# EXECUTIVE TOUR SUMMARY

The South West is simply one of the most beautiful parts of Scotland and being home to over 100 golf courses remains one of the most popular regions for golf. It is a refreshing mix of famous names and hidden gems, not to mention its fair share of Open Qualifier Championship Courses. Aside from its attachment to Robert Burns and whiskey, the region is also the dwelling place of 3 of the worlds most treasured links course Turnberry, Royal Troon and Prestwick Golf Clubs. Saying that the mix of parkland, heathland and moorland courses allows a rich variety of courses to be enjoyed by the discerning golfer.

#### Golf

#### Trump Turnberry (Ailsa) Golf Club (Est. 1906) Par: 71 Men / 74 Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 7,489 yards / White Tees 6,511 yards / Ladies Tees 5,406 yards

### video http://www.trumpturnberry.com/en/gallery/video

Set alongside the glorious Ayrshire coastline, with Arran and Ailsa Craig as a stunning backdrop, it is one of the finest golfing destinations in the world. Named after the third Marquess of Ailsa, who owned the land on which it was built, the Ailsa is one of the world's most loved golf courses and has had the privilege of hosting the Open Championship four times, including the unforgettable 1977 Duel in the Sun. In 2014 famed golf course architects Mackenzie & Ebert started and have since completed a meticulous historic study and modern day review of the Ailsa course, creating a true masterpiece.

#### Royal Troon Golf Club (Est. 1878) Par: 71 Men / 75 Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 7,208 yards / White Tees 6,632 yards / Ladies Tees 6,108 yards

Originally designed by George Strath and Willie Fernie, In 1923 James Braid remodelled the course before it hosted its first Open Championship to what it is today. Royal Troon Golf Club proudly hosted The 145th Open Championship in July of 2016, the famous duel between Phil Michelson and Henrik Stenson. It was the ninth occasion The Open had been held at Troon. Royal Troon is home to both the longest and shortest holes in Open Championship golf. Regarded as one of the top holes in the world, the par-3 8th hole ("Postage Stamp") measures a scant 123 yards Two holes earlier, the par-5 6th ("Turnberry") extends to a lengthy 601 yards. A magnificent course in a magnificent setting.

## Prestwick Golf Club (Est. 1851) Par: 71 Men / 74 Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 6,908 yards / White Tees 6,551 yards / Ladies Tees 5,571 yards

Designed by Old Tom Morris, Prestwick Golf Club, the Birthplace of the Open Championship in 1860, is situated on a stretch of golfing terrain unrivalled in the world. The last and 24th Open Championship at Prestwick was held 65 years later in 1925. The course's cramped layout does make hosting of events with large galleries highly problematic and thus the Open has not since been held their, although the course's challenge remains intact to test the modern generation of players. With its unrivalled history, charismatic course and warm welcome, there are few places like it in the world of golf.

# Western Gailes Golf Club (Est. 1897) Par: 71 Mens & Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 7,014 yards / White Tees 6,640 yards / Ladies Tees 5,441 yards

## http://www.westerngailes.com/visitors/course-preview/18-hole-fly-through/

Regarded by many as the hidden gem of Scottish links, it is a course that we believe should be in every golfer's "must play" list. The course is situated between the railway and the sea, so typical of the classic Ayrshire links courses, with both being very much in play for the errant golfer. It is also special amongst seaside courses that are no more than two holes wide, in having its clubhouse in a more or less central position leaving seven holes to the north and eleven to the south. The course is never other than an excellent test of true links golf.

# Glasgow Gailes Golf Club (Est. 1892) Par: 71 Men & Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 6,903 yards / White Tees 6,535 yards / Ladies Tees 5,553 yards

Gailes has hosted major championship tournaments through the years and was designed by legendary golf architect Willie Park Jnr of Musselburgh. It was opened in 1892 by Glasgow Golf Club, the 9th oldest golf club in the world. It is a world class links course which attracts players from every corner of the globe. Gailes Links is an R&A preferred British Open Qualifier Championship links course.

# Dundonald Links Golf Club (Est. 2003) Par: 72 Mens & Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 7,100 yards / White Tees 6,340 yards / Ladies Tees 5,560 yards

Originally known as Southern Gailes, the Kyle Philip's-designed golf course was purchased by Loch Lomond Golf Club in early 2003 to provide its global Membership with a traditional links challenge.

The name was changed to Dundonald Links to reflect the area's rich history. Dundonald means 'Fort Donald' and fortifications have been discovered nearby dated to between 500 and 200 BC. Dundonald has hosted many tournaments including European Tour Qualifying, European Senior Tour Qualifying, Mens and Ladies Professional Scottish Opens.

# Kilmarnock Barassie Golf Club (Est. 1887) Par: 72 Men / 75 Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 6,852 yards / White Tees 6,484 yards / Ladies Tees 6,094 yards

## https://www.kbgc.co.uk

The Club, which has an extensive history, has been offering golfers a magnificent links golf challenge in Ayrshire since the 1800s. Kilmarnock (Barassie) Golf Club offers everything golfers would expect from a Scottish seaside golf course, challenging fairways and greens as well as a friendly, welcoming membership. The course offers a mix of the old and the new. Nine holes from the original course and a new nine built in 1997. The course is an Open Championship Final Qualifying venue with a welldeserved reputation for some of the best maintained greens in Scotland. The club has produced a number of fine players since its inception, most notably Jim Milligan, Gordon Sherry and Jack McDonald who all played in winning Walker Cup Teams.

## West Kilbride Golf Club (Est. 1893) Par: 71 Men / 73 Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 6,523 yards / White Tees 6,146 yards / Ladies Tees 5,781 yards

#### http://www.westkilbridegolfclub.com/course/scorecard/

Designed by the famed Old Tom Morris, West Kilbride Golf Club lies on a beautiful strip of links land and raised beach adjacent to the coastal village of Seamill, West Kilbride and is the most northerly of Ayrshire's true links courses. With its magnificent views of Arran, Bute and Cowal it makes a wonderful venue for the game and a fine test of golf. In similar fashion to St. Andrews, the course follows an anti-clockwise route with a loop at the far end around the turn. But unlike St. Andrews it has frequent holes where out of bounds comes into play, with the entire course exposed to the slightest breeze it is a stern test of golf.

## Accommodation

**Trump Turnberry**, Ayrshire. Trump Turnberry, long legendary for its iconic Edwardian luxury hotel overlooking its famous links golf courses in its enchanting coastal setting, with ocean views of Ailsa Craig and the Isle of Arran, is now even more magical. With over £200 million invested in transforming the hotel facilities and courses, Trump Turnberry is now the ultimate golf and spa destination in Britain.

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.