en-suite. Hawkswood House and The Roundel are exclusive 5 star properties with 5 bedrooms in each property or 10 in total when booking both properties. 8 super king to twin and 2 king, all en-suite. Hawkswood House and The Roundel are exclusive 5 star properties with 5 bedrooms in each property or 10 in total when booking both properties. 8 super king to twin and 2 king, all en-suite.

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Green Hotel Golf Resort

Make yourself comfy in our cozy, home-from-home 18th century coaching inn. Sitting a 10 minute stroll from the banks of Loch Leven, we’ve got two golf courses on our doorstep and another 200 within an hour’s drive. Plus, there’s lots of local activities to keep you busy. We have plenty of choice when it comes to food and drink in our bars and restaurant. With a music venue and Brewery on our doorstep, we have everything you need for a fantastic golfing break. Free car parking and internet access available.

Local Courses: The Montgomery Course and The Bruce Course

T: 01577 863467
E: reservations@green-hotel.com
T: 01333 424101
E: caledonianhotel.leven@hotelsubnet.net
81 High Street, Leven, Fife KY8 4NG
www.thecaledonianhotel-leven.co.uk

Caledonian Hotel

Situated only a short distance from S of the most prestigious golf courses in Scotland and only a 2 minute walk from the beach, The Caledonian Hotel is ideally located for those wishing to fit in a few rounds and take some time out. Home cooked food served all day.

Local Courses: Leven Links, Lundin Links and Crail

T: 01333 424101
E: caledonianhotel.leven@hotelsubnet.net
81 High Street, Leven, Fife KY8 4NG

Robinson Crusoe Retreat Cottages

The Robinson Crusoe Retreat Cottages are peacefully located in a quiet corner of Lower Largo, a picturesque East Neuk seaside village set within a few strides of the beach and the Fife Coastal Path, and close to many golf courses. The cottages form part of the delightful Crusoe building, a B-listed property which lies on the original site of the birthplace of Alexander Selkirk – the original castaway that inspired Daniel Defoe to write the tales of Robinson Crusoe. 1 and 3 bedroom cottages available with free Wi-Fi. Dog friendly. Guests are invited to enjoy the bar, restaurant and café at nearby Elie Holiday Park.

Local Courses: Leven Links, Lundin Ladies and Leven Links

T: 01333 330283
E: elie@abbeyford.com
101 & 103 Main Street, Lower Largo KY8 6EJ
www.abbeyford.com

The Old Manor Hotel

The Old Manor warmly invites you to stay and unwind with us in our stunning corner of the East Neuk of Fife. Set in a fantastic location enjoying panoramic views overlooking Largo Bay and the Firth of Forth. Let us pamper you with bespoke seasonal menus and relaxed, attentive service. The Old Manor Hotel is perfectly placed to allow you to visit all corners of Fife’s golfing kingdom.

Local Courses: Leven Links, Lundin Links and Crail

T: 01333 320368
E: reception@theoldmanorhotel.co.uk
55 Leven Road, Lundin Links KY8 6AJ
www.theoldmanorhotel.co.uk

Sandford Country Cottages

Five luxury, 1, 2 and 3 bedroom properties set around the courtyard of a B Listed Arts and Crafts House. Large open plan living areas, private outdoor terraces. All bedrooms have en-suite bathrooms. Perfectly located for the golf courses in Fife, Angus and Perthshire. Can be let out individually or together to sleep groups of up to 22 guests.

Local Courses: St Andrews Links

T: 01334 540000
E: evelyn@sandfordcountrycottages.co.uk
SI Fort, Newport-on-Weem DD6 8RG
www.sandfordcountrycottages.co.uk

Atom Crow Cottage

Bungalow (sleeps 5-6) in quiet location with hillside view and entrance ramp, 10 mins walk from centre of Pittenweem and under 10 mins by car to golf course. 3 bedrooms. 1 en-suite, 1 twin bed with zip link to superking and a single with pullout bed to become twin. Suitable for mobility impaired - bath, separate shower and lavatory all have mobility aids and shower is wheelchair accessible. Linen, utilities and Wi-Fi included. Secure storage for golf clubs etc. Pet welcome by arrangement. Seasonal Rental Prices are: week £325 - £550, weekend £250 - £425 mid-week break: £200 - £350.

Local Courses: Pittenweem, Blair Atholl and Dunkeld

T: 07795 954 841
E: info@pittschycottagescotland.com
Tamcroy Terrace, Pittenweem KY6 5JA
www.pittschycottagescotland.com

Madeira In Fife

An island of calm and serenity just outside Pittenweem, a pretty fishing village in the East Neuk of Fife. Six extremely comfortable, fully equipped cottages, sleep 2-9 people with parking. Perfect for families, couples or groups of golfers. Catering can be organised, and there is plenty of space for clubs. Free Wi-Fi and consumables like tea/coffee/soap/washing liquid included. Laundry facilities on site. Dogs welcome. For non-golfers in your group there is plenty to do in the area - water sports, farmers markets, tourist attractions, walking, great pubs and much more.

Local Courses: St Andrews, Kingsbarns and Elie

T: 07868 712 920
E: enquiries@madeirainfife.com
Madeira, Pittenweem KY10 2RB
www.madeirainfife.com
Agnes Blackadder Hall

Agnes Blackadder Hall offers B&B accommodation in modern en suite bedrooms with friendly service. DB&B, B&B and self-catering accommodation is also available at David Russell Apartments, each with 5 en suite bedrooms and communal kitchen/diner. Accommodation comprises of a double bed, TV, tea/coffee making facilities, free Wi-Fi and car parking. Both have a fully licensed bar with menu offering a range of hot and cold dishes. Our accommodation offers value to a tee! The perfect base for those wanting to play and stay in the home of golf during the summer months.

Local Courses: St Andrews Links

T: 01334 467000
E: golf@st-andrews.ac.uk
Agnes Blackadder Hall, North Haugh, St Andrews KY16 9XW
E: golf@st-andrews.ac.uk
T: 01334 467000

Ardgowan Hotel

Centrally located, 180 yards from the Old Course and the town centre, The Ardgowan is a family-run hotel which can be your home away from home during your trip. All bedrooms in the main hotel and our annexe, have been recently redecorated, are en-suite and have everything you need for a comfortable stay. Within the hotel we have our AA Rosette rated Playfair’s Restaurant, where you can enjoy locally sourced steaks and seafood as well as creative and classic dishes. Golf packages including the Old Course available throughout the year.

Local Courses: Old Course, Castle Course and Kingsbarns

T: 01334 472970
E: info@ardgowanhotel.co.uk
www.ardgowanhotel.co.uk

Bell Craig Guest House

Bell Craig House is a 4-star rated guest house which enjoys a central location in the very heart of St Andrews - only 250 metres from the famous “Old Course” and a short walk to the West Sands beach, the University and local shops, restaurants and pubs. 6 rooms each with en suite facilities, TV and alarm clock, free Wi-Fi, tea and coffee facilities, traditional breakfast menu, secure golf club storage available. You are assured the warmest of welcomes, exceptional hospitality and the ideal base from which to explore the ‘Kingdom of Fife’ and beyond.

Local Courses: St Andrews Links, Kingsbarns and Lundin Links

T: 01334 472962
E: enquiries@bellcraig.com
8 Murray Park, St Andrews KY16 5AW
www.bellcraig.com

Elderburn Lodges

Elderburn Luxury Lodges are beautiful 2 and 3-bedroom self-catering homes just 3 miles from St Andrews in Fife. We aim to provide everything you might need and more, for a relaxing break in rural countryside. Ideally located for playing golf, enjoy the close proximity to some of the world’s best golf courses available. Consistently rated 5 stars on TripAdvisor. Perfect for couples, families and groups.

Local Courses: Old Course, Dukes and New Course

T: 07840 801 114
E: stay@elderburnlodges.co.uk
Denhead, St Andrews KY16 8PA
www.elderburnlodges.co.uk

Dukeside Lodge

Dukeside Lodge is set less than 5 minutes walk from the Duke’s Golf Course. Each room comes with an en-suite bathroom and free Wi-Fi. Luchars Railway Station is 6 miles away, while Dundee is a 30-minute drive, the town centre is just 2 minutes by car. We are absolutely delighted to have recently been awarded a rating of 5* on Trip Advisor. Dukeside Lodge is now available for hire on an exclusive basis for golfing parties.

Local Courses: The Dukes, St Andrews and Kingsbarns

T: 01334 461424
E: enquiries@dukesidelodge.co.uk
Balan, St Andrews KY16 8NS
www.dukesidelodge.co.uk

Hazelbank Hotel

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Local Courses: St Andrews, Kingsbarns and Crail

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Local Courses: Crail, Kingsbarns, Castle Course and St. Andrews

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Local Courses: St Andrews Old Course and Kingsbarns

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Local Courses: Cardrona, The Roxburghe and Towwoodlee

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**Prices from £67.50 per night**

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Local Courses: Gullane, Kilsipindie and North Berwick

**T:** 01620 850241

**E:** openarms@clara.co.uk

**W:** www.mortonhallcaravanpark.co.uk

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Local Courses: Dalmahoy, Gullane and St Andrews

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Tweeddale Arms Hotel

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Maple Cottage B&B

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Local Courses: Gullane, Muirfield Links and Archerfield Links

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Garleton Lodge

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Local Courses: Gullane, North Berwick and Dunbar

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E: booking@garletonlodge.co.uk
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**Local Courses**: Haddington, North Berwick and Gullane

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**Prices**: B&B from £45 pppn

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**Overhailes Holiday Cottages**

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**Local Courses**: Gullane, North Berwick and Haddington

- **T**: 07403 633 277
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**Local Courses**: West Linton, Linlithgow and Kingsfield

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- **E**: reception@champany.com
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**Prices**: B&B from £105 pppn

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5 bedroom property sleeping 8-10, ideal for groups of golfers. Situated a few steps from the West Links and within easy reach of all East Lothian’s famous links courses. Furnished and equipped to a very high standard with free Wi-Fi and Satellite TV. It is an excellent base for golfers wishing to visit some of East Lothian’s 22 courses.

**Local Courses**: North Berwick, Muirfield and Gullane

- **T**: 07953 358 179
- **E**: enquiries@craigieviewhouseapartments.com
- **Website**: [www.craigieviewhouseapartments.com](http://www.craigieviewhouseapartments.com)

**Prices**: SC prices from £995 pw

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**Milleur House**

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As a member of Golf East Lothian we can arrange tailored packages on some of the 21 courses within a 20 minute drive. A complete home away from home experience using quality local produce.

**Local Courses**: North Berwick, Muirfield and Gullane

- **T**: 01620 894689
- **E**: milleurhouse@gmail.com
- **Website**: [www.milleurhouse.co.uk](http://www.milleurhouse.co.uk)

**Prices**: B&B from £60 pppn

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**Local Courses**: The Glen, Renaissance Club and North Berwick

- **T**: 01620 893348
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**Local Courses**: Longniddry, Royal Musselburgh and Gullane

- **T**: 01875 813333
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**Prices**: SC prices from £995 pw

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**Local Courses**: Duns, The Hirsle and Eyemouth

- **T**: 01890 860257
- **E**: reception@eatdrinkstaywheatsheaf.com
- **Website**: [www.eatdrinkstaywheatsheaf.com](http://www.eatdrinkstaywheatsheaf.com)

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Local Courses: Fereneze Golf Club, The East Renfrewshire Golf Club and Pollock Golf Club

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Local Courses: Biggar, Lanark and West Linton

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Local Courses: Dunblane, Gleneagles and Auchterarder

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