

Scotland for Golf

St Andrews Links is the most renowned golfing landscape in the world. It is the Home of Golf, the place where the game began and has been developed and nurtured over six centuries. At the heart of the Links, is the Old Course but it has five 18 hole courses and a nine hole course alongside it. These are all public courses and with the seventh course, The Castle Course, on a site to the south east of St Andrews, comprise the largest public golf complex in Europe.

The Old Course is unrivalled for its history and prestige, the New and Jubilee offer true links challenges. The Castle Course offers a new challenge, a Links-like course perched on the cliffs overlooking St Andrews.

The Old Course, St Andrews:



"I fell in love with it the first day I played it. There's just no other golf course that is even remotely close." - Jack Nicklaus

"Without a doubt I like it the best of all the Open venues. It's my favorite course in the world." - Tiger Woods

The Old Course is the Home of Golf where golf was first played 600 years ago. It remains a real test of golf for today's champions. The fabled original links course is synonymous with The Open Championship which it has hosted more times than any other venue and will host for a 29th time in 2015.

Despite its reputation and status, it is a public course and is one of seven public courses at St Andrews Links. Golf was first played on what is now the Old Course in the 1400s. The course has evolved over time and was not designed by any one architect. The people who played a major role in shaping it are Daw Anderson (1850s), Old Tom Morris (1860s- 1900) and Dr Alister Mackenzie (1930s).

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The New Course, St Andrews

The New Course is often referred to as the oldest “new” course in the world. A classic links course with undulating fairways and delightfully challenging greens, it was designed by Old Tom Morris. Named the New to differentiate it from the original course at the links which became the Old Course, the course remains one of the finest examples of Morris’ work to be found anywhere.

The construction of the New Course was paid for by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, which engaged B Hall Blyth, an Edinburgh civil engineer, to plan the New Course and entrusted the layout to Morris and his right-hand man, David Honeyman. The result is a classic links course which is a first class golfing challenge. The course has the traditional out and back layout, with the 18th green just to the right of the 1st tee. It also has, in the great St Andrews tradition, shared fairways and even a double green at the 3rd and 15th holes.

The Jubilee Course, St Andrews

A qualifying course for the 2004 Amateur Championship. Now well into its second century of life, the Jubilee Course has developed from a basic 12-hole layout into what many consider to be the toughest test of golf at St Andrews.

Created on a narrow strip of prime golfing land between the New Course and the sea, the Jubilee was originally intended for ladies and beginners. It was laid out by John Angus junior and made ready in only three months. The course was named in honor of Queen Victoria, whose Diamond Jubilee fell in 1897. On a full day of celebrations, the Jubilee Fountain was unveiled on the Links and the Jubilee Course was officially opened by Mary Macgregor, wife of Provost John Macgregor, who struck the first drive with a commemorative club made by Old Tom Morris.

The Castle Course, St Andrews



The Castle Course is the seventh course at the Home of Golf. Set on a rugged cliffline overlooking the ancient town of St Andrews, the course combines breathtaking views with a memorable golfing challenge. Designed by David Kidd, creator of Bandon Dunes on the West Coast of America, The Castle Course won several international awards in its first year of

opening and was included within the prestigious Golf Digest Top 100 rankings almost immediately.

The course was officially opened for play on July 2, 2008 by HRH The Duke of York and has proved popular with golfers looking for a new and exciting test of golf in St Andrews. The par 71 course has five tees on every hole and the length ranges from 5300 yards to 6789 yards from the boxes.

The award-winning Castle Course Clubhouse nestles into the landscape on Kinkell Ness and offers spectacular views over St Andrews Bay and the town itself. The clubhouse has a restaurant, shop and changing and shower facilities

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Kingsbarns Golf Links



Kingsbarns is proud to co-host venue of the prestigious Alfred Dunhill Links Championship. Golf has been enjoyed over the links land of Kingsbarns beginning in 1793. Prompted and inspired by Lady Erskine of Cambo, the old Kingsbarns Golfing Society was re-established and founded as Kingsbarns Golf Club in 1922 and Willie Auchterlonie laid out a nine-hole course on the links about Kingsbarns Bay.

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his course served the golfing needs of the locals and holidaymakers until the onset of the Second World War when the Links was mined in the national security defense effort and it quickly reverted to rough pasture. Golf was resurrected on Kingsbarns Links at the dawning of the 21st Century. The only Scottish course to be built on links land in over 70 years.

St Andrews Area

Elie Golf House Club

Only twenty minutes from the home of golf at St. Andrews and within sight of Muirfield - Elie provides a unique experience. Visitors acclaim the course as both challenging and charming in equal measure. Formed in 1875, only a handful of clubs in Scotland are older than Elie, a classic example of links golf. From the opening hole, where a blind tee shot requires the starter to use a 30ft periscope from HMS Excalibur to ensure the way is clear, the course's idiosyncratic charm becomes apparent.



James Braid was born and brought up near the golf course and learnt his golf over this links course which has no par 5s and only 2 par 3s. It might be relatively short at 6273 yards but it is a true test of golf and a very enjoyable one at that. James Braid asserted that the 13th at Elie was "the finest in all the country". The real character of the golf course is through the 6th to 14th holes, a stretch that takes golfers out to the sea and, with a wind off the Firth of Forth, leaves one in no doubt as to its seaside character. Few tees in the world of golf are as beautiful as Elie's short par 3, the 11th

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Lundin Golf Club

“I’ll always have a special place in my heart for Lundin Links” - Brad Faxon

Lundin Golf Club, near to St Andrews the 'Home of Golf', is well known throughout the golfing world as a course of rare quality. Founded in 1868, on a Tom Morris course it was extensively redesigned by five times Open Champion James Braid in 1909.



Fine links fairways and excellent greens have ensured that it has been regularly selected as a final qualifying golf course for the Open Championship. Narrow fairways, bunkers, burns, and ever-changing winds guarantee a testing but rewarding golfing experience. A round of golf at Lundin for a fourball should take no longer than 4 hours!

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The famous King’s Course

The secluded Queen’s Course



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