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## 2019 **British Isles** Golf Cruise Including Sunday Attendance to The 148th Open

12 Nights | 5 Rounds | Edinburgh to Southampton | Attend The Open at Royal Portrush | July 17 - 29

This Voyage is Hosted by PerryGolf Co-Founder **Colin Dalgleish**

Our 12 night voyage begins in **Edinburgh, Scotland** for its journey through the **British Isles** with eight ports of call including **Ireland's Portrush** to attend the final day's play of the **148th Open Championship** at the magnificent Royal Portrush Golf Club (1888) The itinerary is beautifully balanced with famous city experiences such as **Dublin, Belfast, Glasgow** and **Liverpool** combined with a visit to the charming Isle of Man. Our call at Invergordon will take us to the very heart of the **Scottish Highlands**. Finally our voyage will conclude in one of the world's great capitals - **London**.

The golf arrangements are exceptional. Your biggest decision may well be whether to join the **MAX FAULKNER** flight or the **FRED DALY** flight. Either way, you are assured of five fabulous rounds including a mixture of Royal Clubs and Open Championship venues. View the course collections below. The PerryGolf staff will oversee all aspects of your golf experience from daily pairings to caddie arrangements and the handling of your golf clubs, which will be set up at each club awaiting your arrival from the ship.

The on board experience with Azamara is to want for nothing. Our companies partnered since 2011 and found an ideal match of form and function. The 690 passenger *Journey* is large enough to provide every comfort and amenity, yet nimble enough to navigate smaller harbours. Azamara is recognized as a specialist for "destination immersion" by providing more time in port than other major cruise lines. You'll find an impressive selection of Land Discoveries® that you can enjoy to their fullest. PerryGolf also offers accompanying non-golfing spouses the option to attend the final day's play of the 148th Open Championship. It really is the perfect vacation for golfers and non-golfers alike!

Forty-six suites are available on *Journey*, each attended by English-style butler service. Dining, wine, beer, spirits, coffees and sodas plus shuttle service to and from port communities, and more is inclusive along with all gratuities. Better yet, two full days at sea are scheduled for you to unwind with the help of this outstanding vessel. If you are inclined to indulge, we recommend you make your arrangements without delay.

## Detailed Itinerary

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### JULY 17, WEDNESDAY; EDINBURGH (LEITH), SCOTLAND (EMBARK BY 4:30PM / IN PORT)

Embark *Azamara Journey* from 1:00pm onwards. All aboard 4:30PM.

Welcome Cocktails & Briefing this evening and a chance to meet your fellow participants.

**Overnight: In Port - Edinburgh, Scotland**

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## JULY 18, THURSDAY: EDINBURGH (LEITH), SCOTLAND (IN PORT / SAIL 2:00PM)

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**Edinburgh** – the inspiring capital of Scotland – is a historic, cosmopolitan and cultured city. The setting is striking; a city perched on a series of extinct volcanoes and rocky crags which rise from the generally flat landscape of the Lothians with the sheltered shoreline of the Firth of Forth to the north. Edinburgh Castle dominates the city-center and from its ramparts you can look down on medieval lanes that hold over a thousand years of history, mystery and tradition. You will also see a modern, dynamic capital where international festivals attract the world's leading performers, galleries display cutting-edge art, and bars, restaurants and clubs create a lively, cosmopolitan atmosphere with a distinctly Scottish twist. No visit to Edinburgh would be complete without a walk up the Royal Mile, which stretches from the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the Queen's official residence in Scotland, to Edinburgh Castle. The route is lined with tourist shops but be sure to explore the narrow alleys called closes that lead off the Royal Mile.

Enjoy **Edinburgh** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**.

### Overnight: At Sea

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## JULY 19, FRIDAY: INVERGORDON, SCOTLAND (8:00AM / 10:00PM))

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**Invergordon** is the deep water port for **Inverness**, the capital of the Scottish Highlands and your gateway to an area of the Highlands known as the "Great Glen". Travel 20 miles north to the picturesque town of Dornoch to see its sandstone buildings, beautiful domestic gardens and tiny 13th Century cathedral. Ten miles further you'll find the fairy-tale ancestral home of the Clan Sutherland – Dunrobin Castle – one of the oldest inhabited houses in Scotland, dating back to the 13th century. The stunning formal gardens which run down to the sea are based on those at Versailles and were laid out in the 1850s. Daily displays of the ancient sport of falconry take place in the gardens. Less than an hour south is magnificent Cawdor Castle, the setting for Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. The 14th century home of the Thanes of Cawdor is considered one of the most romantic stately homes in the Highlands with its fine collection of rare tapestries, portraits and furniture plus lovely gardens and grounds.

Enjoy **Invergordon** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**.

MAX FAULKNER & FRED DALY: Today both flights play **Castle Stuart Golf Links**. One of the newest additions to the links courses of Scotland. Castle Stuart runs along the shores of the Moray Firth to the east of Inverness with wonderful views over to the Black Isle. Six holes hug the shoreline while the remaining holes are played over a terraced slope so views out to sea are ever present. Already included in the World's Top 100.

### Overnight: At Sea

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## JULY 20, SATURDAY: AT SEA

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A full day at sea as *Journey* sails Scotland's northern coast line including the Hebrides, an archipelago comprising hundreds of islands off the northwest coast. Here's your chance to reset with the help of four restaurants plus cafes and lounges, a pool, sun decks, a spa, fitness center, jogging track, hair salon, shops, casino and cabaret lounge. Azamara's clubhouse style ambience provides a hybrid of luxury and big-ship cruising with every amenity presented in an intimate setting with superb service. Note that the best cocktails are found along with the best views on Deck 10 in the Living Room where you can admire the Murano glass and gaze out

the floor-to-ceiling windows.

**Overnight: At Sea**

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## **JULY 21, SUNDAY: LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND (7:00AM / 9:00PM)**

Today attend the final round of **The 148th Open at Royal Portrush**. It The Dunluce Course at Royal Portrush Golf Club in Northern Ireland holds the distinction of being the only club outside of Scotland and England to have ever hosted The Open which it did in 1951. The club was founded in 1888 as a nine hole layout. In 1929 legendary Harry 'H.S' Colt designed Dunluce through rugged links land with constant changes of both direction and elevation. Be sure take in the par four, 411 yard 5th, which is played to a green hanging on the edge of a cliff along with the 16th, Calamity Corner, a 210 yard par 3 requiring a solid strike over a yawning chasm which must be cleared to stand any chance of making par. Our shuttle service between the golf course and the ship will run continuously during the day.

**SIGHTSEEING:** The city of Derry, or Londonderry, is the second largest in Northern Ireland behind the capital, Belfast. Said to have been founded in the 6th century by Saint Colmcille (or St Columba), Derry was renamed Londonderry in 1613 upon the award of its Royal Charter by King James I. Through the siege of the walled city in 1689 to its key strategic role in World War II, Derry has been influential in the shaping of the world around it. In 2013, it holds the honour of being the UK's first City of Culture.

Enjoy **Londonderry** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**.

**Overnight: At Sea**

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## **JULY 22, MONDAY: BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND (7:00AM / 10:00PM)**

**Belfast** in the early 20th century had the largest and most productive shipyard in the world, gaining global renown with the launch of the RMS Titanic. Located on the slipways where she was built is a stunning new museum, opened in time for the 100th anniversary of Titanic's only voyage and tragic demise. Today the city and riverfront are undergoing a 21st century transformation, but many exuberant Victorian and Edwardian buildings still sport the carved heads of kings and queens. As you explore the city, keep an eye out for "the murals." These somewhat troubling freelance works appearing on building walls provide insight into the period known simply as "The Troubles."

Enjoy **Belfast** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**.

**MAX FAULKNER:** Today play **Royal County Down**. Located in the town of Newcastle to the south of Belfast. Consistently ranked in the top 10 courses in the world, this is a true test of links golf set against the magnificent backdrop of the Mountains of Mourne. Host to the 2007 Walker Cup Match featuring a young local by the name of Rory McIlroy, and an all-star USA lineup.

**FRED DALY:** Today play **Portstewart**. The club is continually overshadowed by its more illustrious near neighbour Royal Portrush, yet serves as 2017 host to the European Tour's Irish Open and for many keen

observers it is one of the finest layouts in Northern Ireland. In particular its front nine plays through sand dunes every bit as impressive as Ballybunion and Royal County Down.

#### **Overnight: At Sea**

### **JULY 23, TUESDAY: GREENOCK (GLASGOW), SCOTLAND (7:30AM / 9:00PM)**

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This reinvented industrial center in western Scotland has solidified its reputation as a cultural hub. Charles Rennie Mackintosh is one of the first names to know; he was a prodigious architect, interior designer and artist, and the city has a wealth of his work. Stop by his Willow Tea Rooms for a cup of tea and a scone. The Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum whose blue and gold inlaid ceiling, Art Deco hanging lamps and marble floors are sufficient reason to visit, let alone the impressive art collection that includes Salvador Dalí's controversial "Christ of St John of the Cross." **Glasgow** has an abundance of excellent seafood dining. The Crabshakk is perfect for daily catches including ruby red langoustines. The oyster bar at Rogano in Exchange Square is where power brokers celebrate deals with a glass of Champagne and a dozen oysters in a space designed to look like a 1930s Art Deco cruise liner. At the Pot Still, an institution that dates from 1857, choose from over 450 malt whiskies like Lagavulin or Arran.

Enjoy Glasgow on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**.

**MAX FAULKNER:** Today play **Prestwick Golf Club** one of the world's oldest clubs and whose very testing and traditional links hosted the very first Open Championship in 1860. The winner was Willie Park from Musselburgh with a score of 174 for thirty six holes, two shots clear of the legendary Tom Morris. Prestwick was home to the first eleven Championships and then held it jointly along with The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews and The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers (Muirfield). Prestwick's twenty fourth and last Championship was in 1925 when Jim Barnes from the USA won. Only the Old Course of St Andrews has hosted more Open Championships than Prestwick.

**FRED DALY:** Today play the **Ailsa Course** of **Turnberry**. Lying on a spectacular curve of rockbound coast, the coastal scenery is magnificent especially from the 4th through the 11th and passing the famous landmark lighthouse at the turn. No one can ever forget the 1977 "duel in the sun" between Jack Nicklaus & Tom Watson. In 2009, the Ailsa Course hosted the Open Championship for the 4th time, when 32 years later Tom Watson almost clinched the championship as a 59 year old, losing out to Stewart Cink in a play off for the famed Claret Jug.

#### **Overnight: At Sea**

### **JULY 24, WEDNESDAY: DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN (8:00AM / 9:00PM)**

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The tiny **Isle of Man** has a lot to offer. Douglas' lovely seafront is lined with picturesque hotels and restaurants, and can be traversed by horse-drawn trams as it has been since 1876. There's a medieval fortress in Castletown; a ruined castle on the Isle of St. Patrick where tales of Vikings, monks, and a ghost dog abound; and the village of Cregneash, where people live in thatched cottages, speak the native Manx language, and practice traditional trades and crafts. Front gardens on residential streets are a standout, awash in colour and scent.

Enjoy **The Isle of Man** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**

OPTIONAL GOLF: Today we offer an opportunity at supplementary cost for golf at the delightful **Castletown Golf Links**. This traditional links course designed by Old Tom Morris in 1892 and later updated by MacKenzie Ross is set on a small peninsula of land jutting out from the South-Eastern tip of the island and is entirely surrounded by the sea on all three sides affording spectacular views from every hole. The cost per person is \$295 to include green fees one forecaddie per group, round trip transportation, management and handling of golf equipment, various novelty prizes on selected holes, open bar, homemade snacks on the golf course plus barbecue following play, and services of Castletown Golf Links staff throughout the day. **Places are limited. Early sign up essential.**

#### **Overnight: At Sea**

### **JULY 25, THURSDAY; LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND (7:00AM / 11:00PM)**

**Liverpool** is a UNESCO World Heritage City. It offers a unique mix of contemporary and classic architecture. The city's many exclusive independent boutiques and unique gift shops make it one of the leading retail destinations in England. It is a sports mecca with its Premier League football, Rugby League club, major championship golf at Royal Liverpool (Hoylake) and Aintree Racecourse. Best of all, it is home to The Beatles. You can walk down Penny Lane. You can visit Strawberry Field which was a Salvation Army children's home said to be the place that inspired John to become a musician. Visit the site and have your photo taken next to the famous gates.

Enjoy **Liverpool** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**.

MAX FAULKNER: Today play **Royal Birkdale**. A course which provides a formidable test of links golf with each hole running in valleys between towering sand hills. Royal Birkdale hosted the Open in 2008 when Padraig Harrington lifted the Claret Jug to complete back to back wins, and it is again host in 2017. It was of course the site of Arnold Palmer's Open Championship win in 1961.]

FRED DALY: Situated next door to Royal Birkdale, **Hillside Golf Club** is widely regarded as the best links never to have hosted The Open although it has been a final qualifying site for the event on many occasions. The links weaves through sandhills and tranquil pines to deliver a variety of holes certain to test the best players. The course is well known for its wonderful conditioning and slick greens. The back nine holes are considered among the best in Britain.

### **JULY 26, FRIDAY: DUBLIN, IRELAND (7:30AM / 9:00PM)**

There is a lot to do in **Dublin**. A good place to begin is The National Museum of Ireland on Kildare Street for a well-designed archaeological collection featuring Bronze Age gold jewelry and Viking swords. The stars of the show are the "bog people" — preserved corpses of men who were killed (presumably sacrificed) and tossed into peat bogs during the Iron Age. The preservative qualities are remarkable. Dublin is home to St Patrick's Cathedral of course but much of Ireland's history can be read in Christ Church Cathedral, which dates back to circa 1030. The medieval crypt is full of treasures plus the belfry tour (11:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.) provides a beautiful view and an up-close look at the flying buttresses, as well as the chance to try bell-ringing. Dublin's booming culinary scene is found along Exchequer Street where The Green Hen has won many admirers with its combination of French atmosphere and Franco-Irish cuisine made with locally sourced ingredients. Try the pan-fried duck breast. Finally, while craft beer is certainly the popular new thing, a pint of "the black stuff" is still required drinking on any trip to Dublin. The Guinness Storehouse museum at the St. James's Gate brewery

explains how the stout is made and how to pull a proper pint at the correct 45-degree angle and waiting 119.5 seconds before topping it off. Take it up to the Gravity Bar, where the 360-degree view of Dublin is worth lingering over.

Enjoy **Dublin** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**

**MAX FAULKNER:** Today play **Portmarnock Links** designed by Bernhard Langer and opened for play in 1995. As a three time winner of the Irish Open at nearby Portmarnock Golf Club and The Royal Dublin Golf Club it was fitting that Langer chose this magnificent setting to design his first links course set in the grounds of the old Jameson Estate of St. Marnocks. The course has played host to professional and amateur events including 2008 and 2009 Ladies Irish Open.

**FRED DALY:** Today play the **Palmer Ryder Cup Course of The K Club**. This beautiful parkland course was designed by Arnold Palmer and hosted the 2006 Ryder Cup with all its attendant drama. The course covers an area of mature woodland to the west of Dublin City to which fourteen lakes have been added. *Note: Golf cart venue*

**Overnight: At Sea**

## **JULY 27, SATURDAY: AT SEA**

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Another full day at sea

**Overnight: At Sea**

## **JULY 28, SUNDAY: LONDON (TOWER BRIDGE), UK (4:00PM / IN PORT)**

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**London** – so much to see and so many ways to see it. Get the big picture from atop the London Eye and a close up sailing through time on the River Thames, past the historic Houses of Parliament and Tower of London, and the new city of the Tate Modern and Canary Wharf, a trendy live/work district.

Enjoy the vast collection of treasures in the British Museum, or take a tour of Shakespeare's Globe, few hundred years from where the original stood.

Rest up with a spot of afternoon tea, and spend the evening in the West End, where theatrical options are many, excellent, and star-studded

Enjoy **London** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**.

**Overnight: In Port - London, England**

## **JULY 29, MONDAY: LONDON (TOWER BRIDGE), UK (DISEMBARK 9:00AM)**

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9:00AM Disembark *Azamara Journey*

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## Golf Schedule

### Castle Stuart

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Once Kingsbarns opened, developer Mark Parsinen began his search for an encore. He found it in the Highlands overlooking the Moray Firth less than ten miles from Inverness where he and Gil Hanse fashioned another modern links classic. The first three holes on each nine run away from the clubhouse and along the water. The remaining six on each side play on top of the escarpment offering spectacular views on your way back to the exceptional clubhouse.

Castle Stuart is a true links course in every sense with revetted natural bunkers, waste bunkers, rumpled fairways and run-up greens. This three-time host to the Scottish Open complements any visit to the Highlands.

### Royal County Down

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Northern Ireland's Royal County Down is routinely ranked among the World Top 5 and never less than first or second among the great clubs of the UK and Ireland for two reasons: the beauty of the setting and the brilliance of the design. Old Tom Morris authored the first 18 hole course here and gets a healthy share of the credit for this masterpiece but George Coombe and Harry Colt also had a hand in it, as have Donald Steele and Martin & Ebert in recent years. None would dispute however, that the site as it was found with its rugged dunes, natural corridors and hollows, golden gorse and purple heather was destined for greatness. The ninth stands out among many. This 427-yard par 4 begins with a blind tee shot to a fairway found eighty feet down a sidehill plunge where two cross bunkers protect a green saddled between two dunes.



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Royal County Down Golf Club, Northern Ireland by LINKS Magazine

### Portstewart - Strand Course

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Possibly, indeed probably, The Strand Course at Portstewart has always been inspired by her renowned neighbors Royal County Down and Royal Portrush to join the ranks of Northern Ireland's leading layouts. The original course opened



in 1908, was largely reinvented by the great Willie Park in the early 1920's, then updated again in the 1980s. Next after a healthy investment to acquire a range of massive, untouched sand dunes called "Thistly Hollow", seven outstanding new holes were constructed that make for an opening nine considered one of the best in links golf. Please note a very limited supply of golf carts are available for hire. Certain restrictions may apply, please advise your Golf Travel Specialist.

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Portstewart Golf Club, Northern Ireland by LINKS Magazine

## Prestwick

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' twelve-hole layout beginning in 1860. Six holes were added in 1883. One of the club's 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'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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## Trump Turnberry - Ailsa Course



You can't rush perfection, Turnberry's Ailsa Course is proof. It was established in 1902, modified in 1906, modified again in 1909, redesigned in 1938 then nearly disappeared after the Second World War when it was converted into an airbase with several holes flattened into concrete runways. It was restored and reopened in 1951 as one of Scotland's finest links to the extent it hosted The



Open for the first time in 1977 when Tom Watson's 65-65 weekend beat Jack Nicklaus' 65-66. MacKenzie & Ebert made extensive alterations before The Open in 2009 then Ebert returned for a major update in 2015. The result is spectacular, particularly but by no means limited to holes 9-11 that play across and along the bay atop rock outcrops on the left; dunes, pot bunkers and high fescue on the right. The club's famous lighthouse includes an incredible two-bedroom suite and one of the most memorable halfway houses in golf.

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

## Castletown

Located on Langness Peninsula in Isle of Man, the links at Castletown is surrounded on three sides by the Irish Sea. Set high above sea level, the course offers breathtaking views of the rocky coast and water - sharks, seals and dolphins below. The greens are smooth and slick, bentgrass and fescues, provide a true roll. The 17th is a 421-yard par-4 named "Gully." Through the decades the elements have eroded a chunk of the land and a 200-yard carry is required to reach the fairway.

## Royal Birkdale



A course that provides a formidable test of links golf and fully deserves its recognition as a true venue for The Open since joining the rota in 1954. Each hole runs in valleys between towering sandhills. The problems are clearly stated, if you stray from the fairway the buckthorn and scrub can be demanding. Arnold Palmer won the championship here in 1961 which was a significant step toward attracting top American pros to participate. Tom Watson won the Claret Jug here in 1983. Jordan Spieth won in 2017.

## Hillside

Situated next door to Royal Birkdale, Hillside Golf Club is widely regarded as the best links never to have hosted The Open although it has been a final qualifying site for the event on many occasions. The links weaves through sandhills and tranquil pines to deliver a variety of holes certain to test the best players. The course is well known for its wonderful conditioning and slick greens. The back nine holes are considered among the best in Britain.



## Portmarnock



Portmarnock Golf Club is the undisputed leading links in Dublin, found only 10

miles from the airport. It is also recognized as one of the finest in the world regularly listed among the top 50. The Irish Open has played here nearly 20 times along with the Walker Cup, the Irish Amateur Close Championship and the British Amateur Championship. Found on 500 acres of a sandy peninsula facing the Irish Sea, the club opened in 1894 with nine holes before nine more were added two years later forming the championship layout played today. The site is fairly flat without dramatic dunes which produces a predictable golf course where nothing is manmade. This along with consistently true greens has endeared the course to many over the years.

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Portmarnock Golf Club, Ireland by LINKS Magazine

## K Club - The Palmer North Course

Located 17 miles from Dublin city center, this 550-acre, 5-star golf resort has no equal in Ireland. Arnold Palmer designed both 18-hole courses, this one the North Course opened in 1991 and served as host for the 2006 Ryder Cup. It has also been the site for multiple European Open championships. It is a difficult golf course. There are 14 lakes on this meticulously manicured parkland layout with large, quick and severely sloped greens. True to form, Palmer's favorite hole was No. 4, a risk-reward par 5 where overhanging trees guard the right side and the green entices golfers to take a swing.



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