



[St Andrews Golf Travel](#) is a specialist golf tour operator based right in the heart of **THE HOME OF GOLF**, St Andrews, Scotland. With combined experience of over 20 years in the golf industry and having travelled the globe extensively playing golf in all four corners of the world we excel in providing bespoke luxury golf vacations to Scotland, Ireland, New Zealand and Australia. At St Andrews Golf Travel we pride ourselves on customer service and ensuring we deliver in every aspect of our promise. With an extensive network of golf and luxury hotel contacts we can build any golf tour that is requested by our clients. This includes exclusive access to The Old Course as an **AUTHORISED** provider of tee times as granted by St Andrews Links Trust. In addition, other classic links courses such as Royal Troon, Turnberry and Muirfield can be included in many itineraries

We look forward to welcoming you to this magical country for the golfing trip of your dreams...

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St Andrews – The Birthplace of Golf

Golf has been associated with St Andrews for hundreds of years. The first written record of golf in St Andrews dates from 1552. Today, St Andrews is recognised across the globe as the 'Home of Golf'. Golfing in St Andrews – at the spiritual heartland of the sport – is the ultimate ambition of many golfers. It is a dream that comes true for many thousands of players each year, because golf at St Andrews remains true to its Scottish roots as a game for all.

St Andrews Golf Travel is proud to be an Authorised Provider of **GUARANTEED** Old Course tee times. Through working with St Andrews Links Trust we are able to provide our clients with the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of legends

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Your Experience in The Home of Golf

Programme	LUXURY ST ANDREWS & EAST LOTHIAN EXPERIENCE
Dates	15 th to 22 nd August 2025 (4 Golfers)
Destination	St Andrews & East Lothian

- Luxury transfer between Edinburgh Airport and St Andrews (60 minutes)
- Five nights at the **5* Fairmont St Andrews** including full Scottish Breakfast
- 18 holes of golf on **Kingsbarns, Carnoustie Championship Course** and **Dumbarnie Links**
- Dinner on one evening
- Two nights at the **5* Marine Hotel**, North Berwick including full Scottish Breakfast each morning
- 36 Holes of Golf at **Muirfield** including lunch in the members Clubhouse.
- 18 Holes of Golf at **North Berwick** (ranked #43 in the world)
- Return luxury transfer to Edinburgh Airport and to all pre booked golf courses throughout your trip
- St Andrews Golf Travels' Marc or Graeme personally looking after you throughout your time in Scotland



5 Fairmont St Andrews*

The 520-acre five-star Fairmont St Andrews resort encapsulates luxury, elegance and truly breathtaking surroundings in the 'Home of Golf'. A truly unique and special venue that makes your visit one to remember, with its lavish and stunning surroundings, peaceful setting and stunning cliff top views of St Andrews and the North Sea.

The resort prides itself with an array of fabulous facilities including two championship Golf Courses, The Kittocks and The Torrance, excellent dining experiences for every palette, ranging from their new Italian eatery La Cucina to St Andrews Bar and Grill serving the freshest of Steak and Seafood.

All their 209 luxury guestrooms are spacious and well-proportioned with thoughtful Scottish touches. The sumptuous Signature Spa offers a range of treatments including locally themed massages, facial and relaxation therapies using exclusive Aromatherapy Associates products in 12 chic treatment rooms. The spacious swimming pool, sauna, steam room, Jacuzzi and relaxation room complete the experience, helping you to relax and unwind.

Whatever the occasion, Fairmont St Andrews really is the perfect location to turn your golf vacation into a treasured memory



The Old Course (Ballot)

THE OLD COURSE at St Andrews is considered by many to be the "home of golf" because the sport was first played on the Links at St Andrews in the early 1400s. Golf was becoming increasingly popular in Scotland until in 1457, when James II of Scotland banned golf because he felt that young men were playing too much golf instead of practicing their archery. The ban was upheld until 1502, when King James IV removed the ban.

In 1754, 22 noblemen, professors, and landowners founded the Society of St Andrews Golfers. This society would eventually become the precursor to the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews. The course evolved without the help of any one architect for many years. However, the more significant people to its design were Daw Anderson in the 1850s and Old Tom Morris (1865–1903) who designed the 1st and 18th holes.

As part of your trip, we will enter you for play in the ballot. This is drawn 48hrs before your requested date of play and St Andrews Golf Travel will take care of all the administration. In the event you are successful, the applicable green fee will be due direct to the starter. Please note that the handicap limit is 36 and certificates are required



Kingsbarns Golf Links

In the eighth decade of the 18th Century, at the same time as the Thirteen States were declaring their independence and the Constitution of the United States was scripted, the Merchants and Lairds of Kingsbarns drafted articles to form the Kingsbarns Golfing Society. Golf has been enjoyed over the links land of Kingsbarns beginning in 1793. Attired in their blue coats, the Kingsbarns men met for their Spring and Autumn Meetings to challenge for the Societies medals on the links and to enjoy the conviviality of friends over dinner in the Golfers Hall. The Society continued to wager, wine and dine for decades until the Cambo Estate tenant farmer ploughed up the Links in 1850 in order to add to his farmable area.

Prompted and inspired by Lady Erskine of Cambo, the old Kingsbarns Golfing Society was re-established and founded as Kingsbarns Golf Club in 1922 and Willie Auchterlonie laid out a nine-hole course on the links about Kingsbarns Bay. This course served the golfing needs of the locals and holidaymakers until the onset of the Second World War when the Links was mined in the national security defense effort and it quickly reverted to rough pasture. Golf was resurrected on Kingsbarns Links in 2000. Kingsbarns joined the great old courses of nearby St Andrews and Carnoustie, bringing with it a new dimension to the traditional Scottish game





Carnoustie Championship

Carnoustie consists of two Championship courses; each rated in the top 50 Links courses in the UK and Ireland (Golf Digest June 2011). The Championship Course has recently been ranked at no 1 on the Rolex Top 1000 courses in the world.

The Championship Course has hosted 7 Open Championships, 1 Ladies Open and 1 Seniors Open making it one of the very few to have done so in the UK. It is one of the 3 courses used for the annual Dunhill Links, the others being Kingsbarns and the Old Course in St Andrews. Generally regarded as the toughest of the Open venues for those who understand the game a little more will know it is probably the fairest too. Without doubt though Carnoustie Championship Course does have the toughest closing stretch of holes anywhere and those finishing the final 4 holes with no more than a bogey should be suitably content with their play.





Dumbarrie Links

Dumbarrie Links is located 11 miles south of St Andrews and opened for play on 29 May 2020. Designed by golf course architect and former Ryder Cup player Clive Clark, the course is built upon land that is part of the Balcarres Estate. It features unobstructed views over the Firth of Forth and towards Muirfield, North Berwick and Edinburgh

At first glance Dumbarrie Links may have the appearance of the style of the classic links courses where The Open Championship has been played since 1860. However, the extensive 345-acre site at Dumbarrie is particularly special. Its dual elevations, which are connected by a flowing escarpment, have provided the opportunity to create a number of elevated tees where holes play directly towards panoramic views of the expansive Firth of Forth.

A further outstanding feature is that a number of tees and greens are in close proximity to the water. In fact, fourteen of the holes have views of the Bay and the Firth of Forth. The design incorporates three potentially driveable Par-4s and features several holes that engender 'risk and reward'. This course is designed to inspire rather than intimidate golfers. Total yardage for the golf course varies from 5,300 to 6,900 yards.



Explore St Andrews

St Andrews is known worldwide as The Home of Golf, and also boasts Scotland's oldest university.

St Andrews University, founded in 1410, dominates the centre of town. The elegant, ivy-clad buildings and delightful quadrangles and gardens have seen a procession of famous graduates such as Prince William. One of the top universities in Britain, St Andrews is often compared to Oxford and Cambridge for its defining presence and the collegiate feel it gives to the town.

The Medieval centre of St Andrews consists of a series of narrow alleys and cobbled streets with shops, restaurants and cafés. Explore the castle, the now ruined cathedral and the adjacent church of St Regulus, where you can climb the spiral staircase to the top of the 108 ft tower for magnificent views of the town and its surroundings.

St Andrews has two great beaches, one being the magnificent West Sands, where the famous opening sequence of Chariots of Fire was shot. Other attractions include the Botanic Gardens, British Golf Museum, St Andrews Aquarium and the Byre Theatre, one of only four 5-Star arts venues in Scotland



5 The Marine Hotel, North Berwick*

As part of Marine & Lawn Hotels & Resorts, the landmark Marine North Berwick hotel has been restored to its former glory, with a sophisticated grandeur for the 21st century. The hotel offers luxurious guest rooms, alongside The Lawn restaurant, The Bass Rock bar, walled garden, and flexible meetings and events spaces.

The hotel also features a destination spa with a swimming pool, open-air whirlpool, thermal suite, and fitness centre, offering an invigorating coastal retreat. Occupying a prominent position along Scotland's Golf Coast, overlooking the linksland and estuary, the hotel has and will continue to host generations of golfers and holidaymakers enjoying the fresh air, picturesque waters, and the natural beauty and charm of North Berwick.



North Berwick Golf Club

Golf has been played over the historic West Links course since the 17th century with the Club being formed in 1832. They continue to play over the same piece of land as they did back then.

With breathtaking views of the Firth of Forth and islands of Bass Rock, Craighleith, Lamb and Fidra, as well as the town of North Berwick itself, there are few places better in the world to play golf!

A true championship links course, having hosted Final Qualifying for The Open Championship and both Gentlemen and Ladies Amateur Championships. An excellent test of golf awaits you.



Muirfield (36)

Many of the worlds' greatest players believe that Muirfield near Edinburgh is the fairest examination of championship golf among all the great and historic course of the British Isles.

If the definition of fairest is that there are no hidden bunkers, or subtle bumps and hollows as at St Andrews, or the blind shots of Prestwick for instance, then there can be little argument. Muirfield is the home of the Honorable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, the world's oldest golf club, and is a hugely demanding test where the dangers are in open view for all to see. But this is a very private club and the members guard their privacy jealously

In 2013 Muirfield hosted The Open Championship for the 16th time

Format: Individual ball in the morning and alternate shot in the afternoon. It's the tradition!





Muirfield Lunch

It might seem strange to those returning from one of the great courses of the world to be greeted first with the question, “How was the lunch?” But when it comes to the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, such an inquiry is not all that uncommon.

The Muirfield lunch will never be mistaken for an evening at The French Laundry: This is British comfort food, executed at an extremely high level. Joints of roast beef, pork, or lamb are always on offer, while local haddock is cooked to order. Haddock is also the key to a good bowl of Cullen skink, a thick and creamy Scottish soup. In general, according to club secretary Stuart McEwan, Muirfield lunches are “very masculine in nature, with little regard to calorie count.”

Indeed, the convivial atmosphere of the room—enhanced by plentiful pouring’s of claret—is part of what makes the day so special. Foursomes aren’t placed on their own little islands; rather, table sizes range from 6 seats to 24, an arrangement that promotes mingling. And in this informal age, the club’s policy of jacket and tie is a welcome upholding of tradition: For the visitor, the little extra effort that goes into dress-code compliance helps make the lunch a memorable occasion



Luxury Transfers

As part of your trip to Scotland, all your transfers are included so you will not have to worry about driving on the wrong side of the road! St Andrews Golf Travel will provide the following transportation service during your stay

Airport – Collection from Edinburgh Airport and transfer to St Andrews (60-75 minutes) and return on your day of departure (one transfer each way)

Golf Courses – Transfers to all your pre booked golf courses listed above

Out with the above standard services we will also be on hand to assist, with additional local transfers, as required, subject to our availability. St Andrews Golf Travel operates a fleet of luxury Mercedes V-Class vehicles so you will be able to sit back, relax and let us do the driving!



About us

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Marc Gentles, a former Scottish Internationalist plays off a handicap of +2 and has previously worked for St Andrews Links Trust who manage the seven links courses in St Andrews including The Old Course.

Graeme Dawson, a former captain of the St Andrews University Golf Club first team, spent 12 years working at an award winning 5* resort in St Andrews in a variety of Sales & Marketing roles. He once played all 189 holes of St Andrews golf all in one day!



Outstanding

Testimonials

There are very few things in life that live up to their hype, and even fewer things that exceed the hype. Our trip last week exceeded the hype! You guys do it right all the way around. I won't go on and on here, but your personal service was exceptional. Words don't do justice to how relaxing it was to have everything all set up, being driven around and not worrying, and all the personal touches. I'll end by saying a very heartfelt thank you. You guys are a class act and wonderful hosts and I hope to be able to come back soon – *Phil Warner*

I can't emphasize enough how much I enjoyed, without exaggeration, the golf trip of a lifetime! The professionalism exhibited by Marc and Graeme, along with their attention to detail, and excellent customer service, was totally first class. Two great guys, accomplished golfers, who get it! If you're considering a trip to the home of golf, I highly recommend St. Andrews Golf Travel– *Mark Marchetti*

Incredible precision with all the arrangements. Recommended accommodations were superb. Golf arrangements were flawless. Dining recommendations were outstanding, and all transport was on schedule. If I could, I'd give it a SIX-star rating – *Tom McDonough*

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