

# The Scottish Highlands

## Luxury Trip



### Day 1

Depart USA for Scotland.

### Day 2

Upon your arrival in Scotland you will be met by your SGH Golf tour manager driver, who will assist you with your luggage and show you to your waiting motor coach (if escorted). You will then transfer to **Inverness** and the **Kingsmills Hotel**.



Built in 1786 for William Inglis who was later to become Provost of Inverness. The original house is the heart of the hotel, ensuring you can experience a piece of Scottish Heritage, steeped in the elegance and charm of a building of this age. You can still see the ornate ceiling and cornice in the Adams Lounge. At Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness you're surrounded by the freshest air in the world and we want you to enjoy it. Many rooms have extensive views of the garden, all have plenty of natural daylight and several feature private patios and terraces with views of the hotel grounds making them the perfect place to start the day,

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

*Edinburgh to Inverness is approx a 3 hour and 20 minute drive.*

*Glasgow to Inverness is approx a 3 hour and 50 minute drive.*

Overnight at the **Kingsmills Hotel**.

### Day 3

Today after breakfast golf will be arranged at **Castle Stuart Golf Links**.



As Turnberry is to Ayrshire and Gleneagles is to Perthshire, Castle Stuart has been conceived to be for the Highlands – a beacon reaching out to golfers throughout the world. The centerpiece for this destination golf resort will be Castle Stuart Golf Links, a championship links course overlooking the Moray Firth and well-known landmarks that are synonymous with Inverness and the Black Isle - Kessock Bridge and Chanonry Lighthouse, perhaps the most notable.

Non golfers may like to visit **Cawdor Castle**. Cawdor Castle is one of the most romantic and commodious castles in Scotland. Still lived in by the Cawdor family, it maintains an air of pleasant domesticity making more of a home than an ancient, chilly keep. The main tower is 600 years old with several quixotic additions that flourish around it. This is the Cawdor of Shakespeare's *Macbeth* where the character becomes Thane of Cawdor thus fulfilling the witches' prophecy, encouraging him to murder Duncan to become king. One of its most pleasant aspects is the walled garden, not so stately and formal as some but more congenial for its simple arrangements. Be sure to obtain a copy of the castle guide book which humorously helps to make a visit more interesting, especially how the castle was founded.

Overnight at the **Kingsmills Hotel**.

### Day 4

Today after breakfast golf will be arranged at [Royal Dornoch Golf Club](#).



Originally laid out in 1891 by Old Tom Morris the course received a slight makeover from John Sutherland, the club's secretary. It is one of the finest links courses in the world and regularly features in the top ten of best course listings. At just over 6,500 yards it is not too long compared to modern layouts but still presents a mighty challenge regardless. It is bordered by the Dornoch Firth and exhibits rolling fairways and small saucer-like greens. Royal Dornoch is a favorite of former Open champion Tom Watson, who said: "It was the most fun I've had playing golf in my whole life."

Non golfers may like to visit **Dunrobin Castle**. Magnificently set in a great park and formal gardens overlooking the sea, Dunrobin Castle was originally a square keep built about 1275 by Robert, Earl of Sutherland, from whom it got its name. For centuries this castle has been the seat of the Earls and Dukes of Sutherland and fine paintings, furniture and a steam-powered fire engine are among the miscellany of items to be seen.

*Inverness to Dornoch is approx a 1 hour drive.*

Overnight at the **Kingsmills Hotel**.

### Day 5

Today after breakfast golf will once again be arranged at **Castle Stuart Golf Links**.

Non golfers may like to visit **Culloden Moor**. It was here that Bonnie Prince Charlie's troops were finally defeated by those of the Duke of Cumberland in 1746. The battle lasted only 40 minutes; the Prince's army lost some 1200 men and the king's army only 310. Old Leanach Cottage has been restored as a museum and contains exhibits and information about the battle.

## Day 5 (cont.....)

After golf you will transfer to **Aberdeen** and the **Marcliffe Hotel**.



Situated in 11 acres of wooded grounds and ideally positioned for visiting Scotland's scenic North East is the Marcliffe Hotel and Spa. Many of the beautifully appointed rooms have antique furniture and paintings. The Conservatory restaurant serves breakfast, lunch (outside in Summer) and dinner. The chefs specialize in Grampian produce - Aberdeen Angus beef, game with fish and shellfish from local rivers and ports. The wine cellar holds over 400 wines and the Drawing Room bar is stocked with more than 100 malt whiskies. At the spa se aim to relax, de-stress and indulge you. By using authentic ingredients we will renew and calm your mind, body and spirit.

*Inverness to Aberdeen is approx a 2 ½ hour drive.*

Overnight at the **Marcliffe Hotel**.

## Day 6

Today after breakfast golf will be arranged at [Cruden Bay Golf Club](#).



Designed by Old Tom Morris of St. Andrews, and opened in 1899, Cruden Bay offers an internationally famous golfing experience – old fashioned links golf at its best – on one of the best links courses in Scotland. Last year Cruden Bay was placed at No. 52 in the world by “Golf Magazine”. Cruden Bay Golf Course creates unique challenges demanding the skills of power, placement and fine judgment upon the discerning golfer. Set against a backdrop of subtly contoured greens and magnificent panoramic views, a visit to Cruden Bay will be a most memorable one.

Non golfers may like to tour the **Grampian Highlands**. Aberdeen and Grampian has some of Scotland's most stunning scenery, with untouched wilderness in some parts and some of the highest mountains in the country which swoop down to a dramatic and unspoilt coastline to the north and east, characterized by picturesque fishing villages. Deeside is the area discovered by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, which charmed them so much that the Prince built Balmoral Castle, the royal family's holiday home for seven generations. With its sparkling granite buildings, Aberdeen is Scotland's third largest city. Excellent shopping, a good range of first class restaurants and a vibrant nightlife make this an excellent destination for visits to the area. On the city's doorstep are more than half of Scotland's whisky distilleries, and visitors can follow the Malt Whisky Trail along Speyside, or immerse themselves in the traditional games celebrated each summer at the many Highland Gatherings. Aberdeen and Grampian's turbulent past is interpreted through its many historic sites, castles and archaeology, and visitors can follow the Castle Trail, taking in 11 of the finest castles.

*Aberdeen to Cruden Bay is approx a ½ hour drive.*

Overnight at the **Marcliffe Hotel**.

## Day 7

Today after breakfast golf will be arranged at [Royal Aberdeen Golf Club](#).



Set alongside a picturesque shoreline featuring sweeping sand dunes, Royal Aberdeen is a highly rated traditional links course. Possessing many eye-catching features, most notably the quality of the opening and closing holes, it boasts a balance of long and short par 4's, testing par 3's and tricky par 5's, which due to wind speed and direction, play differently each day. Royal Aberdeen is ranked as the sixth oldest club in the world.

Non golfers may like to tour **Aberdeen**. Aberdeen is the floral capital of Scotland and no matter what time of year you visit, the gardens will be beautiful. Aberdeen has won the competition for Britain's best floral town 10 times. A few of the parks and gardens include Candacraig Gardens, Cruickshank Botanic Gardens, Dutch Flower Bulb Garden, Grant Park, and the Pitmedden Garden.

Overnight at the **Marcliffe Hotel**.

## Day 8

Today after breakfast you will depart Scotland for home.

## COSTS

### **Escorted (8 people)**

**\$2,760.00** per golfer

**\$1,795.00** per non golfer

**\$1,015.00** per person single supplement

### **Self Drive (2, 4, 8 people)**

**\$2,475.00** per golfer

**\$1,510.00** per non golfer

**\$1,015.00** per person single supplement

## **COST INCLUDES: Escorted**

- Meet and greet service at arrival airport by local SGH Golf staff.
- All bag handling at Scotland airports and hotels.
- 6 nights' accommodation, double or single occupancy, at hotel indicated.
- Full breakfast each day.
- All transportation by motor coach (includes gas, parking, tolls, etc).
- Services of a SGH Golf Tour Manager Driver throughout.
- Starting times and green fees for one round at each of the following courses: Castle Stuart x 2, Royal Dornoch, Cruden Bay, Royal Aberdeen.
- Full use of all golf clubhouses including access to the changing rooms, showers, lockers, dining room and bar.
- All local taxes and service charges on all services included in the attached itinerary.
- SGH Golf luggage tags
- Personalized travel pack with useful information, maps, helpful hints, recommended restaurants, pubs, shopping and sightseeing options.
- Assistance of SGH Golf's local office at your destination.
- 24/7 emergency help line.
- A dedicated professional SGH Golf representative to coordinate all aspects of your tour.

### **Not Included**

- Airline Ticket
- Caddie or cart fees
- Gratuities
- Meals not specified
- Any item of a personal nature.

### **Hotels**

- Many hotels in Scotland have rooms that vary in size and sometimes décor. Some have sea views, course views, and no views. Unless advised to the contrary, in writing, we will book "standard" rooms.
- Please note that bed sizes are usually smaller than you may be accustomed to. If anyone needs a larger bed, please let us know in advance.

### **Transportation**

- You will have a full time Tour Manager Driver with you during your stay. Not only will he make sure you reach your destinations safely, he will assist you on arrival at hotel and golf courses, make sure that caddies are arranged each day, take you sightseeing after golf, take you out in the evening and recommend local restaurants. He will take care of any worries you had when planning your trip.

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- Full breakfast each day.
- Rental automatic minivan or car - unlimited mileage - CDW included, gas extra.
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# TERMS AND CONDITIONS/CANCELLATION POLICY

## **Conditions & General Information:**

The conditions below form the basis of any contract between you and SGH Golf, Inc (The Operator). When you contact the operator to book your tour, you appoint them to act as your agent to obtain the requested services for you. When they have done so, and you have confirmed the booking and paid the deposit, they will accept responsibility for providing your vacation from that point onwards. No employee or representative of the operator has the authority to change these conditions or information. The lead participant or agent assumes the responsibility of sharing these terms and conditions with each participant on the trip. SGH Golf, Inc is not responsible for any participants misunderstanding of these terms and conditions due to the failure of the lead participant to share this information

## **Luggage:**

Single suitcases may not exceed 62 linear inches. Golf bags count as one piece. Baggage lost or damaged while property is in the custody of an airline, shipline, train, bus, or transfer company cannot be the responsibility of the operators. Baggage insurance is strongly recommended and is available from the operator.

## **NOT INCLUDED IN TOTAL PRICES:**

Caddies, alcoholic drinks, laundry, telephone, items of a personal nature, meals not specified, Personal Assistance Accident Insurance, petrol (gas), or any item not listed in the program.

## **Deposit and Payment:**

(Except Special Events) To ensure a reservation, a deposit of 30% of total price per person must be received by the operator within 14 days of confirmation. Personal or company check, bank draft, wire transfer, or Amex, VISA, Mastercard and Discover/NOVUS are accepted. All reservations for which the deposit is not received within 14 days are automatically canceled. The balance of the total cost is payable 70 days prior to departure where applicable. The final balance can be paid by a check, bank draft, or bank wire transfer. Amex, Visa, Mastercard and Discover/NOVUS are also accepted. All prices are quoted in U.S. dollars and the operator reserves the right to alter prices should the exchange rate fluctuate. Receipt of a signed check or Credit Card authorization by SGH Golf acknowledges acceptance of our terms and conditions.

## **Special Events:**

Separate deposit payment and cancellation terms for each of our Special Sports Events are detailed on each individual proposal.

## **Tickets:**

Upon completion of all payments, and approximately two weeks prior to departure each passenger will receive by mail all necessary tickets and certificates.

## **Cancellation Charges:** (except Special Events)

If any trip is canceled by SGH Golf (the Operator) all deposits and payments will be refunded in full. A deposit equal to 30% of the total tour cost is required to confirm your tour reservation and the deposit is non-refundable. After acceptance of the booking if the customer does not pay the balance of the holiday price by the described time the Operator reserves the right to cancel the booking and the customer will forfeit the deposit. Cancellation charge will apply as follows:

If cancellation occurs **MORE THAN 69 DAYS** prior to departure – a cancellation charge of 30% of the total package price will be assessed and any deposits paid by the Operator to suppliers to confirm your booking.

If cancellation occurs **68-41 DAYS** prior to departure – a cancellation charge equal to **50% of the total package** price will be assessed.

If cancellation occurs **40-21 DAYS** prior to departure – a cancellation charge equal to **75% of the total package** price will be assessed.

If cancellation occurs **20-0 DAYS** prior to departure – a cancellation charge equal to **100% of the total package** price will be assessed.

Notification of cancellation by a client must be forwarded in writing to SGH Golf. Cancellation charges are as stated on the cancellation charges schedule. No refund will be made for unused portions of a travel package.

## **Change/Cancellation Fee:**

A \$50 per person administration fee will be charged for any change/cancellation of the reservation that is requested after the original booking is confirmed and processed.

## **First Night Hotel:**

Transatlantic flights arrive in Europe in the early morning. Hotel rooms cannot be always guaranteed to be available on arrival. Occasionally rooms will not be available until after 3 pm.

## **Unused Tour Services:**

Tour services included in this package and not used are non refundable . No refunds will be made for unused hotel accommodation and unused tee times, meals not taken, nor any other services not used due to flight delays, schedule changes or for any other reason.

## **Name Changes**

In the event you wish to change the name of one of the golfers previously confirmed on a trip, the following per person charges shall apply; more than 60 days before departure – a charge of \$50 plus any applicable non-refundable deposits paid to golf clubs which prohibit transfer of deposits; 60-21 days before departure a charge of \$200 plus any applicable non-refundable payments made to golf clubs which prohibit transfer of same; less than 21 days before departure a charge of \$400 plus any applicable non-refundable payments made to golf clubs which prohibit transfer of same.

## **Departure Schedules:**

The departure schedule published in the program or quoted on request are accurate at the time of printing or quoting and no changes in dates time or equipment are anticipated. However, in the unlikely event that it should become necessary to alter any of the above, the tour operator cannot accept responsibility for delays or missed connections etc. arising from these changes. Everything possible will be done to notify passengers of accurate flight details.

## **Documentation:**

For U.S. or Canadian citizens, the requirement is a current passport. Citizens of other countries should check with the appropriate Embassy.

## **Car Rental Information:**

Drivers must have a valid driver's license and be over 25 years of age. Car rental rates do not include gas and personal accident insurance or road fund recovery charge. On deliver of your car you will be asked to leave a cash deposit or major credit card to cover the gas.

The vouchers are not refundable and car rental company or tour operator are not obligated to make partial refunds on unused services or apply any portion of the vouchers to charges for gas, insurance or damages. All cars and mini vans are stick shift unless otherwise indicated. Please advise name of any car driver over 70 years. In Ireland maximum driving age is 75 years.

## **Responsibility:**

SGH Golf referred to as the Operator and/or its agents acts only in the capacity of agent for the passengers in all matters relating to travel whether by plane, car, motor coach or any other means of conveyance. It shall not be liable for any injury damage or loss resulting from the neglect or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passengers or of any hotel proprietor or other person supplying services or materials. Furthermore, SGH Golf is not responsible for any loss, injury, or damage caused by: Any Force Majeure, health issues, acts of God, acts of government or other entity, wars, or threat of war, industrial dispute, disaster, terrorism, riot or civil disorder, curtailment of transportation facilities, inclement weather or any other circumstance beyond its control. The Operator reserves the right to withdraw or cancel any described program, refuse or retain any person as a member of the travel group at any time, to make changes in the printed itinerary whenever, in its sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if it deems it necessary for the convenience or safety of the passengers. All prices are based on tariff and rates of exchange in effect on the date of publication, or as stated above and are subject to change. Unless services are unused by prior arrangement no refund can be made. SGH Golf is not liable for loss, damage or theft of luggage or personal belongings, for personal injury, accident or illness on any vehicle or at any place throughout the tour.

## **Jurisdiction and Venue:**

The parties hereto agree that should any legal action be commenced to enforce any terms and conditions of this agreement or any legal action is commenced in any way, directly or indirectly, related to this agreement, that jurisdiction and venue for said legal action shall be in the County of Hamilton, City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio.