

SCOTLAND

Stay True, Play True

The Authentic Troon Experience



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



Enjoy Prestwick Old Course where The Open started 1860 with a 3-course jacket & tie lunch in the historic clubhouse

The True Links of Troon Experience 2024 with Fredrick

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 Open returns to Troon 18-21 July of 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, 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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8-13th October 2024, in short

Fredrick (pro), Ingvar (local guide) and 7-12 golfers. Golf 6 days Tue-Sun, 7 courses:

- Irvine Bogside (Tue)
- Prestwick St Nicholas (Wed)
- Shiskine 12 & Corrie 9, Arran (Thu)
- Prestwick Old Course (Fri)
- Troon Lochgreen (Sat)
- Troon Darley alt Fullarton (Sun)

Book Norwegian, fly in Tuesday 8th Oct, dep ARN 07.00 via OSL, arr. EDI 10.30. Fly back from EDI Sun 13th Oct 20.30, Norwegian, arr. ARN 23.40, direct flight. Flights currently 1 342 + 2 812 SEK plus golf bag charges.

Included:

A pre-departure lesson with Fredrick in Sweden (value 850 SEK). Hotel twin room incl. breakfast, all green fees, airport pickup/drop-off, local transportation incl. ferry, whisky tasting on Arran, swing and short game lesson with Fredrick, Culzean castle admission ticket, and six-day full time Troon local guide who also plays with the group.

Not included:

Flights, meals, trolleys & buggies. Single occupancy (25 GBP/night if available).

Fixed price 1195 GBP/pp (ca 15 535 SEK) for 7-12 golfers with a deposit of 250 GBP (SEK 3 250) to secure your space and the balance 945 GBP payable 28 Aug 2024. Payments can be made in SEK to swish no 123 044 1501 (KlubbVerkstän, 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



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



Arran Distillery



South Beach Hotel - by golfers for golfers. Our base camp for the duration of the tour.



"Quirky" Irvine Bogside links



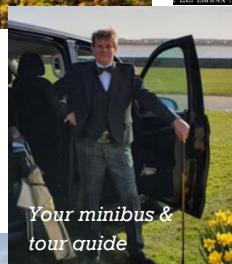
Arran ferry



Corrie, the site of our vintage golf revival!



Troon Darley



Your minibus & tour guide



Troon Lochgreen



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!

- Tuesday** Pick-up at Edinburgh Airport, arrival 11.30. Drive 40 minutes to Irvine GC for lunch and 18 holes. Warm up with Fredrick, but no driving range. Shower and drink, then check-in at South Beach Hotel, Troon. Welcome drink and dinner in the hotel restaurant.
- Wednesday** Full Scottish breakfast and then a full round at Prestwick St Nicholas. Short after-golf tour of Troon, optional beach walk. Welcome drink in Ingvar's place and dinner in Ingvar's local pub.
- Thursday** Ferry to Isle of Arran. 12 holes at Shiskine. Distillery tour or tasting. 9 holes fun vintage golf revival skins game at Corrie with pencil bags, no golf watches. "Fish supper" on the ferry.
- Friday** A pilgrimage to Prestwick Old Course where The Open started 1860. We will enjoy drinks after-golf in the Smoke Room, a 3-course lunch (included in the fixed price) in the main Dining room and coffee in the Smoke Room with the mandatory glass of Kummel (liqueur) filled to the brim. Friday is busy with members to talk to, and we will explore the clubhouse to see a lot of golf memorabilia. Friday night Dinner at SCOTTS.
- Saturday** Visit to Culzean Castle. Surprise lunch on the way back. Afternoon short game practice with Fredrick and 18-hole links golf at Troon Lochgreen. Shower in the hotel. Dinner in Piersland House, former home of Alexander Walker, known for Johnny Walker Whiskies.
- Sunday** Check out, but we leave our luggage in the hotel. Golf training and 18 holes, preliminary one group on the harder course, Troon Darley, the other one the easier, Troon Fullarton. Shower and light dinner at the club. We leave at 4.15 to go to Edinburgh airport for the 8.30 flight.

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, driving range, cafés, shopping and much more.

This itinerary is based on extensive experience of organizing Troon golf tours, but at this stage is somewhat preliminary since exact tee times are not booked and ferry times for 2024 not published yet. If the ferry is not running due to weather or technical problems, alternative courses will be offered on the day. The weather is unpredictable. But based on the last 15 tours in Troon, there is an average in October of rain on 10-15 of the 111 holes we plan to play. So, bring proper waterproofs. And also bring sunscreen!