

# 2022 SCOTLAND GOLF TRIP

## JULY 22 – AUGUST 3, 2022

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### INCLUSIONS:

#### Transport

- All travel is in luxury coaches allowing you to sit back and enjoy the stunning countryside & views, plan the assault on the next course, have a wee dram trying to work out what just went wrong or catch a bit of shut eye.

#### Golf

- Machrihanish Golf Club – Ranked #44 in UK/Ireland
- The Machrie Links – ranked 61 in UK/Ireland
- Brora Golf Club – a northern gem ranked #89 in UK/Ireland
- Royal Dornoch – untamed, ranked #12 in the world
- Castle Stuart Golf Links – ranked #60 in the world and #18 in UK/Ireland
- St Andrews – Jubilee Course – often rated as the most playable of all St Andrews courses
- St Andrews – Old Course – the home of golf, say no more
- Kingsbarns Golf Links - #43 in the world and only thirty years old

### **13 Nights Accommodation**

\* 2 nights at the Royal Hotel, Campbelltown. Twin share including breakfast

\* 2 nights at The Machrie, Islay. Twin share including breakfast

\* 5 nights at Kingsmill Hotel, Inverness. Twin share including breakfast

\* 4 nights at Rusacks, St Andrews. Twin share including breakfast

### **Other**

- Pull buggies at all courses
- Welcome and farewell dinners on first and last nights
- Extensive coach travel from the wild western coast through the highlands, Inverness and on to St Andrews
- Play the Old Course at St Andrews only a fortnight after the 150<sup>th</sup> Open Championship has been played
- Access to tickets to the 150<sup>th</sup> Open Championship pre-trip (***not included in tour cost***)

### **Exclusions**

- Airfares
- Visas
- Insurances
- Caddie fees & club hire

## Thursday 21 July

Arrive in Glasgow to board the coach at 9.00am and head to Campbeltown (3 hours) today to prepare for first round of golf tomorrow. A welcome dinner to go over the itinerary will be held.

### Overnight: Royal Hotel, Campbeltown

The Royal in downtown Campbeltown overlooks the picturesque harbour and is the perfect option for those who prefer to be "in town". The beautifully restored hotel features 23 guest rooms with all the modern comforts one might expect in the world's top hotels. Here, you will find a fine dining restaurant, The Harbourview Grille, along with the lively Black Sheep Pub just steps from the harbour.



## Friday 22 July

### Golf: Machrihanish Golf Club (Tee Time : TBC) / Overnight: Royal Hotel, Campbeltown

[Machrihanish Golf Club - YouTube](#)

The Machrihanish Golf Club is a classic Scottish links course situated at the southern tip of the Mull of Kintyre. The course, with sweeping views of the western seaboard including the Paps of Jura and Ireland, was ranked the no.39 course outside of the USA. In particular, the first hole is often rated as one of the best opening holes in the world. As good a judge as Jack Nicklaus endorses that view.



## Saturday 23 July

Travel from Campbeltown to Islay on a four hour trip including ferry ride

### Overnight: The Machrie, Islay

Opened in the summer of 2018 after a complete renovation and expansion, The Machrie is a unique hotel with 47 individually designed rooms, suites and lodges, some with their own outdoor terraces and stunning views across the links. With its eclectic interiors, three cosy lounges and welcoming open fires, the hotel is a fabulous retreat. It also boasts a day spa, gym and sauna.



## Sunday 24 July

### Golf: The Machrie (Tee Time : 9.30am) / Overnight: The Machrie, Islay

[Scotland's Less Obvious - Season Two Ep.12 | Golf Scotland | Scotland Where Golf Began](#)

The Machrie Links provides a great variation of holes that include risk and reward driveable par 4's and strategically challenging par 5's. The playability and variation can change wildly on a daily basis with the moving of a pin or the slightest change in wind direction.



## Monday 25 July

Travel through the magnificent Scottish Highlands with a few stops to Inverness

### Overnight: Kingsmill Hotel, Inverness

The Kingsmill Hotel is a fabulous 4-star luxury hotel in Inverness. Set in the beautiful Scottish Highlands, the hotel offers luxurious rooms, impeccable dining options and good old fashioned Scottish hospitality.



## Tuesday 26 July

### Golf: Brora (Tee Time : TBC)

[Story of a Golf Club Ep. 1 | Golf Scotland | Scotland Where Golf Began](#)

The layout is classic and will ensure that you use every club in the bag and have to adapt according to whether the course is running fast or slow. The ball runs true on the seaside fescue. While pin placements are generous there are lovely swingy borrows on virtually every green. As with all seaside links there are special places, the panorama of seascape and landscape from the second tee, the proximity of the sea to the 9th green, the 13th, is one of the jewels in Braid's crown. The 17<sup>th</sup>'s elevated tee is one of the best driving holes in all Scotland. The rough is negligible in order to facilitate play



### Overnight: Kingsmill Hotel, Inverness

## **Wednesday 27 July**

Day free to explore the local area

**Overnight: Kingsmill Hotel, Inverness**

## **Thursday 28 July**

**Golf: Royal Dornoch (Tee Time : TBC)**

[Story of a Golf Club Ep. 2 | Golf Scotland | Scotland Where Golf Began](#)

The curving bay of the Dornoch Firth and its magnificent white broad beaches are backed by a narrow strip of softly contoured dune land rising in two distinctive levels, providing just enough room for parallel fairways. The ridges, hillocks, dunes and undulating links land have all the characters of the best of links courses, and most of the difficulties. The first eight holes follow the ridge and the remaining ten holes played in the opposite direction are bounded, except the 17th and 18th on the left by the sandy beaches of the firth. If the wind blows the course will demand more from the player especially the par four finishing hole. It's the timeless setting that makes it such a pleasing place to play golf. It's wild, isolated and, at the same time, absolutely beautiful and continues to be ranked within the top 15 best courses in the world.



**Overnight: Kingsmill Hotel, Inverness**

**Friday 29 July**

**Golf: Castle Stuart (Tee Time : 12.30pm)**

[Story of a Golf Club Ep. 3 | Golf Scotland | Scotland Where Golf Began](#)

This stunning championship course opened in 2009 but already has a remarkable history, hosting the European Tour's Scottish Open on several occasions. Designed by Mark Parsinen and Gil Hanse, it is regarded as a model for modern golf architecture, being fun, engaging and playable for everyday players of all abilities, but also a challenge for the best.

At Castle Stuart, nature bequeathed an opportunity for a links golf course to enjoy a rich landscape texture of whins, gorse and broom, heather and marram -a landscape mosaic of rugged beauty. It's a true links experience with rumpled fairways, offering changes in lie and stance; partially revetted natural bunkers and infinity edge greens that allow the scenery and key landmarks to be put on display.



**Overnight: Kingsmill Hotel, Inverness**

## **Saturday 30 July**

Travel from Inverness down to the home of golf at St Andrews

### **Overnight: Rusacks Hotel, St Andrews**

The newly renovated Rusacks Hotel occupies a landmark 1600's building overlooking the Home of Golf and metres from Old Tom Morris' hallowed Old Course Links. It's the newest offering from Marine & Lawn Hotels & Resorts and is the stomping ground for the culturally curious golf traveler. An explorers club and a living, evolving museum



## **Sunday 31 July**

### **Golf: St Andrews – Jubilee Course (Tee Time : 11.52am)**

The Jubilee course is often regarded as the most picturesque and most fun to play of all St Andrews courses. It's the closest to the lovely stretch of beach along the West Sands and is the only course to play amongst some reasonable sized dunes. Originally a Tom Morris design, both Harry Colt and Donald Steel have had a hand in reshaping what is now considered by locals as the most difficult of all the courses from the medal tees.



### **Overnight: Rusacks Hotel, St Andrews**



**Monday 1 August**

**Golf: St Andrews – Old Course (Tee Time : 3.40pm)**

[Old Tom Trails - St Andrews | Golf Scotland | Scotland Where Golf Began](#)

What can be said about the Old Course that hasn't already been said. No trip to Scotland can be complete without a round on the Old Course. The oldest and most iconic course in the world. The Swilcan Bridge, Hell Bunker & Road Hole are recognized across the globe, yet the greatest feature of the Old Course is that despite its grand status it remains a public course, open to all.



**Overnight: Rusacks Hotel, St Andrews**

## **Tuesday 2 August**

### **Golf: Kingsbarns Golf Links, Kingsbarns (Tee Time : 9.30am)**

[Destination: Kingsbarns - YouTube](#)

Looking out over the North Sea, the masterpiece that is Kingsbarns is quickly becoming a legend among links courses. In spite of its youth, it is talked about in the same breath as famous names like Muirfield, Pebble Beach and the Old Course.

The only Scottish course to be built on links land in over 70 years and with its seaside setting, Kingsbarns joined the great old courses of nearby St Andrews and Carnoustie, bringing with it a new dimension to the traditional Scottish game.



**Overnight: Rusacks Hotel, St Andrews**

## **Wednesday 3 August**

Check out and depart hotel

## **TOUR COST**

**Twin/Double Share    6395 GBP/\$12,800 AUD (approx.)**

**Single                    8640 GBP/\$17,280 AUD (approx.)**

**Non Golfer              4010 GBP/\$8020 AUD (approx.)**

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