

**CLASSIC SCOTTISH GOLF ABOARD  
THE ROYAL SCOTSMAN TRAIN  
JULY 23 – JULY 29, 2006**

**Saturday, July 22**

This evening depart the United States.

**Sunday, July 23**

Arrive at Glasgow Airport to be met by PerryGolf personnel. Transfer on arrival to *the Gleneagles Hotel*. (Transfer time 1hr 15mins).

The remainder of the day will be free to relax and enjoy the facilities of the Gleneagles Hotel. The most famous of Britain's country hotels and synonymous with excellence. It is set in its own 610 acre estate, surrounded by magnificent countryside. Renowned world-wide, the 5 star resort is famed for many attractions, not least its three internationally celebrated golf courses providing an unsurpassed variety of challenges and pleasures throughout their combined 54 holes. Some of the finest shooting and



fishing in Britain is readily available in almost all conceivable sporting forms and there are riding stables nearby.

Take the opportunity to join your fellow tour participants and view the television coverage of the



final round of the British Open Championship at Royal Liverpool as Tiger Woods attempts to defend his title.

This evening join your Tour Host for a Welcome Cocktail Party and Dinner.

***Overnight: The Gleneagles Hotel – Estate View Room***

**Monday, July 24**



Today golfers will travel by motorcoach to play *Carnoustie Golf Links*. Host venue for the Open Championship in 2007. Considered by many to be the most challenging of all Open venues. While the links is relatively flat it is exposed to the elements. A combination of length and accuracy are required from the tee and approach shots

demand precision to the greens heavily guarded by steep bunkers and burns. Has arguably, the toughest finishing holes in championship golf. The history of golf in Carnoustie is



inextricably linked with the Open, starting with Tommy Armour, the battle in the rain of Henry Cotton in 1937, through the victories of Hogan, Player and Watson to the 1999 Championship of Lawrie and Van de Velde.

Non Golfers will enjoy a day's visit to the wonderful town of **St. Andrews** which has a special place in Scottish history and legend. It takes its name from the saint whose relics were brought to the town. It



played an important role in Scotland's affairs, its cathedral was the largest building in Scotland and the centre of the country's religious life. It has the oldest University in Scotland and of course has been a pilgrimage to golfers wishing to play on the Links where golf was first played. The historic town is easily and best explored on foot so a walking tour is planned visiting the many interesting buildings and museums. After lunch the tour will continue to some of the **Local Coastal**



**Villages** and Royal Burgh's of Crail, Anstruther and Pittenweem with their distinctive buildings and picturesque harbours. The area was notorious for smuggling with wine, tobacco, cloth and sugar being smuggled in, and linen and coal smuggled out. The East Neuk was the capital of the Scottish Herring industry, until the shoals deserted the Forth during the Second World War. Today the boats which sail out from Crail and Anstruther mainly bring in shellfish.

**Overnight: The Gleneagles Hotel – Estate View Room**

## Tuesday, July 25

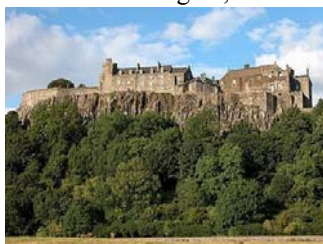


Golfers today play on the **King's Course at Gleneagles**. The King's course was the inspiration of James Braid, five time winner of the Open championship. It opened in 1919, representing the finest 'classical' golf course design. Selecting the right club for each approach shot is the secret on the King's. It is certainly one of the most beautiful and exhilarating places to play golf in the world. With the springy



moorland turf underfoot, the sweeping views from the tees all around, the rock-faced mountains to the north, the green hills to the south, and the peaks of the Trossachs and Ben Vorlich on the western horizon.

Non Golfers will have a half day tour to the historic City of Stirling. Visit **Stirling Castle**, perched high on a volcanic outcrop, it played a major part in the Scottish struggle against English domination. Time and time again, it was besieged once again; involving, amongst others, great names like William



Wallace and Robert the Bruce. Architecturally, it offers an array of riches: the vast Great Hall dating from the end of the Middle Ages, the early Renaissance splendours of the Palace with its carved heads, and the Chapel Royal built for the baptism of Prince Henry in 1594.

Take time to explore the many fine and historic buildings leading up to the Castle before returning to Gleneagles where the group will reassemble before embarking the **Royal Scotsman** at Gleneagles Station late afternoon.



Once onboard relax in the splendid surroundings as you travel to the Highlands of Scotland via Perth and Aberdeen until reaching our evenings destination of Keith where the train will remain overnight.

**Overnight: Onboard the Royal Scotsman**

## Wednesday, July 26

We depart Keith early this morning travelling through Elgin and Nairn during breakfast to Inverness, the capital of the Highlands. From Inverness the track heads north to Tain on the Cromarty Firth, where guests will disembark for the days activities.



not, a difficult recovery shot.

Golfers today play at **Royal Dornoch Golf Club**. Located on the shores of the Dornoch Firth you will have the opportunity to play the most northerly of the Championship courses of the British Isles. Dornoch is perhaps more than most, a thinking golfers' course where it is not enough simply to keep the ball on the fairway. The greens are generally open in the front, but they are also set on plateaux several feet above the fairway. It requires a well struck shot to hold the green and if

Non Golfers will enjoy a visit to **Glenmorangie Distillery** on the outskirts of Tain. It is said to mean "The Glen of Tranquility". Glenmorangie is the most popular single malt sold in Scotland itself. The local production of spirits goes back until at least the early 1700s when a still was recorded at the nearby Morangie Farm. The existing Distillery, however, had its origins as a brewery; before being converted to a legal still in 1843. Most of the existing buildings date from 1887. Following lunch travel across the Dornoch Firth for an afternoon visit and a private



tour of the thirteenth century **Dunrobin Castle**. With 189 rooms it is the largest house in the Northern Highlands. The Castle is the Seat of the Earls of Sutherland, one of the ancient earldoms of Scotland, and is now home to the Countess of Sutherland. Our visit will include the Birds of Prey Flying Demonstration where a professional Falconer demonstrates and explains the different hunting methods used by owls, hawks and falcons in a series of fascinating aerobatic displays.

Late afternoon the Royal Scotsman will depart Tain to Dingwall and then travel west towards Kyle of Lochalsh on what is arguably the most scenic route in Britain. The line passes Loch Luichart and the Torridon mountains to Achnasheen then climbs to Luib summit before descending into Strathcarron. We follow the edge of Loch Carron, passing the picturesque village of Plockton before arriving in **Kyle of Lochalsh** overlooking the Isle of Skye.



The Royal Scotsman will remain this evening in Kyle of Lochalsh.

### ***Overnight: Onboard the Royal Scotsman***

## Thursday, July 27

We depart Kyle of Lochalsh early this morning and retrace much of yesterday's route to Dingwall. From Dingwall we continue south to Inverness and then head east along the Moray Firth to Nairn where the golfers will disembark.

Golfers today play at **Nairn Golf Club**. The course lies on the shores of the Moray Firth and affords wonderful views over to the Black Isle. In recent times the club hosted the British Amateur Championship in 1994 and the Walker Cup in 1999. Narrow fast running fairways are heavily flanked by gorse bushes that require an accurate tee shot to be in position for the approach to the green. The greens are large but tightly guarded with strategic bunkering. The putting surfaces at Nairn are widely regarded as amongst the best in the country.





Non Golfers will also alight at Nairn for a scenic drive through the Spey Valley in the heart of the Highland of Scotland for a visit to **Ballindalloch Castle**. It is located near to the famed whisky distilleries of Glenfiddich, Glenfarclas and Glenlivet. Surrounded by majestic hills, and with the tumbling waters of the Rivers Spey and Avon flowing through the grounds, the setting is truly magnificent. Known as the ' Pearl of the North ', Ballindalloch is a warm and welcoming castle that is very much a lived-in family home. It is filled with family memorabilia, as well as a fine collection of 17th century Spanish paintings collected by Sir John Macpherson-Grant in the mid 19th century. Rejoin the train in Keith for Lunch onboard. After lunch we continue with an afternoon excursion to the **Johnstons Cashmere Centre in Elgin**, first founded in 1797. It remains one of the few vertical mills still operating in Scotland and is the only British mill to transform cashmere from raw fibre to the finished garment.



The Royal Scotsman will return to Keith where it will stable overnight.

**Overnight: Onboard the Royal Scotsman**

**Friday, July 28**

This morning the Royal Scotsman will depart Keith and head east to Inverurie where guests will alight for the days activities.



Golfers will travel for golf at nearby **Cruden Bay Golf Club**. The course offers stunning views over the Bay of Cruden to the ruins of Slains Castle. The layout is very much a traditional links with a number of blind shots from the tee and fairways. A good old Scottish burn is a prominent feature of the course affecting several of the holes. There are a number of vast sand dunes and hills to be negotiated while the beach can



come into play around #14 and #15. The finest sequence of holes, however, comes between the 4th, one of the finest par threes in golf, and the 7th. A recent inclusion into Golf Magazine's top 100 courses in the World.

Non Golfers will enjoy a visit to **Pitmedden Gardens**. Originally laid out in 1675 by Sir Alexander Seton. Famous for it's displays using box hedges and bedding plants. The centrepiece of this property is the Great Garden, three of the formal parterres were taken from designs possibly used in the gardens at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh in 1647. The fourth parterre is a heraldic design based on Sir Alexander's coat-of-arms. In the 1950s re-creation of the elaborate floral designs was undertaken to give the gardens known today.



After lunch continue with a visit to **Haddo House**, the most homely of the north-east of Scotland's great houses open to the public. Designed by William Adam for the 2nd Earl of Aberdeen in 1732, but refurbished in the 1880s, the house elegantly blends crisp Georgian architecture with sumptuous late Victorian interiors by Wright and Mansfield. Noted for its fine furniture and paintings, Haddo also boasts a delightful terrace garden.

Rejoin the Royal Scotsman at Inverurie and travel down the East Coast of Scotland to Stirling to stable overnight.

**Overnight: Onboard the Royal Scotsman**

**Saturday, July 29**



Guests with early departing flights will disembark the train at ***Stirling*** for onward coach transfers to the airport. All remaining guests will travel on the Royal Scotsman from Stirling to ***Edinburgh Waverley Station*** where the Tour will finish.

***The Tour Includes:***

- Two nights accommodation in the Gleneagles Hotel including breakfast. (Estate Rooms)
- Four nights accommodation in stateroom on the Royal Scotsman train including all meals and drinks while onboard.
- Round trip transfers to Gleneagles on arrival and Glasgow or Edinburgh airport for departure. (guaranteed for those who purchase their airfare through PerryGolf)\*
- All transportation to/from golf courses.
- Green fees and starting times for 5 rounds of golf.
- Welcome Cocktail Party and Dinner at the Gleneagles Hotel.
- Services of PerryGolf Tour Host.
- All golf bag handling.
- All onboard train and golf related staff gratuities.
- Full sightseeing program for non-golfers as outlined. All visits with accompanying Tour Guide.
- All local taxes and service charges.

**Price per person based on double occupancy**

***Golfers***                ***\$9,875.00***

***Non Golfers***        ***\$8,600.00***

***Single Occupancy 125% of double occupancy rate.***

***Please note that airfare is not included in the package price.***

