

SCOTLAND

Stay True, Play True

The Authentic Troon Experience



The True Links of Troon, here: Western Gables of 1897, here the 9th hole.

Welcome to share my love for this part of Scotland, its rich golf heritage and some insights into the way the game used to be played.



Ingvar Ritzén, founder of Heritage Golf Tours, co-located in Troon & Stockholm and your local guide in Troon

The True Links of Troon Experience 2023

Troon is a wee seaside town in Ayrshire and is the perfect golfing destination. There are 46 golf courses in Ayrshire and Arran, and 15 of them are True Links¹. Surrounding Troon, you will find 9 True links adjacent to one another so that you can play a ball between all of them – the highest such concentration of True Links in the World! Tom Morris lived here for 13 years and laid out Prestwick where the 1st Open was played 1860. In total The Open has been played 35 times in Ayrshire on Royal Troon, Prestwick, and Turnberry. The last Open was in 2016, won by Henrik Stenson in an epic battle with Phil Mickelson. The next Open here is in 2024.

Play Troon. Fredrick and your local guide Ingvar will be available for you all day, drive you around, play along on the links, give local advice on and off the links, share stories and a dram in the evenings and give insights into the local golf heritage and encourage reflection on golf now vs then. You will play 6 courses, with 3 of them hosting championship tournaments in recent years.

Stay True, accommodation in South Beach Hotel Wednesday-Sunday. This is a hotel run by Stuart, made by golfers for golfers, twin rooms, breakfast included. The hotel is full of golf pictures on the walls, a welcoming bar, has a full restaurant, tartan carpet and a distinct golf vibe to it.



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16-20th August 2023, in short

Fredrick (pro), Ingvar (local guide) and 7 golfers.

Fly in Wednesday 16th Aug, Norwegian dep ARN 07.00 via OSL, arr EDI 10.30

Golf 5 days Wed-Sun, 6 courses:

- Prestwick St Nicholas (Wed)
- Shiskine 12 & Corrie 9, Arran (Thu)
- Western Gables (Fri)
- Gables Links (Sat)
- Dundonald Links (Sun)

Fly back Sunday 20th Aug, Norwegian dep 20.20, arr ARN ca 23.45, direct flight.

Included:

Two pre-departure lessons with Fredrick (value 1700 SEK). Hotels incl breakfast, green fees, airport pickup/drop-off, local transportation incl ferry and whisky tasting on Arran, swing and short game lessons with Fredrick, Culzean castle admission ticket, one seafood lunch with Sancerre, and five day full time Troon local guide who also plays with the group 4 of 5 days.

Not included:

Flights, meals, "golf ammo".

Fixed price is estimated to be 1220 GBP (just now = SEK 15.500) with a deposit of 250 GBP (SEK 3200) to secure your space, and the balance 970 GBP payable one month before departure. Payments can be made in SEK to swish no 123 044 1501 (KlubbVerkstan, mother of HGT).

For more info, cancellations rules etc, see heritagegolftours.co.uk.

¹ See book "True Links" by G Peper / M Campbell, listing the 246 true links of the world



The Course
Gailes Links in front, Western Gailes behind the road



South Beach Hotel. By golfers for golfers. Our base for the duration of the tour.



Prestwick St Nicholas with the salt houses, clubhouse to the right



Arran Distillery



Corrie, the site of our vintage golf revival!



Your minibus & tour guide



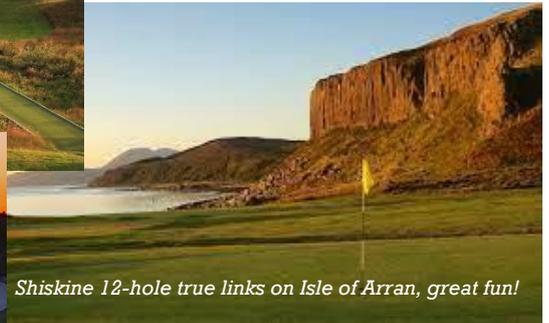
Dundonald Links, 11th, signature hole



Culzean castle, a show-off home for the Kennedy clan ca 1770--



Sunset from Ingvar's window in Troon



Shiskine 12-hole true links on Isle of Arran, great fun!

- Wednesday Pick-up at Edinburgh Airport, arrival 10.30. Drive 80 minutes to South Beach Hotel, Troon. Light meal and afternoon golf at Prestwick St Nicholas. Dinner in the hotel.
- Thursday Ferry to Isle of Arran. 12 holes at Shiskine. Distillery tour or tasting. 9 holes fun vintage golf skins game at Corrie with pencil bags, no golf watches. "Fish supper" on the return ferry.
- Friday Beach walk for some. Range practice with Fredrick @Gailes. Welcome drinks and a gourmet style lunch from Wee Hurrie in styrofoam packages, served with Sancerre in Ingvar's place. Golf @Western Gailes, tee times ca 3 PM. Dinner in Piersland House, former home of Alexander Walker, known for Johnny Walker Whiskies.
- Saturday Visit to Culzean Castle. Lunch at @Gailes Links followed by short game practice with Fredrick and 18 holes links golf. Shower and drinks. Dinner at Scott's.
- Sunday Check out. Golf practice at Dundonald Links with Fredrick with tee times preliminary 10.00, shower & lunch in the Canny Crow restaurant. Departure in the afternoon 4.15 to Edinburgh airport to catch the 8.20 flight. Ingvar pick's up the luggage during play.

Activities. Troon and Ayrshire have a lot to offer. Your local guide will help you make the most of your stay, depending on the group's preferences, and time allowing. Examples: castles, gin or whisky tasting, beach walks, shopping, museums, pubs, live music and much more.

This itinerary is based on experience of organizing Troon golf tours, but at this stage is somewhat preliminary since exact tee times are not booked and ferry times for 2023 not published yet. Therefore, the fixed price is an estimate, albeit a pretty good one and is based off a minimum of 6 golfers.