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## Authentic Scotland ~ North Berwick and Aberdeen

6 Nights | 5 Rounds including North Berwick, Gullane No. 1 and Cruden Bay

This six-night, five-round package explores some of Scotland's most hidden gems which are sure to offer a heartfelt welcome and **memorable Scottish golfing experience**. It's available from April to October. Make your way to the 13th oldest club in the game, **North Berwick**, which dates back to 1632 and where you may recognize the 15th hole Redan green which is often imitated. Continue on **Dunbar**, which could be called another of the "founding courses of golf," where you'll play this championship links course within yards of waves crashing onto the rocky shore. Tee it up at **Gullane #1**, a frequent host to national championships and whose hills deliver outstanding views of the River Forth. Continue north to **Murcar Links**, a hidden gem presenting a stiff wind-driven challenge along the dunes. Finally, play **Cruden Bay**, also a fixture in the World's Top 100, presents a pleasing mixture of blind shots tucked between large sand dunes and panoramic views of the North Sea. Deluxe accommodations are available at the Malmaison Aberdeen and Marine North Berwick.

### Tuesday, August 22

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This evening depart the United States.

### Wednesday, August 23

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On arrival at the 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

### Thursday, August 24

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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.

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North Berwick Golf Club, Scotland by LINKS Magazine

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

### Friday, August 25

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Play at **Dunbar (tbc)**. Dunbar is another of what could be called the "founding courses of golf". The game appeared here in the early 17th century but it wasn't until 1856 that the club was formed with 15 holes. Version two was extended to 18 holes in 1880 before Old Tom Morris modified it in 1894 which James Braid and Ben Sayers embellished with additional length and sixty-one new bunkers in 1923. Dunbar East Links is a traditional "out and back" layout squeezed into a narrow stretch of rocky coastline along the North Sea. Well defined narrow fairways are tucked between the unforgiving coastline and the old sandstone deer park wall. Careful club selection and precise shot making are keys to taming a layout revered by generations of the game's legends. The club has hosted many Scottish amateur and professional events. Please note a very limited supply of golf carts are available for hire. Certain restrictions may apply, please advise your Golf Travel Specialist.

Dunbar Golf Club, Scotland by LINKS Magazine

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

### Saturday, August 26

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Play **Gullane #1 (tbc)**, 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: **Malmaison Aberdeen** - 2 Standard Room

### Sunday, August 27

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Golf on **Murcar (tbc)**. We certainly understand how visitors are attracted to Scotland's marquee clubs. There are dozens but there are also an equal number of hidden gems where the welcome is particularly warm, the golf is exceptional, and the expense is less expensive. Murcar Links is another such example. Established in 1909, the original Archie Simpson design is found next door to Royal Aberdeen. James Braid would eventually appear to work his magic, which as usual endures to this today. The par 71, 6,516 links is set on spectacular terrain including huge dunes producing a number of elevated tees (and stunning views), blind shots, tumbling fairways and wicked rough.

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Murcar Links Golf Club, Scotland by LINKS Magazine

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OVERNIGHT: **Malmaison Aberdeen** - 2 Standard Room

**Monday, August 28**

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Today play the outstanding **Cruden Bay (tbc)**. Those who make their way to the Highlands by way of Aberdeen will not want to miss Cruden Bay. This is an old-fashioned gem of a links with greens and fairways hidden between massive dune, driveable par fours, blind shots and of course gorgeous view of the North Sea. There is evidence that golf started here in the 18th century but it was in 1899 when the original layout by Old Tom Morris and Archie Simpson opened for play at 5,290 yards. The course was redesigned in 1926 which essentially stands today playing with more than an additional 1,000 yards. "Port Erroll", the 193-yard 4th, played from an elevated tee to an elevated green, will get your attention. Cruden Bay is a regular among the world's top 100 clubs.

WEBCAST - A Greenside Chat: "The Story of an Authentic Scottish Golf Club" ~ Cruden Bay Golf Club

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OVERNIGHT: **Malmaison Aberdeen** - 2 Standard Room

**Tuesday, August 29**

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Depart the United Kingdom from Airport.

## 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.

### Malmaison Aberdeen

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The Malmaison Aberdeen is a striking addition to the group of 12 Malmaison boutique hotels. Formerly The Queen's Hotel, the building has been transformed into a stunning luxury hotel with the usual Malmaison style and flair for design blending period features with the modern making it a striking and eye-catching sight in the heart of Aberdeen. With 80 sumptuous rooms and suites, it has all the flair and luxury you have come to expect. Stylish bedrooms, ubiquitous plasma screens and even a spa and Whisky Snug. Part of the hotel is still in its traditional style, while there is also a section which inevitably adds to the renowned Malmaison flair and style. This continues through each part of the interior in addition; through the rooms and suites, the brasserie, bar and wine tasting cellar and into the spa and gym. The brasserie brings together a range of top quality cuisines and top wines to tempt your taste buds.