
2021 **Scottish Links & Islands** Golf Cruise

12 Nights | 4 Rounds | Amsterdam - Dublin | August 4 - 16

PerryGolf is proud to partner with **Azamara Club Cruises®** for an exceptional 12-night, 4-round golf voyage around the spectacular coastline of **Scotland**. Our voyage onboard the 690-guest *Azamara Quest* has the added benefit of starting in **Amsterdam** and concluding in **Dublin**, allowing an opportunity to also spend additional time in these great European cities.

Our time in Scotland takes in **Edinburgh** and **Glasgow**, plus **Invergordon** in the Scottish Highlands, and a number of the country's most storied islands including **Shetland**, **Orkney**, and **Lewis**. Our golf lineup is as strong and revered as you will find anywhere; Gleneagles **Kings Course**, **Kingsbarns**, **Castle Stuart**, plus the stunning **Ailsa Course of Turnberry**.

Azamara Quest, which serves as our perfect floating boutique hotel and clubhouse, is a mid-sized luxury vessel nimble enough to access smaller ports yet large enough to provide every amenity you would expect, from a choice of fine dining and live entertainment, to a well-equipped gym and full-service spa. Forty-six suites are available with English butler style service which routinely book early. Sailing schedules often include extended stays in port plus the occasional overnight which allows for a truly immersive experience. Better still, these cruises are inclusive of a selection of beers, spirits, soft drinks, bottled water, specialty coffees plus wine with lunch and dinner along with gratuities for housekeeping, dining and bar staff. Azamara also proudly boasts two unique signature events on each cruise – an **AzAmazing EveningSM** and the **White Night** party – complimentary to all guests and consistently well received.

Every aspect of the golf program is fully managed by PerryGolf staff onboard and ashore. Your clubs will be ready and waiting at each venue. Tee times and pairings arranged and posted in advance. A convenient transportation schedule affords suitable time to warm up at the range, and to make the almost inevitable pro shop merchandise purchase. Caddies are included (excluding caddie gratuity) for all our guests. A friendly competition is staged at a selected course, with prizes awarded at our farewell gathering. A snack lunch is included on-course plus an open bar operates in the clubhouse at the conclusion of the round. Our typical guest list which brings together like-minded individuals generally numbers between 40 and 50, with new friendships invariably formed during each cruise. Many guests are golfing couples but an equal number are golfers travelling with a non-golfing spouse. Specially arranged onboard golf group social functions, to which all accompanying non-golfing spouses are most warmly welcomed, further enhances the club-like environment. The award winning **Azamara Shore Excursions®** program, offering a wide variety of off ship excursions, also caters beautifully to our non-golfing guests during days when our golfing excursions are underway.

The “2021 *Scottish Links & Islands Golf Cruise*” is a genuinely full-featured vacation and a special opportunity to enjoy yourself in the company of like-minded new friends!

[Photo Album](#)

Detailed Itinerary

AUGUST 4, WEDNESDAY: AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS (EMBARK BY 3:30PM / SAIL 5:00PM)

Embark Azamara Quest beginning at 1:00PM. All aboard by 3:30PM.

Welcome Cocktails & Briefing this evening. Meet your fellow participants.

Overnight: At Sea

AUGUST 5, THURSDAY: AT SEA

Today it's time to relax and reset. Make your reservations early for **The Sanctum Spa**, a world-class wellness facility offering a full range of health, beauty and restorative treatments. Complimentary fitness and nutrition classes are available along with a fully equipped gym on Deck 9 offering magnificent sea views. There's room for everyone on the Pool Deck both in and out of the sun. Service to your lounge chair is available from **The Pool Bar** where the attentive staff is always ready to offer an inclusive cocktail, beer, bottled water, soft drink or fresh towel. **The Patio** restaurant serves casual fare during the day then completely transforms itself into a sit-down al fresco dining experience at night with table linens and candles. Elegant specialty dining is available for beef at **Prime C** and Italian at **Aqualina**. **Windows Café** serves casual buffet dining with every imaginable choice indoors and out at the sensational Sunset Bar.

What a way to spend a day!

Overnight: At Sea

AUGUST 6, FRIDAY: EDINBURGH (LEITH) (2:00AM / IN PORT)

GOLF: Today play the **Kings Course at Gleneagles Hotel** which opened in 1919 and is a shot maker's paradise. Renowned architect and five-time Open champion James Braid intended to test every facet of a golfer's skill set. With springy moorland turf underfoot in an idyllic setting featuring rock faced mountains to the north, lush green hills to the south and the peaks of the Trossachs and Ben Vorlich on the western horizon, the scenery is incomparable. The 5th hole, Het Girdle (Hot Pan) is a fantastic par-3 loaded with trouble until your shot safely reaches the green.

SIGHTSEEING: **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 and pubs 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®**.

Port Explorer Guide - Edinburgh

Overnight: In Port - Edinburgh (Leith), Scotland

AUGUST 7, SATURDAY: EDINBURGH (LEITH) (IN PORT / 10:00PM)

Enjoy another full day in Scotland's capital!

Overnight: At Sea

AUGUST 8, SUNDAY: DUNDEE (8:00AM / 8:00PM)

GOLF: Today play **Kingsbarns Golf Links**. Its sandy, links land 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: Once most famous for its industrial character, **Dundee** has evolved into a vibrant art, design, music and theatre scene. It's the UK's first designated UNESCO City of Design and now has the first design museum outside of London. The new V&A Museum of Design is housed in a world-class building at the heart of the newly transformed waterfront. Visit and learn the story of Scotland's outstanding design heritage.

McManus is Dundee's major museum, but don't miss the Dundee Contemporary Arts. A focal point for the arts and design crowd, the building serves as a design shop, hip café, gallery and arts cinema. Just as must-see is the **Dundee Science Centre** (formerly known as Sensation), a museum devoted to the senses: slide through a cut-away head on a pink tongue, before exiting through a nostril. Sensational, indeed. Down by the waterfront you can explore the Royal Research Ship Discovery, launched in 1901 to explore the South Pole. In the evening the west side of Perth offers great bars and a wonderful view over Britain's most powerful river, the Tay. Find a bench with a pint of Deuchars IPA and watch the river go by.

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

Port Explorer Guide - Dundee

Overnight: At Sea

AUGUST 9, MONDAY: INVERGORDON (9:00AM / 10:00PM)

GOLF: Today play **Castle Stuart Golf Links**. The one of 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. The club is included in the World's Top 100.

SIGHTSEEING: **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 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®**.

Port Explorer Guide – Invergordon

Overnight: At Sea

AUGUST 10, TUESDAY: LERWICK, SHETLAND (1:00PM / 10:00PM)

Nearly 600 miles north of London is **Shetland**, Britain's most northerly territory found due west of Norway. The only town in this archipelago of more than 100 islands and fewer than 8,000 inhabitants is the port of **Lerwick**. This might not be where you'd expect to find charming shops, lively pubs and visiting yachts, but you will. There is an old town and a new town both easy to walk. The Shetland Museum & Archives is an award winning attraction in the heart of town on Hay's Dock. On the outskirts, see what the Iron Age looks like at Clickimin Broch, a stone-built round house found only in Scotland.

Port Explorer Guide -- Lerwick

Overnight: At Sea

AUGUST 11, WEDNESDAY: KIRKWALL, ORKNEY (8:00AM / 8:00PM)

The 70 islands of **Orkney** are low lying, a pleasing, gently rolling panorama of fertile fields, heather cloaked moors, and lakes. The red sandstone walls of the imposing St. Magnus Cathedral dominate **Kirkwall**, the main town, capital, and hub for roads linking east and west. In summer whales and dolphins sport in coastal waters, and tens of thousands of breeding seabirds congregate on sharp seaside cliffs. The early arrival of mankind on this scene can be investigated at Skara Brae, an amazingly well-preserved Neolithic village that was inhabited and already abandoned more than 5,000 years ago.

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

Port Explorer Guide - Kirkwall

Overnight: At Sea

AUGUST 12, THURSDAY: STORNOWAY, ISLE OF LEWIS (8:00AM / 8:00PM)

Colorful row houses and red-hulled fishing vessels line the shores of the picturesque port set on the edge of the **Outer Hebrides**. Deeply rooted in tradition, it's not uncommon to be greeted in Gaelic here.

Listen to the lilt of locals as you dine on fresh-caught seafood and delectable **Stornoway** smoked salmon.

Adventurous palates may also seek out the local delicacy of Stornoway Black Pudding to pair with a strong pint of ale from the Hebridean Brewing Company. Stroll the streets surrounding the harbor to peruse the largest selection of shops outside of the mainland, including independent bookstores, quaint bakeries, and pubs – even an ironmonger.

The gateway to Lewis and Harris Island, Stornoway is a short journey to a natural wonderland of mountains, craggy rocks, moorlands, meadows, and rugged coastlines. Explore the grounds of historic Lews Castle. Walk the hallowed grounds surrounding the ancient Callanish Stones. Watch as skilled craftsmen produce **Harris Tweed**, a luxury handwoven wool unique to the Island. Or, hop a ferry to neighbouring Skye to tour its breath-taking coast and sip peaty Talisker scotch. Enjoy an authentic Scottish experience in the epicentre of Gaelic culture.

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

[Port Explorer Guide - Stornoway](#)

Overnight: At Sea

AUGUST 13, FRIDAY: OBAN (8:00AM / 5:00PM)

Under the craggy emerald peaks of the Scottish Highlands lies a tiny port town with a heart for adventure. Gaelic for “little bay”, **Oban** is a captivating getaway that fulfils your every dream of Scotland. Dubbed both the Gateway to the Isles and the sea kayaking capital of Scotland; kayaking, boating, and other outdoor endeavours are within easy reach of Oban. Kayak out of the harbour or take one of many ferries to the neighboring isles to spend your day portaging and hiking. River otters, seals, sea lions, porpoise and puffins attract nature lovers to explore the shores of Loch Linnhe and the nearby Scottish Sealife Sanctuary.

The backdrop to both historic and fictional scenes, Oban’s breath-taking landscape has played a key role in some of history’s most famous moments. Explore the magnificent Inveraray Castle, the former home to the Duke of Argyll. Look familiar? This vision in Gothic Revival architecture can also be seen on the popular show Downtown Abbey as the fictional “Duneagle Castle”. Embark on a short train ride along the Highlands aboard the Jacobite Steam Train and be transported into the wizarding world of Harry Potter. Speaking of Jacobites, even the natural beauty of the Highlands can’t conceal the echoes of the country’s tumultuous history, as you walk the hallowed grounds of the 1692 Massacre of Glencoe.

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

[Port Explorer Guide - Oban](#)

Overnight: At Sea

AUGUST 14, SATURDAY: GLASGOW (GREENOCK) (8:00AM / IN PORT)

GOLF: Today play the **Ailsa Course at Turnberry**. Lying on a spectacular curve of rockbound coast, the coastal scenery is magnificent especially from the 4th through the 11th. No one can forget the 1977 'Duel in the Sun' between Jack Nicklaus & Tom Watson when Watson’s weekend of 65-65 edged Nicklaus by one. In 2009,

the Ailsa Course hosted The Open for the 4th time when Tom Watson almost clinched the championship as a 59-year-old, losing out to Stewart Cink in a playoff for the famed Claret Jug. A major renovation was completed in 2016 which produced an impressive improvement in the club's already impressive world rankings.

SIGHTSEEING: Glasgow, a 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 Dal'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®**.

Port Explorer Guide - Glasgow

Overnight: In Port: Greenock, Scotland

AUGUST 15, SUNDAY: GLASGOW (GREENOCK) (IN PORT / 5:00PM)

Enjoy another day in Glasgow before our late afternoon departure for Dublin.

AUGUST 16, MONDAY: DUBLIN, IRELAND (7:00AM / DISEMBARK AT 9:00AM)

Disembark *Azamara Quest* at 9:00AM.

Golf Schedule

GLENEAGLES - KINGS COURSE: PERTHSHIRE, SCOTLAND



The King's Course was the inspiration of James Braid, five-time winner of The Open. It opened in 1919, representing the finest 'classical' golf course design. It is certainly one of the most beautiful and exhilarating places to play golf in the world. With the sweeping views from the tees all around, the rock-faced mountains to the north and the green hills to the south, and the peaks of the Trossachs and Ben Vorlich on the western horizon.

KINGSBARNs GOLF LINKS: ST ANDREWS, SCOTLAND

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CASTLE STUART GOLF LINKS: INVERNESS, SCOTLAND



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TRUMP TURNBERRY AILSA COURSE: TURNBERRY, SCOTLAND

The Ailsa underwent a significant renovation and opened as a new layout in June 2016. Lying on a spectacular curve of rockbound coast in the southern reaches of Ayrshire. The course now makes the most of the coastal scenery especially from the 4th through the 11th passing the famous landmark lighthouse at the turn, which is now a stunning halfway house. This is a demanding links course, and an ever present wind will make for a tough examination of your golfing skills.



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