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## 2020 **British Isles** Golf Cruise Including Saturday & Sunday Attendance to **The 149th Open**

14 Nights | 6 Rounds | Dublin - Southampton | Attend The Open at Royal St. George's  
| July 6 - July 20

PerryGolf proudly partners with **Azamara®** for this exceptional 14 night, 6 round golf voyage through the British Isles onboard the 690-guest *Azamara Pursuit*. We will visit nine ports beginning in **Dublin** before concluding in **Southampton** for the final two rounds of **The 149th Open at Royal St. George's**. The itinerary is beautifully balanced with famous city experiences like **Belfast, Glasgow, and Edinburgh** and terrific golf at **Royal Portrush, Carnoustie and Royal County Down**

We open with two full days of crypts, cathedrals and pints in **Dublin** before we travel to the lovely seafront on the Isle of Man. Enjoy the 21st century resurgence of **Belfast** before our visit to **Glasgow**, a blossoming cultural hub. Watch whales and dolphins in the summer water of **Kirkwall**, enjoy the emerging arts and cultural scene of **Dundee**, embrace the striking setting of **Edinburgh** with its castle perched atop the rocky crags and looking out upon the Firth of Forth. This outstanding voyage will conclude in **Southampton** on the south coast of England, convenient for one of the world's great capitals - **London**.

The golf arrangements are exceptional. Your biggest decision may well be whether to join the **SANDY LYLE** flight or the **GREG NORMAN** flight. Either way, you are assured of six fabulous rounds including a mixture of Royal Clubs and Open host venues. **Royal County Down** was No. 4 in the world in *Golf Magazine's* 2017 rankings. Carnoustie has earned its reputation as the most difficult course in the Open rota, playing host again in 2018. **The Ailsa Course at Trump Turnberry** underwent an extensive renovation and re-opened in 2016, resuming its place among the world top 20. **Royal Portrush** in Northern Ireland is the only club outside of Scotland and England to host The Open, having the honor in 1951 and 2019.

The conclusion of our voyage will be particularly memorable as we attend the final two rounds of **The 149th Open at Royal St. George's**, where Harry Vardon, Walter Hagen, Greg Norman and Darren Clarke have solved this dynamic layout and claimed the Claret Jug.

*Azamara Pursuit* is a mid-sized luxury vessel nimble enough to access smaller ports yet large enough to provide every amenity you expect from fine dining and live entertainment to a full-service spa. Forty-six suites are available with English butler style service which routinely book early. Particularly enjoyable about a PerryGolf / Azamara cruise is how the schedule will include many extended stays in port plus the occasional overnight which permits a truly immersive experience. Better still, **Azamara®** are inclusive of a full selection of beer, spirits, soft drinks, bottled water, specialty coffees plus wine with lunch and dinner along with gratuities for housekeeping, dining and bar staff.

Every aspect of the golf program is managed by PerryGolf staff onboard and ashore. Your clubs will be waiting your arrival at the golf course. Tee times and pairings will be posted the night before. Casual competitions will be arranged and prizes awarded. Lunch is included while you play plus there will be an open bar at the clubhouse when you finish. Carts/caddies, transfers, local taxes, service charges and gratuities (excluding caddies) are included.

The guest list will number between 40 and 60, most of whom are golf couples. It's also common to have non-golfers who will enjoy themselves as a luxury cruise guest starting with *Azamara Pursuit's* fabulous facilities combined with a wide selection of **Azamara Shore Excursions®**. The "2020 British Isles Golf Cruise" is a full-featured vacation and a unique opportunity to enjoy yourself in the company of like-minded new friends!

[Top 10 Moments from The Open at St Andrews](#)

[Photo Album](#)

## Detailed Itinerary

### JULY 6, MONDAY: DUBLIN, IRELAND (IN PORT)

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Embark *Azamara Pursuit* beginning at 1:00PM. All aboard by 4:30PM.

Welcome Cocktails & Briefing this evening. Meet your fellow participants.

#### **Overnight: In Port - Dublin, Ireland**

### JULY 7, TUESDAY: DUBLIN, IRELAND (IN PORT / 11:00PM)

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**SANDY LYLE:** Today play the **Palmer Ryder Cup Course of The K Club**. This beautiful parkland course was designed by Arnold Palmer and hosted the 2006 Ryder Cup with all its attendant drama. Risk-reward opportunities are ever present as the course covers an area of mature woodland to the west of Dublin City to which fourteen lakes have been added. *Note: Golf cart venue*

**GREG NORMAN:** Today play **Portmarnock Golf Club** ranked No. 49 in *Golf Magazine's Top 100 Courses in the World*. This windswept links features devilish pot bunkers and low dunes that have challenged legendary golfers of every era. Arnold Palmer partnered with Sam Snead to win the 1960 Canada Cup on the Old course and The King described the 15th as the best par-3 in golf. Phil Mickelson and David Duval led the United States to victory in the 1991 Walker Cup while Ian Woosnam, Seve Ballesteros and Bernhard Langer have claimed Irish Open titles on this venerable layout.

**SIGHTSEEING:** There is a lot to see in **Dublin**. A good place to begin is The National Museum of Ireland on Kildare Street for a well-designed archaeological collection featuring Bronze Age gold jewelry and Viking swords. The stars of the show are the 'bog people' - preserved corpses of men who were killed (presumably sacrificed) and tossed into peat bogs during the Iron Age. The preservative qualities are remarkable. Dublin is home to **St Patrick's Cathedral** of course but much of Ireland's history can be read in **Christ Church Cathedral**, which dates back to circa 1030. The medieval crypt is full of treasures plus the belfry tour (11:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.) provides a beautiful view and an up-close look at the flying buttresses, as well as the chance to try bell-ringing. Dublin's booming culinary scene is found along Exchequer Street where The Green Hen has won many admirers with its combination of French atmosphere and Franco-Irish cuisine made with locally sourced ingredients. Try the pan-fried duck breast. Finally, while craft beer is certainly the popular new thing, a pint of 'the black stuff' is still required drinking on any trip to Dublin. **The Guinness Storehouse** museum at the St. James's Gate brewery

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explains how the stout is made and how to pull a proper pint at the correct 45-degree angle and waiting 119.5 seconds before topping it off. Take it up to the Gravity Bar, where the 360-degree view of Dublin is worth lingering over.

Enjoy **Dublin** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions**®.

Port Explorer Guide - **Dublin**

**Overnight: At Sea**

### **JULY 8, WEDNESDAY: DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN (8:00AM / 8:00PM)**

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The tiny **Isle of Man** is filled with entertaining sights and scenery. Douglas' lovely seafront is lined with picturesque hotels and restaurants and can be traversed by horse-drawn trams as it has been since 1876. There's a medieval fortress in Castletown; a ruined castle on the Isle of St. Patrick where tales of Vikings, monks, and a ghost dog abound; and the village of **Cregneash**, where people live in thatched cottages, speak the native Manx language, and practice traditional trades and crafts. Front gardens on residential streets are a standout, awash in colour and scent.

Enjoy The **Isle of Man** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions**®.

Port Explorer Guide - Douglas, Isle of Man

**Overnight: At Sea**

### **JULY 9: BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND (7:30AM / 10:00PM)**

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**SANDY LYLE:** Today play **Royal County Down**. Located in the town of Newcastle to the south of Belfast. No. 4 in Golf Magazine's 2017 world rankings, this is a vintage test of links golf set against the magnificent backdrop of the Mountains of Mourne. Host to the 2007 Walker Cup Match featuring a young local by the name of Rory McIlroy, and an all-star USA line up that included Dustin Johnson, Webb Simpson and Rickie Fowler.

**GREG NORMAN:** Today play **Royal Portrush**. It holds the distinction of being the only course outside of Scotland and England to have ever hosted The Open which it did in 1951. The Dunluce Course is as fine a links as you will find anywhere, with the 5th being a particularly memorable hole to a green hanging on the edge of a cliff. Consistently ranked among the top 20 courses in the world.

**SIGHTSEEING:** **Belfast** in the early 20th century had the largest and most productive shipyard in the world, gaining global renown with the launch of the RMS Titanic. Located on the slipways where she was built is a stunning new museum, opened in time for the 100th anniversary of Titanic's only voyage and tragic demise. Today the city and riverfront are undergoing a 21st century transformation, but many exuberant Victorian and Edwardian buildings still sport the carved heads of kings and queens. As you explore the city, keep an eye out for 'the murals'. These somewhat troubling freelance works appearing on building walls provide insight into the period known simply as 'The Troubles'.

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## Port Explorer Guide - Belfast

### Overnight: At Sea

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#### JULY 10, FRIDAY: GLASGOW (GREENOCK), SCOTLAND (7:30AM / 10:00PM)

**SANDY LYLE:** Today play the **Ailsa Course at Trump Turnberry**. Lying on a spectacular curve of rockbound coast, the coastal scenery is magnificent especially from the 4th through the 11th. No one can forget the 1977 'Duel in the Sun' between Jack Nicklaus & Tom Watson when Watson's weekend of 65-65 edged Nicklaus by one. In 2009, the Ailsa Course hosted The Open for the 4th time when Tom Watson almost clinched the championship as a 59 year old, losing out to Stewart Cink in a playoff for the famed Claret Jug. A major renovation was completed in 2016 which produced an impressive improvement in the club's already impressive world rankings.

**GREG NORMAN:** Today play **Prestwick Golf Club** one of the world's oldest clubs and whose very testing and traditional links hosted the very first Open in 1860. The winner was Willie Park from Musselburgh with a score of 174 for thirty-six holes, two shots clear of the legendary Old Tom Morris. Prestwick was home to the first eleven Opens and then held it jointly along with The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers (Muirfield). Prestwick's twenty fourth and last Open was in 1925 when Jim Barnes from the USA won. Only the Old Course of St Andrews hosted The Open more than Prestwick.

**SIGHTSEEING:** **Glasgow**, a reinvented industrial center in western Scotland, has solidified its reputation as a cultural hub. Charles Rennie Mackintosh is one of the first names to know; he was a prodigious architect, interior designer and artist, and the city has a wealth of his work. Stop by his Willow Tea Rooms for a cup of tea and a scone. The Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum whose blue and gold inlaid ceiling, Art Deco hanging lamps and marble floors are sufficient reason to visit, let alone the impressive art collection that includes Salvador Dal's controversial 'Christ of St John of the Cross'. **Glasgow** has an abundance of excellent seafood dining. **The Crabshakk** is perfect for daily catches including ruby red langoustines. The oyster bar at Rogano in Exchange Square is where power brokers celebrate deals with a glass of Champagne and a dozen oysters in a space designed to look like a 1930s Art Deco cruise liner. At the Pot Still, an institution that dates from 1857, choose from over 450 malt whiskies like Lagavulin or Arran.

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## Port Explorer Guide - Glasgow

### Overnight: At Sea

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#### JULY 11, SATURDAY: AT SEA

Today it's time to relax and reset. Make your reservations early for **The Sanctum Spa**, a world-class wellness facility offering a full range of health, beauty and restorative treatments. Complimentary fitness and nutrition classes are available along with a fully equipped gym on Deck 9 offering magnificent sea views. There's room for everyone on the Pool Deck both in and out of the sun. Service to your lounge chair is available from **The Pool Bar** where the attentive staff is always ready to offer an inclusive cocktail, beer, bottled water, soft drink or fresh towel. **The Patio** restaurant serves casual fare during the day then completely transforms itself into a sit-down

al fresco dining experience at night with table linens and candles. Elegant specialty dining is available for beef at **Prime C** and Italian at **Aqualina**. **Windows Café** serves casual buffet dining with every imaginable choice indoors and out at the sensational Sunset Bar.

What a way to spend a day!

### Overnight: At Sea

## JULY 12, SUNDAY: KIRKWALL, SCOTLAND (7:30AM / 8:00PM)

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The 70 islands of **Orkney** are low lying, a pleasing, gently rolling panorama of fertile fields, heather cloaked moors, and lakes. The red sandstone walls of the imposing St. Magnus Cathedral dominate **Kirkwall**, the main town, capital, and hub for roads linking east and west. In summer whales and dolphins sport in coastal waters, and tens of thousands of breeding seabirds congregate on sharp seaside cliffs. The early arrival of mankind on this scene can be investigated at Skara Brae, an amazingly well-preserved Neolithic village that was inhabited and already abandoned more than 5,000 years ago.

Enjoy **Kirkwall** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**.

Port Explorer Guide - Kirkwall

### Overnight: At Sea

## JULY 13, MONDAY: INVERGORDON, SCOTLAND (7:30AM / 8:00PM)

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SANDY LYLE: Today play **Castle Stuart Golf Links**. The one of newest addition to the links courses of Scotland. Castle Stuart runs along the shores of the Moray Firth to the east of Inverness with wonderful views over to the Black Isle. Six holes hug the shoreline while the remaining holes are played over a terraced slope so views out to sea are ever present. Already included in the World's Top 100.

GREG NORMAN: Today play **Royal Dornoch**. The curving bay of the Dornoch Firth and its magnificent white broad beaches are backed by a narrow strip of softly contoured dune land rising in two distinctive levels, providing just enough room for parallel fairways. The ridges, hillocks, dunes and undulating links land have all the characters of the best of links courses, and most of the difficulties. Old Tom Morris was the architect responsible for extending the original 9 holes layout to 18 holes in 1886. He introduced the plateau greens which are the soul of the course, their uniqueness lies in their size and their inverted saucer shapes.

SIGHTSEEING: Invergordon is the deep-water port for **Inverness**, the capital of the Scottish Highlands and your gateway to an area of the Highlands known as the "Great Glen." Travel 20 miles north to the picturesque town of **Dornoch** to see its sandstone buildings, beautiful domestic gardens and tiny 13th Century cathedral. Ten miles further you'll find the fairy-tale ancestral home of the Clan Sutherland - **Dunrobin Castle** - one of the oldest inhabited houses in Scotland, dating back to the 13th century. The stunning formal gardens which run down to the sea are based on those at Versailles and were laid out in the 1850s. Daily displays of the ancient sport of falconry take place in the gardens. Less than an hour south is magnificent **Cawdor Castle**, the setting for setting for Shakespeare's Macbeth. The 14th century home of the Thanes of Cawdor is considered one of the most romantic stately homes in the Highlands with its fine collection of rare tapestries, portraits and furniture plus

lovely gardens and grounds.

Enjoy **Invergordon** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**.

Port Explorer Guide - Invergordon

**Overnight: At Sea**

## JULY 14, TUESDAY: DUNDEE, SCOTLAND (9:00AM / 9:00PM)

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**SANDY LYLE:** Today play **Kingsbarns Golf Links**. Its sandy, linksland soils are the basis for this heritage, and produce the fine-bladed fescues which are the cornerstone of fast-and-firm playing surfaces that characterize links golf. Designed by Kyle Phillips and opened anew in 2000, its rebirth has been shared with golfers from near and far with outstanding reviews. The links features spacious rolling fairways, large greens, and exceptional sea views on every hole. A challenging yet enjoyable champion-standard traditional Scottish links course.

**GREG NORMAN:** Today play **Carnoustie**, home of The 2018 Open. While the links is relatively flat it is exposed to the elements. A combination of length and accuracy are required as golfers face narrow corridors from the tee. Approach shots demand precision to the greens heavily guarded by steep bunkers and burns. Arguably the toughest finishing holes in championship golf, errant shots are severely penalized. Ben Hogan won The Open at Carnoustie in his lone appearance, in 1953. Tom Watson and Gary Player also hoisted the Claret Jug here.

**SIGHTSEEING:** Once most famous for its industrial character, **Dundee** has evolved into a vibrant art, design, music and theatre scene. It's the UK's first designated UNESCO City of Design and now has the first design museum outside of London. The new V&A Museum of Design is housed in a world-class building at the heart of the newly transformed waterfront. Visit and learn the story of Scotland's outstanding design heritage. **McManus** is Dundee's major museum, but don't miss the Dundee Contemporary Arts. A focal point for the arts and design crowd, the building serves as a design shop, hip café, gallery and arts cinema. Just as must-see is the **Dundee Science Centre** (formerly known as Sensation), a museum devoted to the senses: slide through a cut-away head on a pink tongue, before exiting through a nostril. Sensational, indeed. Down by the waterfront you can explore the Royal Research Ship Discovery, launched in 1901 to explore the South Pole. In the evening the west side of Perth offers great bars and a wonderful view over Britain's most powerful river, the Tay. Find a bench with a pint of Deuchars IPA and watch the river go by.

Enjoy **Dundee** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**.

Port Explorer Guide - Dundee

**Overnight: At Sea**

## JULY 15, WEDNESDAY: EDINBURGH (LEITH), SCOTLAND (11:00AM / IN PORT)

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**Edinburgh** - the inspiring capital of Scotland - is a historic, cosmopolitan and cultured city. The setting is striking; a city perched on a series of extinct volcanoes and rocky crags which rise from the generally flat landscape of the Lothians with the sheltered shoreline of the Firth of Forth to the north. **Edinburgh Castle** dominates the city-center and from its ramparts you can look down on medieval lanes that hold over a thousand

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years of history, mystery and tradition. You will also see a modern, dynamic capital where international festivals attract the world's leading performers, galleries display cutting-edge art, and bars, restaurants and clubs create a lively, cosmopolitan atmosphere with a distinctly Scottish twist. No visit to Edinburgh would be complete without a walk up the **Royal Mile**, which stretches from the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the Queen's official residence in Scotland, to Edinburgh Castle. The route is lined with tourist shops and pubs but be sure to explore the narrow alleys called closes that lead off the Royal Mile.

Enjoy **Edinburgh** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions**®.

Port Explorer Guide - Edinburgh

**Overnight: In Port - Edinburgh (Leith), Scotland**

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### **JULY 16, THURSDAY: EDINBURGH (LEITH), SCOTLAND (IN PORT / 11:00PM)**

SANDY LYLE: Today play the **PGA Centenary Course at Gleneagles Hotel**. This highly acclaimed modern classic of Jack Nicklaus design was host venue to the 2014 Ryder Cup. The course is set in a most spectacular location in the rolling Perthshire hills and affords wonderful views of the Grampian Mountains and the surrounding countryside. *Note: Golf cart venue.*

GREG NORMAN: Today play the **Kings Course at Gleneagles Hotel** which opened in 1919 and is a shot maker's paradise. Renowned architect and five-time Open champion James Braid intended to test every facet of a golfer's skill set. With springy moorland turf underfoot in an idyllic setting featuring rock faced mountains to the north, lush green hills to the south and the peaks of the Trossachs and Ben Vorlich on the western horizon, the scenery is incomparable. The 5th hole, Het Girdle (Hot Pan) is a fantastic par-3 loaded with trouble until your shot safely reaches the green.

**Overnight: At Sea**

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### **JULY 17, FRIDAY: AT SEA**

Enjoy another relaxing day at sea on *Azamara Pursuit*.

**Overnight: At Sea**

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### **JULY 18, SATURDAY: DOVER, ENGLAND (6:00AM / IN PORT)**

Today attend (as a golf package inclusion) the third round of **The 149th Open at Royal St George's** a stalwart in The Open rota, which has seen great champions such as Harry Vardon and Greg Norman emerge as Champion Golfer of the Year. Journey time approximately 40 mins. A convenient transportation schedule will operate between the ship and the championship venue, which should allow guests to see the conclusion of all regulation Saturday play.

SIGHTSEEING: Known best for its stunning White Cliffs, located only a short drive from town, **Dover** is located in Kent County in southeastern England. Tour the **Dover Castle** - the largest in England - and its medieval underground works created in the 11th century. **St. Augustine's Abbey** is a Benedictine monastery founded in the sixth century and in use until dissolution under English Reformation in 1598. South Foreland Lighthouse, out

of service since 1988, began using an electric light in 1859, making it the first lighthouse to do so. Enjoy a relaxing stroll along the serene waterfront and a tasty meal featuring local flavor at The Allotment, overlooking the water.

**Overnight: In Port - Dover, England**

**JULY 19, SUNDAY: DOVER, ENGLAND (IN PORT / 8:30PM)**

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Today attend (as a golf package inclusion) the final round of **The 149th Open at Royal St George's** Follow the action on this fascinating links. Journey time approximately 40 mins. A convenient transportation schedule will operate between the ship and the championship venue. *Please note ship sailing times will require our final transfer from The Open to be approximately 7:00pm which will not permit guests to see the conclusion of the event. Typically, guests prefer to attend The Open and return to watch the conclusion in comfort on TV onboard.*

Enjoy **Dover** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**.

**Overnight: At Sea**

**JULY 20, MONDAY: SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND (7:00AM / DISEMBARK AT 9:00AM)**

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Disembark *Azamara Pursuit* at 9:00AM.

## **Golf Schedule**

**SANDY LYLE FLIGHT**

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Alexander Walter Barr 'Sandy' Lyle, MBE is a Scottish professional golfer, who won The 114th Open at Royal St. George's and made a thrilling birdie on the 72nd hole to win the 1988 Masters by one shot. A member of the World Golf Hall of Fame, he spent 167 weeks in the top 10 in the late 1980s and was a fixture on successful European Ryder Cup teams of the era. Altogether, Lyle won 18 tournaments on the European Tour and 30 professional tournaments worldwide.

**Ireland:** The K Club, Royal County Down.

**Scotland:** The Ailsa Course at Trump Turnberry, Castle Stewart, Kingsbarns, PGA Centenary Gleneagles

**GREG NORMAN FLIGHT**

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Despite a late introduction to the sport in his native Australia, Greg Norman became a dominant golfer in the professional game in the 1980s and 1990s, The 115th Open at Turnberry in 1986 and The 122nd Open at Royal St. George's in 1993. "The Great White Shark" spent 331 weeks as the world's No. 1 golfer and earned 91 international professional victories. He finished runner-up eight times in major championships. In addition, he's an extremely successful entrepreneur and philanthropist.

**Ireland:** Portmarnock, Royal Portrush.

**Scotland:** Prestwick, Royal Dornoch, Carnoustie, King's Course Gleneagles





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