

# DESIGN YOUR STAY

**DESIGNED FOR  
LEGENDARY  
LINKS**

**SCOTLAND'S TAY  
COUNTRY HOLDS  
A SPECIAL PLACE  
IN THE HEARTS OF  
MANY GOLFERS.**

Laying claim to the title of the fabled home of the sport, the fondness is well deserved, as in addition to the iconic 'Old Course,' the region boasts over 50 additional courses all within an hour's drive of Dundee.

Whether you're a seasoned player, or you're teeing-off for the first time, you can expect to be spoilt for choice with a range of scenic spots to play, as well as ways to unwind when your round is done.

## DAY ONE

The ancient university town of St Andrews is an ideal base from which to enjoy a trip within the Tay Country, thanks to an impressive range of golf courses, shops, restaurants, and experiences to enjoy. Taking part in the **Old Course's** ballot for tee times feels like a rite of passage for many golfers and reflects the St Andrews Links' commitment to staying open and accessible to all golfers. It is an iconic but tough experience – players are advised to anticipate strong winds which change direction at a moment's notice, whilst the 17<sup>th</sup> 'Road Hole' is considered to be one of the most challenging holes in all of golf! If visitors are unsuccessful in the ballot draw, all is not lost – St Andrews Links is comprised of seven separate courses including the much-loved Castle, Jubilee and New Courses. Those looking to travel further afield can test their skills at Scotsraig, Lundin Links and Crail too.



Travellers who just enjoy the scenery, can walk the length of St Andrews' West Sands Beach. No matter what the weather, visitors can expect to not only find fellow walkers but they will also find thrill seekers enjoying a multitude of outdoor activities including land yachting, kayaking and paddle boarding.



Once West Sands Beach has been traversed, it is time to head inside to warm back up. The **R&A World Golf Museum**, the world's premier golf heritage centre, is a must for any golfing enthusiast. Visitors will be able to see over 500 years of sporting history displayed just yards from the first tee at The Old Course. With a gift shop filled with official Open merchandise, it is the perfect spot to pick up a souvenir or two, before heading into the Café, which was named as one of Britain's Top 20 by The Times.

Take a scenic drive to the traditional fishing village of Anstruther. Those looking for a little adventure can go wildlife spotting on an Isle of May cruise, the real draw here is to the iconic **Anstruther Fish Bar**. It is perhaps Scotland's most iconic spot for fish and chips. They have been serving hungry diners for decades, and they have numerous accolades to show for it.

Day one draws to a close and the evening could be spent at the stunning 4-star **Balbirnie House Hotel**. Located in Markinch, the ancient capital of Fife, the hotel sits in 400 acres of manicured parkland, and is within putting distance of the village Golf Club. A regular award winner at the Scottish Hotel of the Year Awards, Balbirnie prides itself on offering guests' true Scottish hospitality, with comfortable and stylish guestrooms, and a variety of dining options to enjoy. A cashless property, Balbirnie House Hotel has truly embraced the twenty first century, with free on-site electric vehicle charging for guests, as well as its own app.



CARNOUSTIE | CARNOUSTIE GOLF LINKS

## DAY TWO

Keen golfers may wish to broaden their experience of the game with a round at nearby **Kingarroch Hickory Golf Course**. The only remaining hickory golf course in the UK, it dates back to 1924, and has welcomed both British and US Open Champions throughout the decades. Travellers looking to follow in their golf greats' footsteps will be provided with authentic 1920s kit and can test their skill on the challenging 9-hole course. No matter the handicap, rounds are finished off in their Forester's Cottage, with a cool ginger beer and fortifying slab of shortbread.

Only a short drive from the Kingarroch course is **Falkland Palace** – a stunning Renaissance palace which has played host to some of Scottish history's most recognizable figures. Dating to the 12<sup>th</sup> century, and a favourite country residence of Mary Queen of Scots, the palace has the world's oldest tennis courts and is rumoured to have its own Grey Lady who haunts the Tapestry Gallery.



FIFE | FALKLAND PALACE

There are acres of manicured gardens to enjoy, whilst fans of the Outlander television show might recognize the pretty village of Falkland from the series, where it stood in for the city of Inverness.

Scotland's Tay Country is home to some of the country's finest food and drink producers, and there are a wide range of experiences to enjoy. **Lindores Abbey Distillery's** Apothecary Experience invites travellers to embark on a 'flavour journey' exploring the five senses and offers the opportunity to create a completely unique spirit to take home with them. A combination of distilling history, combining science and mixology, an experience not to be missed. We would also recommend picking up a bottle of their Aqua Vitae to enjoy at home, a multi award-winning botanical spirit, flavoured with locally grown green herbs, and can be enjoyed as a mixed drink or as a cocktail base.



DUNDEE | APEX CITY QUAY HOTEL

There is an impressive range of four-star accommodation in the region and travellers looking for a more central base with a city vibe for their stay might consider **Dundee's Apex City Quay Hotel**. Situated on the banks of the River Tay, the hotel is within walking distance of the city's spectacular Waterfront Development and boasts facilities including a swimming pool and indulgent spa, perfect for soothing tired post-round muscles and only a stone's throw away from Dundee Airport should you wish to book a fly-drive stay.



PERTH | MURRAYSHALL GOLF COURSE

## DAY THREE

Why not journey up the East coast of Scotland, heading for the indomitable **Montrose Links**. Considered to be the world's 5<sup>th</sup> oldest coast, the Links have been welcoming players since 1562. With the holes laid out in an unusual T-shape, players can enjoy several plays along the shoreline, with stunning views out along the North Sea. The course is much-loved for its crisp turf, dunes, scenic views, and gorse bushes which dot the landscape.

Any lunch or dinner for the trip deserves a meal to remember, which is why visitors are best headed to **The Newport Restaurant** – the brainchild of MasterChef winner Jamie Scott, the kitchen holds 2 AA rosettes and previously held the title of AA Restaurant of the Year. Serving diners with an ever-changing menu filled with local produce, customers can expect an inventive take on classic flavours, with dishes designed to spotlight the quality of produce on offer.

The restaurant's proximity to Dundee means that travellers looking to head home are within easy reach of the city's numerous road, rail, and scenic views, and gorse bushes which dot the landscape. But why not stay another night in Scotland's Tay Country and explore more of what the region has to offer.

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## ACCOMMODATION 4 STAR:

Hotel du Vin  
Carnoustie Hotel  
Apex Hotel Dundee  
Murrayshall  
Balbirnie House

## SIGHTSEEING & ACTIVITIES:

Glamis Castle  
Falkland Palace  
R&A World Golf Museum  
The Royal Burgh of Culross  
Knockhill Racing Circuit  
Lindores Abbey Distillery  
House of Dun  
The Bothy Experience

## FOOD & DRINK:

St Andrews Farmhouse Cheese Company  
Balgove Larder & Steak Barn  
The Seafood Ristorante St Andrews  
The Rookery  
The Drovers  
The Old Boatyard  
Kingsbarns Distillery  
The Peat Inn Restaurant with Rooms  
Anstruther Fish Bar and Restaurant  
Rusacks Rooftop Bar  
The Kinneuchar Inn  
The Cellar Anstruther  
Loch Leven's Larder

## OTHER GOLF OPTIONS:

Panmure  
Monifieth  
Scotsraig  
Castle Course  
Kingsbarns  
Crail  
Dumbarnie Links