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THE RESIDENCE AT ST. ANDREWS VACATION GUIDE

St. Andrews, Scotland



WELCOME TO THE RESIDENCE AT ST. ANDREWS!

Luxury Escapes International is bringing golf fans from around the world over to St. Andrews with a stay in one of the most iconic - if not the most iconic - buildings in St. Andrews, Scotland: The Hamilton Grand.

Tucked directly behind the 18th green of the Old Course and standing tall next to the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews sits the Hamilton Grand. With its Gothic appearance and high stature, you cannot miss this staggering building while walking the grounds of St. Andrews.

And now, you can stay in it too.

LEI is offering The Residence at St. Andrews: a two-bedroom/two and a half bathrooms flat in Kohler's Hamilton Grand for rent with stunning panoramic views of the 18th hole of the Old Course and of the North Sea. Enjoy 24/7 concierge service at the Hamilton Grand and receive full amenities at the Old Course Hotel down the road. In addition, you will have full access to The Duke's golf course and Kohler Waters Spa & Fitness Centre in between other rounds at renowned Scottish golf courses.

A few fun facts about St. Andrews include:

- Golf was played here as early as the 15th century
- University of St Andrews: Founded in 1413. Oldest University in Scotland. Prince William and Catherine Middleton are alums
- The Hamilton Grand recently restored to its traditional Victorian grandeur when purchased by the Kohler Company
- West Sands is the largest and best-known beach in St Andrew's. Featured in the opening sequence of Oscar-winning film, Chariots of Fire
- Typical daily temperatures range from 39° 58° F





WORLD'S HOME OF GOLF

Nestled on the east coast of Scotland against the North Sea, St. Andrews is the holy site for golf fans throughout the world. Having hosted the first ever Open Championship in its 18-holeper-day format back in 1873, every great golfer has had to come to St. Andrews to try and take home the coveted Claret Jug. Winning the Claret Jug in general is an accomplishment. But winning it at St. Andrews is a dream.

Known as the world's Home of Golf, and the golfer's trip of a lifetime, golfing in Scotland is hard to beat! The Residence at St. Andrews overlooks the most famous golf course in the world and the mecca to which every golfer dreams to make the pilgrimage at least once in a golfing lifetime. The Old Course at St. Andrews is the oldest and most iconic golf course in the world. The Swilcan Bridge and Hell Bunker are the greatest features of the Old Course, and despite its grand status, it remains a public golf course, open to all.

In addition to the Old Course, there are over 20 amazing local courses to visit during your vacation. As our guest, you will have access to our exclusive golf concierge Johnny Stewart, who can assist you with booking tee time at the courses.

Optional travel concierge assistance is also available to extend your vacation experience, including other destinations and golf courses throughout Scotland.

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MEET YOUR GOLF CONCIERGE, — JOHNNY STEWART —

Those booking vacations with Luxury Escapes International to The Residence at St. Andrews will work with our exclusive golf concierge, Johnny Stewart, an Eton College graduate and former Lieutenant Colonel in the Scots Guards of the British Army.

As an avid golfer, Johnny will be assisting our guests in securing tee times to several local popular golf courses* and will also provide his expertise and in-depth knowledge of the golf and social world of Scotland.

GOLF COURSES

St. Andrews New Course Jubilee Course Eden Course Castle Course Duke's Course

Kingsbarns

Carnoustie

Fairmont Hotel, St. Andrews Kittocks Course Torrance Course

Dunbarnie

Lundin Links

Elie

Crail Balcomie Links Craighead Links

Gleneagles

1.25 hr. drive PGA Centenary Kings Course Queens Course

Muirfield

Gullane

North Berwick

*Tee times subject to availability. All greens fees, caddy fees, and all other golf related fees are excluded from package price.

THE AMENITIES

- 24/7 concierge service during your stay at the Hamilton Grand
- Two bedroom, two-and-a-half-bathroom private residence. Either bedroom can be configured as a king bed or two singles, upon guest request
- Open living, dining, kitchen/breakfast bar area, cozy fireplace in the living room
- Fully equipped kitchen with high-end appliances, silverware, glassware, dishware, cookware and cooking utensils
- Washer/dryer available for use during your stay
- Access to Tee Times at Dukes Landing Golf Course as well as over 20 other local golf courses. Your exclusive Golf Concierge will assist you with your tee times*
- Access to full amenities at the Old Course hotel, including the world-renowned Kohler Waters Spa and Fitness Centre
- Custom luxury designer furnishings, and decor throughout
- Complimentary high-speed internet access, cable and Smart TVs
- Dedicated travel liaison prior to your stay
- Private one-hour tour of the Kingsbarns Distillery, including tour transportation, tasting and an exclusive gift upon arrival (upgrades are available)

*Amenities listed are subject to change and availability. Tee times are subject to availability. All greens fees, caddy fees, and all other golf related fees are excluded from package price.











LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

There are probably a million and one ways to fill your vacation with incredible things to do in Scotland. Of course, the wellknown activity in Scotland is golf, but what about grand castles, train rides through majestic landscapes, whisky distillery tours and tastings, visiting a gallery or museum, and not to mention the pub and food scene in Scotland are plentiful and top-notch!

St. Andrews Cathedral

A 'must-see' for any visitor, explore the remains of St. Andrews Cathedral, which was once Scotland's largest cathedral and most magnificent church, show how impressive it used to be. The museum houses an outstanding collection of early and later medieval sculptures and other relics found on the site.

R&A World Golf Museum

Over 500 years of golfing history is displayed in the British Golf Museum. Visitors are welcomed with a gift shop and entrance galleries and there is a spectacular 80-seat café on the roof. The early history and interactive galleries have been transformed to bring the spirit of the game alive for visitors. This is a must visit attraction for your stay in St. Andrews or Scotland.

St. Andrews Castle

On a headland to the north of St. Andrews stand the ruins of the city's castle, the main residence of the bishops and archbishops of St. Andrews and the focal point of the church in medieval Scotland. Explore the underground 16th-century siege mine and counter-mine, and the 'bottle dungeon', one of the most infamous castle prisons in medieval Britain, which was cut out of solid rock.

St. Andrews Aquarium

Be transported into an underwater world of adventure and come face to face with some of the most beautiful, fascinating, and dangerous creatures of the watery worlds. Nestled on St. Andrews' dramatic north facing cliffs, with stunning views of the famous west sands and St. Andrews Bay. See animals including British sharks, piranhas, seals and even meerkats!

West Sand Beach

Located on the eastern coastline of the Kingdom of Fife and is the largest and best-known beach in St. Andrews. The south end of the two-mile-long sandy beach was featured in the opening sequence of Oscar-winning film, Chariots of Fire, while the north end is popular with kite surfers and overlooks the Eden Estuary Nature Reserve, home to birds and seals.







St. Andrews Botanic Garden

A beautiful living treasure in the heart of historic St. Andrews. Mature tree and shrub plantings enclose the garden and inspirational plant displays cover rock and scree hillsides, ponds, woodland, and herbaceous borders. Botanical and geographic garden displays. Enjoy the shop and tearoom. Family activities, events, education and research programs held year round.

St. Andrews Museum

Explore the heritage of this university town and from its medieval past to the flourishing present. It's all going on at St. Andrews Museum - a stunning Victorian mansion nestled in the grounds of Kilnburn Park. The amazing collection of displays, objects and images tell a story from the 12th century to its current incarnation as a major university hub and the spiritual home of golf.

Blendworks Gin School

Gin lovers have the chance to create their own bespoke gin, unique to their own flavour palettes by selecting botanicals to create their own blend. The experience, which lasts for two hours, is a multisensory journey into the world of gin blending with unrivalled views of the 18th green and iconic Old Course and West Sands.

St. Andrews Ghost Tours

The tours take in the major historic quarters including the Cathedral, Archbishops Palace, and Colleges of Scotland's oldest university, all showcasing an extraordinary history as the backdrop to a great many haunted locations. Whether you're interested in history, ghosts, the sights of St Andrews or all the above, this is a great way for any looking to explore and find out more about this unique part of the world.

St. Andrews Brewing Company

THE HOME OF GREAT BEER: The multi-award-winning craft brewery of St. Andrews offers bookings for brewery tours and tastings, and is just a three minutes' walk from South Street St. Andrews. Opened in 2012, St. Andrews Brewing Company returned the craft of brewing to St. Andrews after an absence of 111 years – when the last of the town's old breweries closed.

Kohler Waters Spa

An indoor swimming spa pool, a hydrotherapy pool for therapeutic bathing, steam room for deep muscular relaxation and detoxification, experience showers, refreshing Ice fountain, cold plunge pool and sauna. *Spa services costs not included with trip.

FINE DINING AND PUB FAVORITES

St. Andrews is well known for its university, golf courses and rich history; however, it also has a culinary scene that's well worth checking out if you're in the area. One of Scotland's oldest and most distinguished towns, St. Andrews offers a range of excellent restaurants to eat in (including a Michelin Star Restaurant) as well as many historic British and Scottish Pubs.



The Seafood Ristorante – Michelin Star Seafood Restaurant, Bar \$\$\$ The Räv – Contemporary Dining, Bar \$\$\$ The Adamson – Contemporary Dining, Cocktail Bar \$\$\$ Rogue – Area Sourced Seafood & Steak, Cocktail Bar \$\$\$ Forgan's St. Andrews – European Grill, Bar \$\$ The Jigger Inn – Golf Pub at the Old Course Hotel \$\$\$ Dunvegan Bar & Restaurant – Golf Pub near the Old Course 18th Hole \$\$ Hams Hame Pub & Grill – Scottish Cuisine located in the Hamilton Grand \$\$\$ St. Andrews Brew Pub – Tasting Room for St. Andrews Brewery \$\$ Kingsbarns Distillery & Café – Lighter Fare, Tasting Room & Bar \$\$

PACKING CHECKLIST

You've booked your flights and secured those all-important tee times for your forthcoming golf vacation to The Residence at St. Andrews. All that remains is to firstly retain your excitement, and secondly to pack your bags. Scotland is a small country that can be extremely unpredictable, particularly when it comes to the weather. That must be a paramount focus in your packing preparations, in addition to the various golfing and day-to-day items that you'll need to make your Scottish golf trip experience as smooth and as satisfying as possible. Here are just a few important things to consider.

- □ **Golf Gear** (clubs, balls, tees, etc.)
- □ Golf Apparel/Shoes
- Light Outer Layers (it gets chilly and can be very windy)
- Rain Gear (umbrella, rain gloves, goretex shoes & apparel, zip lock bag or waterproof bag to keep cellphone and valuables in). Remember, if it rains, you still play!
- Personal Toiletries (lip balm, sunscreen, shampoo, conditioner, etc.)
- Sunglasses/Hat
- Versatile Walking Shoes
- Passport/Identification
- □ **Camera and/or cellphone** (charger)
- International Electric Adapter

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How far away is the flat from the airport?

A: Distance depends on your trip itinerary. Glasgow Airport (GLA) is approximately 2 hours away, and Edinburgh Airport (EDI) is approximately 1 hour away.

Q: Is the flat close to shopping and restaurants?

A: Yes! The flat is in proximity (walking distance) to many local shops, restaurants, and pubs!

Q: How far are local attractions?

A: Locations of activities and attractions vary from direct access to over two hours away from the flat. Your travel liaison will be happy to assist you with details needed regarding attractions and activities.

Q: Is there air conditioning?

A: Yes! All indoor living areas and bedrooms have central air conditioning throughout at no additional cost to guests.

Q: Do I need to bring an International Electric Adapter?

A: Yes! You will need to make sure to bring an international electric adapter with you.

Q: Is there internet access?

A: Complimentary high-speed internet is available throughout the flat.

Q: Are pets allowed? A: The flat does not accommodate pets.

Q: What type of currency is used?

A: Scotland uses the British Pound for accepted currency.

Q: Are there laundry machines?

A: Yes, and do not overpack. There is a washer and dryer in the flat for guests to use during your stay.

Q: Will the flat be cleaned throughout the week?

A: The housekeeping staff will clean the flat at least once during your stay.

Q: Do we need to tip the staff?

A: Thank you for considering the staff and our golf concierge. Gratuities are appreciated but are discretionary.

Q: Are we guaranteed tee times at the Old Course?

A: We recommend visiting this website: https://standrews.com/old-course-ballot for information regarding the Old Course lottery system and tee times. There are no guarantees for tee times on this course.

Q: How do we book tee times at the local golf courses?

A: Johnny Stewart, our golf concierge can assist you with booking any tee times you may be interested in during your stay at over 20+ local courses. Tee times are all subject to availability.

Q: Can we extend our trip length?

A: Depending on availability, yes. Not only can our concierge Johnny Stewart assist with booking tee times, but he can also assist in extending your trip including accommodations. A typical stay in Scotland is about a week and is usually not spent in one location for the duration of the week.

Q: Are there any costs that are not included with our trip?

A: Great question! Airfare and transportation to The Residence at St. Andrews is not included. Greens fees, caddy fees, golf cart fees are not included. Food and drink are not included. Private chef is not included.