



The Highlands, St. Andrews & East Lothian
Golf Expedition

Hosted by Gary & Kyla Blair
August 2025

PROPOSED ITINERARY	Scotland "The Home of Golf" The Highlands, St. Andrews & North Berwick Hosted by Gary & Kyla Blair August 2025		
		Accommodation	Activity & Additional Info
Friday August 15 th 2025	Depart USA		Departure from the USA on overnight flight to Scotland
Saturday August 16 th 2025	Arrive EDINBURGH AIRPORT	Ness Walk, Inverness (Cedar King)	Arrive in Scotland where your Premier Golf staff will greet you and direct you to your Coach & Driver. Arrivals should be between 8 AM – 11 AM Outside of these hours transportation will be on your own. Alternatively, if you arrive INVERNESS AIRPORT we will provide transportation to your hotel. Transportation to Inverness where you will arrive at your hotel and relax for the rest of the day. The drive from Edinburgh is approximately 3.5 hours. We will stop enroute for refreshments and a comfort stop. Welcome Dinner & Cocktails
Sunday August 17 th 2025		Ness Walk, Inverness (Cedar King)	Breakfast Included Golf: Royal Dornoch GC Tee Time: TBC Caddies can be requested & payable directly on site in local currency (STERLING) Sightseeing Today the non-golfers will enjoy a cruise on Loch Ness followed by a tour of Urquhardt Castle. Dinner on own

Monday August 18 th 2025		Ness Walk, Inverness (Cedar King)	Breakfast Included Golf: Nairn GC Tee Time: TBC Caddies can be requested & payable directly on site in local currency (STERLING) <i>Sightseeing</i> Today sightseeing will include a full day visit to Skye including Eilean Donan Castle Dinner on own
Tuesday August 19 th 2025		Ness Walk, Inverness (Cedar King)	Breakfast Included Golf: Castle Stuart GC Tee Time: TBC Caddies can be requested & payable directly on site in local currency (STERLING) <i>Sightseeing</i> Enjoy a visit to the Culloden Battlefields & Visitors center and afternoon tea at the Culloden Hotel Dinner on own
Wednesday August 20 th 2025		Old Course Hotel, St. Andrews (Eden View Rooms)	Breakfast Included Following breakfast, the group will depart for St. Andrews. En route visit Balmoral Castle and Crathie Church – summer home of the late queen OR we can go to Fort William and through Glencoe (longer route but very scenic) Dinner at the hotel this evening.
Thursday August 21 st , 2025		Old Course Hotel, St. Andrews (Eden View Rooms)	Breakfast Included Golf: Old Course via ballot and not guaranteed If unsuccessful in the daily ballot the group will play St. Andrews New or Jubilee <i>Sightseeing</i> Free day in St. Andrews to relax, enjoy the Spa and shop



Friday August 22 nd 2025		Old Course Hotel, St. Andrews (Eden View Rooms)	Breakfast Included Golf: Old Course via ballot and not guaranteed If unsuccessful in the daily ballot the group will play St. Andrews New or Jubilee <i>Sightseeing</i> Glamis Castle Tour & Afternoon Tea (home of the late queen mother) Dinner on own
Saturday August 23 rd 2025		Marine Hotel North Berwick (Marine Kings)	Breakfast included Golf: Kingsbarns Golf Club Caddies can be requested & payable directly on site in local currency (STERLING) Following golf the golfers will depart for the Marine Hotel North Berwick <i>Sightseeing</i> Ladies check out of hotel and enjoy the day in Edinburgh visiting The Royal Yacht Britannia and enjoying afternoon tea at the Fingal. Meet up with golfers in North Berwick. Dinner on own
Sunday August 24 th 2025		Marine Hotel North Berwick (Marine Kings)	Breakfast included Golf: Gullane 1 Caddies can be requested & payable directly on site in local currency (STERLING) Sightseeing Free day at the hotel or optional sightseeing/ shopping
Monday August 25 th 2025		Marine Hotel North Berwick (Marine Kings)	Breakfast included Golf: North Berwick Sightseeing Visit Edinburgh Castle & Holyrood Palace Farewell Cocktails & Dinner



Tuesday August 26 th 2025	Depart EDINBURGH AIRPORT		Breakfast Included – check out Transfer to Edinburgh Airport (other airports or flights which do not coincide and require multiple transfers may require surcharges) Bid Farewell to the driver and leave appropriate gratuity. End of tour. <i>Haste ye back!</i>
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Package Inclusions

- 4 nights' prepaid accommodations at Ness Walk, Inverness (Cedar Kings)
- 3 nights' prepaid accommodations at Old Course Hotel, St. Andrews (Eden Kings)
- 3 nights' prepaid accommodations at the Marine Hotel, North Berwick (Marine King)
- Full hotel breakfast daily during normal restaurant hours
- 8 rounds of prepaid golf as outlined (with caddie requests)
- Welcome Cocktails & Dinner
- Farewell Cocktails & Dinner
- Dinner at the Old Course Hotel (Drinks not included)
- Full Sightseeing Program for NON Golfers including entrance fees where applicable
- Airport meet and greet
- Transportation through out by deluxe coach and driver (based on 2 coaches)
- Driver Gratuity
- Refreshments & Snacks on board
- On site assistance of a Premier Golf Representative
- All taxes, VAT and hotel service charges

Not Included

- Items of a personal nature such as mini bar, shopping, internet charges, phone, etc.
- Meals not specified on the itinerary or non-refundable dinner reservation fees
- Caddy fees and gratuities (£80-100 per bag per round including tip, depending on course)

PRICING:

Based on 24 PAX
\$11,995.00 per golfer based on double occupancy
\$ 8,140.00 per non golfer
Single Supplement \$ 3,175.00

****Please note that all pricing is based on current exchange rates and 2024 pricing which are subject to change until deposits have been received. Pricing is based on minimum of 24 pax. Should the numbers decrease/increase then the price will change.**



Hotel Accommodations



NESS WALK HOTEL, INVERNESS

The stunning new addition to the city, the 5-star, 48-bedroom Ness Walk opened in 2019 offering unmatched decadence. The original building, which was sensitively recreated, offers a warm Highland welcome into an open lounge with high ceilings and long views across the lawn to the river.

An open fire warms the restaurant and the bar giving guests a relaxing, rich, and cozy setting. The architecture seamlessly connects the old and new. The exquisite bedrooms, taking their influence from the seasonal Highland landscape, offer a flow of soft colors and textiles. The Torrish Restaurant and Torrish Bar are among the finest in the Highlands.



ST ANDREWS OLD COURSE HOTEL

Along the 17th hole of the Old Course lies the famous, 5-star Old Course Hotel, with its Scottish charm and modern amenities and spa. Half of the rooms face the Old Course and the Bay, making it one of the most iconic hotel settings in the game.

All 144 rooms are equipped with modern amenities including Kohler products in all the bathrooms. The 4th floor features The Road Hole Restaurant, where you can dine with an incredible view. The Swilken Loft is a casual restaurant and lounge where guests can enjoy a Single Malt and cocktails. Outside the hotel is the famous Jigger Inn, a great place to grab a pint, and great pub food. The hotel also boasts the luxurious Kohler Waters Spa, where guests can enjoy a range of treatments.

Hotel Features

- Free WIFI
- Mini bar
- Robes & Slippers
- Full KOHLER bathrooms
- Tea and coffee making facilities





MARINE HOTEL & SPA, NORTH BERWICK

Check In: 3:00 PM

Check Out: 11:00 AM

A glorious example of Victoriana, recently purchased by The Marine & Lawn Collection and completely refurbished. With views of the Firth of Forth, Marine North Berwick rises from the East Lothian landscape to offer guests an elegant escape. A great hotel for golfers attempting any of the 18 courses within a 20-minute drive of the hotel.

The Marine Hotel actually overlooks the famous 16th Biarritz green of the North Berwick's West Links which threads along the edge of the Firth of Forth. The Lawn Restaurant is among the best in the entire area. The rooms pay homage to the ancient Scottish Linksland. Warm woods and pops of blue and heathery hues abound, creating a relaxing space for guests to unwind. This is considered one of the best hotel refurbishments in recent years!

Hotel Features

- Free Wifi
- Tea/Coffee making facilities

Golf Courses



ROYAL DORNOCH GC

(6,626 yards – par 70)

In the Scottish Highlands is perhaps Scotland's finest links course: Royal Dornoch. Records have been found that golf dates back here to 1616, but the current layout dates to 1886, designed by Tom Morris, and later tweaked by Donald Ross.

The course features huge, crowned greens surrounded by bunkers and ridges, all certain to capture a slightly off-center shot. RDGC follows the classic links nature, by going out through the gorse lined hills and back to the clubhouse along the Dornoch shore. This is certainly a course to bring your camera, especially when the bright sun accents the deep blue sea, green grass and blooming gorse. On a nice day, there are few courses in the world as scenic or enjoyable!





NAIRN GC

(6,774 yards – par 72)

One of Scotland's best kept secrets, until the 1994 British Amateur and the 1999 Walker Cup brought the course more notoriety. Set among great stands of gorse and heather, it provides a magnificent challenge, with wonderful greens, as firm and fast as anywhere. Many think the greens at Nairn are the best in Scotland!

Andrew Simpson laid out the original course in 1887, which was then extended by a plan of Old Tom Morris. The present layout owes most to James Braid, who made major improvements, and created a course that now is considered a must for those visiting the Highlands. Ask to visit the fascinating history wing of the clubhouse with the spectacular collection of golf memorabilia.



CABOT - CASTLE STUART

(7,009 yards – par 72)

This is one of the newest venues in Scotland which opened in late 2009. The late Mark Parsinen, who also developed Kingsbarns, created this links with Gil Hanse and the result is sensational! Castle Stuart is a true championship links course with spectacular views over Inverness and Chanonry Lighthouse. The course is open and forgiving off the tee, but then requires accuracy of the approach to the well protected greens.

Although relatively new, it looks like it has been there for 100 years, and has hosted The Scottish Open on multiple occasions since opening. The course features in Golf Magazine's World Top 100, and has quickly become a "must play" while in the Highlands.



KINGSBARNS GOLF LINKS

(7,227 yards – par 72)

Kingsbarns Golf Links is a world-class championship links course located near St. Andrews. Designed by Kyle Phillips, the course offers stunning views of the North Sea coast and challenges golfers of all levels with its undulating fairways, challenging greens and strategically-placed bunkers.

The course has hosted a number of prestigious tournaments, including the Ricoh Women's British

Open and the Dunhill Links. Kingsbarns also boasts a state-of-the-art practice facility and a clubhouse with spectacular views of the course and the sea. With its superb course conditions and breathtaking scenery, Kingsbarns Links is a must-play for any golf enthusiast visiting the St. Andrews area.





CARNOUSTIE - CHAMPIONSHIP

(6,941 yards – par 72)

Carnoustie is one of the most difficult golf courses in the world, hence, the nickname “Carnastie”. The course dates back to the 1500's, but was redesigned by Old Tom Morris during the US civil war and James Braid at the turn of the century. Carnoustie was the site of the first of Tom Watson's five Open victories.

The Most Recent Championship at Carnoustie was in 2018 which was won by Francesco Molinari. This course is evil, when the wind picks up tee shots can be a challenge, especially Hogan's Alley. Holes 15 through 18 are perhaps the toughest finishing holes in the world, with the Barry Burn claiming many victims over the years including Jean Van De Velde in 1999. If there was ever a course that requires a caddie, this is it!



ST. ANDREWS OLD COURSE

(6,721 yards – par 72)

Though it cannot be proven, St. Andrews is thought to be the Home of Golf and home of The Royal & Ancient Golf Club. The Old Course dates to 1457. The course has been the site of many Open Championships, including the historic 150th Open Championship in 2022 won by Cameron Smith.

The layout of The Old Course requires study, with its classic "out" and "in" design, and the seven double greens. The highlights of the course are the Swilcan Bridge and Burn, Hell Bunker, the Valley of Sin, and the 17th Road Hole. Caddies are recommended here to enhance your experience, and they now expect between £90 - £110 pounds including tip. There are 6,721-yard par 72 white tees, but visitors normally play 6387-yard par 72 yellow tees. Bring your phone and official handicap app, because they will check before letting you play. This is one of the hardest courses to get on, but if so fortunate, it will often complete your bucket-list of golf.



ST. ANDREWS NEW COURSE

(6,625 yards – par 71)

The New Course is thought by many to be a tougher test of golf than The Old and was laid out in 1894 by legendary Tom Morris. The New Course lies in position, age and character between the Old Course and the Jubilee. The course is divided into three parts. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd, after the fashion of the Old, share common fairways with the 18th, 17th and 16th.

The nature of the course changes abruptly after the shared 3rd green. The 4th, 5th and 6th are characterized by the tight fairways giving a sense of privacy and enclosure. From the 7th the course opens up, ranging over a wilder and more unkempt landscape, somewhat similar to the Jubilee.





ST. ANDREWS JUBILEE COURSE

(6,742 yards – par 72)

The Jubilee is a superb test which first opened in 1897, and was site of the 2004 Amateur Championship. The Jubilee, so named to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria and marching the length of the West Sands, is the most seaward of the six courses at St. Andrews Links.

This is the youngest part of the traditional Links. The dunes are higher and rougher, the scale of the landscape grander than the more landward courses. For many decades the Jubilee Course had been somewhat of a poor relation to the other St. Andrews courses but the partial remodeling, completed in September 1989, has effectively created a course of a very different caliber, while still maintaining traditional links golf.



GULLANE #1, GULLANE LINKS

(6,873 yards – par 71)

Founded in 1882, Gullane GC has three golf courses on a magnificent stretch of east coast links, with the No. 1 Course being the most famous. #1 was the site of the 2015 Scottish Open won by Ricky Fowler and the 2018 Scottish Open. The climb up Gullane Hill is well worth the effort, for views across the Firth of Forth and over the links of Muirfield.

The hill makes Gullane unusual for a links course, with one or two climbs, but they are far from daunting, and the pleasure of playing back down is more than adequate compensation. This course is often mentioned as “the finest test in Scotland that has not hosted the Open Championship”. However, Gullane #1 often hosts Open Championship qualifying.



NORTH BERWICK GC

(6,506 yards – par 71)

One of Scotland's most traditional courses, so be prepared for blind shots, stone walls across some fairways and classic golf. Home of the original Redan Hole, this course is often ranked in the top 3 of any Scotland golf tour.

The West Course is no monster, but such is its trickery, it demands a full repertoire of shots from even the most accomplished golfer. Every hole is memorable, in fact, two of them, the 14th named “perfection”, and the 15th called “Redan”, which is the most copied par-3 in golf with versions of it around the world. There are shots across the bays and bunkers from which you can disappear. This is how golf used to be played, and is still an enjoyable experience and a real test of skill.



About Us

Premier Golf LLC is unequalled for golf tour quality and offers over 35 years of experience. You therefore benefit from the long term relationships that we established many years ago. We have a full-time local team in your destination who personally know the local golf course managers, golf professionals, caddy masters, hoteliers, and restaurateurs. Staff members are always on call and keep in contact with you frequently during the trip.

We do not use sub-contractors or destination management companies like most operators. We negotiate directly with the suppliers on your behalf and often get preferred tee times or reservations that are otherwise unavailable. Premier Golf LLC has been the Official Travel Supplier of the PGA of America and for many years has been a licensed distributor of Ryder Cup packages, The PGA Championship, The Bandon Dunes Resort, The PGA Village and more. We are the largest and most secure golf tour operator in the USA.

Great effort goes into our annual review of hotels, assuring you excellent, hand-picked accommodations. While there are less expensive versions, we believe that our selections will match your expectations. Room types are detailed in this document. Should you desire information on higher or lower priced options, please contact us on this specific matter.

Our Scotland office in St Andrews is managed by Euan Findlay, your Premier Golf Tour Manager. He will share local tips and sightseeing suggestions to round out your golfing pleasure. Since about 20% of our travelers are non-golfers, he will provide information and insights on the best sightseeing in your destinations. Euan attended the University of Kansas on a golf scholarship and spent years working with affluent American golfers at Steamboat Springs, Colorado, and aboard Seabourn Cruise Line, from where he was hired to work for our company in the late 90's. Your Premier Golf Tour Manager is always on call and will visit with you and keep in contact with you frequently during the trip, especially in regards to your St Andrews golf arrangements.

Our Ireland office in Killarney is managed by Allan O'Connor, your Premier Golf Tour Manager. He will share local tips and sightseeing suggestions to round out your golfing pleasure. Since about 20% of our travelers are non-golfers, he will provide information and insights on the best sightseeing in your destinations. Allan has a background in hospitality that stretches back 30 yrs. Out of college he became Operations Manager at Kerry Coaches, one of Ireland's largest private motorcoach operators and pioneers in golf tourism responsible for customizing the first luxury golf specific motorcoaches. He also spent 7 years as Director of Sales at The Killarney Park, one of Ireland's top 5-star hotels, concentrating on the American golf marketplace. Your Premier Golf Tour Manager is always on call and will visit and keep in contact with you frequently during the trip.

A Premier Golf staff representative will meet with you as you come out of customs, holding a Premier Golf placard sign with your group name on it. Often, they will host a welcome cocktail to review driving directions, restaurant and sightseeing suggestions and provide you with detailed maps or additional travel tips. These Premier Golf professionals are always on call and their service is key to the comfort, safety and enjoyment of our clients. We believe that they exemplify the finest hospitality, dedication and talent that the industry has to offer.



OTHER IMPORTANT DETAILS ABOUT YOUR TRIP:

ST ANDREWS OLD COURSE: This is the busiest golf course in the world, and here are the ways we can assist you to get on The Old Course:

1. **DIRECT APPLICATION:** Those that plan a year or more in advance will have a reasonable chance to obtain a pre-allocated tee time through "Direct Application" (if your trip is deposited by mid-August the previous year). We'll help you fill out the application and you will submit it, and if successful, this is the most cost efficient way to play. The St Andrews Links Trust requires that another of their courses be added to the Old, such as the New, Jubilee or Castle Courses.
2. **AUTHORISED PROVIDER:** Premier Golf is one of a handful of companies in the world appointed "Authorized Provider" of Old Course tee times by the St Andrews Links Trust. These limited and premium price tee times are usually sold 18-24 months in advance and 2022 and 2023 are already sold out.
3. **BALLOT:** Those booking closer in to dates of travel, or those who did not get a Direct Allocation or Authorized Provider tee time, must rely on the "Ballot" lottery for their tee time, in which case we recommend at least four days in St Andrews for best chances (Wed to Sat is best). With the ballot, applications are made in groups of 2 to 4, and if you have a larger group, the tee times will most likely be split up and you probably won't all play together. Duplicate entries will automatically be cancelled. The exact schedule of your golf while in St Andrews may be switched around to accommodate availability on The Old Course. For example, your round at Carnoustie or Kingsbarns may be flipped with dates for the Old Course if the ballot is successful (this may affect your group games). Our local staff will manage the process for you: we will enter you in "the ballot" lottery and the results are announced at about 4:30pm two days prior. We will enter your group each day until hopefully you are successful and our local office will contact you with the results.
4. **WALK ON:** Singles and doubles can sometimes play if there are vacancies within groups of 2 or 3, or no-shows. You will be required to arrive the night before or VERY EARLY in the morning (03:00am) and stay outside all night, before going to the Starters Hut to place your name on the day waitlist when it opens. There are no shortcuts and no services that will sit in line for you. For this process and other questions, our local staff can assist you.

NOTE: Handicap proof is always required on the day of play (max 36 for anyone) with a golf association handicap card (USGA GHIN), phone app verification or a handicap printout. April through July are the best months, whereas August, the first week of September and October are more difficult. The Old Course is always closed on Sundays. The Old Course is always closed to visitors the last three weeks of September due to the R&A Autumn Meeting and the Dunhill Links Championship. *Our goal is to get everybody on The Old Course!* However, success is becoming more difficult each year. If we are not successful, we will find tee times on one of the other local courses, and refund any difference in price, if applicable.

MOTORCOACH: For a group of 8 or more, we highly recommend using a chauffeured motorcoach from arrival airport to departure. Our motorcoaches are various sizes to match the group, and have been customized with such amenities as reclining leather seats, card tables, ice chest or refrigerator, plugs for phones and computers, video selections and music. We can also add in pre-stocked drinks and snacks. Our handpicked driver-guides are very helpful with sightseeing, nightlife and restaurant suggestions, and they will provide valuable local knowledge on a daily basis. In the UK, any motorcoach with 8 or fewer passenger seats does not have to limit the driver's driving times each day, giving small groups more flexibility and allows for dinner transfers etc. Motorcoaches with 9 or more seats are strictly limited with an electronic tachograph which prohibits the driver from working long hours. Any chauffeured



motorcoach is obviously more expensive than self-drive options, but most clients agree they are well worth the cost!



ACTIVITIES: If you are not a golfer, or if you have particular interests besides golf, we would love to know about them so we can personalize your tour. Many clients enjoy escorted sightseeing tours to castles, distilleries, gardens, battlefield tours, and the like. We can help arrange or suggest any of these if requested. Your final document package will include detailed sightseeing information too to help with après golf activities.



HANDICAPS: You must travel with a handicap certificate (printed or electronic) because some courses may ask for your handicap card and can deny access if you don't have one. Maximum handicap restrictions apply on some courses such as St Andrews (24 for gents / 36 for ladies). If you do not qualify, call and we can discuss your options.

CARTS / CADDIES: Carts are not widely available on the traditional links courses but we can advise which courses do have them (some courses often require a Doctors note or "Medical Certificate"). Caddies are normally available and we normally request caddies for all our guests, unless specifically notified otherwise on your Tour Registration. When caddies show up they are required to be paid in local currency on site direct to the caddy. If you do not request caddies, there may or may not be some available when you arrive, and if not, you would need to hire a pull cart ("trolley") or carry your own bag. Your final tour itinerary and local host will outline caddy costs, but plan on an average of €75-100 in Ireland, or £80-100 in the UK (the rough equivalent of \$80-125 per bag per round) for an experienced caddy including gratuity. Most caddies carry single bags, and do not double bag.

FINAL DOCUMENTS: About three weeks prior to departure you will receive a detailed itinerary with local staff contact information, hotel contacts, travel tips, restaurant recommendations, hotel and golf descriptions, sightseeing descriptions, and interesting reading on local tours and history.

VOUCHERS: Premier Golf no longer provides vouchers, as most suppliers such as golf courses and hotels do not require them any longer. All of your tour components are prepaid and



vouchers are now obsolete. If there is ever any confusion, your tour booklet or your local office representative should clarify any misunderstandings.

WEATHER: The weather in this part of the world is best described as unpredictable, but we find the reputation is far worse than the reality. Often, it is downright enjoyable! We will provide you with a detailed “what to pack” list prior to departure as part of your final documents.

AIRLINE: Groups are encouraged to take the same flights so that the airport rental vehicles or transfers can be arranged accordingly. If flights do not coincide, additional charges may be incurred for extra transfers.

CANCELLATIONS: **Tour terms and conditions of booking are shown on the Tour Registration Form. These terms and conditions will be enforced, so we always recommend Travel Insurance:**

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Travel Insurance by GolfSafe Travel Protection, the world's most established travel protection provider, is highly recommended. We can quote you travel insurance after you return your Tour Registration Form with your birthdate (age specific policies). You have up to 2 weeks after paying your deposit to buy travel insurance and still be covered for pre-existing conditions. You can buy insurance afterwards but pre-existing conditions may not be covered. The insurance is in addition to the tour cost. Review here: [GolfSafe](#)

SHIP STICKS GOLF BAG DELIVERY: For excellent golf bag or luggage shipping service we recommend our partnership with Ship Sticks for golf bag or luggage delivery before or after your tour. *First time users can save 10%.* They will pick up at your club or at your home and are VERY reliable. For a free quote visit [SHIPSTICKS](#) or call (561) 429-3900 for price quotes and bookings. When calling remember to identify yourself as a Premier Golf traveler.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Among our guests' favorite add-on items is hiring a professional photographer to follow them around St Andrews Old Course (and/or other courses) taking action pictures, and assembling the best photographs into a nice memento photo book. Ask us about this service and document your golf pilgrimage for years to come! Makes for a great follow up gift for your group too!

PASSPORTS / VISAS: A valid passport, good for six months after your scheduled return, is required. Begin your application process now if your passport has or will expire soon. No special Visas are required for the UK or Ireland for American citizens but citizens from other countries should consult their respective Consulates.





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