
St Andrews Escorted 2023 **Attend The 2023 Walker Cup at St Andrews**

7 Nights | 4 Rounds including The Old Course | August 31 – September 7

PerryGolf is thrilled to offer a 7-night, 4-round Escorted Tour to the Home of Golf, including a weekend Pass to **The 2023 Walker Cup**. Experience the excitement of this unique and revered event between the finest amateurs of the United States, and Great Britain & Ireland, while spending the entire week in St Andrews, with accommodations in the beautifully renovated Rusacks Hotel, overlooking the 18th fairway of the Old Course, the most storied location in golf.

Our golf lineup includes rounds on **Carnoustie**, eight-time host of The Open, the highly rated **Kingsbarns** and **Dumbarnie Links**, and to top it all, play on the **Old Course St Andrews** shortly following the Walker Cup.

The Walker Cup is something of a hidden gem in the field of international sporting events. Since the first match took place in 1922, played over the renowned National Golf Links of America on Long Island, and starring the great Bobby Jones, the match has been hosted at the most revered of venues, and consistently featured future stars of the game from Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Collin Morikawa and Bryson DeChambeau, to Padraig Harrington, Justin Rose, Jordan Spieth, Dustin Johnson, and Rory McIlroy, and many others in between. Having been played over the Old Course on eight occasions already, it returns to this most special of arenas after an almost 50-year absence, in recognition of the centenary of the match. Although there will be exceptional interest, it traditionally provides a relatively intimate spectating experience, well removed from high level professional golf. The USA will be defending the trophy, having won in a closely contested match at Seminole in 2021, but GB&I will be hoping for the form which saw them beat the USA in 2015 at Royal Lytham & St Annes by their largest winning margin to date.

Rusacks Hotel, our base for the event, has undergone an extensive renovation including the creation of additional rooms. There can surely be no more prime hotel location in the world of golf, as you gaze over the hallowed links, with the 18th fairway and green located directly below you. We will host a welcome and closing party in the rooftop restaurant, and also include lunch in the hotel on both match days.

Our included golf is diverse and storied. **Carnoustie** has earned its reputation as the most demanding links in The Open rota. Francesco Molinari used flawless golf to outlast Tiger Woods and other contenders in 2018. Ben Hogan, Gary Player and Tom Watson won the championship here as well. Jean Van de Velde famously squandered his chance in 1999 on the 72nd hole. **Kingsbarns** is a modern day classic, and is held in the highest regard in the golfing world. **Dumbarnie Links**, having opened in spring 2020, is Scotland's newest links layout, and has already enjoyed extraordinary reviews. The **Old Course of St Andrews** is beyond compare and a highlight of any visit.

For our accompanying non-golfing guests, our carefully crafted sightseeing program, fully escorted by a qualified guide, will let them experience Scotland away from the golf course. We include a day trip to Edinburgh, beautiful capital city of Scotland, a visit to Glamis Castle, childhood home of Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, and a fascinating walking tour of the historic town of St Andrews.

If you enjoy combining your love of golf with a passion for travel, you'll find a relaxing and highly rewarding

experience on this Escorted Tour. Every aspect is fully managed from the handling of your luggage and equipment to hotel and golf course check ins. Various meals, guided sightseeing, caddies, local taxes, service charges and gratuities (excluding caddie gratuities) are included in addition to sandwiches, snacks plus an open bar for beer and wine during our time at each of the golf courses. Best of all, this PerryGolf vacation promises an ideal opportunity to join a group of like-minded new friends.

[Photo Album](#)

Detailed Itinerary

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31: ST ANDREWS, SCOTLAND

Arrive Edinburgh Airport. Met on arrival where you will be transferred your hotel, **Rusacks, St Andrews**.

St Andrews, known worldwide as The Home of Golf, and also boasts Scotland's oldest university. The Royal and Ancient Golf Club first met here in the spiritual home of golf in 1754, though it was first played here as early as the 15th century.

St Andrews University, founded in 1410, dominates the center of town. The elegant, ivy-clad buildings and delightful quadrangles and gardens have seen a procession of famous graduates such as Prince William. One of the top universities in Britain, St Andrews is often compared to Oxford and Cambridge for its defining presence and the collegiate feel it gives to the town. The Medieval center of St Andrews consists of a series of narrow alleys and cobbled streets packed with shops, restaurants and cafés.

This evening attend our Welcome Party & Dinner in Rusacks Hotel.

OVERNIGHT: **Rusacks Hotel, St Andrews** – Rusacks King Room – Golf View upgrade available

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1: ST ANDREWS, SCOTLAND

GOLF: Today play **Dumbarnie Links**. Scotland's newest golf course, Dumbarnie is scheduled to open in spring of 2020. A links layout, the course occupies an outstanding site. Dual elevations connected by a flowing escarpment have provided the opportunity to create a number of elevated tees where holes play directly towards panoramic views of the Firth of Forth. A number of the tees and greens are also in close proximity to the sea and the design incorporates several drivable Par-4's and risk and reward holes. Early starting times scheduled for this morning will allow you the opportunity to attend the Opening Ceremonies of **The 2023 Walker Cup**.

SIGHTSEEING: Non-Golfers will today enjoy a fascinating walking tour of St Andrews visiting **St Andrews Castle**, parts of **St Andrews University**, and taking in the ruins of **St Andrews Cathedral**, once one of the most important religious sites in Europe. Old Tom Morris and his son young Tom, are buried in the Cathedral Grounds. St Andrews also offers a wide selection of shopping within a very convenient central area.

OVERNIGHT: **Rusacks Hotel, St Andrews** – Rusacks King Room – Golf View upgrade available

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2: ST ANDREWS, SCOTLAND

Today attend the Opening Day of the **Walker Cup** over the historic **Old Course of St Andrews**. The Saturday format is four morning foursomes (alternate shot) matches, followed by eight afternoon singles matches. Lunch is served between rounds for all PerryGolf guests in Rusacks Hotel.

OVERNIGHT: **Rusacks Hotel, St Andrews** – Rusacks King Room – Golf View upgrade available

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3: ST ANDREWS, SCOTLAND

Today attend the Final Day of the **Walker Cup** over the historic **Old Course of St Andrews**. The Sunday format is four morning foursomes (alternate shot) matches, followed by ten afternoon singles matches. Lunch is served between rounds for all PerryGolf guests in Rusacks Hotel.

This evening join us for our Walker Cup Closing Party in Rusacks Hotel.

OVERNIGHT: **Rusacks Hotel, St Andrews** – Rusacks King Room – Golf View upgrade available

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4: ST ANDREWS, SCOTLAND

GOLF: Today play **Carnoustie**. The club has been in The Open rota since 1931 having hosted the event on 8 occasions, most recently in 2018. It is regarded as the most difficult course the game's greats face in golf's oldest championship. While the links is relatively flat it is exposed to the elements. A combination of length and accuracy are required as golfers face narrow corridors from the tee. Approach shots demand precision to the greens heavily guarded by steep bunkers and burns. Arguably the toughest finishing holes in championship golf, errant shots are severely penalized.

SIGHTSEEING: Non-Golfers will enjoy a visit to **Glamis Castle**, childhood home of Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, and birthplace of Princess Margaret. The family home of the Earls of Strathmore and Kinghorne it has been a Royal residence since 1372 and is the legendary setting of Shakespeare's play Macbeth.

OVERNIGHT: Rusacks Hotel, St Andrews – Rusacks King Room – Golf View upgrade available

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5: ST ANDREWS, SCOTLAND

GOLF: Today play **Kingsbarns Golf Links**. Its sandy, linksland soils are the basis for this heritage, and produce the fine-bladed fescues which are the cornerstone of fast-and-firm playing surfaces that characterize links golf. Designed by Kyle Phillips and opened anew in 2000, its rebirth has been shared with golfers from near and far with outstanding reviews. The links features spacious rolling fairways, large greens, and exceptional sea views on every hole. A challenging yet enjoyable champion-standard traditional Scottish links course.

SIGHTSEEING: Non-Golfers will travel by train to enjoy **Edinburgh**, the capital city of Scotland; famous for its **Parliament**, Castle, **Holyrood Palace**, history, architecture, festivals, and city walking. The city is divided between the Old Town and the New Town. The Old Town is where you will find the greatest gathering of historical buildings whilst the New Town is more a celebration of business, order and classical Georgian architecture. This is the terrain of the shops, offices and banks as well as many bars and cafes. Enjoy an overview of the city before having free time to explore on your own.

OVERNIGHT: **Rusacks Hotel, St Andrews** – Rusacks King Room – Golf View upgrade available

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6: ST ANDREWS, SCOTLAND

GOLF: Today challenge the **Old Course of St. Andrews** the 'Home of Golf'. The Old Course has played host to the greatest golfers in the world and produced many of golf's dramatic moments. Wide double fairways, seven extensive double greens, and a multitude of intimidating bunkers are just some of the unique features you will encounter.

(Please note the actual day of play for the Old Course is subject to final confirmation)

SIGHTSEEING: Today a chance to relax and enjoy the beautiful town of St Andrews at your own pace.

This evening enjoy our Farewell Party & Dinner in Rusacks Hotel.

OVERNIGHT: **Rusacks Hotel, St Andrews** – Rusacks King Room – Golf View upgrade available

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7: ST ANDREWS, SCOTLAND

After breakfast transfer to Edinburgh Airport for homeward flights.

Golf Schedule

Dumbarnie Links



Dumbarnie Links is one of Scotland's newest links courses opened in 2020. Located 9 miles south of St Andrews, the layout plays over 345 acres, part of the 5,000-acre Balcarres Estate held by Lord Anthony Balniel and his family since the 16th century. Designed by Clive Clark, a member of the 1973 Great Britain and Ireland Ryder Cup team, the site is highlighted by a mile and a half of sea frontage featuring panoramic views over the Firth of Forth. Its dual elevations, which are connected by a flowing escarpment, provide a number of elevated tees where holes play directly towards the sea. The design incorporates three potentially drivable par-4s along with several holes that present tempting risk/reward opportunities. This course is designed to inspire rather than intimidate golfers. Total yardage varies from 5,300 to 6,900 yards.

[Drone Footage - Dumbarnie Links, Scotland](#)

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Carnoustie

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 Pádraig Harrington and most recently Francesco Molinari in 2018.



Kingsbarns



Golf dates to a nine-hole layout here in 1793. It was commandeered by the military during the Second World War not to reappear until Kyle Phillips took an interest in the late 1990s. His design ushered in the era of “modern classics” when it opened in 2000 looking like it had been there for years. The terrain is links style perfection with tumbling fairways and sandy soil that produce the fine-bladed fescues which are the cornerstone of fast-and-firm playing surfaces that characterise links golf. The fairways are spacious, the greens are large, exceptional views of the North Sea are found on every hole.

St Andrews - Old Course

This is the ‘Home of Golf’. The Old Course has played host to the greatest golfers and produced many of golf’s most dramatic moments. Wide double fairways, seven extensive double greens, and a multitude of intimidating bunkers are just some of the unique features you will encounter. Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods each hoisted the Claret Jug here on two occasions. In 1927, Bobby Jones claimed The 62nd Open six years after taking four strokes to escape the Hill Bunker at the 11th and tearing up his scorecard! No. 17, the “Road Hole”, is always an adventure as is negotiating the Valley of Sin at the short par-4 18th.



WEBCAST - A Greenside Chat: "The Story of The Inner Workings of The Home of Golf" ~ St Andrews Links Trust

Accommodations

Rusacks Hotel



Occupying a landmark 1600's building, overlooking the iconic Old Course, the Home of Golf, the hotel is the newest offering from Marine & Lawn Hotels & Resorts. Reopened in July 2021 following a major transformation and extension housing new rooms overlooking the 18th fairway. Warm woods and antique furnishings meet luxurious materials and mystical touches to create a vivid ode to the Highlands and Linksland of Scotland. Selected rooms feature prime views of the surrounding courses and natural landscapes, and come with a wide array of fine amenities to make your stay as enjoyable as possible. A stunning destination rooftop 18 sits on the fourth floor of the new extension to the previous footprint and its full glass wall offers a panoramic view across the Old Course, West Sands and the North Sea. The ground floor will house The Bridge, for casual all-day dining option and One Under Bar, an intimate, underground bar will serve the very best pub favourites, beers, whiskies and cocktails.