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## St Andrews & Ayrshire

g Royal Troon, Ailsa Turnberry, & Carnoustie, Old Course at St Andrews, New Course at St Andrews

Follow in the footsteps of champions in the Home of Golf with a guaranteed tee time on the Old Course at St Andrews Play six World Top 100 Courses including four Open Championship venues Explore the vibrant and historic town of St Andrews 5-star lodging including the Marine Troon and Fairmont St Andrews

### Monday, June 1

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This evening depart the United States.

### Tuesday, June 2

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On arrival at the Glasgow Airport you will be met by PerryGolf personnel who will assist you with your luggage and transfer to your transportation.

Your preferred arrival & departure airport options are dependent on your personal preferences. The closest airport to your first hotel/golf course is listed first. Some airports have direct transatlantic flights from US cities while others only offer service with connections through European hub cities. Our air department is available to talk through your air travel options.

Play **Royal Troon** . Royal Troon is a course in the current Open rota. Arnold Palmer, Tom Watson and Tom Weiskopf (his only win in a major) have won here as did Henrik Stenson whose Sunday round of 63 outlasted Phil Mickelson's 65 to claim The 145th Open. It is a long links course but it is consistently praised for its testing but fair set up. Troon boasts both the longest and the shortest holes among Open venues, being the 'Postage Stamp' 8th at 126 yards, and the 6th at 601 yards named 'Turnberry'. The layout gives you a chance to find your game with a gentle opening but the inward nine is considered one of the most difficult sides in major championship golf.

[Click here](#) for the golf course IMAGE GALLERY

[Click here](#) to watch how to play the Postage Stamp

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OVERNIGHT: **Marine Troon** - 2 Classic King/Twin

### Wednesday, June 3

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Play the **Ailsa Course** at Turnberry. You can't rush perfection, Turnberry's Ailsa Course is proof. It was

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established in 1902, modified in 1906, modified again in 1909, redesigned in 1938 then nearly disappeared after the Second World War when it was converted into an airbase with several holes flattened into concrete runways. It was restored and reopened in 1951 as one of Scotland's finest links to the extent it hosted The Open for the first time in 1977 when Tom Watson's 65-65 weekend beat Jack Nicklaus's 65-66. MacKenzie & Ebert made extensive alterations before The Open in 2009 then Ebert returned for a major update in 2015. The result is spectacular, particularly but by no means limited to holes 9-11 that play across and along the bay atop rock outcrops on the left; dunes, pot bunkers and high fescue on the right. The club's famous lighthouse includes an incredible two-bedroom suite and one of the most memorable halfway houses in golf.

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### Thursday, June 4

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Today play **Carnoustie** . The first record of golf played on this links land dates to 1527. In 1842, a 10-hole course was designed by Alan Robertson followed by an 18-hole course by Old Tom Morris in 1857. James Braid extended the layout in 1926 which is essentially the links found today. While it is relatively flat, Carnoustie is exposed to the elements. A combination of length and accuracy are required as golfers face narrow corridors from the tee while approach shots demand precision to greens heavily guarded by steep bunkers and burns. Arguably the toughest finishing holes in championship golf are found here highlighted by the par-4, 476 yard 14th and the 245 yard par-3 16th. Ben Hogan won The 82nd Open at Carnoustie in 1953. Tom Watson and Gary Player also hoisted the Claret Jug here as has Pádraig Harrington and mostly recently Francesco Molinari in 2018.

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OVERNIGHT: **Fairmont St Andrews** - 2 Fairmont Room

### Friday, June 5

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Today play **Kingsbarns** . Golf dates to a nine-hole layout here in 1793. It was commandeered by the military during the Second World War not to reappear until Kyle Phillips took an interest in the late 1990s. His design ushered in the era of "modern classics" when it opened in 2000 looking like it had been there for years. The terrain is links style perfection with tumbling fairways and sandy soil that produce the fine-bladed fescues which are the cornerstone of fast-and-firm playing surfaces that characterise links golf. The fairways are spacious, the greens are large, exceptional views of the North Sea are found on every hole.

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OVERNIGHT: **Fairmont St Andrews** - 2 Fairmont Room

### Saturday, June 6

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Today challenge the **Old Course of St Andrews** , the ‘Home of Golf’. The Old Course has played host to the greatest golfers and produced many of golf’s most dramatic moments. Wide double fairways, seven extensive double greens, and a multitude of intimidating bunkers are just some of the unique features you will encounter. Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods each hoisted the Claret Jug here on two occasions. In 1927, Bobby Jones claimed The 62nd Open six years after taking four strokes to escape the Hill Bunker at the 11th and tearing up his scorecard! No. 17, the ‘Road Hole’, is always an adventure as is negotiating the Valley of Sin at the short par-4 18th.

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Learn how to play the famed 17th hole on the Old Course with Colin Dalglish of PerryGolf [click here](#).

WEBCAST - A Greenside Chat: ‘The Story of The Inner Workings of The Home of Golf’ ~ St Andrews Links Trust

OVERNIGHT: **Fairmont St Andrews** - 2 Fairmont Room

## Sunday, June 7

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Golf today on the **New Course of St Andrews** . Several holes at the oldest ‘new’ course in the world ‘the New Course opened in 1895’ have been carved through punitive gorse, so accurate tee shots are required. Set beside and in contrast to the Old Course, this Old Tom Morris design includes undulating fairways and puts on display a fine test of links golf. The 17th can be a make-or-break par-3 coming home. It measures 229 yards from the back tees, forcing golfers to combine power and precision to find the green in regulation. The New is highly regarded among the locals because it is tighter and more defined than the Old.

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## Monday, June 8

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Depart the United Kingdom from Edinburgh Airport.

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## Your Lodging

### Marine Troon

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The 4-star Marine Hotel is a grand building with magnificent views over the Firth of Clyde to the Isle of Arran, overlooking Royal Troon Golf Course. Built-in 1894, The Marine Hotel was designed by notable Glaswegian architects Salmon and Gillespie and is a significant landmark in Troon. Now newly refurbished, it features subtle Scottish themes, fabrics and textures all laced with the history of the building and surrounding area.

### Fairmont St Andrews

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The 5-star Fairmont St Andrews is located on the outskirts of St Andrews along the road to Crail. Sitting on the summit of a spectacular cliff formation, the hotel and its two championship golf courses have breathtaking panoramic views of the River Tay estuary, the North Sea, the Fife countryside, and the medieval skyline of St Andrews. In addition to the two golf courses on site, you may enjoy the Spa, a haven of peace and tranquility. Enjoy a few easy lengths of the 18-metre pool, relax in the Jacuzzi, sauna or steam room. Included in your rate is full WiFi internet access in the public rooms and guest bedrooms.