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Dear Seth,

Please find enclosed your information pack documents:

- ❖ Itinerary
- ❖ Booking confirmation numbers
- ❖ Contact Numbers
- ❖ Restaurant Recommendations
- ❖ Sightseeing Suggestions
- ❖ General Advice for Travelling to Scotland

Thank you very much for booking with Golf Vacations Scotland and I hope you have a great time in Scotland.

Yours sincerely,

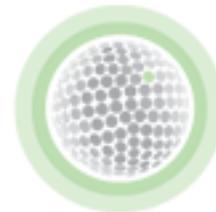
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## SCOTLAND ITINERARY 2025



Date	Golf	Accommodation
<p><b>Mon 20 Oct</b></p>	<p><b>08:30 Golf Vacations Scotland Chauffeur to meet in Edinburgh City at the Virgin Hotel</b></p> <p><b>Play St. Andrews Castle at 12:20</b>  <b>Ref: QUO-3264</b></p> <p><b><i>4 x Caddies requested</i></b></p>	<p><b>Arran 4 Star Guesthouse, St. Andrews</b></p> <p><b>Ref: Richards</b></p> <p><b><i>The Jones</i></b>  <b><i>The MacDonald</i></b>  <b><i>The Ferguson</i></b>  <b><i>The Dux</i></b></p> <p><b><i>4 x Twin Rooms</i></b></p>
<p><b>Tue 21 Oct</b></p>	<p><b>Play Crail Balcomie at 11:10</b></p> <p><b>Ref: Richards</b></p> <p><b><i>3 x Caddies Requested</i></b></p> <p><b>Enter Old Course Ballot</b></p>	<p><b>Arran Guesthouse</b></p>
<p><b>Wed 22 Oct</b></p>	<p><b>Play Carnoustie at 10:00</b></p> <p><b>Ref: 3025937</b></p> <p><b><i>8 x Caddies requested</i></b></p>	<p><b>Arran Guesthouse</b></p>
<p><b>Thu 23 Oct</b></p>	<p><b>Play Kingsbarns at 10:40</b></p> <p><b>Ref: 818005 Richards</b></p> <p><b><i>4 x Caddies requested</i></b></p> <p><b>Enter Old Course Ballot if previously unsuccessful.</b></p>	<p><b>Arran Guesthouse</b></p>

<b>Fri 24 Oct</b>	<b>Enter Old Course Ballot if previously unsuccessful.</b>	<b>Arran Guesthouse</b>
<b>Sat 25 Oct</b>	<b>Chauffeur Transfer to Edinburgh Airport</b>  <b>Depart Edinburgh Airport on</b> <b>DL 0123 at 11:20</b> <b>United 979 at 11:30</b> <b>To Dublin at 11:55</b> <b>JetBlue at 12:10</b> <b>DL0209 at 14:05</b>	

## General Advice for Travelling to Scotland

### Hand Luggage When Travelling

From time to time, our clients, unfortunately, arrive in Scotland before their luggage or golf clubs. This is normally due to luggage not making connecting flights in time. Airlines typically deliver delayed luggage by courier to your hotel on the day after arrival so hold onto all receipts and documentation about your flight. Plan for this by having a change of clothing (and perhaps some golf gear) in your hand luggage. Your airline will normally compensate you for any cost incurred for your luggage delay, including golf club hire. Ask our representative meeting you at the airport to phone the golf club to arrange club hire.

### Airport & Airline Security Regulations

Most airports restrict liquids at passenger security screening points. Liquids must be presented for security screening in a transparent Ziploc bag of max one litre capacity, 20 x 20cm with a max 100ml container size. Exceptions are made for baby food and medication. Many airlines also restrict hand luggage. Consult your airline's luggage policy for further information.

### Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA)

Eligible non-Europeans need an ETA to travel to the UK including Scotland. An ETA is a digital permission to travel—it authorises a person to travel to the UK. For full information, go to <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-an-electronic-travel-authorisation-eta>

### What To Pack

Pack some warm clothing, even in summer, as it can get cool in the evenings. Pack some rainwear, golf shoes and rain gloves – just in case it rains.

### Weather In Scotland

The Atlantic Ocean is the biggest influence on climate, giving varied weather, but the stories of the rain are exaggerated. Summer daytime temperature is 17-25C (60-75F). Most days are fine, and rain tends to be just brief showers, which do not last long but be prepared. Due to its high latitude, Scotland enjoys up to 18 hours daylight in summer and has over 10 hours daylight per day April to October.

### Medical Treatment and Health Insurance

A doctor is available all day in most towns. Dial 112 or 999 in case of emergencies. Prescribed medications are widely available in chemist stores. If on prescribed medication, it is useful to bring an adequate supply and a current prescription. EU citizens should bring an E111 card, entitling them to free emergency treatment in public hospitals. All other nationalities should check as to the validity of their health insurance plan in Scotland. We recommend you take out a travel insurance policy to insure you against any unforeseen circumstances which may cause your trip to be postponed or cancelled.

### Currency/Money

- The unit of currency in Scotland is the **Pound £**.
- Where possible, use your **ATM card** to obtain currency (you will need a PIN code from your bank) or use your credit cards for payments to avail of better exchange rates.

- **Currency** can be purchased at banks/foreign exchange bureaus. Currency exchange bureaus are open at Airports for all flight arrivals. **ATMs** are located in most towns and at the airports. Western Union services are available at Tourist and Post Offices throughout the country.
- **Master Card** and **Visa/Electron** are accepted widely in Scotland. **American Express** is also accepted. If you are offered choice of paying in the local currency or issuing currency of your card it is nearly always a better deal to pay in the local currency. Check with your card companies also as fees for overseas transactions vary significantly.
- **Sales Tax (VAT) Refunds**  
The price of most goods includes VAT (20% Government Value Added Tax), which can be refunded on departure for non-EU residents. Obtain a tax-free shopping form with each purchase and follow the instructions for completion. You can also visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vat-notice-7041-tax-free-shopping-in-the-uk>

#### **The Services of Your Driver**

If you are on a chauffeur drive tour, your driver is at your service throughout daytime hours for transfers to golf, for sightseeing, running errands and making dinner reservations etc. Drivers are obliged by law to take rest periods, measured by time on duty rather than drive time, typically after 10 hours on duty each day. As such, we would request that you arrange taxis when going out in the evenings.

## **Personal Safety**

Scotland has a relatively low level of crime. It is still advised not to leave golf clubs or valuables in open view in your vehicle, particularly in larger towns and cities. Visitors should be careful, and it is advised to leave valuables, passports, and travel documents in your hotel safe. Carry cash, wallets, etc. in inside concealed pockets or in a tourist wallet/pouch strapped to the front of your body. Keep a copy of passports, credit card details, etc. and relevant contact numbers in the event of loss. Label your luggage both inside and outside with your name, telephone number and address.

## **Tipping**

It is normal to tip caddies, drivers and in restaurants. There are no definite rules for tipping and it is discretionary.

- Caddie tip is normally to tip **50% of the Caddie Fee** on top of their fee which is approx. **£70- £80** at most clubs. Both Caddie Fee and Tip are payable in Cash on the day of Play
- In restaurants, it is normal to tip **10-15% of the bill** but check if service charge is already included.
- Tipping in hotels is at your discretion.

## **Tipping your Driver**

Please use the below guidelines when considering how much to tip your driver. Tipping is always at your own discretion.

Groups of 12+ - £10-£20 per person per day

## **Smoking Bans**

Smoking is prohibited in public buildings in Scotland.

## **Language**

English is the language of the majority of the population. Some tourist businesses employ personnel with other languages such as French or German.

## **Newspapers**

There are several morning daily papers, some of which, e.g. The Herald and The Scotsman have a very comprehensive 'World News' sections. Papers from other countries are available in bigger towns and cities. National and international TV is available in most hotels.

## **Telephones**

If you plan to use your cell phone while in Scotland, it is advisable to check that you have international coverage before travel. If you plan to use your phone a lot, it may be useful to have your phone unlocked by your provider and use a local SIM instead.

## **Electricity**

Electricity is supplied at 220 Volts. Plugs are square with three pins. A transformer (available at some accommodations) is needed to convert 110v appliances (dual-voltage and most electronic equipment needs only an adapter). Guest rooms are often fitted with 110v sockets.

## **Internet Access**

Most accommodations offer WIFI Internet access, usually free of charge, although some charge a fee.

## **Accommodations**

Check in time is usually 3PM. If you expect to arrive after 6PM, please ring your host (see contact phone numbers) to let them know. Check out time is usually 11:30AM. Many of your hosts will be pleased to arrange early breakfast if you have an early departure, please advise them in advance.

## **Responsibility**

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the above information no responsibility is accepted for errors, omissions or any other inconsistency, or for any loss, injury or inconvenience sustained by any traveller in reliance on the above information or advice.

## Golf Trip Essentials

For most of us, a golf trip is something we do maybe once or twice a year. The process of packing for such a trip requires some practical planning, so we offer the following advice on the necessary items that belong in your bags:

<b>Golf Shoes</b>	It's a good idea to bring some shoes that are already broken in. You'll probably want to replace your spikes/cleats if they have had a lot of wear.
<b>Golf Balls</b>	It's not unusual to lose a few on each round, so stock up before you travel.
<b>Rain Gear</b>	It has been known to rain on the golf course, so bring some good quality rain gear.
<b>Golf Gloves</b>	In addition to regular golf gloves pack a pair of rain gloves which are invaluable in our climate.
<b>Sunscreen &amp; Chap Stick</b>	Don't underestimate the outdoor climate and ocean breeze, even on overcast days sun protection is recommended.
<b>Socks</b>	Socks are a valuable item on the golf course. On the days when you play 36, carry an extra pair. Packing some foot powder is always a good idea as well.
<b>Sunglasses</b>	These will come in handy while driving, sightseeing, and golfing when the sun is at its peak.
<b>Ear Plugs</b>	For when you want a little peace and quiet, or if you're rooming with a snorer.
<b>Camera</b>	You will want to keep these memories for years to come and show those at home some of the highlights of your vacation.
<b>Contacts List</b>	You never know what last minute changes may take place. Get everyone's cell phone numbers in advance so you can get in touch before and during your trip.
<b>Pack Lightly</b>	You'll likely be doing a fair bit of packing and unpacking when changing hotels, so you'll appreciate having a lighter load. Laundry service is available at most accommodations.
<b>Full Scottish Breakfast</b>	Breakfast is included each morning of your trip. A full Scottish will set you up nicely for the day ahead – make sure you have time to enjoy it!

## Contact Phone Numbers & Post Codes for GPS

### Golf Vacations Scotland

Office +353 1 6013100

Cell – Elaine - +353 86 826 6930

Please note that emails are not checked outside office hours (Mon – Fri 9.00am – 5.30pm). If you wish to contact Golf Vacations Scotland outside office hours, please use the cell number provided above for your agent.

Numbers below are international access numbers. To dial from within the country, drop the international dialling code (+353 or +44) and dial '0' before the number, e.g., +353 1 6246366 becomes 01 6246366.

### Chauffeur

### Phone Number

Elite Golf Travel

+ 44 7900 566 388

### Accommodation

### Phone Number

Arran Guesthouse

+44 7897 024 680

### Golf Clubs

### Phone Number

Carnoustie

+44 1241 802 270

Crail

+44 1333 450 686

Kingsbarns Golf Links

+44 1334 460 860

St Andrews Links Trust

+44 1334 466 666

## Sightseeing Suggestions

### St Andrews

St. Andrews is an ancient University town and the Home of Golf. Sites to see include the historic British Golf Museum and Old Course links which are situated by the beautiful West Sands beach.

#### **British Golf Museum, Tel +44 1334 460 046, open Mon-Sat 9.30 – 5.30, Sun 10-5**

Trace the history of golf from its origins up to the personalities of today. Examines British influence on the game abroad.

#### **St. Andrews Castle & Visitors Centre, Tel +44 1334 477 196, open daily 9.30am – 4.30am**

The 13th century St. Andrews Castle, possesses a fascinating underground tunnel which was excavated during a siege.

#### **St. Andrews Cathedral & St. Rules Tower, Tel +44 1334 472 563, open daily 9.30am – 4.30am**

The Cathedral was once the largest church in Scotland prior to the reformation and was a place of great influence and pilgrimage. You can climb the many steps at St. Rules Tower and be rewarded with a panoramic view of the town and the coast.

#### **Fishing Villages along the East Neuk of Fife**

Travel through the quaint fishing villages of the East Neuk and you travel back through time. The traditional colourful cottages with red pantile roofs and crow-stepped gable ends appear unchanged from past times.

#### **Falkland Palace, Tel +44 1337 857 397, open Mon – Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 1-5pm**

Situated in the middle of farming Fife, is the hunting palace of the Stewart dynasty. Despite its recreational rather than political role, it's one of the landmark buildings in Scottish history and in the 16th century was the finest renaissance building in Britain.

#### **Secret Bunker, Tel +44 1333 310 301, open daily March – Oct 10am – 5pm**

The nuclear bunker and regional seat of government in the event of a nuclear war. A twilight labyrinth beneath a hill so vast, well documented and complete, it's utterly fascinating and quite chilling. Few museums are as authentic or resonant as this, even down to the 1950's records in the jukebox in the claustrophobic canteen.

#### **Royal Research Ship Discovery, Dundee, Tel +44 1382 201 245, open daily 11am-6pm**

Discover Captain Scott's famous polar exploration Research Ship Discovery- a visit to the ship and exhibition centre takes you on an adventure with Captain Scott, Ernest Shackleton and the brave men of the heroic age of antarctic exploration

**Glamis Castle, Angus, Tel +44 1307 840 393, open 15th March – Oct, daily 11am – 5pm**

Take a VIP Tour and a whisky/Sherry in the 16th century kitchen. This is a fairy-tale castle in a majestic setting. Family home of the Earls of Strathmore and Kinghorne and a Royal residence since 1372, Glamis castle is the childhood home of HM Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother and the legendary setting of Shakespeare's play 'Macbeth'. Every room is an example of a certain period.

**Kingsbarns Distillery, Fife. Tel +44 1333 451300 Open daily 10am-6pm.**

The story of Kingsbarns Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Scotlands' newest distillery begins with the conversion of a historic and semi-derelict farm steading into a distillery. The Wemyss family owners have a longstanding passion for malt whisky and connections with the industry dating back to the turn of the 19th century.

## Restaurant Recommendations

Please note the below opening hours have been verified as best possible, however opening times may vary according to season so it is advisable to check ahead.

### St Andrews

#### Casual

##### **The Grange Inn**

**Grange Rd., St Andrews**

**Ph +44 1334 472675**

**Open Thurs- Sun**

<https://thegrangeinn.com/> \* CC deposit required for group bookings\*

Featured in the 2022 Michelin Guide, The Grange Inn is a lovely 17<sup>th</sup> century converted farmhouse with a delightful restaurant with panoramic views looking out over St Andrews and St Andrews Bay. Chef proprietor John Kelly has created a superb menu using the freshest local produce available.

##### **The Guardbridge Inn**

**1 Old St Andrews Rd Guardbridge, St Andrews**

**Ph +44 1334 848878**

**Open Thu-Mon**

Small family run bar and restaurant with a simple hearty menu. Food is all cooked using locally sourced produce. Bar are open until late featuring a wood burning stove and local ale from Eden Brewery.

##### **The Criterion**

**99 South St., St Andrews**

**Ph +44 1334 474543**

**Open Daily**

<https://www.criterionstandrews.co.uk/>

The Criterion is a small family-run traditional Scottish pub established in 1874 in the heart of St Andrews. They have a wide range of locally sourced food and drinks, specialising in Cask Ale & Whiskey. Their outdoor seating area is the perfect place to enjoy their extensive pub food menu.

##### **The Jigger Inn**

**Old Course Hotel, Old Station Rd., St Andrews**

**Ph +44 1334 474371**

**Open Daily**

<https://www.oldcoursehotel.co.uk/dining/jigger-inn>

The historic building dates back to the 1850s, when it was the stationmaster's lodge. Today, the Jigger Inn is home to golfing memorabilia, crackling open-hearth fires, home cooked food, and a superb selections of Scottish beers.

**Forgan's**  
**110 Market St., St Andrews**  
**Ph +44 1334 466973**  
**Open Daily**  
<https://forgansstandrews.co.uk/>

Forgan's have adopted a simple ethos, to deliver quality Scottish produce-led food and drinks in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. They have developed a reputation for treating their guests to a dose of famous Scottish hospitality.

**Little Italy**  
**2 Lodges Ln, St Andrews**  
**Ph +44 1334 479299**  
**Open Daily**  
<https://littleitaly.has.restaurant/>

Little Italy restaurant is well recognised for serving up the best Italian cuisine in St Andrews, the home of golf. The restaurant is cosy with lovely Italian touches in the décor. To achieve their signature delicious taste, unique Italian spices, olives and parsley are mixed delicately with the dishes.

**Claret Jug Restaurant**  
**The Dunvegan Hotel, 7 Pilmour Place, St Andrews**  
**Ph +44 1334 473105**  
**Open Daily**  
<https://www.dunvegan-hotel.com/menu>

Named in honour of the famous Open Championship trophy, is the cosy, informal dining room where the Dunvegan hotel specialise in quality char-grilled steaks, amongst other mouth-watering dishes including rack of Lamb and Shetland Salmon. Complimented with a well-rounded wine list, over 50 single malt whiskey's and uncompromising service.

**Eighteen at Rusack's**  
**Rusack's, Pilmour Links, St Andrews**  
**Ph +44 1334 466899**  
**Open Daily**  
<https://www.18standrews.co.uk/> \*CC required for group bookings\*

Eighteen is a destination rooftop restaurant and bar with unrivalled views across St Andrews Old Course and West Sands Beach. It is led by award winning chef Derek Johnstone, serving the very best seasonal and locally sourced Scottish beef, seafood and game.

**The Swilcan Loft**  
**Old Course Hotel, Old Station Rd., St Andrews**  
**Ph +44 1334 474371**  
**Open Monday - Sunday 3pm -12am**  
<https://www.oldcoursehotel.co.uk/dining/swilcan-loft>

The Swilcan Loft restaurant and bar features floor-to-ceiling windows and uninterrupted views of the Old Course, West Sands Beach and the iconic Hamilton Grand building. It is located on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Old Course Hotel and serves an eclectic international menu created with locally source Scottish produce. Swilcan Loft is the perfect place for those looking for an indulgent lunch or dinner with a great selection of wines and innovative cocktails.

**The Adamson**  
127 South St., St Andrews  
Ph +44 1334 479191  
Open Daily  
<https://www.theadamson.com/>

Located in the heart of St Andrews, The Adamson is the perfect place to eat, drink, and socialise. The Adamson creates a set of seasonal menus as part of the restaurant's dedication to using the freshest ingredients and commitment to sustainability and provenance with their suppliers.

**The Saint**  
170 South St., St Andrews  
Ph +44 1334 804 168  
Open Daily  
<https://www.the-saint-bar.co.uk/>

The Saint has undergone a recent extensive renovation which has created a cost, modern lounge area, and a refreshed garden area. The Saint is the ideal spot to while away a sunny afternoon, tuck into some local sourced, quality bar dining or have a wee dram courtesy of their knowledgeable, passionate bar team.

**Hams Hame Pub & Grill**  
Hamilton Grand beside Old Course 18<sup>th</sup> Green, St Andrews  
Ph +44 1334 474 371  
Open Wednesday- Sunday 12pm -10pm  
<https://www.oldcoursehotel.co.uk/dining/hams-hame-bar---grill> *\*Online booking available*

Hams Hame Pub & Grill is a fabulous venue offering outstanding Scottish cuisine that showcases the best ingredients in an informal setting, where you can also watch sport on TV, Hams Hame is also the perfect place to stop and sample the heart-warming selection of teas, coffees and hot chocolate - perfect for a pre match warmer or after a blast on West Sands Beach.

## Fine Dining

**Road Hole Restaurant**  
Old Course Hotel, Old Station Rd., St Andrews  
Ph +44 1334 260300  
Open Daily  
<https://www.oldcoursehotel.co.uk/dining/road-hole-restaurant> *\*Online booking available*

Dinner focuses on the very best Scottish seafood and grills - they have oysters, lobsters, langoustines, scallops, and some fine Black Isle steaks, along with other wholesome favourites. The menu has a great selection of both starters, main courses and desserts, all of which are of the highest quality and presented in a friendly environment with one of the best views in Scotland.

**The Seafood Ristorante *Michelin Recommended***

**Bruce Embankment, St Andrews**

**Ph +44 1334 479475**

**Open Tues-Sat**

<https://www.theseafoodrestaurant.com/> *\*Online booking available*

Featured in the 2022 Michelin Guide, this unique glass restaurant is located over the beach at St Andrews Bay and sits just behind the world famous Royal and Ancient Golf Club in St Andrews. As you dine, savour the truly incredible North Sea coastline which stretches out to the breath taking West Sands beach and beyond. They use locally sourced and sustainable produce to create absolutely stunning dishes that are completely worthy of the idyllic setting.

**Haar Restaurant *Michelin Recommended***

**1 Golf Pl., St Andrews**

**Ph +44 1334 479 281**

**Open Daily**

<https://www.haarrestaurant.com/> *\*Online booking available*

Featured in the 2022 Michelin Guide, Haar is the epitome of a relaxed fine dining restaurant. This restaurant will take you on a journey from the moment you enter and your senses will be stimulated with a unique style of cooking from chef Dean Banks. The ethos here is sustainability and locally sourced ingredients.