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## **Aberdeen and Muirfield**

6 Nights | 6 Rounds including Muirfield, Carnoustie and Cruden Bay

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### **Saturday, June 3**

This evening depart the United States.

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### **Sunday, June 4**

Today play the outstanding **Cruden Bay (tbc)**. Those who make their way to the Highlands by way of Aberdeen will not want to miss Cruden Bay. This is an old-fashioned gem of a links with greens and fairways hidden between massive dune, driveable par fours, blind shots and of course gorgeous view of the North Sea. There is evidence that golf started here in the 18th century but it was in 1899 when the original layout by Old Tom Morris and Archie Simpson opened for play at 5,290 yards. The course was redesigned in 1926 which essentially stands today playing with more than an additional 1,000 yards. • Port Erroll, the 193-yard 4th, played from an elevated tee to an elevated green, will get your attention. Cruden Bay is a regular among the world's top 100 clubs.

**WEBCAST - A Greenside Chat: "The Story of an Authentic Scottish Golf Club" ~ Cruden Bay Golf Club**

**Cruden Bay Golf Club, Scotland by LINKS Magazine**

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On arrival at the Airport you will be met by PerryGolf personnel who will assist you with your luggage and transfer to your transportation.

Your preferred arrival & departure airport options are dependent on your personal preferences. The closest airport to your first hotel/golf course is listed first. Some airports have direct transatlantic flights from US cities while others only offer service with connections through European hub cities. Our air department is available to talk through your air travel options.

**OVERNIGHT: The Marcliffe Hotel & Spa - 2 Executive Room**

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### **Monday, June 5**

Play **Royal Aberdeen (tbc)**. Founded in 1780, this is the sixth oldest golf club in the world. It has hosted The Senior Open won by Tom Watson and the Scottish Open won by Justin Rose. It is a tale of two nines. The outward holes are recognized as nine of the best pure links in the game. The first plays from beside the clubhouse directly to

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the North Sea. The next eight run parallel to the shore through a valley of dunes. The inward nine play on high ground where the full force of the wind regularly wreaks havoc. Eighteen is a serious par four requiring two of you best to simply reach the green.

Royal Aberdeen Golf Club, Scotland by LINKS Magazine

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## **Tuesday, June 6**

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Today play the **Trump International Golf Links (tbc)**. Imagine Dr. Martin Hawtree's™ delight, the third generation golf course architect with many achievement to his credit including his service as the R&A's™ go-to for modifying Open venues, when he was chosen to design the newest American-inspired golf course in Scotland this century along a spectacular 3-mile stretch of North Sea coastline with almost unlimited resources. Trump International Golf Links may represent his finest hour. The round combines high ground with striking views before descending into secluded valleys between monstrous dunes. There are five tees on every hole, except the two that have seven. There are eighteen fully revetted bunkers on the 18th! It is a sight to behold.

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## **Wednesday, June 7**

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Today play **Carnoustie (tbc)**. The first record of golf played on this links land dates to 1527. In 1842, a 10-hole course was designed by Alan Robertson followed by an 18-hole course by Old Tom Morris in 1857. James Braid extended the layout in 1926 which is essentially the links found today. While it is relatively flat, Carnoustie is exposed to the elements. A combination of length and accuracy are required as golfers face narrow corridors from the tee while approach shots demand precision to greens heavily guarded by steep bunkers and burns. Arguably the toughest finishing holes in championship golf are found here highlighted by the par-4, 476 yard 14th and the 245 yard par-3 16th. Ben Hogan won The 82nd Open at Carnoustie in 1953. Tom Watson and Gary Player also hoisted the Claret Jug here as has Pdraig Harrington and mostly recently Francesco Molinari in 2018.

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OVERNIGHT: **Marine North Berwick** - 2 Marine King/Twin Room

## **Thursday, June 8**

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Golf today on **Muirfield, 18 holes (tbc)**, home to The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, is among the most treasured in the game. Formed in 1744, is the world's oldest documented golf club. It is where the original Rules of Golf were written. It has hosted The Open on more than a dozen occasions. Old Tom Morris redesigned it in 1891 as a 16-hole layout followed by the addition of two more holes several months later. In 1928, Harry S. Colt and Tim Simpson made alterations that are credited with making this the masterpiece it is today. Most courses of the day were routed nine holes out and nine back. Not Muirfield. Its outward nine runs clockwise around the perimeter of the property while the inward nine runs counter-clockwise inside the outward. This utterly unique layout produces play into constantly changing wind conditions.

**The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, Scotland by LINKS Magazine**

OVERNIGHT: **Marine North Berwick** - 2 Marine King/Twin Room

## **Friday, June 9**

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Play today at **North Berwick (tbc)**. Like St Andrews, this links starts and finishes in town. Golf was played in the area since at least 1672 but the club was formed in 1832 making it the thirteenth oldest in the game. It came to be in the same way as so many of the early clubs -- in stages. First it was a 6-hole layout, then a 7, then a 10 which included the famous Redan hole, then in 1877 a full 18. A renovation lengthened the course in 1895 then again in 1932. The course is a delight for many reasons not the least of which is how you are challenged by stonewalls, deep bunkers, the usual humps, hollows and burns without having to fight brutal rough. The course is normally set up to play in around 3 hours so the rough is kept playable.

**North Berwick Golf Club, Scotland by LINKS Magazine**

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OVERNIGHT: **Marine North Berwick** - 2 Marine King/Twin Room

## **Saturday, June 10**

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Depart the United Kingdom from Airport.

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## Your Lodging

### The Marcliffe Hotel & Spa

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The Marcliffe Hotel and Spa, privately owned by the Spence Family, gives its guests the warmest of Scottish welcomes. A prestigious and intimate five-star luxury hotel, the Marcliffe is set on scenically beautiful Royal Deeside against a backdrop of 11 acres of wooded grounds. The hotel is located on the western fringe of the historical City of Aberdeen. A sense of comfort and well-being in their guests is the overriding aim of the Owner, Stewart Spence, Management and staff. The seven suites and 33 bedrooms are all exclusively designed as a restful, elegant refuge for both the business or leisure traveller. For Scottish Beef (aged a minimum of 35 days) and cut to suit, any weight, along with fish, lobster and seafood, you need go no further than the Conservatory Restaurant with an extensive wine list of over 400 bins, including a page dedicated to wines produced by golfers for golfers, plus over 100 Single Malt Whiskies. The peacefulness and tranquillity found at the Marcliffe Hotel makes it very easy to forget that you are just three miles from the City Centre and only eight miles from Aberdeen Airport.

### Marine North Berwick

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The Marine North Berwick is the latest addition to the Marine & Lawn Hotels & Resorts. The hotel reopened in summer 2021 after a complete transformation to this iconic Victorian turreted mansion. It sits overlooking the 16th green of North Berwick West Links commanding superb views of the Firth of Forth, Bass Rock and to the distant shores of Fife. Bedrooms feature warm woods and antique furnishings, while selected rooms boast stunning scenic views of the golf course and estuary. The Bass Rock Bar and Lounge is the focal point for breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and all-day drinks. The destination bar serves cocktails and stories, international wines, award winning whiskies and local spirits, together with Scottish craft beers and ales.