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## Ayrshire & East Lothian

<p>6 Nights | 6 Rounds including Gullane No. 1, North Berwick & Trump Turnberry - Ailsa Course</p>

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### Thursday, July 20

This evening depart the United States.

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### Friday, July 21

Today play **Dundonald Links (tbc)**. Fresh from his celebrated success at Kingsbarns, Kyle Phillips created Dundonald for Loch Lomond Golf Club who wanted a classic links alternative for its members. Opened in 2003, this is a championship quality layout with predictability ruffled fairways, deep pot bunkers and undulating greens frequently guarded by burns. Found just 5 miles north of Royal Troon, the club has hosted the men's and women's Scottish Open along with the European Tour's qualifying school. The par fives here are particularly strong. Among the best is No. 3 at 530 yards from the medal tees. Trouble along the right side plus a bunker left requires accuracy off the tee. The burn then cuts across the fairway about 100 yards short of the green. Three can be reached but not without a solid tee shot.

#### Dundonald Links, Scotland by LINKS Magazine

On arrival at the Glasgow 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 Troon** - 2 Classic King/Twin

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### Saturday, July 22

Play the **Ailsa Course (tbc)** 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

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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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## Sunday, July 23

Play today at **Prestwick (tbc)**. 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

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## Monday, July 24

Play today at **Western Gailes (tbc)**. Western Gailes is rated by many visitors to Scotland as one of its best keep secrets and immensely enjoyable. The course lies between the railway and the sea like many others in Ayrshire. Its only two holes wide, with nine played along the sea and nine played beside the railway. Variety gives Western its special character. The seaside holes are routed through classic links land with dunes, high grass and the beach. These are arguably more difficult than the inland holes which are slightly longer with heavier bunkering. Your caddie here will often be a club member who typically cannot resist sharing the club's story with visitors. You will enjoy a special day here.

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OVERNIGHT: **Marine North Berwick** - 2 Marine King/Twin Room

## Tuesday, July 25

Play **Gullane #1 (tbc)**, a regular host to major championships and rated alongside Scotland's more famous

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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.

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### Wednesday, July 26

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Play today at **North Berwick (tbc)**. 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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OVERNIGHT: **Marine North Berwick** - 2 Marine King/Twin Room

### Thursday, July 27

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Depart the United Kingdom from Edinburgh Airport.

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## Your Lodging

### [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.

### [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.