

Your Tour Host :

STEVE JOHNSON, Pinehurst, NC: APGA of America member for over 35 years, has been making the trans-Atlantic trip to the UK for over 20 years to enjoy and test the greatest links courses in the world.

Steve, an accomplished player, has a real passion for playing the great links courses throughout the UK, and Steve puts Scotland at the top of his list of favorite places to visit.

Steve's love for the game of golf, along with an affection for the game's history and his knowledge of golf course architecture kindles his desire to continue making trips to Scotland the Home of Golf.

As well as having worked for the late legendary golfer **Arnold Palmer** for many years, Steve has also worked with such renowned golf course architects as **Pete Dye, Tom Fazio, Jack Nicklaus, P.B. Dye, Bob Simmons, Bruce Charlton (RTJ,III), Chi Chi Rodriguez**, among others.

Steve is very excited to be escorting another group of avid golfers to Scotland and share his broad knowledge of the history game and the courses that are included in this wonderful golfing package.

THE CASTLE COURSE, St. Andrews: The newest addition to St Andrews Links, The Castle Course opened in 2008 becoming the seventh course at the "Home of Golf". Set on a rugged cliff-top with spectacular views over St Andrews, The Castle Course offers a memorable golfing experience. The designer, David McLay Kidd, creator of Bandon Dunes in Oregon, intended to create a typical Scottish golf experience. Each hole has a choice of five tees and the course is playable between about 5300-7200 yards. The Castle Course features more coastal exposure than any of the existing Links Trust layouts. Following the coastline east of St Andrews, the Castle Course is just two miles from the town center.

CARNOUSTIE GOLF LINKS (Championship Course): Golf has been played over the links at Carnoustie since the 1500's. However, the present course came into being in 1850. Some 20 years later the legendary Old Tom Morris improved and extended the course to 18 holes and in 1926 the famous architect James Braid redesigned the Championship course extensively. The demanding Championship Course has hosted seven British Opens – most recently in 2007. Carnoustie again will host the Open Championship in 2018.

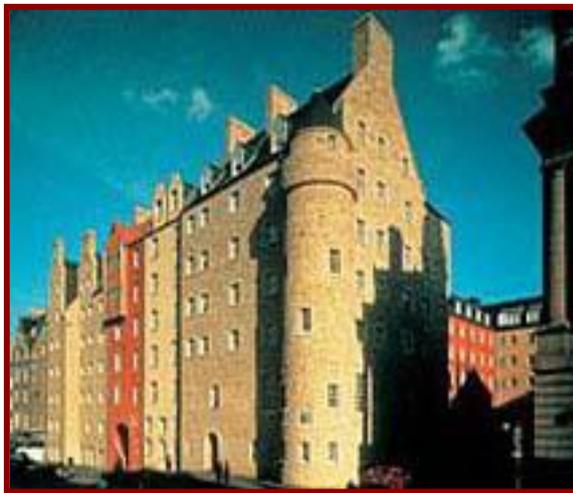
NORTH BERWICK GOLF CLUB: The West Links is a true links course – steeped in history – and complete with traditional revetted bunkers, blind holes, drives over walls and burns together with magnificent views towards the sea. The 13th oldest in the world, has a long and proud history, from staging many of the legendary challenge matches of the 19th Century to hosting major events, including Final Qualifying for the Open Championship. Feature holes include No. 15, 'Redan', probably the most frequently copied short hole in the world.

PRESTWICK GOLF CLUB: One of golf's most historic courses (just behind the Old Course, St. Andrews). The first 12 British Open Championships were played on this unique links layout. In addition, Prestwick has hosted eleven British Amateur Championships - most recently in 2001.

WESTERN GAILES GOLF CLUB: The outstanding links course has played host to the Curtis Cup, P.G.A. Championship, Seniors, Scottish Amateur and Boys Championships and the Ladies' Home Internationals. In addition, it was a final qualifying venue for the 2009 Open Championship.



CARNOUSTIE GOLF HOTEL (4-Star): The Hotel sits on the edge of the Championship golf course, with magnificent suites, impressive leisure facilities, including gym, pool, sauna and steam room, a sumptuous spa with indulgent treatments and unrivalled views over the infamous Scottish Links Course. With the 75 bedrooms and 10 luxury suites, all bedrooms are en-suite and have breath taking views over Carnoustie, which include sea views or golf course facing rooms. Relax and unwind in the Hotel Bar or Terrace and Dine in the AA Rosette Restaurant, where you can enjoy the finest quality Local Scottish produce. With three courses on the door step, Carnoustie has to be the perfect destination for the avid golfer.



RADISSON BLU HOTEL, Edinburgh (4-Star): Edinburgh is renowned for its unique history, architectural beauty and cultural vibrance. At its heart, Edinburgh Castle, guardian of the city, sits just a "Royal Mile" from the Palace of Holyrood House. If any one street can be said to have shaped a nation, the medieval Royal Mile is such a street. The 15th century thoroughfare is the spectacular setting for the Radisson BLU Hotel. Heralded as "the finest example of medieval architecture built in recent times", the hotel has been sympathetically designed to blend perfectly with its ancient neighbors. Each of the 238 rooms, including 10 luxury suites, have been stylishly decorated - reflecting the warmth and richness of the hospitality for which Scotland is justifiably renowned. For relaxation, the fully equipped leisure club with indoor jetstream pool, saunas and solarium is the ideal place to wind down after the activities of the day or to set you up for the challenges ahead. And there's always plenty of activities in Edinburgh for those wishing to see the sights. Or you can enjoy the mellow ambience of Dickson's Lounge and Bar. Dickson's serves an enticing range of light meals, cocktails, spirits, malt whiskies and specialty beers.



THE MARINE HOTEL, Troon (4-Star): The Marine Hotel is a superior first class hotel located on the edge of Troon, overlooking Royal Troon Golf Course in the heart of Burns Country with stunning views of Arran. All the bedrooms within the Marine hotel are modern in design yet sympathetic to the Victorian architecture, classic dark wooden furnishings complete the room. The rooms are light and airy with quality features including wireless internet access, complimentary refreshment trays, trouser press & hair dryer.

The classic white and marble en suite is the perfect place for to relax and unwind. The Fairways Restaurant has now been transformed into the Two Fat Ladies Restaurant. The Restaurant offers a great modern menu made up of fresh & seasonal ingredients. The restaurant overlooks the Golf Course.



Prestwick



Western Gailes

Hotels: We quote a rate that represents two people sharing a standard run of house room (two beds) .

Transportation: A luxury high specification motor coach with driver, provided by Woods of Tillicoultry, with plenty of spare seats and tables for this size of group.

Handicaps: All of our championship courses require players to be a reasonable standard. This is not in any way to be exclusive but more to do with ensuring that players get the most from the course and can enjoy the experience. We fully endorse this. As a general guide our courses require men to play to no more than a 24 handicap and ladies 28. We will specify any significant differences at time of booking.

Deposit requirements: We require a \$900 non-refundable deposit. Balance is due 90 days prior to travel.

Under European Law travel companies have to protect their clients' funds to cover potential for financial failure.

At Wilkinson Golf we extend this cover to include ALL CLIENTS reservations and this safeguard should be an important consideration in determining the company you book your travel with.

This insurance is provided at cost by us to ensure your piece of mind when booking.



Steve on his last tour at Western Gailes