
2021 **British Isles** Golf Cruise

12 Nights | 7 Rounds | Edinburgh - Southampton | July 16 - 28
NEW - GOLF LITE OPTION - 4 great rounds!

PerryGolf proudly partners with **Azamara®** for this exceptional 12-night, 7-round golf and sightseeing voyage through the **British Isles** onboard the 700-guest *Azamara Journey*. The itinerary features famous city experiences like **Belfast, Edinburgh, Dublin** and **Liverpool**, alongside calls to **Invergordon** in the **Scottish Highlands**, plus the delightful **Douglas, Isle of Man**. The 7-round golf lineup is quite possibly our finest yet, with four clubs which have hosted The Open including **Carnoustie, Prestwick, Royal Portrush** and **Royal Birkdale**, plus the revered **Royal Dornoch**, and Ireland's **K Club** host venue to the 2006 Ryder Cup, and **Dumbarnie Links** the eagerly awaited new kid on the Scottish block ... a 4-round **Golf Lite** option is also available.

Start by embracing the striking setting of **Edinburgh** with its castle perched atop the rocky crags looking out upon the Firth of Forth before enjoying the emerging arts and cultural scene of **Dundee**. Visit the city of **Glasgow**, a blossoming cultural hub then travel across to Northern Ireland and view the 21st century resurgence of **Belfast** before travelling to the lovely seafront on the **Isle of Man**. A full day of crypts, cathedrals and pints in **Dublin**, then on to the home of the Beatles, **Liverpool**. 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 line-up is outstanding. You are assured of seven fabulous rounds including a mixture of Royal Clubs and host venues of The Open. In the course of our voyage we will experience some real gems; **Dumbarnie Links** the dramatic and eagerly awaited new kid on the Scottish block; Carnoustie renowned as the most difficult course in the Open rota and played host most recently in 2018; The stunning **Royal Dornoch** in the Scottish Highlands; **Prestwick**, birthplace of The Open in 1860; Royal Portrush in Northern Ireland the only club outside of Scotland and England to host The Open, having the honor in 1951 and most recently in 2019; The highly revered **Royal Birkdale**, host to The Open on many occasions; Finally, The **K Club** in Dublin, Ireland, host venue of the 2006 Ryder Cup. In addition our guests will be able to visit the historic town of St Andrews on a Sunday, and take a stroll without golf clubs over the hallowed fairways of the Old Course on its "resting day" ... a unique and enriching experience.

Azamara Journey, which serves as our perfect floating boutique hotel and clubhouse, is a mid-sized luxury vessel nimble enough to access smaller ports yet large enough to provide every amenity you would expect, from a choice of fine dining and live entertainment, to a well-equipped gym and full-service spa. Forty-six suites are available with English butler style service which routinely book early. Sailing schedules often include extended stays in port plus the occasional overnight which allows for a truly immersive experience. Better still, these cruises are inclusive of a selection of beers, spirits, soft drinks, bottled water, specialty coffees plus wine with lunch and dinner along with gratuities for housekeeping, dining and bar staff. Azamara also proudly boasts two unique signature events on each cruise an **AzAmazing EveningSM** and the **White Night** party complimentary to all guests and consistently well received.

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Every aspect of the golf program is fully managed by PerryGolf staff onboard and ashore. Your clubs will be ready and waiting at each venue. Tee times and pairings arranged and posted in advance. A convenient transportation schedule affords suitable time to warm up at the range, and to make the almost inevitable pro shop merchandise purchase. Caddies are included (excluding caddie gratuity) for all our guests. A friendly competition is staged at a selected course, with prizes awarded at our farewell gathering. A snack lunch is included on-course plus an open bar operates in the clubhouse at the conclusion of the round. Our typical British Isles Golf Cruise guest list which brings together like-minded individuals generally numbers around 120 (split over two golf courses at each port), with new friendships invariably formed during each cruise. Many guests are golfing couples but an equal number are golfers travelling with a non-golfing spouse. Specially arranged onboard golf group social functions, to which all accompanying non-golfing spouses are most warmly welcomed, further enhances the club-like environment. The award winning **Azamara Shore Excursions[®]** program, offering a wide variety of off ship excursions, also caters beautifully to our non-golfing guests during days when our golfing excursions are underway.

The '2021 British Isles Golf Cruise' is a genuinely full-featured vacation and a special 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 16, FRIDAY; EDINBURGH (LEITH), SCOTLAND (EMBARK BY 4:30PM / IN PORT)

Embark *Azamara Journey* from 1:00pm onwards. All aboard 4:30PM.

Welcome Cocktails & Briefing this evening and a chance to meet your fellow participants.

Overnight: In Port - Edinburgh, Scotland

JULY 17, SATURDAY: EDINBURGH (LEITH), SCOTLAND (IN PORT / SAIL 7:00PM)

GOLF: Today play **Dumbarnie Links**, recently opened as Scotland's newest and most eagerly awaited links course. 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 Balmiel and his family since the 16th century. 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. (***Golf Lite Program venue***)

SIGHTSEEING: **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 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 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: At Sea

JULY 18, SUNDAY: DUNDEE, SCOTLAND (7:00AM / IN PORT)

Today we include a morning visit to the historic town of **St Andrews**, home to a 600 year old University, and world renowned as the Home of Golf. It is a thoroughly enchanting town and a beautiful place to simply walk its compact and quaint streets. Further, while it may generally be known that the Old Course is almost always closed every Sunday, it is a little known fact that it remains available to be walked over by locals and visitors alike. An opportunity to take a stroll without golf clubs over the hallowed fairways of the Old Course on its "resting day" is a unique and enriching experience.

In the afternoon, watch the final round of **The 149th Open at Royal St George's** on the big screen TV in the Cabaret Lounge onboard Azamara Journey.

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®**.

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Overnight: In Port - Dundee, Scotland

JULY 19, MONDAY: DUNDEE, SCOTLAND (IN PORT / 7:30PM)

GOLF: Today play **Carnoustie**, host for The 147th Open in 2018. 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.

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Overnight: At Sea

JULY 20, TUESDAY: INVERGORDON, SCOTLAND (8:00AM / 8:00PM)

GOLF: 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. **(Golf Lite Program venue)**

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 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**®.

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Overnight: At Sea

JULY 21, WEDNESDAY: 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 22, THURSDAY: BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND (7:00AM / 10:00PM)

GOLF: 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. (**Golf Lite Program venue**)

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'.

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

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Overnight: At Sea

JULY 23, FRIDAY: GLASGOW (GREENOCK), SCOTLAND (7:30AM / 8:00PM)

GOLF: 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.

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

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Overnight: At Sea

JULY 24, SATURDAY: DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN (7:30AM / 8:00PM)

SIGHTSEEING: 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 25, SUNDAY: DUBLIN, IRELAND (7:30AM / 10:00PM)

GOLF: 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 (Golf Lite Program venue)*

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 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 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.

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Overnight: At Sea

JULY 26, MONDAY; LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND (7:30AM / 8:00PM)

GOLF: Today play **Royal Birkdale**; a course which provides a formidable test of links golf with each hole running in valleys between towering sand hills. Royal Birkdale hosted The 137th Open in 2008 when Pádraig Harrington lifted the Claret Jug to complete back to back wins. It was of course the site of Arnold Palmer's Open win in 1961. The club also hosted The 146th Open in 2017 won by Jordan Spieth over Matt Kuchar with a sensational finish.

SIGHTSEEING: **Liverpool** is a UNESCO World Heritage City. It offers a unique mix of contemporary and classic architecture. The city's many exclusive independent boutiques and unique gift shops make it one of the leading retail destinations in England. It is a sports mecca with its Premier League football, Rugby League club, major championship golf at Royal Liverpool (Hoylake) and Aintree Racecourse. Best of all, it is home to The Beatles. You can walk down Penny Lane. You can visit Strawberry Field which was a Salvation Army children's home said to be the place that inspired John to become a musician. Visit the site and have your photo taken next to the famous gates.

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

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Liverpool Celebrates 50 Years of the Beatles VIDEO

Overnight: At Sea

JULY 27, TUESDAY: AT SEA

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

Overnight: At Sea

JULY 28, WEDNESDAY: SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND (6:00AM / DISEMBARK AT 9:00AM)

Disembark *Azamara Journey* at 9:00AM.

Golf Schedule

DUMBARNIE LINKS, FIFE, SCOTLAND



Dumbarrie Links is Scotland's newest links course which is scheduled to open for play 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 driveable par-4s along with several holes that present tempting risk/reward opportunities. This course is designed to inspire rather than intimidate golfers. ***Golf Lite Venue***

CARNOUSTIE GOLF LINKS: CARNOUSTIE, SCOTLAND

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 82nd Open at Carnoustie in his lone appearance, in 1953. Tom Watson and Gary Player also hoisted the Claret Jug here.



ROYAL DORNOCH GOLF CLUB: DORNOCH, SCOTLAND



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ROYAL PORTRUSH - DUNLUCE COURSE: PORTRUSH, NORTHERN IRELAND

An outstanding course in a dramatic setting. It holds the distinction of being the only course to have ever hosted The Open outside of Scotland and England which it did in 1951 and will again in 2019. 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 in the top 20 of the world's best courses, nearly every legend of golf has taken on the challenge of **Royal Portrush**. ***Golf Lite Venue***



PRESTWICK GOLF CLUB: PRESTWICK, SCOTLAND



It was here in 1860 where The Open was first played with just a handful of participants. This links can produce some awkward stances on undulating fairways. Typical of the original golfing terrain, **Prestwick** provides a taste of golf as it was played long ago. The 11th Hole 'Carrick' is a fierce par-3, measuring 213 yards from the championship tees with the Firth of Clyde to the golfer's right and a strong crosswind often howling across a well-bunkered green.

K CLUB - RYDER CUP COURSE: STRAFFAN, IRELAND

The familiar host of the 2006 Ryder Cup sits amid 550 acres of mature woodland west of Dublin City. There are 14 lakes on the property and water hazards abound on this well-manicured design, considered one of the finest parkland courses in Ireland. It features large greens with severe slopes and it's only fitting that Palmer's favorite hole was No. 4, a risk-reward par 5 where overhanging trees guard the right side and the green entices golfers to take a swing. **Golf Lite Venue**



ROYAL BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB: SOUTHPORT, ENGLAND



A course that provides a formidable test of links golf and fully deserves its recognition as a true venue for the Open Championship since joining the rota in 1954. Each hole runs in valleys between towering sandhills. The problems are clearly stated, if you stray from the fairway the buckthorn and scrub can be demanding. Arnold Palmer's Open Championship victory here in 1961 was a significant step toward attracting top American pros to the Open. Tom Watson won the Claret Jug here in 1983.

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