

GT Experiences

Golf around the world

**Scotland**





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### Golfers:

Enjoy a round of golf at **Murrayfield Golf Club**

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### Non-golfers:

Spend free time in Edinburgh then visit **Edinburgh Castle**



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Enjoy **dinner and entertainment at Prestonfield House** or similar

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## Day 3: Edinburgh to Dundee

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### Golfers:

Enjoy a round of golf at **the Jubilee or New Course at St Andrews**

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**Jubilee Course:** The third championship course at the Home of Golf, the Jubilee is considered by many to be the most challenging course on the famous Links. Built in 1897, it was originally intended for use by ladies and beginners; however, after seeing its prime golfing location between the New Course and the sea, the Jubilee was converted to a championship layout in 1988.

**New Course:** The oldest 'new' course in the world, the second course at the Home of Golf was built by the Keeper of the Green Tom Morris in 1895 and it was imaginatively named to differentiate from its famous neighbor. Boasting undulating fairways and challenging greens, the New Course is a classic test of Links golf. Lunch at the Golf Course

## Non-golfers:

### Visit St Andrews Castle and Cathedral



*On a headland to the north of St Andrews stand the ruins of the city's castle, the main residence of the bishops and archbishops of St Andrews - the focal point of the Church in Medieval Scotland. Today, a siege mine and counter-mine can be explored, and the 'bottle dungeon' viewed. St Andrews Castle was the official residence of Scotland's leading bishop (and later archbishop) throughout the Middle Ages. Its scale demonstrated the power and wealth of the bishops, and it was the setting for many important events which determined the course of Scottish history. Some of the key moments leading up to the Scottish Reformation in 1560 were played out within its precinct.*

Spend free time in the town of St Andrews.

Overnight, bed and breakfast at your hotel in Dundee or area

## **Day 4: Lower Highlands**

Today visit **Glamis Castle**

*Glamis Castle is a living and breathing monument to Scottish heritage. The family home of the Earls of Strathmore and Kinghorne, Glamis Castle is the legendary setting for Shakespeare's Macbeth, the childhood home of HM Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother and the birthplace of Princess Margaret. Steeped in history, Glamis Castle has evolved over the years to create a stunning architectural treasure that is full of vitality to this day. You will not fail to be touched by every painting, every piece of furniture, every little detail along the way, as they are sharp reminders that this is not a museum but an incredible family home.*

Then visit **Dunkeld Cathedral**

*Beautifully situated beside the River Tay, Dunkeld is Scotland's most romantic cathedral. The nave and bell tower, dating from the 1400s, fell into ruin at the Protestant Reformation of 1560, but the 13th-century choir became the parish church, and has remained so to the present day. There are interesting early 16th-century wall paintings in the ground floor of the bell tower, and numerous fine memorials in the choir, including the effigy of Alexander Stewart, Earl of Buchan (c.1343-1405), the notorious 'Wolf of Badenoch'.*



Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight, bed and breakfast at your hotel in Dundee

## **Day 5: Dundee to Stirling**

This morning depart Dundee and journey to Stirling.

En-route visit **Scone Palace**

*Once the crowning place of the Kings of Scots, Scone Palace occupies a unique position in the history of Scotland. A breathtakingly beautiful seat of power and mystery and the rightful home of the celebrated Stone of Scone - also known as the Stone of Destiny. Scone Palace is regarded as a national treasure and is revered as the historic jewel in the crown of Scotland. Today, Scone Palace is*

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the home of the Earls of Mansfield. There is so much to see and enjoy at Scone Palace, the history, an outstanding collection of antiques, paintings and rare art-facts. Even its grounds, as splendid as the Palace itself, are renowned throughout the world. Right above the River Tay, Scone Palace overlooks the routes north to the Highlands and east through Strathmore to the coast. The Grampian mountains form a distant backdrop, and across the river stands the city of Perth.

Then visit the **Glenturret Distillery**

Visit Scotland's oldest working distillery and discover how the Glenturret Highland single malt is produced still using the traditional methods and equipment. And, as the spiritual home of The Famous Grouse, discover the art of blending Scotland's favourite whisky. Your distillery experience will include two whisky tastes.

Enjoy a **walking tour of Stirling**

Stirling is Scotland's heritage capital, where the Wars of Independence were fought and won, where for three centuries monarchs ruled in regal splendour and where merchants and craftsmen plied their trade below the castle rock. Nowadays you can feel the sense of history and nationhood which is Stirling's trademark, as you enter the spectacular castle perched high above the city. The compact heritage mile that links Stirling's Old Town with its bustling modern city centre boasts the finest concentration of historic buildings in Scotland. Beautifully preserved medieval and Renaissance churches and mansions cluster around the Old Town, flanked by cobbled streets, period street furniture and Victorian styled iron work. Overlooking the scene of one of Scotland's most famous battle sites, Stirling Bridge, is the 220 ft high National Wallace Monument.

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**Day 6:**

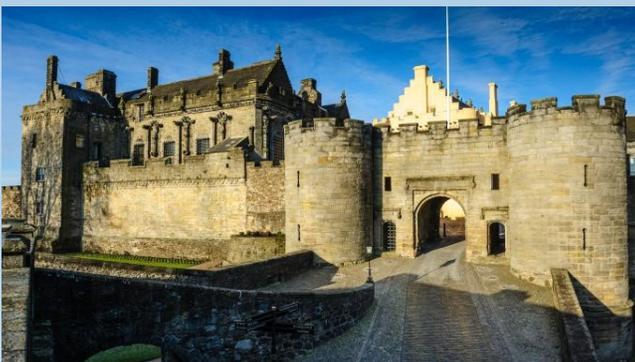
**Golfers:**

Enjoy a round of golf at **Gleneagles Golf Club**

With world-class, championship courses, Gleneagles is truly the home of golf in Scotland. Over the years, Gleneagles has hosted a number of significant golf tournaments – the most notable being the 2014 Ryder Cup, played on the PGA Centenary Course, designed by Jack Nicklaus. Lunch at Golf Course

**Non-golfers:**

Visit **Stirling Castle**



One of Scotland's grandest castles due to its imposing position and impressive architecture, Stirling Castle commands the countryside for many miles around. It towers over some of the most important battlefields of Scotland's past including Stirling Bridge, the site of William Wallace's victory over the English in 1297, and Bannockburn where Robert the Bruce defeated the same foe in the summer of 1314. Situated on a volcanic outcrop guarding the lowest crossing point of the River Forth, Stirling Castle is a great symbol of Scottish Independence and a source of enduring national pride. The castle's long, turbulent history is associated with great figures from Scotland's past, such as William Wallace, Robert the Bruce and Mary Queen of Scots. It has seen many royal dramas and witnessed the lives and deaths of almost every Scottish monarch

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## Visit the Wallace Monument

Welcome to The National Wallace Monument, one of the most distinctive landmarks on the Stirling skyline, commemorating the Scottish patriot and martyr who triumphed over King Edward's army at The Battle of Stirling Bridge. As you climb towards the crown of the famous tower, each level tells the story of Scotland's National Hero, and shows how his part in the history of Scotland has been recognised through the generations. The Hall of Arms shows how the weapons of the time were used by Scottish and English warriors, while the The Hall of Heroes displays the Wallace Sword, which struck fear into the hearts of Wallace's enemies. From the crown of the Monument - the panoramic views stretch out towards Loch Lomond, The Pentland Hills, Fife, and the Firth of Forth all the way to Edinburgh.



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## Murrayfield Golf Club



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Founded as a monastery in 1128, the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh is The Queen's official residence in Scotland and is closely associated with Scotland's turbulent past. Mary, Queen of Scots lived here between 1561 and 1567. Successive kings and queens have made the Palace of Holyroodhouse the premier royal residence in Scotland. At the end of Edinburgh's Royal Mile and against the spectacular backdrop of Arthur's Seat, the Palace of Holyroodhouse visitors can explore the 14 historic State Apartments and the ruins of Holyrood Abbey. The Queen's Gallery at the Palace of Holyroodhouse hosts a programme of changing exhibitions from the Royal Collection.

**Lunch at a local pub/restaurant**

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Then visit **Blair Athol Distillery**

Established in 1798, Blair Athol Distillery is one of the oldest working distilleries in Scotland. Blair Athol Distillery stands at the gateway to the Scottish Highlands in the picturesque town of Pitlochry, and produces a 12 Year Old Single Malt Whisky with mellow deep-toned aromas, a strong fruity flavour and a smooth finish. You can see the distillers utilising the most valuable of local resources, the crystal clear waters of the Allt Dour. After absorbing a few secrets of the distillers' art on a leisurely conducted tour, you can mull over the distinctive character of the finished article as you sip your complimentary dram.

Overnight, bed and breakfast at your hotel in Inverness

## Day 4: Inverness

### Golfers:

Enjoy a round of golf at **Royal Dornoch Golf Club on the Championship Course**

Royal Dornoch is spellbinding and many golfers from all over the world make the pilgrimage to this natural links at some point in their lives. It is often quoted as one of the must-play courses. It's the timeless setting that makes Royal Dornoch such a pleasing place to play golf. It's wild, isolated and, at the same time, absolutely beautiful; there's the blaze of colour in early summer when

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*the gorse is in flower. The pure white sandy beach divides the links from the Dornoch Firth and it all feels very humbling. Lunch at the Golf Course*

## Non-golfers:

### Visit **Dunrobin Castle**

*Dunrobin Castle is the most northerly of Scotland's great houses and the largest in the Northern Highlands with 189 rooms. Dunrobin Castle is also one of Britain's oldest continuously inhabited houses dating back to the early 1300s, home to the Earls and later, the Dukes of Sutherland. The Castle, which resembles a French chateau with its towering conical spires, has seen the architectural influences of Sir Charles Barry, who designed London's Houses of Parliament, and Scotland's own Sir Robert Lorimer. The Castle was used as a naval hospital during the First World War and as a boys' boarding school from 1965 to 1972.*



### Visit **Dornoch Cathedral**

*Dornoch Cathedral's first service was held in 1239 and it continues today as a parish church. Originally Roman Catholic rites were observed but since the Reformation it has been part of the Church of Scotland. The Cathedral has many interesting features, not least the gargoyles on the exterior.*

Dinner at a local restaurant.

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## **Day 5: Inverness to Glasgow**

This morning depart Inverness and journey to Glasgow.



### En-route enjoy a **cruise on Loch Ness**

*Loch Ness is the deepest freshwater loch in the Scottish Highlands, and is one of the most visited locations in Scotland. Loch Ness is about 24 miles long by one mile wide and at its deepest point, it goes down nearly 1,000 ft. Lying northeast of the Great Glen in the Highlands, Loch Ness is best known for alleged sightings of the crypto-zoological Loch Ness Monster, also known affectionately as "Nessie".*

### Enjoy a **photo stop at Glencoe**

*Glencoe really does merit the description 'spectacular'. The best approach is from the south on the A82, one of the major routes through the Highlands. The road climbs over the bleak expanse of Rannoch Moor and drops down between the steep scree-strewn sides of Glencoe. Awesome mountains such as Buachaille Etive Mor and the Three Sisters loom on either side, with riverine scenery at the bottom of the glen. The name Glencoe means 'Valley of Weeping', and has a melancholy air thanks to it being the site of the Massacre of Glencoe in 1692. This was carried out by a regular regiment of the British army, under the command of Captain Rob-*

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*ert Campbell of Glenlyon. The chief of the MacDonalods of Glencoe had been slow to swear allegiance to William of Orange and the massacre was part of a wider government policy designed to bring pro-Jacobite clans to heel.*

On arrival enjoy a **panoramic tour of Glasgow**

*Discover Glasgow, Scotland's largest city, with a panoramic city tour. From the magnificent St Mungo Cathedral to the People's Palace and Glasgow Green, explore Glasgow rich past as a religious centre and one of the most important industrial cities in Britain. The Victorian architecture of the centre offer a striking contrast to the extensive parks of the West End. Among those, Kelvingrove offers a haven of peace in the city, with amazing views on Glasgow University's striking buildings and the Kelvingrove Museum. It is not hard to imagine why Glasgow is home to Scotland's most celebrated architect: Charles Rennie Mackintosh.*

Overnight, bed and breakfast at your hotel in Glasgow

## Day 6: Inverness to Glasgow

### Golfers:

Enjoy a round of golf at **Cawder Golf Club**

*The natural beauty of the Campsie hills, surrounded by a wonderful woodland, and with the Antonine Wall and Kelvin river meandering through the courses provides visitors with some of the best views any Scottish golf course has to offer. Lunch at the Golf course*

### Non-golfers:

Visit **Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum**



*One of Scotland's most visited attractions is a magnificent building with 22 themed, state-of-the-art galleries displaying an astonishing 8000 objects. The internationally significant collections are extensive and wide-ranging, covering natural history, arms and armour, art from many art movements and periods of history, and much, much more. There is even a real Spitfire! Kelvingrove welcomes families with children, and its*

*displays have been designed with children in mind. There are lots of interactives throughout the venue that will appeal to younger audiences. Visitors to Kelvingrove can enjoy its cafés and shops, and make use of its Study Centre and Library to find out more about Glasgow Museums' collections and carry out research online.*

Enjoy a bagpiping experience at the **National Piping Centre**

*The National Piping Centre serves as the centre for excellence for the Great Highland Bagpipe and its music. The Centre is host to The Museum of Piping, The Highland Library, and The School of Piping, teaching many varieties of pipes and drumming. See and*

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*Hear the Great Highland Bagpipe, Scotland's national instrument, and learn about its colourful history. Amongst this stunning collection is the Iain Dall MacKay Chanter - the oldest piece of bagpipe in the world, as well as a piping relic that belonged to Robert Burns.*

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