



British Open Circuit Golf Vacations!

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All of the links courses in Scotland and England have special significance, but only eight remain as suitable terrain for golf's most coveted trophy - The Open. The British Open Circuit sample itinerary has you playing some of Scotland and England's most famous links courses such as: Royal St. George's, Royal Birkdale, Royal Lytham & St. Annes, St. Andrews Old, St. Andrews New, Carnoustie, Gullane No. 1, Muirfield, Prestwick, Royal Troon and Turnberry Ailsa. SGH Golf customizes all of our tours and hope we can make your next golf holiday one you will always remember.

British Open Circuit Sample Itinerary...

Day 1:

Your vacation of a lifetime starts with an overseas flight to London, England.

Day 2:

Upon your arrival in London, you will pick up your rental vehicle. Transfer to Sandwich and the Bell Hotel. This afternoon is free to relax and unpack.

Day 3:

Following an English breakfast, golf will be arranged at Royal St. George's Golf Club. Non golfers may like to sightsee in London.

Day 4:

This morning after breakfast you will transfer to Lytham and the Clifton Arms Hotel. This afternoon golf will be arranged at Royal Birkdale Golf Club. Non golfers may wish to sightsee in Southport.

Day 5:

After a full English breakfast, golf will be arranged at Royal Lytham & St. Anne's Golf Club. Non golfers may wish to sightsee in Lytham.

Day 6:

This morning after breakfast you will transfer to St. Andrews, Scotland and the Old Course Hotel. This afternoon golf will be arranged on the St. Andrews New Course. Non golfers may like to take a walking tour of St. Andrews.

Day 7:

This morning after a full Scottish breakfast, golf will be arranged on the St. Andrews Old Course. Non golfers may like to visit Falkland Palace.

Day 8:

This morning after breakfast, golf will be arranged at Carnoustie Golf Club. Non golfers may wish to visit Glamis Castle.

Day 9:

This morning after breakfast, you will transfer to Gullane and the Greywalls Hotel. Today golf will be arranged on the Gullane #1 Course. Non golfers may wish to sightsee in Edinburgh.

Day 10:

After breakfast this morning, golf will be arranged at Muirfield Golf Club. Non golfers may wish to continue touring Edinburgh. After golf you will transfer to the Turnberry Hotel.

Day 11:

This morning after a full Scottish breakfast, golf will be arranged at Prestwick Golf Club. Non golfers may like to follow the Burns Heritage Trail.

Day 12:

This morning after breakfast, golf will be arranged at Royal Troon Golf Club. Non golfers may like to visit Culzean Castle.

Day 13:

This morning after breakfast, golf will be arranged on the Turnberry Ailsa Course. Non golfers may like to enjoy the facilities and spa at Turnberry.

Day 14:

Today after breakfast, you will either board your plane for home or you may like to go on another SGH Golf destination.

British Open Circuit Program Costs...**Self Drive Tours:**

\$5454.00 (2 people sharing a automatic midsize car.)

\$5264.00 (4 people sharing a automatic mini-van.)

\$5119.00 (8 people sharing a 15 Passenger Mini-bus.)

Escorted Tours:

\$5588.00 (8 people sharing a mini-bus with a driver/guide.)

Includes full time driver/tour director who will also serve to handle your luggage, reserve caddies, and confirm all reservations. Also includes a welcome cocktail party.

Non golfer deduction is \$1564.00 per person.

Single supplement is \$1,697.00

All golf is subject to availability.

British Open Circuit Program Cost Includes...

- 12 night accommodation, double occupancy, at hotels indicated.
- Full English or Scottish breakfast each day.
- SGH Golf touring maps and suggested places of interest.
- All service charges on hotel accommodation and all local taxes.
- Rental vehicle with 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 course:
Royal St. George's, Royal Birkdale, Royal Lytham & St. Anne's, St. Andrews Old & New, Carnoustie, Gullane #1, Muirfield, Prestwick, Royal Troon, Turnberry Ailsa.

British Open Circuit Hotels

Clifton Arms Hotel

This traditional hotel is situated right on the seafront and caters to a mixture of leisure and business guests. Bedrooms are furnished in contemporary style and well equipped. Facilities include a small foyer lounge with a cocktail bar adjacent and a large restaurant.

St. Andrews Old Course Hotel

The St. Andrews Old Course Hotel overlooks the 17th fairway of the golfing Mecca for players from all over the world, the Old Course at St. Andrews. In fact, part of the hotel is a hazard when driving from the 17th tee. From the moment you enter this hotel, you will be impressed by its warm, welcoming atmosphere. At the St. Andrews Old Course Hotel, they know that the finest golf in the world deserves to be complemented by the most superb food and service, excellent wines and friendly bars.

Greywalls Hotel

Greywalls Hotel is one of the most revered golf hotels of all times whose hospitality has been enjoyed by the most famous names in the world of golf. The original house was designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens in 1901 and since that time additions have taken place but always in keeping with the original style and proportions. It is a most beautiful hotel, with its features of refined surroundings, charming and elegant furnishings, bedrooms furnished in period style, superb cuisine and service of the highest order.

Turnberry Hotel

Turnberry is surely one of the most beautifully situated of all hotels in Scotland. It is set in its own 360 acre estate and faces west with panoramic views of the 2 great golf courses, the Ailsa and the Arran, stretched out below. With the mountains of Arran and the vast granite mass called Ailsa Craig jutting smoky blue from the sea in the distance beyond, this beautiful Edwardian hotel is ideal for a memorable vacation.

Bell Hotel

The Bell Hotel has stood on its present site since the early 17th Century and is renowned for its warm hospitality and stylish accommodation. The spacious bedrooms have en suite facilities and views over the ancient town or across the river. The Bell is famed for its cuisine and guests can relax in the cocktail bar or Magnum's Wine Bar. Sandwich has become known as Kent's "Home of Golf", boasting two magnificent courses both of which have hosted the British Open. Many other excellent courses are within easy driving distance.

British Open Circuit Golf Courses

Royal St. Georges Golf Club

This course is the truest links you will find in all England and the Royal & Ancient, in its wisdom, chose this as one of The Open venues, knowing it will find the pedigree player at the end of a week. Close to the sea, overlooking Pegwell Bay, any kind of wind can make this man-size test even tougher. The sweeping rough at the 1st can be daunting, so can the bunkers and the huge sandhills. But there are classic shots here.

Royal Birkdale

Birkdale's fairways are flat but they form valleys between mighty sand dune, providing a sturdy frame to a landscape embellished by a profusion of tenacious buckthorn and willow scrub. In the last 30 years, no club has hosted more major events, a clear mark of recognition, particularly among the professionals, that its lack of eccentricities of some other seaside links is more to their liking.

Royal Lytham & St. Anne's

This is one of the great seaside championship links of the British Isles, and one of the seven where the British Open is held regularly. A true links course, with fast running fairways, ground gathering towards strategically placed bunkers, and no end of trouble for the wayward shot. The club is rich in history, dating back to its foundation in 1886 and there is a charming air of timeless respectability.

St. Andrews New Course

The New Course will never be able to achieve the notoriety of the Old Course. It is, however, a fine links golf course. The Old Course relies on position off the tee to set up a proper second. The New Course, with its much tighter fairway, demands a more precise tee game. Not a pushover by any standards, The New Course, but for its more famous neighbor, would be on every golfer's "must play" list.

St. Andrews Old Course

As you stand on the first tee, take a moment to reflect what a magnificent game was born on these very shores. The Old is virtually an out and back course. It is very different from any other course in the world and is sometimes an acquired taste. It has a seaside quality, being basically flat with enormous greens and fearsome bunkers. There are only two holes less than 300 yards, and the long holes, especially the 17th, have ruined many a golfer's scorecard.

Carnoustie Golf Club

Of all the championship links, Carnoustie is possibly the most severe. It has been recently reinstated on the Open circuit and hosted the British Open Championship in 1999. On the five previous occasions Carnoustie was used, it produced champions of the highest caliber. With the wind so intolerant, the rough so devastating and the greens so fast, this is the complete test, both mentally and physically.

Gullane No. 1 Course

Founded in 1882, the golf courses here, of which there are three, and the venerable hamlet are linked as one. Golf here is at the core of Scottish love for the game. Views from the top of the course are simply magnificent, and the finish at 18, much like that of St. Andrews, attracts town folk and visitors alike to applaud golfers for a round well played.

Muirfield Golf Club

Muirfield is the home of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers and is the most exclusive golf club in the U.K. Founded in 1744, the existing course is designed in two loops of nine holes. Players have a constantly changing battle with the wind, and the beautifully constructed bunkers (over 150 in total) which never allow a bad shot to escape, are a great feature of the course.

Prestwick Golf Club

Founded in 1851, the setting for the very first Open, this is one of the best known and most distinguished clubs in Scotland, which is rich in golfing history. Stretching majestically along the Ayrshire coast, it is in every sense a true seaside course, with traditional links turf.

Royal Troon

Founded in 1878, a stern, uncompromising test faces all golfers fortunate enough to play here. The famous 123-yard 8th, with the appropriately named Postage Stamp green, drops off quickly on three sides and provides not only a super challenge, but quite a spectacle as well. Frequently the venue for the Open.

Turnberry Ailsa Course

The Ailsa, venue of the 1994 British Open, is the more famous of the two courses here and undoubtedly one of the fairest and most demanding tests of the golfer's skill. A rigorous 6384 yards, it is seldom visited by Lady Luck and a good score must be justly earned.

British Open Circuit Sightseeing

London

To the lover of history no city can be more exciting. Every street, every building has a story to tell. Central London can be said to have three main areas. The city is the oldest, with its Roman walls, its Norman Tower of London and its fascinating narrow streets. The second area is Westminster, with its Royal Palaces, its Abbey and its government offices. While the West End, the third area, is the setting for fine shops and entertainment.

Southport

The gracious resort of Southport enjoys a wide expanse of sands and an artificial boating lake. The Botanic Gardens Museum has displays on the local shrimping industry as well as other local and natural history exhibits, a Victorian parlour and a doll collection. The Atkinson Art Gallery specializes in 19th- and 20th-century oil paintings, watercolours, drawings and prints, and 20th-century sculpture. Steamport Transport Museum is possibly the largest centre of its type in north-west England.

St. Andrews

St Andrews is a fascinating town with a wealth of history not associated with golf. It was the ecclesiastical center of Scotland for many years before the reformation and houses the oldest university in Britain. Much of this history you can explore on your tour today.

Glamis Castle

Glamis dates back to the 9th century and is possibly the most spectacular of all the Scottish castles. It was the childhood home of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and birthplace of her daughter, the Princess Margaret. Glamis was also the setting for Shakespeare's Macbeth.

Edinburgh

Edinburgh has been named the "Athens of the North" and among the places of interest well worth a visit are the Castle, Holyrood Palace, St Giles Cathedral and the Royal Mile. Or you may like to browse around the many fine stores to be found on Princes Street - Jenners, the oldest independent store in the world, is well worth a visit.

Culzean Castle

Home of the Kennedys, Culzean dates back to 1777 and is one of Robert Adams most notable creations. Culzean also has long associations with the USA, as General Eisenhower was given a suite of rooms here after the Second World War in appreciation by the British people. Culzean is surrounded by a country park which includes a walled garden established in 1783.

Ayr

There are many beautiful parks and gardens in and around the town of Ayr, notably Belleisle, Craigie and Rozelle. Rozelle is also the home of Ayr's Art Gallery, and displays one of the very few Henry Moore sculptures to be seen in Scotland. The shopping center of Ayr often surprises visitors by its range and size. Here you will find both branches of the great multiple stores, together with family owned shops in considerable variety.