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## Scotland's East Lothian & Ayrshire

Rounds including North Berwick, Gullane No. 1, Muirfield, Prestwick, Royal Troon & Ailsa Turnberry

Muirfield, ranked among the World's Top 100 Courses North Berwick, ranked among the World's Top 100 Courses Gullane No. 1, host to many national championships Royal Troon, ranked among the World's Top 100 Courses Ailsa Turnberry, ranked among the World's Top 100 Courses Prestwick, birthplace of The Open (1860) and ranked among the World's Top 100 Courses Marine North Berwick, 5-star lodging Marine Troon, 5-star lodging

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### Wednesday, June 3

This evening depart the United States.

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### Thursday, June 4

Play today at **North Berwick**. 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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On arrival at the Edinburgh 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 North Berwick** - 2 Marine King/Twin Room

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### Friday, June 5

Play **Gullane #1**, 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 Marine King/Twin Room

## Saturday, June 6

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Golf today on **Muirfield, 18 holes** , 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

## Sunday, June 7

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Play today at **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's 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 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

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

OVERNIGHT: **Marine Troon** - 2 Classic King/Twin

## Monday, June 8

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Play **Royal Troon** . Royal Troon is a course in the current Open rota. Arnold Palmer, Tom Watson and Tom Weiskopf (his only win in a major) have won here as did Henrik Stenson whose Sunday round of 63 outlasted Phil Mickelson's 65 to claim The 145th Open. It is a long links course but it is consistently praised for its testing but fair set up. Troon boasts both the longest and the shortest holes among Open venues, being the 'Postage Stamp' 8th at 126 yards, and the 6th at 601 yards named 'Turnberry'. The layout gives you a chance to find your game with a gentle opening but the inward nine is considered one of the most difficult sides in major championship golf.

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

[Click here](#) to watch how to play the Postage Stamp

[Click here](#) for the course VIDEO

OVERNIGHT: **Marine Troon** - 2 Classic King/Twin

**Tuesday, June 9**

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Play the **Ailsa Course** at Turnberry. 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's 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.

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OVERNIGHT: **Marine Troon** - 2 Classic King/Twin

**Wednesday, June 10**

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Depart the United Kingdom from Glasgow or Edinburgh Airport.

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## Your Lodging

### 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.

### 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.