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## Ayrshire and Dumbarrie Links

<p>6 Nights | 6 Rounds including Royal Troon, Carnoustie and Dumbarrie Links</p>

This six-night, six-round package explores championship links layouts that are familiar to golfers and revered throughout the sport. It's available from April to October. Walk in the footsteps of legends when you play **Royal Troon**. Just to its north is **Dundonald Links** which features the gorse, heather, revetted bunkers and undulating fairways associated with links golf. Plus you'll enjoy a round on the **Ailsa Course at Turnberry**. Continue on to the highly acclaimed Jack Nicklaus designed **PGA Centenary Course at Gleneagles** which hosted the 2014 Ryder Cup and 2019 Solheim Cup. Admire the amazing list of champions who seized the Claret Jug at **Carnoustie**. Finally, tee it up on Scotland's newest links course - **Dumbarrie Links**, located 9 miles south of St Andrews and featuring panoramic views over the Firth of Forth. Deluxe accommodations are available at **Marine Troon** and the **Fairmont St Andrews**.

### Sunday, August 20

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This evening depart the United States.

### Monday, August 21

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On arrival at the 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.

Today play **Dundonald Links (tbc)**. Fresh from his celebrated success at Kingsbarns, Kyle Phillips created Dundonald for Loch Lomond Golf Club who wanted a classic links alternative for its members. Opened in 2003, this is a championship quality layout with predictability ruffled fairways, deep pot bunkers and undulating greens frequently guarded by burns. Found just 5 miles north of Royal Troon, the club has hosted the men's and women's Scottish Open along with the European Tour's qualifying school. The par fives here are particularly strong. Among the best is No. 3 at 530 yards from the medal tees. Trouble along the right side plus a bunker left requires accuracy off the tee. The burn then cuts across the fairway about 100 yards short of the green. Three can be reached but not without a solid tee shot.

Dundonald Links, Scotland by LINKS Magazine

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

### Tuesday, August 22

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Play **Royal Troon (tbc)**. 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.

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

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

## Wednesday, August 23

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

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

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

## Thursday, August 24

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Today play the **PGA Centenary Course (tbc)** of Gleneagles Hotel. This highly acclaimed Jack Nicklaus design, is a fine test of championship golf. A modern layout featuring many strategic bunkers and vast putting surfaces. The course can stretch to over 7,088 yards from the tips and affords wonderful views of the Grampian Mountains and the Perthshire countryside. The course was the host venue for the 2014 Ryder Cup and the 2019 Solheim Cup. Please note a very limited supply of golf carts are available for hire. Certain restrictions may apply, please advise your Golf Travel Specialist.

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

## Friday, August 25

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Today play **Dumbarnie Links (tbc)**. Dumbarnie Links is one of Scotland's newest links courses opened in 2020. Located 9 miles south of St Andrews, the layout plays over 345 acres, part of the 5,000-acre Balcarres Estate held by Lord Anthony Balniel and his family since the 16th century. Designed by Clive Clark, a member of the 1973 Great Britain and Ireland Ryder Cup team, the site is highlighted by a mile and a half of sea frontage featuring panoramic views over the Firth of Forth. Its dual elevations, which are connected by a flowing escarpment, provide a number of elevated tees where holes play directly towards the sea. The design incorporates three potentially drivable par-4s along with several holes that present tempting risk/reward opportunities. This course is designed to inspire rather than intimidate golfers. Total yardage varies from 5,300 to 6,900 yards.

Drone Footage - Dumbarnie Links, Scotland

WEBCAST - A Greenside Chat: "The Story of Scotland's Newest Links" ~ Dumbarnie Links

Dumbarnie Links, Scotland by LINKS Magazine

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

## Saturday, August 26

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Today play **Carnoustie (tbc)**. 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 Pdraig Harrington and mostly recently Francesco Molinari in 2018.

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

## Sunday, August 27

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Depart the United Kingdom from 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.