



GOLF VACATION: *Best of Scotland*

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Golf courses at a glance

St. Andrews Links—New, Jubilee,
Castle, Eden, Strathtyrum & Balgove
(three-day unlimited pass)

Turnberry—Ailsa

Royal Troon Golf Club

North Berwick Golf Club

9-day tour includes

- Round-trip air transportation with a major airline and airport transfers
- The services of a Go Ahead Tour Director
- 7 nights accommodations in well-located hotels including baggage handling
- Buffet breakfast daily; 3 three-course dinners, including wine or beer
- Private deluxe motorcoach
- Greens fees at all Included Courses; 3-day unlimited pass at St. Andrews

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The sixth green at St. Andrews' Castle Course

Day 1: Flight to Edinburgh

Your golf vacation begins with a regularly scheduled overnight flight to Edinburgh aboard an internationally recognized airline.

Day 2: Arrival in Scotland

Welcome to Edinburgh! A Go Ahead representative greets you at the airport and escorts you to your hotel. This evening, meet your fellow travelers at an included Welcome Dinner.

Included meals: breakfast (in flight), dinner

Day 3: North Berwick Golf Club

Travel east along the Firth of Forth to North Berwick Golf Club, site of the 2010 British Amateur Championship. North Berwick's first hole shares a fairway with the 18th, and the green at the first is the largest on the course, but don't let this short par 4 lull you into a sense of complacency—Berwick bares its teeth on the back nine. The fiendishly difficult short-iron approaches at 13 and 15 are the course's signature shots, but beware the 16th, where a gully slices the green in half.

Alternate guided sightseeing: Enjoy a guided tour of Edinburgh Castle, including a view of the Scottish Crown Jewels. Perched on a hill overlooking town, Edinburgh Castle offers spectacular views of the Scottish capital.

Included meals: breakfast

Day 4: St. Andrews Links

Rise and shine early this morning for a trip to the birthplace of golf, St. Andrews. You will receive a three-day unlimited pass, which will allow you to play six of the seven courses at St. Andrews as much as you'd like. Start with the 117-year-old New Course, which runs adjacent to the Old Course. Accuracy-challenged golfers take heart: any shot that lands on the Old Course is in bounds! At 6,625 yards, the New Course features several short par 4s, but the 229-yard par 3 17th will force you to bear down and strike a crisp long iron late in the round. Dinner is included this evening.

Alternate guided sightseeing: Enjoy a tour of the charming town of St. Andrews, with included visits to the local university, cathedral and castle.

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Day 5: St. Andrews Links

Consider playing the Jubilee Course today. First laid out in 1897, St. Andrews' Jubilee Course underwent an extensive redesign in 1988, which led to the 6,742-yard course you'll play today. Squeezed onto a strip of land between the Old Course and the sea, the Jubilee offers perhaps St. Andrews' most demanding test off the tee. The 1988 redesign raised many of the course's tee boxes, which is a mixed blessing for players: the raised tees make it easier to take in the beauty of the surrounding landscape, but they also give the wind more chances to push drives away from Jubilee's narrow fairways. Today also holds the possibility of a tee time on the Old Course, where most foursomes are assigned by ballot.

Alternate guided sightseeing: Visit the Cambo Estate and the fishing villages of East Neuk. You'll also enjoy a fish-and-chips lunch.

Included meals: breakfast

Day 6: St. Andrews Links

On your final day at St. Andrews, you may wish to play the Castle Course. While the Old, New and Jubilee courses sit on flat land along the coast, the Castle Course is perched on a series of cliffs just outside town. The par 3 17th makes the most of the natural setting, forcing players to carry their tee shot over a deep, steep-sided gorge adjacent to the beach. This afternoon, transfer to Glasgow.

Alternate guided sightseeing: Explore Kellie Castle, an estate best known for its 17th-century gardens. Once nearly abandoned, Kellie Castle is now an outstanding and well-preserved example of Scots Baronial architecture.

Included meals: breakfast

Day 7: Royal Troon Golf Club

Royal Troon is home to both the shortest and longest holes on the Open Championship circuit. The famed eighth hole—the Postage Stamp—will test your distance control, but if you find a few more pot bunkers than you'd like today, you can still relax after your round in Troon's iconic clubhouse.

Alternate guided sightseeing: Board a boat for the Isle of Arran, where you'll enjoy a guided tour of the 16th-century Brodick Castle. Despite its location on the Firth of Clyde, Brodick Castle is home to strikingly beautiful gardens.

Included meals: breakfast

Day 8: Turnberry—Ailsa Course

During the first and second World Wars, the British government built an airbase on the grounds of Turnberry, and today, you can still see the remnants of the runways. Following World War II, the architect Mackenzie Ross extensively redesigned Turnberry's Ailsa Course, leaving us with the championship layout we know today. The lighthouse at the 9th is the course's calling card, but you'll also be impressed by views of Ailsa Craig, the dome-shaped island that looms offshore. Locals have a saying about Ailsa Craig: "When you can see Ailsa Craig, it's about to rain. If you can't see Ailsa Craig, it's already raining." This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for an included Farewell Dinner.

Alternate guided sightseeing: Enjoy a guided tour of Glasgow, including a visit to the Burrell Collection, an eclectic museum featuring Impressionist paintings, medieval weapons, modern sculptures, early Islamic art and everything in between.

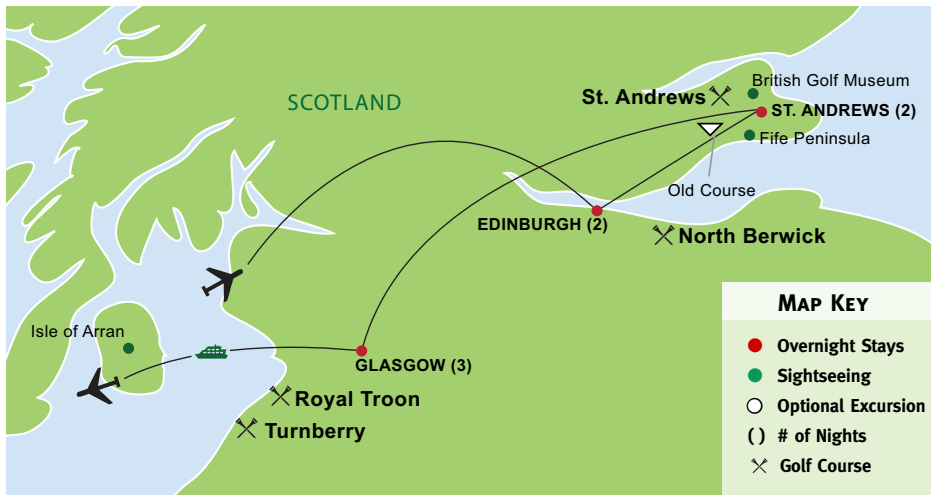
Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Day 9: Departure

A Go Ahead representative helps you transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Included meals: breakfast

(In the case of early morning departures, breakfast may not be included.)



Climate

Scotland's weather is unpredictable. We recommend golfers and non-golfers alike dress in layers.

Travel Pace: 3

Travel pace levels are based on criteria such as length of tour, number of cities visited, number of included activities, as well as length of flights and land transfers.

1 - leisurely 3 - active
2 - comfortable 4 - challenging

Included Golf Courses

North Berwick (North Berwick, East Lothian)

Golf has been played in North Berwick since at least 1832. This classic links course hugs the Firth of Forth, and the sea breeze will likely force you to keep the ball low. A wind-fighting ball flight might not help on #15, though, where the famous redan green plays havoc with poorly struck approaches. North Berwick was ranked the eleventh-best course in Scotland by Golf Digest in 2011.

St. Andrews—New, Jubilee & Castle Courses (St. Andrews, Fife)

The three newest courses at St. Andrews offer a look at how golf has evolved since Old Tom Morris first laid out a course here. To know St. Andrews, you need to play all three. All three courses were ranked among the top 20 in Scotland by Golf Digest in 2011.

Royal Troon (Troon, South Ayrshire)

Home to the shortest hole in the Open Championship circuit, Troon lives up to the motto engraved on its crest—"As much by skill as by strength." At just 126 yards, you might find yourself on the tee at #8—the famed Postage Stamp—with a wedge in your hand. But pride goeth before a fall, and the steep-sided Coffin Bunker will punish anything that lands short. Troon will test your mental game at least as much as your technique. Troon was ranked the sixth-best course in Scotland by Golf Digest in 2011.

Turnberry—Ailsa Course (Turnberry, South Ayrshire)

Turnberry's been around since 1906, but it didn't host its first Open Championship until 1977. That year, the world got to know #9's iconic lighthouse thanks to the "Duel in the Sun," when Tom Watson and Jack Nicklaus turned a 148-man field into a two-way race (third place finisher Hubert Green carded a 67 on Sunday for a 279...which left him ten strokes behind Nicklaus and eleven behind Watson). Turnberry was ranked the third-best course in Scotland by Golf Digest in 2011.

Optional Golf Courses

St. Andrews—Old Course (St. Andrews, Fife)

Don't let the Old Course's age fool you: this is still a stern test of a player's skill, particularly when the wind is blowing hard (and it's usually blowing hard). The place where golf was invented has been lengthened in recent years, but the course remains a shotmaker's dream, a wide-open track with close-cropped fairways pockmarked by pot bunkers, a layout that continues to reward length, imagination and a stellar short game. The Old Course was ranked as the best course in Scotland by Golf Digest in 2011. *Please note:* Tee times at the Old Course are awarded by ballot and cannot be guaranteed.

Pre-departure information about your **GOLF VACATION**

Please read the following information thoroughly to ensure you know what to expect in terms of carts, attire and other important details about your Golf Vacation.

About golf in Scotland

Scots play the game a bit more quickly than Americans, so be prepared to keep pace with the locals.

Baggage allowance & club transport

Airlines have varying weight restrictions on luggage, and some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. The cost of checking your golf bag is additional, and is not included in your final invoice. You should expect to pay an additional fee at the airport. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage and golf bag transport policies. Airlines do permit one carry-on bag, provided that it does not exceed 45 inches (length + width + height), as well as one personal item such as a purse. Make sure you label your baggage and carry valuables, medication and documents in your carry-on baggage. The portage provided on your tour includes one suitcase and one golf bag per person. Please note, however, that there may be times when you will have to handle your own bags, and you'll find that lightweight baggage provides a distinct advantage.

Handicap cards

Your USGA-certified handicap card is your passport to the courses on this itinerary. It is essential that you bring either your card or a letter from your local pro attesting to your on-course proficiency.

Caddies & carts

Motorized golf carts, referred to as "buggies" in Scotland, are generally not available. Pull-carts are available at most courses for an additional fee, and caddies are also available at all courses for an additional fee.

Packing for golfers

Soft spikes are mandatory at all courses. You may also wish to pack extra balls, as these can be much more expensive abroad than at

home. "Smart casual" is a good guide for both on-course and post-round dress code: collared golf shirts tucked into pants (no cargo pants or jeans allowed) or tailored Bermuda shorts (shorts must be knee-length for sightseeing) are always safe. Courses in Scotland do not allow non golf related logos on clothing. It is best to go with plain attire. Hats are prohibited inside Royal Troon's clubhouse, and while Turnberry does not have a formal dress code, the club encourages men to wear a jacket if they're dining at the signature 1906 restaurant. A raincoat is essential as the climate can be unpredictable.

Packing for sightseeing

Light, loose-fitting clothing that provides comfort when exploring the sights is essential. A lightweight sports jacket and emergency rainwear are advised. If you plan to visit an elegant restaurant or attend the opera or theater, you will probably feel more comfortable with something more formal to wear.

Passport

In order to enter Scotland, U.S. and Canadian citizens need a valid passport. The expiration date must extend at least six months beyond the date of your return home. No visa is required for U.S. or Canadian citizens. If you are not a U.S. or Canadian citizen, you must contact the consulate for your specific entry requirements.

Airport & departure taxes

All airport and departure taxes are included in the total trip cost printed on your invoice.

Health

There are no major health risks when traveling to Scotland. It is always advisable to check with your doctor or health-care provider for the latest updates and overseas travel requirements.

Electricity

Scotland operates on the United Kingdom standard 240 volts.

Transportation

Round-trip flights arrive in Edinburgh and depart from Glasgow. Included transportation is by private motorcoach. All of the cities and towns on this itinerary are accessible on foot.

Time zones

Scotland, as part of Britain, falls on Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), which is five hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time (EST). When it's noon in New York, it's 5 p.m. in Edinburgh.

Currency

You will use the British pound on tour. Better rates of exchange are usually available in Scotland, although it is worth ordering some currency from your local bank to use when you first arrive. We advise that you take a combination of bank/debit cards and credit cards to use at ATMs. We suggest informing your bank and credit card company of your travel plans. *Please note:* It has been increasingly difficult to exchange traveler's checks outside of Europe's major cities, and they often attract higher fees.

Tipping

At the conclusion of your tour, it is customary to offer your Go Ahead Tour Director and driver a gratuity. We recommend tipping in your tour country's currency, the equivalency of \$3USD/CAD per person per day for your driver and \$6USD/CAD to \$9USD/CAD per person per day for your Tour Director. If applicable, we also recommend the equivalency of \$2USD/CAD per local guide. Tips can only be paid in cash. Please keep current local currency exchange rates in mind when tipping. Additionally, if you take a caddie, plan to tip at least the equivalent of \$25 per round (more if the caddie's done an outstanding job or saved you strokes!).

International travel is, by its very nature, unpredictable. We must therefore reserve the right to change this itinerary without advanced notice to meet with local conditions at the time of travel. We appreciate your understanding. Please refer to the current catalog for terms & conditions, dates and prices.



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