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## Authentic Scotland ~ Troon and North Berwick

<p>6 Nights | 5&nbsp;Rounds including Prestwick, Gullane and&nbsp;North Berwick</p>

This six-night, five-round package explores some of Scotland's most hidden gems which are sure to offer a heartfelt welcome and **memorable Scottish golfing experience**. It's available from April to October. **Western Gailes** is a hidden gem, presenting a stiff wind-driven challenge along the dunes. **Prestwick** was host to the first playing of The Open in 1860. Make your way to the 13th oldest club in the game, **North Berwick**, which dates back to 1632 and where you may recognize the 15th hole Redan green which is often imitated. Continue on **Dunbar**, which could be called another of the "founding courses of golf," where you'll play this championship links course within yards of waves crashing onto the rocky shore. Finally, tee it up at **Gullane #1**, a frequent host to national championships and whose hills deliver outstanding views of the River Forth. Deluxe accommodations are available at The Marine Hotel Troon and The Marine Hotel & Spa North Berwick.

### Saturday, August 21

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This evening depart the United States.

### Sunday, August 22

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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: **Marine Troon** - 2 Standard Room

### Monday, August 23

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Play today at **Western Gailes (tbc)**. Western Gailes is rated by many visitors to Scotland as one of its best kept secrets and immensely enjoyable. The course lies between the railway and the sea like many others in Ayrshire. Its only two holes wide, with nine played along the sea and nine played beside the railway. Variety gives Western its special character. The seaside holes are routed through classic links land with dunes, high grass and the beach. These are arguably more difficult than the inland holes which are slightly longer with heavier bunkering. Your caddie here will often be a club member who typically cannot resist sharing the club's story with visitors. You will enjoy a special day here.

[Click here](#) for the golf course IMAGE GALLERY

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OVERNIGHT: **Marine Troon** - 2 Standard Room

## Tuesday, August 24

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Play today at **Prestwick (tbc)**. Only the Old Course has hosted The Open more often than Prestwick, the last of 24 played here was in 1925. Eleven of the first twelve Opens were played on Old Tom Morris's<sup>™</sup> twelve-hole layout beginning in 1860. Six holes were added in 1883. One of the club's<sup>™</sup> great strengths is variety. There are blind shots. Uphill holes and those that play downhill and sidehill. Greens in hollows and plateau greens. Driveable par fours and those you<sup>™</sup>ll be delighted to reach in two. Perhaps most famous is "Alps" the 394-yard 17th. The narrow fairway runs straight up a steep sandhill which hides a generous green guarded in front by the notorious "Sahara" bunker framed with revetted sod and railroad ties interrupted only by wooden steps to allow you in and out.

WEBCAST - A Greenside Chat: "The Story of the First Club to Host The Open" ~ Prestwick Golf Club

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## Wednesday, August 25

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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 Standard Room

## Thursday, August 26

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Play at **Dunbar (tbc)**. Dunbar is another of what could be called the "founding courses of golf". The game appeared here in the early 17th century but it wasn't until 1856 that the club was formed with 15 holes. Version

two was extended to 18 holes in 1880 before Old Tom Morris modified it in 1894 which James Braid and Ben Sayers embellished with additional length and sixty-one new bunkers in 1923. Dunbar East Links is a traditional 'out and back' layout squeezed into a narrow stretch of rocky coastline along the North Sea. Well defined narrow fairways are tucked between the unforgiving coastline and the old sandstone deer park wall. Careful club selection and precise shot making are keys to taming a layout revered by generations of the game's legends. The club has hosted many Scottish amateur and professional events. Please note a very limited supply of golf carts are available for hire. Certain restrictions may apply, please advise your Golf Travel Specialist.

**Dunbar Golf Club, Scotland by LINKS Magazine**

OVERNIGHT: **Marine North Berwick** - 2 Standard Room

### **Friday, August 27**

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Play **Gullane #1 (tbc)**, a regular host to major championships and rated alongside Scotland's more famous championship courses. Gullane #1 is unusually hilly for an east of Scotland links. Once you reach the top of Gullane Hill, you have great views over the River Forth. The Scottish Open, won by Rickie Fowler, was played over this historic links in 2015. Please note a very limited supply of golf carts are available for hire. Certain restrictions may apply, please advise your Golf Travel Specialist.

OVERNIGHT: **Marine North Berwick** - 2 Standard Room

### **Saturday, August 28**

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Depart the United Kingdom from Airport.

## Your Lodging

### Marine Troon

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The 4-star Marine Hotel is a grand building with magnificent views over the Firth of Clyde to the Isle of Arran, overlooking Royal Troon Golf Course. Built-in 1894, The Marine Hotel was designed by notable Glaswegian architects Salmon and Gillespie and is a significant landmark in Troon. Now newly refurbished, it features subtle Scottish themes, fabrics and textures all laced with the history of the building and surrounding area.

### Marine North Berwick

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The Marine North Berwick is the latest addition to the Marine & Lawn Hotels & Resorts. The hotel will reopen 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 will 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 will be the focal point for breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and all-day drinks. The destination bar will serve cocktails and stories, international wines, award winning whiskies and local spirits, together with Scottish craft beers and ales.