

MAY ST. ANDREWS SPECIALS

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Sample Itinerary #1

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

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St. Andrews to Carnoustie is approx a 45 minute drive.

Overnight at the **Albany Hotel**. (2 twin rooms)

Wednesday, May 26

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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.

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Friday, May 28

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Saturday, May 29

Today after breakfast you will depart Scotland for home.

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COST INCLUDES:

- 4 nights' accommodation, double occupancy, at hotel 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:
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The rest of the day is free to relax and unpack.

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Today after breakfast golf will be arranged on the **Crail Balcomie Course**.



Crail Golfing Society celebrated their bi-centenary in 1986 hosts two courses. The Balcomie, the shorter of the two, is an unusual course in that the holes have been laid out with the front nine containing six par fours and the back nine only three. There have also been some interesting names given to the holes, such like Fluke Dub (4th), Hell's Hole (5th) and Lang Whang all good Scots names. The 5th Hell's Hole does live up to its name, with the decision to be brave and chance the ball over the rocks and beach or just to play safe. Onto the last few holes you will find their challenge are only made more daunting with knowing that the onlookers from the clubhouse will be watching your every stroke.

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After golf you may like to visit **Glamis Castle**. Five miles from Forfar, in the fertile valley of Strathmore, is the quaint village of Glamis. Glamis is set in the rolling hills of Angus, approximately 20km from the North Sea, in an area of considerable ancient history. Whilst the village is home to a curious old stone, said to be a monument to King Malcolm II, and some attractive eighteenth-century cottages, its most notable attribute is the grandeur of Glamis Castle. The modern visitor approaching the Highland Castle for the first time cannot but draw breath in admiration as he journeys down the mile-long avenue rich in color, flanked in spring by swathes of yellow and cream daffodils, or the colors in the rows of autumn trees. Spires, turrets, towers and statues will seize your attention initially, but there is so much more to explore in this legendary Castle. With its strong links with history, royalty and fiction, Glamis Castle is one of Scotland's most impressive visitor attractions. Whether you choose to visit Glamis to admire its stunning architecture, to explore its history, legends and myths or to enjoy the surrounding beauty of the and grounds and gardens, you will not fail to be touched by the magic of Glamis.

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