

12 Day “Bucket List” Golf Tour of Scotland

Thursday, September 16th

Day 1: Depart for Edinburgh, Scotland • Dinner & Breakfast

Arrive at Kansas City International Airport (MCI) at the designated time to check in for your flight to Edinburgh, Scotland (EDI). Please arrive two hours prior to departure. Confirm your flight details and ensure your passport is readily available for check-in. Check your luggage through to Edinburgh.

Friday, September 17th

Day 2: Arrive in Edinburgh for 2 nights • Dinner

Upon arrival in Edinburgh, proceed through passport control and collect your luggage. Meet the USAAI Golf Tour Manager at the exit. The group will then travel towards the Falkirk area. Along the way we'll make a stop to see The Kelpies, which will provide insight into Scotland's folklore and cultural heritage. The Falkirk Wheel of Forth and Clyde are the world's only rotating boat lift and is considered a Scottish engineering marvel. Lunch (independent). Following this, check into **The MacDonald Inchyra Hotel & Spa** 🌐, for a two-night stay. Dinner will be provided at the hotel.

Saturday, September 18th

Day 3: Edinburgh, Scotland • Breakfast & Dinner

Breakfast will be served at 8:15 am; the bus departs at 9:00 am to meet our guide. The day's activities include a walking tour of the great city of Edinburgh. We'll make stops and visits to St. Giles' Cathedral, Mercat Cross, Edinburgh, The Writers' Museum, Victoria Street, Edinburgh, the Grassmarket and the infamous Edinburgh Castle. Afterwards, lunch on your own, followed by free time in the Royal Mile for shopping. In the late afternoon we'll make a visit to Rosslyn Chapel 🌐, then return to the hotel to freshen up for dinner. Let's go participate in some Scottish song and dance.

Sunday, September 19th

Day 4: Dundee for 2 nights • Breakfast & Dinner

Breakfast commences at 8:30 am, followed by bus departure at 9:00 am for Dundee. En route, we'll make stops at The Wallace Monument 🌐 and Stirling Castle 🌐. The Wallace Monument is one of Stirling's famous landmarks. It stands above the fields where William Wallace led his troops to victory at The Battle of Stirling Bridge. Next, we're off to tour Stirling Castle, a site of historical and architectural significance. Lunch at a local restaurant. Did someone say golf? Our first golf stop on the tour is **Crail Golf Society at Craighead Links**. 🌐 It is no accident that members play Craighead Links as much as our old course. The course is a very different challenge to the links of Balcomie, but no less memorable. Gil Hanse, the acclaimed American architect designed the course to be at one with the clifftop environment and ancient medieval walls. At full-length Craighead Links has hosted national and international championships. From expertly placed tee boxes, golfers of all levels play spectacular holes surrounded by breathtaking coastal views. (18 holes). After our play, and should time allow, we'll make a stop at The Old Course in St. Andrews for a visit. On Sundays the Old Course is transformed into a public park, allowing locals and visitors to walk on the fairways. It allows for exploration of areas typically unavailable during operating hours, and opportunities for photographs. Next, proceed to **Holiday Inn Express Dundee** 🌐 Dinner at the hotel.

Monday, September 20th

Day 5: Ongoing Competition • Breakfast & Dinner

Breakfast at 8:00 am; departure at 8:30 am for St. Andrews. (Pray for a successful “Ballot” for the Old Course. Should the “Ballot” not be successful, consider playing one of St. Andrews associate courses: Jubilee, Castle, Eden, Strathtyrum, or the **Balcomie Links**. These, along with or nearby options make St. Andrews a premier golf destination. Lunch will be at the Clubhouse. After lunch we'll depart for a guided tour of St. Andrews.

We'll make stops at St. Salvator's College, St. Salvator's Chapel, St. Andrews Cathedral and Cemetery, St. Andrews Castle, the Old Course at St Andrews and end at Swilcan Bridge. Dinner at The Jigger Inn. Return to the hotel for some much-needed rest.

Tuesday, September 21st

Day 6: Aberdeen for 2 nights • Breakfast & Dinner

Breakfast is served at 8:00 am; bus departs at 9:00 am for Aberdeen with accommodation at the Hilton Aberdeen TECA. 🌐 En route, we'll stop at Dunnottar Castle 🌐, one of Scotland's most iconic ruins, perched dramatically on a cliff overlooking the North Sea. "Once Seen, Never Forgotten!" Lunch on your own. Proceed to Aberdeen for check-in and a nice dinner.

Wednesday, September 22nd

Day 7: Aberdeen • Breakfast & Dinner

Breakfast at 8:00 am; departure at 8:30 am. This day includes 18 holes at **Royal Aberdeen Golf course**. 🌐 Lunch on your own. After lunch we'll head to Balmoral Castle 🌐 and enjoy a tour of the grounds and the Royal Family's home. Visit Lochnagar Distillery 🌐 and sample world-renowned whisky. Return to the hotel for dinner.

Thursday, September 23rd

Day 8: Inverness for 3 nights • Breakfast & Dinner

Breakfast at 8:00 am; departure at 8:30 am. Depart for Inverness. Turn south towards Craigellachie and on to the Spey Valley Road. Heaven on Earth for lovers of good whisky. Visit one of the Distilleries, possibly The Macallan, The Glenlivet or Glenfarclas. Lunch in the area. Then off to Inverness for three-night stay at the River Ness Hotel by Radisson. 🌐 Dinner provided at the hotel.

Friday, September 24th

Day 9: Inverness • Breakfast & Dinner

Breakfast at 8:00 am; departure at 8:30 am. Play **Royal Nairn Golf course** in the morning. 🌐 This will give us an opportunity to familiarize ourselves with the course before playing in the local scramble. Lunch at your leisure at the clubhouse. After golfing, a visit to Culloden Battlefield 🌐 before returning to Inverness. Dinner at the hotel.

Saturday, September 25th

Day 10: Nairn Golf Club • Breakfast & Dinner

Breakfast at 8:00 am; departure at 8:30 am. Play in The Nairn Golf Club. Mixed 4-Person Texas Scramble. This is a great opportunity to make new friends and soak up real Scottish hospitality. Relax with dinner tba.

Sunday, September 26th

Day 11: Upphall, Scotland for one night • Breakfast & Dinner

Breakfast at 8:00 am; departure at 8:30 am for a Loch Ness Cruise. This is a chance to see Scotland from a totally different vantage point. Afterwards, visit Cawdor Castle & Gardens 🌐 for lunch. For those looking for a last opportunity for 9 holes, play the par-3 Cawdor 9-hole course. Then travel south towards Perth and over to **MacDonald Houstoun Hotel & Spa**. 🌐 Final dinner at the hotel.

Monday, September 27th

Day 12: Return to the USA • Breakfast & Dinner

Breakfast will begin at 6:00 am, with bus departure at 6:30 am for Edinburgh Airport and the return flight. Upon re-entry to the United States, proceed through passport control and recheck luggage for the final leg home.

Old Course Tee Time Eligibility and Ballot System

Playing The Old Course at St Andrews is strictly regulated, and eligibility guidelines must be observed to secure a tee time. Most reservations are allocated by lottery (“ballot”) rather than self-selection. Below are the requirements:

Ballot

The ballot system, drawn two days in advance (except Sundays and tournament days), provides visiting golfers with the opportunity to play The Old Course. This tradition reflects St Andrews Links’ commitment to public access.

Entry Procedure

To enter the ballot, a minimum of two players is required, and all must provide names, home clubs, and handicaps. Entries can be submitted online, by phone (+44 (0)1334 466666), or in person at The Old Pavilion or clubhouses. The ballot closes at 2pm two days prior to the desired date of play; results are published after 4:30pm the same day, accessible via the Ballot Results page or by phone. Only those declared on the ballot entry may play.

Successful applicants must present an official handicap card or certificate from a club affiliated with a Golf Union/Association. Maximum handicaps are 36 for men and ladies. All golfers should check in at least 20 minutes prior to their tee time. Trolley restrictions apply; further information is available [here](#). If unsuccessful, it is possible to inquire at The Old Pavilion on the day of play to join existing groups, though availability cannot be guaranteed. Duplicate ballot entries result in disqualification. Pre-paid green fees for other courses are non-transferable to The Old Course as part payment.