



**2019 SCOTLAND DRIVES & DRAMS TOUR  
PROPOSED ITINERARY SUMMARY**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>HOTEL</b>	<b>GOLF</b>	<b>ACTIVITIES</b>
Day 1			Depart USA for Edinburgh
Day 2	Links House at Royal Dornoch		Carnegie Whisky Cellars Masters Class
Day 3	Links House at Royal Dornoch	Brora Golf Club	Dunrobin Castle
Day 4	Links House at Royal Dornoch	Royal Dornoch GC – Championship Course	Clynelish Distillery - Taste of Highlands Tour
Day 5	Links House at Royal Dornoch	Castle Stuart Golf Links	Balblair Distillery - Enthusiast Tour
Day 6	MacLeod House at Trump International Aberdeen		Glenfiddich Distillery – Pioneers Tour
Day 7	MacLeod House at Trump International Aberdeen	Royal Aberdeen – Balgownie Links	Cave Bar & Dinner
Day 8	MacLeod House at Trump International Aberdeen	Cruden Bay Golf Club	MacLeod House Dining & Whisky Tasting
Day 9	Caledonian Waldorf – Edinburgh	Trump International Golf Club	
Day 10			Depart Edinburgh for USA

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### Day 1

Today you will depart for Edinburgh.

### Day 2

Upon your arrival in **Edinburgh**, you will be met by your SGH Golf tour manager, outside of international arrivals. The Tour Manager will assist you with your luggage and show you to your waiting motor coach. You will find your tour manager to be knowledgeable about both golf and sightseeing excursions. He will manage all aspects of your trip, including making additional tee times, securing caddies at courses, making dinner reservations etc. We would ask that you limit his driving to 9 hours per day.

You will then transfer to **Dornoch** and the **Links House at Royal Dornoch**.



Links House is a classic Scottish manor home in the great country house tradition. The original building was constructed as the manse to the Dornoch Free Church in 1843 at the direction of The Reverend George Rainy Kennedy. Today, over 170 years later, Links House enters a new chapter in its history as a bespoke 5 Star luxury small hotel. Our newly constructed Mews, Glenshiel and Sporting Bothy are constructed of the finest materials, exacting design style and architectural detail as the Main House with no expense spared.

There will be no golf scheduled for today, however there is optional golf available. If you are interested in golfing today, please do ask your Tour manager. The rest of your day is free to visit the **Carnegie Whisky Cellars**.



The Carnegie Whisky Cellars is a specialist whisky shop stocking whisky from all over Scotland. You will participate in the Regional Master Class: a taste tour of Scotland, with a 90-minute explanation of malt whisky, their different styles and the regions that influence their character with six selected malts.

*Travel time from Edinburgh to Dornoch is approx. 4 hours 15 minutes.*  
Overnight at the **Links House** (4 House Twin Rooms)

### Day 3

Today golf has been arranged at **Brora Golf Club**.



Brora presents all the attributes of the Scottish seaside links, there is bent and gorse, juniper and thyme in profusion. The layout is classic and will ensure that you can use every club in the bag and that you will have to adapt and manufacture according to whether the course is running fast or slow. The greens are renowned for their texture and the ball runs true on the seaside fescue.

### Day 3 continued...

After golf, you will tour the **Dunrobin Castle**.



Dunrobin Castle is the result of a conglomeration of styles evolving over many centuries of expansion and restoration. The tower of the existing castle dates from 1520 but parts of it may date all the way back to the time of William, 3<sup>rd</sup> Early, in 1327. The first major enlargement occurred in the 18<sup>th</sup> century when it was reconstructed into a courtyard castle. The upper floors of the castle are allegedly haunted by the ghost of a daughter of the 14<sup>th</sup> Earl. The young girl attempted to elope and was subsequently imprisoned by her father in one of the attic rooms. One tragic day she was attempting to escape out of her window when she was surprised by the father and fell to her death. The haunting is supposedly so severe that several of the attic rooms have been abandoned.

Travel time from Dornoch to Brora is approx. 30 minutes.  
Overnight at the **Links House** (4 House Twin Rooms)

### Day 4

Today 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."

After golf, you will enjoy a tour and tasting of the **Clynelish Distillery**.



The original Clynelish was established in 1819 by the Marquess of Stafford to create a market for the barley produced on his lands. The Taste of the Highlands Tour – is an extended guided tour of the Clynelish Distillery with tasting of the Highlands.

Overnight at the **Links House** (4 House Twin Rooms)

### Day 5

Today golf will be arranged at **Castle Stuart Golf Course**.



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 centrepiece 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.

## Day 5 continued...

After golf, you will enjoy the Enthusiast Tour of the **Balblair Distillery**.



The Balblair Distillery visitor tour is intimate and personal – which gives you a more in-depth knowledge and understanding of the whisky making process and the single malts. This includes 5 whisky tastings (including the single cask) as well as the wort and the wash.

*Travel time from Dornoch to Castle Stuart is approx. 1 hour.*  
Overnight at the **Links House** (4 House Twin Rooms)

## Day 6

Today you will tour the **Glenfiddich Distillery**.



On this tour, you'll go on a journey through every part of the Glenfiddich tradition, to find out how the world's most awarded whiskies are created. Time matters when whisky making. So, as well as touring the distillery, you'll visit the original warehouse where you will explore the generations of gently maturing casks.

After the tour, you will transfer to **Aberdeen** and the **MacLeod House at Trump International**.



MacLeod House & Lodge is a five-star Hotel located in Balmedie, just outside Aberdeen on the Scottish North-East coast. This luxury Scottish hotel offers sumptuous accommodation and dining - and is available for exclusive use, corporate events and weddings. This historic Scottish mansion and lodge is set amidst mature woodland in the heart of the magnificent Trump International Estate. This opulent five-star property provides exquisite superior and grand deluxe guestrooms, intimate bar and dining facilities, and is the ultimate setting for dinner, bed and breakfast, private parties or exclusive use. Both historic buildings are nestled together within close proximity to the world-renowned links golf course.

*Travel time from Glenfiddich to Aberdeen is approx. 1 hour.*  
Overnight at the **MacLeod House** (4 Superior Twin Rooms)

## Day 7

Today golf will be arranged at **Royal Aberdeen** on the **Balgownie Links**.



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.

## Day 7 continued...

After golf, you will enjoy dinner and drinks at the **Cave Bar** in **Meldrum House**.



Let the magical atmosphere the Cave Bar entice you in for a taste of Scotland's national drink. Relax and enjoy pre and post-dinner drinks in the oldest part of Meldrum House, with their internal whisky ambassadors on hand to help you select from over 120 exquisite malts in their collection. Recently voted best Whisky bar in Scotland.

Overnight at the **MacLeod House** (4 Superior Twin Rooms)

## Day 8

Today 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.

After golf, you can enjoy dining and whisky tasting in the **Clavis Whisky Bar** at MacLeod House.



The Clavis Whisky Bar features an extensive selection of over 200 Scottish and International malt whiskies carefully selected from the world's leading producers. Rare and highly sought-after releases sit alongside well-known favourites and traditional Scottish brands giving guests a unique choice of liquors to sample and savour.

*Travel time from Aberdeen to Cruden Bay is approx. 35 minutes.*

Overnight at the **MacLeod House** (4 Superior Twin Rooms)

## Day 9

Today golf will be arranged at **Trump International Aberdeen**.



Spanning approximately 500 hectares of land on the north-east coast of Aberdeenshire, the proposed development comprises a world class championship links golf course suitable for hosting major international events and a second 18-hole links golf course; an iconic hotel set amidst an array of luxury holiday homes; and a residential village formed within the unique setting of Menie Estate. The proposed layout of the world class championship links course will complement the natural landscape and offer golfers dramatic sea views from nearly every hole. The links promise to be both challenging and beautiful for golfers of all levels.

After golf, you will transfer to **Edinburgh** and the **Caledonian Waldorf Hotel**.

## Day 9 continued...



The Caledonian Waldorf Hotel, built in 1903 is situated in the very heart of Edinburgh with many rooms overlooking the famous 14<sup>th</sup> century Edinburgh Castle. This 5 star elegant hotel will cater for all your needs and recently completed a £6.4 million refurbishment program in June 2005. A selection of traditional and newly refurbished contemporary rooms, both offer the perfect place to relax and unwind at the end of the day. Located near the Capercaillie Restaurant, which is renowned for an innovative carte based on quality ingredients.

*Travel time from Aberdeen to Edinburgh is approx. 2 hours 45 minutes.*

Overnight at the **Caledonian Waldorf** (4 Premier Queen View Twin Rooms)

## Day 10

Today you will depart Edinburgh for USA.

## **YOUR COST INCLUDES:**

- Meet and greet service at arrival airport by your SGH Driver Guide
- 8 nights' accommodation, double occupancy, at hotels indicated.
  - 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.  
Full breakfast each day.
  - 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.
- Starting times and green fees for one round at each of the following courses: Brora Golf Club, Royal Dornoch Championship course, Castle Stuart, Royal Aberdeen Balgownie Links, Cruden Bay, Trump International
- Full use of all golf clubhouses including access to the changing rooms, showers, lockers, dining room and bar.
- Tours of the following: Carnegie Whisky Cellars, Dunrobin Castle, Clynelish Distillery, Balblair Distillery, Glenfiddich Distillery
- Services of an SGH Golf Tour Manager Driver throughout.
- All transportation by Mercedes Sprinter motor coach (includes gas, parking, tolls, etc.).
- All local taxes and service charges on all services included in the attached itinerary.
- Personalized travel pack with useful information, maps, helpful hints, recommended restaurants, pubs, shopping and sightseeing options & SGH Golf luggage tags
- A dedicated professional SGH Golf representative to coordinate all aspects of your tour & 24-hour emergency line

## **Not Included in your cost**

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

## **Your vehicle**

- Full Leather Interior with Individual Reclining Seats
- Air Conditioning
- Double Glazed Panoramic View
- Tables for Golf Tours



## Why SGH Golf Inc...?



For 36 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 headquartered in Scottsdale Arizona and have offices in Cincinnati, Raleigh, Augusta and St Andrews, Scotland. 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 and 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. 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.

### Trip Planning:

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



**Old Course, St Andrews**



**Kingsbarns Golf Links**



**Trump Turnberry**

### 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 Fall. The confirmed itinerary may be adjusted as needed to meet with your approval.
- Your final itinerary travel pack will be mailed to you about three weeks prior to your trip beginning.

### 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 always have immediate and personal attention. 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. Thereafter, our assistance will be available for any reason by way of 24-hour telephone.