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## Highlands of **Scotland**

### Aberdeen & the Scottish Highlands

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#### Thursday, June 1

This evening depart the United States.

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#### Friday, June 2

On arrival at the Aberdeen 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 the outstanding **Cruden Bay (tbc)**. Those who make their way to the Highlands by way of Aberdeen will not want to miss Cruden Bay. This is an old-fashioned gem of a links with greens and fairways hidden between massive dune, driveable par fours, blind shots and of course gorgeous view of the North Sea. There is evidence that golf started here in the 18th century but it was in 1899 when the original layout by Old Tom Morris and Archie Simpson opened for play at 5,290 yards. The course was redesigned in 1926 which essentially stands today playing with more than an additional 1,000 yards. â€œPort Errollâ€•, the 193-yard 4th, played from an elevated tee to an elevated green, will get your attention. Cruden Bay is a regular among the worldâ€™s top 100 clubs.

**WEBCAST - A Greenside Chat: "The Story of an Authentic Scottish Golf Club" ~ Cruden Bay Golf Club**

**Cruden Bay Golf Club, Scotland by LINKS Magazine**

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**OVERNIGHT: The Marcliffe Hotel & Spa - 2 Executive Room**

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#### Saturday, June 3

Play **Royal Aberdeen (tbc)**. Founded in 1780, this is the sixth oldest golf club in the world. It has hosted The Senior Open won by Tom Watson and the Scottish Open won by Justin Rose. It is a tale of two nines. The outward holes are recognized as nine of the best pure links in the game. The first plays from beside the clubhouse directly to

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the North Sea. The next eight run parallel to the shore through a valley of dunes. The inward nine play on high ground where the full force of the wind regularly wreaks havoc. Eighteen is a serious par four requiring two of you best to simply reach the green.

Royal Aberdeen Golf Club, Scotland by LINKS Magazine

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OVERNIGHT: **The Marcliffe Hotel & Spa** - 2 Executive Room

## Sunday, June 4

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Today play the **Trump International Golf Links (tbc)**. Imagine Dr. Martin Hawtree's™ delight, the third generation golf course architect with many achievement to his credit including his service as the R&A's™ go-to for modifying Open venues, when he was chosen to design the newest American-inspired golf course in Scotland this century along a spectacular 3-mile stretch of North Sea coastline with almost unlimited resources. Trump International Golf Links may represent his finest hour. The round combines high ground with striking views before descending into secluded valleys between monstrous dunes. There are five tees on every hole, except the two that have seven. There are eighteen fully revetted bunkers on the 18th! It is a sight to behold.

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## Monday, June 5

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Play today at **Nairn (tbc)**. Nairn was among the first of the Highlands courses to make an international name for itself when it hosted the Walker Cup in 1999. It has gone on to host the British Amateur and the Curtis Cup. Founded in 1887 on an elevated piece of linksland overlooking the Moray Firth, an all-star collection of architects have had a hand in the layout including Old Tom Morris and James Braid. Most recently, the club commissioned MacKenzie & Ebert for a major modernization including numerous new greens, bunkers and tees. The result capitalizes on what are some of the very best turf conditions in Scotland – a Nairn trademark.

Drone Footage: Nairn Golf Club, Scotland

Nairn Golf Club, Scotland by LINKS Magazine

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OVERNIGHT: **Kingsmills Hotel** - 2 Classic Room

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## Tuesday, June 6

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Golf today on **Royal Dornoch (tbc)**. An hour north of Inverness, along a crescent shaped stretch of the Dornoch Firth is a narrow strip of softly contoured dune land rising on two distinctive levels, providing just enough room for fairways framed by heather and gorse. It is here where Royal Dornoch was founded in 1877. Old Tom Morris extended the layout to 18 holes in 1886 which has been modified over the years to produce a layout consistently ranked today among the world's top 20. MacKenzie & Ebert improved four holes and built a new 7th. The club was Donald Ross's famous inspiration for raised, domed greens. A very limited supply of golf carts are available for hire. Certain restrictions may apply, please advise your Golf Travel Specialist.

WEBCAST - A Greenside Chat: "The Story of Royal Dornoch" ~ Neil Hampton

Royal Dornoch Golf Club, Scotland by LINKS Magazine

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OVERNIGHT: **Kingsmills Hotel** - 2 Classic Room

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## Wednesday, June 7

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Today play **Castle Stuart (tbc)**. Once Kingsbarns opened, developer Mark Parsinen began his search for an encore. He found it in the Highlands overlooking the Moray Firth less than ten miles from Inverness where he and Gil Hanse fashioned another modern links classic. The first three holes on each nine run away from the clubhouse and along the water. The remaining six on each side play on top of the escarpment offering spectacular views on your way back to the exceptional clubhouse. Castle Stuart is a true links course in every sense with revetted natural bunkers, waste bunkers, rumpled fairways and run-up greens. This three-time host to the Scottish Open complements any visit to the Highlands.

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OVERNIGHT: **Kingsmills Hotel** - 2 Classic Room

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## Thursday, June 8

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Depart the United Kingdom from Inverness Airport.

## Your Lodging

### The Marcliffe Hotel & Spa

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The Marcliffe Hotel and Spa, privately owned by the Spence Family, gives its guests the warmest of Scottish welcomes. A prestigious and intimate five-star luxury hotel, the Marcliffe is set on scenically beautiful Royal Deeside against a backdrop of 11 acres of wooded grounds. The hotel is located on the western fringe of the historical City of Aberdeen. A sense of comfort and well-being in their guests is the overriding aim of the Owner, Stewart Spence, Management and staff. The seven suites and 33 bedrooms are all exclusively designed as a restful, elegant refuge for both the business or leisure traveller. For Scottish Beef (aged a minimum of 35 days) and cut to suit, any weight, along with fish, lobster and seafood, you need go no further than the Conservatory Restaurant with an extensive wine list of over 400 bins, including a page dedicated to wines produced by golfers for golfers, plus over 100 Single Malt Whiskies. The peacefulness and tranquillity found at the Marcliffe Hotel makes it very easy to forget that you are just three miles from the City Centre and only eight miles from Aberdeen Airport.

### Kingsmills Hotel

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Originally a Scottish mansion house, the Kingsmills Hotel is set in 4 acres of beautiful gardens and is just one mile from Inverness city centre. The hotel presents a seamless blend of style and substance, proud of a reputation for warmth of welcome, traditional values of service, yet, flexible to the needs of today's business executive. Rooms are spacious and if you need to work in your room, there's plenty worktop space for papers and laptops and high speed wifi is available throughout. Fine foods from exciting menus sourced locally served in the restaurant or the garden conservatory are complimented by an excellent wine list and a large selection of single malt whiskies. In 2010 saw the opening of the stand alone Kingsclub and Spa. Small and very select with 37 bedrooms with a choice of Cocoon or Retreat luxury air-conditioned bedrooms, a beauty spa, mezzanine lounge, business centre, massage suites, relaxation area, nail salon, green space, golf course views, exclusive bar and restaurant all with a city centre location. In the club spirit the bar is exclusive to guests of The Kingsclub; informal and peaceful it's a cocktail before dinner or dissect the day's successes on the golf course. Jump on our golf buggy and relax over dinner in our Inglis Restaurant or Conservatory Brasserie in the Kingsmills Hotel.