

SCOTLAND GOLF TOUR

SPECIAL #3

Sunday, August 8

Upon your arrival in Scotland you will be met by a SGH Golf representative, who will assist you with your luggage and present you with your travel guide, before showing you to your waiting rental mini-van. You will then transfer to **St. Andrews** and the **Albany Hotel**.



The Albany Hotel is one of the most delightful hotels located in St. Andrews. Situated in the very heart of historic St. Andrews this hotel occupies a quaint and elegantly converted Georgian terraced house, dating from around 1795. The hotel's location on North Street allows it to be close to St. Andrews Castle and Cathedral, as well as the University, cinema and town shopping centre. Most notably is the hotels location within walking distance of The Old Course.

The rest of the day is free to relax and unpack.

Edinburgh to St. Andrews is approx a 1 ½ hour drive.

Overnight at the **Albany Hotel**.

Monday, August 9

Today after breakfast you may like to tour **St. Andrews**. Known as the home of golf, and home of Scotland's oldest university, St Andrews is a small town with a sizeable reputation that attracts visitors from all over the world. 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, recently including Prince William. The future king may have graduated, but it is still one of the top universities in Britain, 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, with its narrow alleys and cobbled streets, leads to the now ruined cathedral (once the largest in Scotland) and the adjacent church of St Regulus, where you can climb the spiral staircase to the top of an 108-foot tower for magnificent views of the town and its surroundings. The castle, perched on a promontory overlooking the sea, was the dramatic stage for several of the most notorious episodes of the Reformation. St Andrews has two great beaches, one being the West Sands, where the famous opening sequence of Chariots of Fire was shot. There are also the Botanic Gardens for relaxation.

This afternoon golf will be arranged on the **St. Andrews Jubilee Course - *tee time 12:16pm**.



Created on a narrow strip of land between the New Course and the sea, the Jubilee was originally a 12 hole course intended for ladies and beginners, the Jubilee was eventually extended to an 18 hole format. In 1988 the re-design of the Jubilee to championship standard was carried out by Donald Steel of Cotton, Pennink, Steel & Partners, golf course architects. It is the longest course at St. Andrews and now has the reputation as the toughest links course. It is also used regularly for championship events.

Overnight at the **Albany Hotel**.

Tuesday, August 10

Today after breakfast you may like to visit the village of **Crail**. Out of all Fife's East Neuk villages, the village of **Crail** has the most picturesque harbour. From Crail's wide main street, steep cobble-stoned wynds run down to it, this being the older part of the village. Painters and landscape photographers spend hours here. The small anchorage caters mainly for lobster and crab fishing boats and lobster creel-markers are seen in the water all along the coast. The upper streets of the village are more spacious with the Tolbooth at its centre behind which is the small Crail Museum and Heritage Centre giving an insight into the burgh's history.

This afternoon golf will be arranged on the **St. Andrews Old Course** - *tee time 12:30pm.



Handicap Limit – Men: 24, Ladies: 36. The oldest golf course in the world has many remarkable features which help make it so special to golfers around the world. It is the Home of Golf where golf was first played 600 years ago and yet it remains a real test of golf for today's champions. Despite its reputation and status, it is a public course. The course is known for its particular physical features including 112 bunkers, some of which are especially famous e.g. 'Hell' on the long 14th, 'Strath' on the short 11th and the Road Bunker at what is probably the most famous golf hole in the world, the 17th or Road Hole (so called because a road - which is in play - runs hard against the back edge of the green). The Old Course's truly remarkable feature is that in today's modern golfing world, a course which has evolved over six centuries remains a true test of championship golf.

Overnight at the **Albany Hotel**.

Wednesday, August 11

Today after breakfast golf will be arranged at **Kingsbarns Golf Club**.



Located directly on the North Sea coast only six miles from St. Andrews, Kingsbarns is without a doubt one of the most breathtaking links courses ever developed. Kingsbarns Golf Links is a real one of a kind and a contrast with Scotland's other famous links courses in that it is a new, man-made development. The sea figures prominently on every hole and one's senses are continually pricked with the sights, sounds and smells of the ocean spray. The links boasts spacious fairways, which roll and twist through majestic dune ridges and hollows, while its large inviting greens present the golfer with subtle challenges.

After golf you may like to visit **Falkland Palace**. Falkland has been a royal place since the days of the Stewarts. King James II adopted it as a royal home (it had earlier been a castle of the MacDuff family) and it was used as a hunting lodge in the 12th century. In those days the Forest of Falkland had stags and wild boar and falconry was a popular sport. The massive gatehouse, through which visitors access the Palace today, was completed by James V although most of the adjoining facade of the building was completed by James IV. This is the part of the Palace which was restored in the 19th century by the Hereditary Keeper of the Palace, the 3rd Marquess of Bute. He refurbished the interior of the South Range, creating a comfortable home for himself. His son continued the good work by recreating a beautiful chapel which had originally been built by James V. Only the external walls of the East Range are still standing and there is no trace left of the North Range. In addition to the Palace, a large and lovely garden has been created, full of well manicured lawns, mature trees and colorful flowers. Even without the Palace, this would be worth a visit on its own.

St. Andrews to Kingsbarns is approx a 15 minute drive.

Overnight at the **Albany Hotel**.

Thursday, August 12

Today after breakfast you will transfer to **Troon** and the **Marine Hotel**.



Commanding magnificent views over the Firth of Clyde to the Isle of Arran and the 18th hole of the famous Royal Troon Golf Course, the Marine Hotel occupies an enviable location that is difficult to beat. Home to around 20 golf courses and a long sandy beach, this idyllic spot offers breathtaking scenery. All guests can enjoy complimentary use of the newly refurbished Bodysense health club with pool, sauna and squash court. The Fairways Restaurant has an enviable reputation for fine dining and has recently been voted the second best hotel restaurant in the UK by readers of First Forum. There are 90 comfortable bedrooms, including five suites and ten Premium rooms at the hotel. They are extremely comfortable, tastefully designed and very well equipped.

Today golf will be arranged at **Royal Troon**.



Frequent host to the British Open, Royal Troon is consistently ranked as one of the World's best links courses. It was created by the hand of Willie Fernie, one of the great early British golfers in 1878. A classic links course in every respect, the golfer is eased into the challenge with each hole appearing to get progressively tougher. Narrow fairways lined with trouble make tee shots critical, its bunkers are punishing and Troon's small greens require touch and imagination. Running straight out and back along the coast, Troon often changes dramatically from front nine to back.

A second round of golf will be arranged on the **Troon Portland Course**.



Portland is another good links course and although overshadowed by its illustrious neighbor, it would be a mistake to dismiss it. It is in fact very similar to Royal Troon as far as the holes and hazards go but it is a bit shorter and more forgiving. Portland is always in excellent condition and is a serious alternative to its Royal British Open Old Course.

St. Andrews to Troon is approx a 2 hour and 15 minute drive.

Overnight at the **Marine Hotel**.

Friday, August 13

Today after breakfast golf will be arranged on the **Turnberry Ailsa Course**.



Long regarded as one of the finest courses in the world, polls now regularly acknowledge the Ailsa Course at Turnberry as one of Britain's top three courses, confirmation that gives it eminence worldwide and regular rankings within the world's top 20 courses. The scenic glories of the Ailsa Course are to be savored - the granite dome of Ailsa Craig, the low form of the tip of Argyll, and the peaks of Arran, highlight the changing patterns of light and shade. Closer at hand, the lighthouse, and the ninth's lovely back tee are other symbols of historic Turnberry.

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After golf you may like to visit **Culzean Castle**. Culzean is one of Scotland's best loved Castles, offering something for everyone to enjoy. Situated on the South Ayrshire coast, just off the A719, Culzean Castle is located 12 miles south of Ayr and 4 miles west of Maybole. Culzean has a long tradition of welcoming local people, members of The National Trust for Scotland and holiday makers from all around the world.

Troon to Turnberry is approx a 40 minute drive.

Overnight at the **Marine Hotel**.

Saturday, August 14

Today after breakfast you will depart Scotland for home.

COST INCLUDES:

- 6 nights' accommodation, double or single occupancy, at hotels indicated.
- Full breakfast each day.
- SGH Golf touring maps and suggested places of interest.
- All local taxes on hotel accommodation, golf and rental vehicle.
- Rental automatic minivan - unlimited mileage - CDW included, gas extra.
- SGH Golf luggage tags and travel documents.
- Assistance of our Scottish office to arrange extra golf or sightseeing trips of all descriptions.
- Green fees and starting times for one round at each of the following courses:
St. Andrews Old & Jubilee, Kingsbarns, Royal Troon, Troon Portland, Turnberry Ailsa.

All golf is subject to availability. *St. Andrews guaranteed tee times are on a first come, first serve basis and are not confirmed until deposit is received.

COST:

\$3,325.00 per golfer based on double occupancy and **\$3,554.00** per golfer based on single occupancy.



Who is SGH Golf Inc...?

For 27 spectacular years, SGH Golf, originally named Scottish Golf Holidays, has been arranging trips to the world's most exciting and exclusive golf destinations and golf tournaments. Founded in 1982 by Scottish native, Ian Jack, SGH Golf has become America's leading supplier of custom golf vacations; we are a registered Florida "C" corporation now headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio and have offices in Glasgow, Scotland; Shannon, Ireland; Marbella, Spain; and Augusta, Georgia. Unlike most operators, we do not use ground handlers or representatives, over whom you have no control, you are dealing with the same company employees throughout your trip.



SGH Golf enjoys a high return rate of repeat and referral business, all of our trips are completely customizable to your exact needs and budget, we offer all of our trips for both golfers and non golfers alike. Non golfers enjoy trips to local and historic sites, spas, and great local area shopping. SGH Golf arranges your complete vacation including tee times, hotel accommodation, sightseeing, transportation, and local staff and concierge services. Group sizes can be from a single traveler to more than 100 travelers.

We can and will deliver a high quality product at an affordable price. Due in large to specially negotiated rates with our hotel and golf club partner/suppliers, we often get preferred tee times or reservations that are otherwise unavailable. Great effort and research goes into our annual review of hotels and golf courses, assuring you of excellent handpicked accommodation and top golf courses. While there may be less expensive versions, we believe that our selections will more than meet your expectations.

There is a lot of discussion about great "travel deals" in 2010, golf courses offering 2 for 1 deals as well as discounted green fees, hotels offering discounts and free nights. SGH Golf incorporates all the best offers from our suppliers in preparing every tour proposal. We design your tour according to your requirements and using the best offers available at the time.

We are members of the following industry associations: IAGTO (International Association of Golf Tour Operators), ASTA (American Society of Travel Agents), IATA (International Air Transport Association), MPI (Meeting Planners International).

We would be delighted to provide you with a list of corporate clients and references from numerous individual travelers.

What we do for you...

Trip Planning:

Customized itineraries requiring golf tee times, accommodation and local transportation are SGH Golf's particular expertise.



Given the skills of our staff who have been working for us (on average) for over 18 years, plus the long standing and valued support of our many hotel and golf club partners, we consistently deliver expert itineraries that satisfy your every expectation (usually within 24 hours).

1. A member of our staff will become your personal golf travel specialist, contributing advice and recommendations as you require, helping to sort out the many options.
2. A highly detailed, day-by-day quotation in US dollars will be emailed as a proposed itinerary within 24 hours of receiving your input. The proposed itinerary may be adjusted as needed to meet with your approval.
3. Recognizing that some clients may enjoy their own research and schedule design, we make both possible and convenient at our website www.sghgolf.com. Our destinations section provides golf and hotel options within a geographical context.



Booking your Trip:

Your proposed Itinerary will be confirmed when deposits are received by each member of the group. To confirm your package we need a deposit of 30% of the total package price, the balance will be due 69 days prior to departure.

Our staff will then make reservations with each of your golf and hotel selections in a manner that most efficiently and comfortably allocates your time. Golf tee times and hotel room reservations *are not* confirmed until the deposit is received, so an early response should result in better tee times and desire accommodations

1. We offer travel insurance which provides traditional coverage for luggage, accident and cancellation for defined reasons. The cost is 6% of the total cost of your trip. The payment for the travel insurance is due no later than 14 days after the deposit of your trip is made. When this protection plan is purchased to cover the full tour cost within 14 days of your initial deposit, and you are medically able to travel at the time of purchase (and have not filed a claim for trip cancellation due to a pre-existing illness within 120 days of the effective date of this insurance), the Pre-existing Conditions Exclusion will be waived. The travel insurance needs to be booked through SGH Golf.
2. We need an accurate number of golfers who will play on the tour. Once tee times are arranged and deposits paid, fees may be involved to change and/or cancel the original reservation.
3. We need full names of all golf and non golfing members on the tour. Names should be submitted as they appear on their passports (for SGH Golf booking form [click here](#)).

- Standard accommodations provide a room with two twin beds. Requests for double beds must be made in advance. Additionally, requests to upgrade accommodations to superior rooms must be specified in advance and will be charged at a higher rate. Single occupied rooms will also have an additional supplement. At some hotels, for example The Turnberry Hotel and The Old Course Hotel it is well worth the extra cost to be overlooking these great golf courses, please discuss these options with your golf travel specialist.



- Flight Information. We need all passengers on the tour, flight arrival and departure times and flight numbers. What city you are arriving into (Glasgow, Edinburgh, Inverness, etc.). It is very important that we receive this as soon as you get your flights booked so we can confirm/book your rental vehicle.



- The use of caddies is highly recommended (where available); as electric carts are very limited on the courses you will play and usually require a letter from a doctor. Should you desire caddies, please request them at the time of booking. When caddies are used, you are responsible for paying their charges directly. Cost is approximately £40 (\$65) per caddie plus tip (approximately £10 - \$15).

Confirmed Trip:

- A highly detailed, day-by-day confirmed itinerary including tee times will be emailed to you within a few days of receiving your deposit payment. This process may take longer if booking up to a year in advance as some golf courses do not open their books till January 1st. The confirmed itinerary may be adjusted as needed to meet with your approval.
- Your final itinerary, documents, vouchers and travel pack will be mailed to the group leader about three weeks prior to your trip beginning. All other participants will receive an emailed copy of all documents.

On Site:

- Upon reaching your destination, and throughout your visit, SGH Golf will be available for assistance. Naturally if your tour incorporates the services of a concierge driver or host, you will have immediate and personal attention at all times. If you elect a self driven tour, our local staff member will meet you at the airport to ensure a relaxed transition to your ground transportation and to prepare you with a collection of local interesting information. Thereafter, our assistance will be available for any reason by way of 24 hour telephone.



As always, if we may be of further assistance please do not hesitate to call us. Phone: 1-800-284-8884 or 1-513-984-0414. Email: sgh@sghgolf.com.