# **Golf Scotland and Ireland**

Hit the greens on incredible golf courses in Scotland and Ireland, see superb landscapes, experience rich history and ancient cultures.





# 8 days/7 nights

# ITINERARY

## Day 1: Depart from Dublin, Ireland

Begin your epic golfing adventure when you meet your group at a central meeting point before transferring to the pier for embarkation. Get settled into your cabin before enjoying a welcome cocktail and dinner. After dinner the ship leaves port, heading north up the rugged Irish coastline and sailing overnight east to the very edge of Scotland.

One or two nights in Dublin pre-cruise are recommended. We can book you a centrally located hotel and some sightseeing tours, allowing you to explore this lively capital city.

## Day 2: Campbeltown, Scotland

The first stop in Scotland will be to play either Machrihanish or Machrihanish Dunes. These two adjacent courses are naturally maintained and you might have the company of a Hebridean black sheep eating its way through the rough. The Dunes has a spa if you feel like a little pampering and the peaceful village of Campbeltown has three wonderful distilleries remaining, of the 34 it was once home to in its heyday as the "whisky capital of the world".

## Day 3: Ballyliffin Golf Club

We sail west overnight to Ballyliffin in Ireland. Ballyliffin Golf Club is widely regarded as the finest links complex in Ireland, priding itself on world-class presentation standards year round. It is renowned for its spectacular setting, outstanding facilities and warm, Irish hospitality.

## Day 4: Hebridean Islands, Scotland

Today, by the time you wake up, you'll be anchored off the shores of the Outer Hebrides island of South Ulst, the second largest island of the chain. Here is a course built by Old Tom Morris, which thrived until WWI, then sat unattended for almost 100 years until a group of locals and the golfing community brought it back to life. Providing a challenging test, you will play through beautiful, rolling dunes alongside the bracing Atlantic Ocean at this historical course.

## Day 5: Kirkwall, Orkney Islands

The beautiful seaside town of Kirkwall, capital of the Orkney Islands, is where we anchor today. The town boast many local craft shops, art galleries and silversmith artists. Or, if your tastes lean more to whisky than wandering, perhaps a tour and tasting at the Highland Park Distillery! A visit to St. Magnus Cathedral is a "must" and, later in the day, we take a trip to Skara Brae, an outstanding Neolithic village and UNESCO World Heritage Site established over 5000 years ago. There is a golf course in Kirkwall but it's suggested taking a day off to conserve some energy for the next two days of challenging golf.

## Day 6: Inverness

In Inverness we transfer from our anchorage to play a choice of two courses. Castle Stuart, with its dramatic views over the Moray Firth out to the Black Isle or The Royal Dornoch, officially opened in 1616. The current club was

established by Old Tom Morris in 1886. If you have an interest in Scottish highland's history we'll head to Culloden Moor, where the Jacobites fought their final battle in 1745, one that basically wiped out the Highland Clans. The more curious in the group may want to take a day trip to Loch Ness for a chance viewing of 'Nessie' – the Loch Ness Monster.

#### Day 7: Aberdeen

In Aberdeen today with a choice of playing two different courses – Cruden Bay or the historic Balgownie course at Royal Aberdeen. Those playing Cruden Bay will find themselves walking once again in the footsteps of course designer Old Tom Morris. The Royal Aberdeen Golf Club, founded in 1780, is the sixth oldest golf club in the world. With greens surrounded by at least 10 bunkers and wayward tee shots will be punished.

#### Day 8: Edinburgh

On arrival to Edinburgh this morning you disembark at the Scottish capital. You may choose to take a transfer to the airport for a departing flight or to downtown Edinburgh. Edinburgh, a gracious old city, is well worth a day or two of exploration if your schedule allows. Ask us to book you accommodation and tours.

## Details

#### 2020 Departures

June: 05

## 2020 Pricing from:

US\$4,595 - Triple, main deck US\$5,595 - Twin, private US\$6,495 - Superior US\$6,695 - Superior Plus US\$7,895 - Shackleton Suite US\$9,495 - One Ocean Suite

Sea kayaking - complimentary

Prices are listed in US\$, per person, based on two people sharing a twin cabin or suite, three people sharing a triple cabin. For single occupancy, 1.5X per person twin price for cabins or 2X for suites. Rates are subject to change without notice by the cruise operator and may vary somewhat depending on the departure date. We will confirm the current price at the time of request.

## **Trip Code:**

003903 - W20

## INCLUDED

- 8 day/7 night voyage as outlined
- Zodiac and landing excursions
- Golfing as outlined
- Expedition gear package for duration of voyage
- All meals throughout the voyage
- Welcome reception and dinner
- Farewell Captain's dinner
- Daily afternoon tea with fresh snacks
- Coffee, tea and hot chocolate anytime
- Wellness area Finnish Sauna, sea-water plunge pool, hot tub
- Education presentations from experienced guides and experts
- Photography advice from the resident photographer
- Multi-media room to download images, lightroom, Adobe, Photoshop and card readers
- English speaking medical officer onboard
- Comprehensive pre-departure material
- Onboard information folder



## NOT INCLUDED

- International airfare to Dublin, return from Edinburgh
- Fuel surcharge (if applicable)
- Gratuities to ship personnel, items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance (emergency evacuation coverage mandatory)

# TOUR NOTES

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