

SCOTLAND

(SAMPLE ITINERARY)

This is only a sample itinerary to give you insight into one of the many golf trips available in Scotland. We encourage you to explore the possibilities and talk with us at with Heather & Gorse to tailor your own trip to your specific vision of the best possible golf trip for your group.



Day 1

Arrive Edinburgh airport in the morning. Proceed to St. Andrews via self-drive car or coach with a driver. Check into your selected hotel or self-catering townhouse/apartment in St. Andrews. Sign-up for St. Andrews Old Course lottery (Heather & Gorse will that that for you) for Day 2. Dinner at the hotel or at an in-town restaurant. After dinner---sleep!

Day 2

After breakfast at the hotel, based on the outcome of the Old Course lottery, golfers will play either the Old Course at St. Andrews, the New Course, or Kingsbarns. Kingsbarns Golf Links is situated 7 miles from St Andrews along 1.8 miles of picturesque North Sea coastline, where each hole embraces the sea.



The Old Course, St Andrews

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Non- golfers can recover from jet-lag and experience the charm of one of Scotland's nicest towns on a guided tour of St Andrews. The expert guide will provide a avid insight into what makes St Andrews such a unique and wonderful place. Non-golfers should even have an opportunity for a photo on the famous Swilken Bridge between the 17th and 18th holes at the Old Course!



The Swilken Bridge

Day 3

After breakfast at the hotel, depart for Cruden Bay Golf Club. "It is claimed that golf was played in the village of Cruden Bay as early as 1791. The original course, on the present site, was commissioned by the Great North of Scotland Railway (GNSR) following the expansion of the railways at the end of the 19th century, designed by Old Tom Morris of St Andrews, and opened in 1899."



Cruden Bay Golf Club

Non-golfers can visit the golden sandy beach nearby and walk to the Slains Castle on the cliffs above the village. Non-golfers can also visit Balmoral Castle, a Royal residence, which is only one hour from Cruden Bay.



Balmoral Castle

Day 4



Royal Aberdeen Golf Club

After breakfast at the hotel, depart for Royal Aberdeen Golf Club, which was founded in 1780 as the Society of Golfers at Aberdeen and became the Aberdeen Golf Club in 1815. Royal Aberdeen has hosted the Scottish Open, the Senior Open Championship, and the Walker Cup.

Non-golfers can experience Scottish history and some of Scotland's most stunning scenery on a tour from Aberdeen, to include visiting Dunnottar Castle and Royal Deeside, home of magnificent waterfalls and forests. Non-golfers can also take a walking tour to explore the historic port city of Aberdeen.



Dunnottar Castle

Day 5



Nairn Golf Club

After breakfast at the hotel, depart for Nairn Golf Club to play the Championship Course. The Championship Course at Nairn Golf Club was named among the World's 100 Greatest Golf Courses by Golf Digest in 2024. It is one of the more scenic courses in Scotland, boasting sea views from many holes.

Non-golfers have the opportunity to visit the Cawdor Castle and Gardens and the Nairn Museum. The Cawdor Castle is best known for its literary connection to William Shakespeare's tragedy Macbeth, in which the title character is made "Thane of Cawdor".



Cawdor Castle and Gardens

Day 6



Cabot Highlands

Breakfast at the hotel, then drive to Cabot Highlands Golf Club (formerly known as Castle Stuart). Cabot Highlands embraces the rich history of this part of Scotland. The Gil Hanse designed course has hosted the Scottish Open and a brand-new Tom Doak design will open sometime in 2025.

Non-golfers can take a day trip to Loch Ness for a boat cruise and a visit to the Urquhart Castle or visit the lovely highland city of Inverness.



Urquhart Castle on Loch Ness

Day 7

Pack your bags and checkout of the hotel for a short drive north to Brora Golf Club. The original golf course dates to 1891. In 1923 James Braid, five times Open Champion and a prolific designer of golf courses, redesigned the course into an 18-hole layout and remains mostly unchanged to this day. Brora is a remarkable place where sheep and cattle still graze on the golf course and the greens are surrounded by small electric fences to keep livestock off. Do not come to the Highlands with a stop at Brora!



Brora Golf Club

Non-golfers can opt for a tour around the Brora area, which is famous for its remarkable attractions and stunning coastline. Brora Beach is the envy of many towns in the Highlands, and its proximity to heritage sites like Dunrobin Castle & Garden, the Community Woodland, and Cairn Liath give visitors an opportunity to experience Scottish history.



Dunrobin Castle and Gardens

Day 8



Royal Dornoch Golf Club

After breakfast (still eating haggis?) at the hotel, take a short drive to Royal Dornoch Golf Club. The earliest surviving written evidence of golf being played on the links at Dornoch dates to 1616! when Sir Robert Gordon claimed expenses for the purchase of golf clubs and balls. Old Tom Morris extended the links from nine to 18 holes in 1886. Royal Dornoch is hailed as one of the very finest courses in the world and offers a timeless and quintessential links challenge.

Non-golfers can enjoy the traditional Scottish sea-side cathedral town of Dornoch. With a quiet and welcoming location, Dornoch enjoys spectacular scenery and sandy beaches. Dornoch offers a wide range of shops, cafes, restaurants and hotels and is a



Beach at Dornoch

popular resort for tourists, golfers, walkers and nature enthusiasts. There are many attractions nearby, including the ancient Cathedral, numerous distilleries, and The National Nature Reserve at Loch Fleet.

Day 9

Make the long drive back across Scotland from the Highlands to East Lothian, home of many of Scotland's best courses, including North Berwick, Gullane, The Renaissance Club, and our destination, the legendary links at



Muirfield. On the way, take short stops to take pictures in some of Scotland's most beautiful scenery. Maybe stop for lunch at a pub or at the elegant and world-famous Gleneagles Resort. Your driver guide will be open to suggestions!

Day 10

After breakfast, depart the hotel for Muirfield for the privilege of playing one of the most esteemed golf courses in the world. The course at Muirfield was created by Old Tom Morris in 1891 and has been the venue for many special events: 16 Open and 11 Amateur Championships; the Ryder, Walker and Curtis Cups; and numerous international and national tournaments. Walk in the footsteps of Vardon, Braid, Hagen, Player, Nicklas, Trevino, Watson, Faldo, Els, and Mickelson---past Open Champions at Muirfield.



Day 11

Your driver will help you pack up your gear for the ride back to Edinburgh airport in time to catch you flight home after a spectacular trip to the home of golf!