

**SCOTLAND TOURS - GROUP PACKAGES: BRITISH OPEN TOUR**

## special events in scotland!

**Group travel****British Open****St Andrews****day 1****Wednesday**

Arrive in Scotland and transfer by private coach to your hotel. Enjoy some free time to relax at the hotel or take your first steps to discovering beautiful Edinburgh.

Tonight join your guide at the hotel bar for a drink before a welcome dinner with the whole group at the hotel.

**day 2****Thursday**

This morning the guests will be taken on a guided sightseeing tour of Edinburgh.

Edinburgh really is two cities. There is the Old Town, which is built around the Castle and down along the Royal Mile to Holyrood Palace. The style here is very traditional and rather medieval with high tenement houses and very narrow lanes, so called 'closes'. In contrast there is the New Town which was built in the classic Georgian style, at the end of the 18th century, to handle the constant stream of increasing population and business activities. Later that morning enjoy a guided tour of Edinburgh Castle, which stands on a volcanic rock in the centre of the city overlooking the town and the countryside beyond. The oldest of castle buildings is the tiny 12th century chapel dedicated to St Margaret and in the Old Palace you can see the sparkling Scottish Crown Jewels.

Non-Golfers: The rest of the afternoon will be free for you to explore the city centre further. Go shopping or continue your sightseeing programme.

Golfers: Golfers have the first opportunity to play a course in the Edinburgh area, such as the Championship East Course of the Dalmahoy Hotel & Country Club. The East course is a great challenge and has been the host to a number of Scottish golfing events. Course Name: East: Holes: 18 Yardage: 6638 Par 72 SSS: 72

**day 3****Friday**

Non-golfers: There is a full day of sightseeing to some of the most beautiful parts of Scotland.

The route takes us south from Edinburgh, through the Lammermuir Hills and the rolling countryside via Scott's View - a picturesque beauty spot where Sir Walter Scott - most loved Scottish novelist - often stopped to admire the view of the Eildon Hills and the River Tweed. We then continue to Dryburgh Abbey for a visit. Although little remains of Dryburgh Abbey itself, the cloister buildings are some of the best survivors of all the Scottish monasteries and date from around the 12th and 13th centuries. Sir Walter Scott is buried in the church here. Continue via the pretty town of Melrose, where many historic relics have been found at nearby Trimontium - once a Roman Camp. Melrose also has a fine Cistercian Abbey, founded in 1136 - it suffered the usual attacks of all the border abbeys during English invasions. In the afternoon we visit Abbotsford House, Sir Walter Scott's last home situated by the banks of the River Tweed. The romantic mansion house in the heart of the Borders has been preserved as it was when he lived there, containing many of Scott's belongings and literary collections.

Returning via the Innerleithen and Peebles to Edinburgh late afternoon.

Golfers: We will take you into the south as well along the scenic coastal route and to North Berwick. The North Berwick Golf Club is the thirteenth oldest in the world, founded in 1832 by a group of local landowners and gentlemen.

Course Name: North Berwick West: Holes: 18 Yardage: 6420 Par 71 Links Course

**day 4****Saturday**

After breakfast the group will be taken to St Andrews for the third day play of the 2005 Open Championship.

Non Golfers: Coach and guide will be available for an excursion in the St Andrews area.

**day 5****Sunday**

Today after breakfast again transfer to St Andrews for the Final Days Play of the 2005 Open Championship.

Non: Golfers: Again coach and guide will be available for an excursion in the area.

Farewell dinner tonight at the hotel.

**day 6****Monday**

Departure transfer from the hotel to Edinburgh or Glasgow airport.

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