

## EXECUTIVE TOUR SUMMARY

Golf in the North of Scotland allows you to experience some of the most remote and scenically beautiful courses to be found anywhere in the world. Here, you can enjoy the pleasures of a secluded round of golf and quite breathtaking panorama. With a warm welcome that is tradition for the Highland locals, golfers will relish every moment of their stay. Indeed the locals are more than a little knowledgeable when it comes to golf and visitors can expect pre round tips from the locals to help them on their way. Many of the courses have been created by some of the worlds most celebrated architects, most notably James Braid and Old Tom Morris.

### Golf

#### **Castle Stuart Golf Club (Est. 1889) Par: 72 Men & Ladies**

Length: Blue Tees 6,774 yards / White Tees 6,436 yards / Ladies Tees 5,735 yards

Designed by Mark Parsinen and Gill Hanse. As Turnberry is to Ayrshire and Gleneagles is to Perthshire, Castle Stuart has been conceived to be for the Highlands – a beacon reaching out to golfers throughout the world. A championship links course overlooking the Moray Firth and well-known landmarks that are synonymous with Inverness and the Black Isle – Kessock Bridge and Chanonry Lighthouse perhaps the most notable. Holes 1-4 and 10-12 are literally on the sea and share an intimacy with it. Holes 5-9 sit atop an 'old sea cliff' and enjoy the sea as holes at Pebble Beach do. Holes 13-18 feel like the 'balcony' in this theater and enjoy stunning panoramas from the highest elevations.

#### **Nairn Golf Club (Est. 1887) Par: 72 Men & Ladies**

Length: Blue Tees 7,009 yards / White Tees 6,140 yards / Ladies Tees 5,179 yards

This Traditional Scottish Golf Links Course was created from a Highland wilderness of gorse and heather, and tests the talents of professional and amateur alike. It is one of the best courses in Scotland, and has hosted a large number of important championships such as the 1999 Walker Cup and the 2012 Curtis Cup. The par 4 holes tease and confound and all four short holes are cunningly angled, with the 4th a little gem and the 14th simply spectacular. As three of the par 5 holes are over 530 yards long, it is a test for all. Yet, even more challenging than the humps and hollows that lurk in the fairways, is the trickery of the greens.

#### **Royal Dornoch Golf Club (Est. 1877) Par: 70 Men & Ladies**

Length: Blue Tees 6,748 yards / White Tees 6,626 yards / Ladies Tees 5,940 yards

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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, occupying the top 10 courses in the world. Old Tom Morris was the architect responsible for extending the original 9 holes layout to 18 holes in 1886. He introduced the plateau greens which are the soul of the course, their uniqueness lies in their size and their inverted saucer shapes. The course as it now stands is a final remodelling largely the work of George Duncan with influence from Robbie Grant the then Head Greenkeeper, the new holes are in keeping with and incorporate the features Old Tom Morris introduced to Dornoch.

### **Brora Golf Club (Est. 1891) Par: 70 Men / 71 Ladies**

Length: Blue Tees 6,211 yards / White Tees 6,110 yards / Ladies Tees 5,273 yards

The golf course design is recognised as being one of James Braid's finest pieces of work. The green staff work tirelessly to preserve the original design whilst presenting a course that is regularly acclaimed for its quality. The perfect balance between challenge and fun and in a breath-taking setting. Brora is also the headquarters of the James Braid Golfing Society, and while its President, Peter Thomson, and fellow member Ronan Rafferty annually enthuse, the club golfer, the bedrock of the game, will derive equal pleasure and satisfaction from Brora's 6110 yards.

### **Tain Golf Club (Est. 1890) Par: 72 Men & Ladies**

Length: Blue Tees 6,404 yards / White Tees 6,109 yards / Ladies Tees 5,645 yards

A classic Scottish Highland links course designed by Old Tom Morris, this Championship length links overlooking the Dornoch Firth arguably offers one of the best settings imaginable in the highlands for a round of golf and is accessible to everyone. The sheltered location of the course ensures favourable weather for most of the year. Tain's fortune is that so many of Tom's original holes survive, either wholly or in part and for this one must be grateful to Dornoch's John Sutherland, Secretary of that club for fifty eight years and whose advice on course design and improvements was much in demand locally. When he came to remodel the course, he knew instinctively where to leave well alone. The Tain holes which primarily still show the original design of Tom Morris include - going out, the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th, and 9th and coming home, the 10th, 14th, and 15th.

### **Golspie Golf Club (Est. 1887) Par: 70 Men / 72 Ladies**

Length: White Tees 6,021 yards / Ladies Tees 5,238 yards

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Golspie Golf Course designed by James Braid is situated on the Dornoch Firth with a beguiling mix of classic links, heath and parkland holes. The course has stunning views from all holes of the Dornoch Firth on one side and the backdrop of Ben Bhraggie on the other. Beautifully presented and with as much variety as you could ever wish for. Golspie alternates between links, heathland, woodland and even parkland. The consecutive short holes at the 16th and 17th are a highlight.

### **Carnegie Golf Club at Skibbo Castle (Est. 1898) Par: 71 Men / 72 Ladies**

Length: Blue Tees 6,833 yards / White Tees 6,207 yards / Ladies Tees 5,465 yards

Skibo Castle is home to one of the world's most prestigious private clubs, Carnegie Golf Club. Industrialist Andrew Carnegie, one of history's greatest philanthropists, came to Skibo in 1898 and transformed the estate into what he rightly termed 'Heaven on Earth'. The Carnegie Links is the jewel in Skibo's crown. An 18-hole Championship course on the banks of the Dornoch Firth.

### **Fortrose & Rosemarkie Golf Club (Est. 1793) Par: 71 Men & Ladies**

Length: Blue Tees 7,085 yards / White Tees 5,893 yards / Ladies Tees 5,342 yards

Located on the Chanonry Peninsula in the 'Black Isle' our Scottish links golf course enjoys breathtaking views over the Moray Firth, very close to the City of Inverness. Confirmed as being the 15th Oldest Recorded Club in the World in 1793. The course was later re-designed by the five time Open Champion James Braid in 1932. Playing on one of the finest links golf courses in Scotland, the greens are not just fast but also deceptive, with tight fairways and strategically placed bunkers throughout the course – the trademark of the all-time master of bunkering, James Braid.

### **Accommodation**

**Kingsmill Hotel, Inverness.** The 4 Star Kingsmills Hotel is a fabulous four-star luxury hotel in Inverness. Set in the beautiful Scottish Highlands, they offer a variety of extremely luxurious rooms, impeccable dining options and good old-fashioned Scottish hospitality to all guests.

**Glen Mhor Hotel, Inverness.** The 4 Star Glen Mhor Hotel & Apartments offers a comfortable stay in the centre of Inverness on the banks of the River Ness. With 75 bedrooms divided across 8 Victorian buildings, 10 apartments and a 4-bedroom River House, you can choose from the largest variety of accommodation in Inverness.

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**Our associates in Scotland specialise in building bespoke luxury golf tours to include all of the above courses with a choice of the above luxury accommodations. We personally take care of our clients from the moment you enquire until the moment you depart from home.**

## **Transport**

Chauffeured Guided Tour & Transfers in Deluxe Mercedes Sprinter Bus with leather trim, wifi and air con. Fuel, Tolls, Ferry crossings and driver/guide expenses all included. Your knowledgeable chauffeur will guide you to the best restaurants and local bars as well as informing you on historical facts and fables.

## **Terms & Conditions**

Costs may fluctuate upon the time of year and availability cannot be guaranteed on all courses.

Deposit required to secure the booking of accommodation and golf.

Full payment of tour required 1 month in advance of the tour date. Both are non refundable upon payment.

Please note Accommodation includes Bed & Breakfast only.

All lunch and evening meals are not included, but the finalised itinerary will have suggested local restaurants.

Golf green fees are included but any other activities are not included.

Tips are not included but encouraged.

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