



SCOTLAND & IRELAND GOLF EXPEDITION



05 JUN – 12 JUN 2019



07 NIGHTS / 08 DAYS



STARTS DUBLIN

INCREDIBLE GOLF EXPERIENCES. STUNNING LANDSCAPES. RICH HISTORY. ANCIENT CULTURE.

No places are as linked to the history of golf as Scotland and Ireland. The earliest mention of golf is a 1457 Scottish Act of Parliament where, ironically, it was banned because it distracted from the military sport of archery! Today more than a dozen of the World's Top 100 Courses (Golf Digest) can be found in the region, a pedigree we are proud to match with the advanced capability and comfort of our expedition ship – *RCGS Resolute*.

This expedition offers a totally unique take on a traditional golfing holiday. Not only does your 'floating hotel' negate the need for constant packing and unpacking, but you'll also enjoy breathtaking views and convenient access to the golf courses, as we shuttle you effortlessly from one to the next.

Our voyage begins in Dublin. From here we sail north to play The Royal County Down, consistently ranked in the top five courses in the world. We then sail up the west coast of Scotland, passing the picturesque islands of Islay, Mull and Skye and playing golf at the hidden gems of Macrihanish and Askernish. Further north we spend a day in the Orkney Islands before sailing south to Inverness, where we have access to two outstanding courses. At Aberdeen we find ourselves on the doorstep of both Cruden Bay and the Royal Aberdeen, our final courses before the journey ends in Edinburgh.

Non-golfers will also have plenty to do, with quaint Celtic seaside towns to explore, bike rides, afternoon hikes and some delicious afternoon teas.



Voyage Highlights

- > Play six of the world's Top 100 golf courses
- > Enjoy a unique coastal journey through Ireland and Scotland
- > Experience Scottish history from its famous clans and subtle whiskies, to 5000 year old Neolithic ruins and Celtic churches
- > Relax and enjoy the superb facilities and amenities on board *RCGS Resolute*

ALL COURSES FEATURE IN THE GOLF DIGEST WORLD 'TOP 100'



Royal County Down - Newcastle. (NI)

The sand dunes at Royal County Down are rugged and beautifully clad in heather and yellow gorse, lining the naturally undulating fairways. If a measure of a great golf course is the number of holes you can remember, then Royal County Down is one of the greatest of them all. It is no wonder this classic layout sits firmly in the Top 5 courses of all time according to the Golf Digest global rankings.

(Golf Digest global course ranking = 4)



Askernish - Outer Hebrides. (Sc)

The legendary 'lost course' at Askernish has a fascinating history. Often referred to as a living 'museum of golf' - the original Old Tom Morris course was designed in 1891. It fell into disrepair in the 1950s and was lovingly brought back to life in 2006.

This gem in the Outer Hebrides offers players the chance to experience golf as originally intended when the game was first played over coastal dune settings.

(Golf Digest Scotland course ranking = 98)



Castle Stuart - Inverness. (Sc)

The opening three holes of each nine run away from the clubhouse along the coastline offering spectacular views over the Moray of Firth. This is an expansive and wild looking location and the club has hosted the Scottish Open. Phil Mickelson won here in 2013 before going on to win The Open. Several tee locations are cut into the side of a cliff with an accurate drive onto the fairways below required.

(Golf Digest global course ranking = 50)



Royal Aberdeen - Aberdeen. (Sc)

The eighth oldest golf club in the world, founded in 1780, this is a traditional out-and-back links course running along the North Sea, and regarded by many as having the finest first nine holes in golf. Don't lose your ball in the rough here - the 5-minute rule was made here at Royal Aberdeen back in 1783!

(Golf Digest global course ranking = 57)



Cruden Bay - Aberneenshire. (Sc)

There are few experiences in golf better than walking from the club house to see the entire course and valley present itself. Cruden Bay is wonderful and varied, quirky and challenging all at once. This is truly a superb layout from the Golden Age of golf course architecture providing one of the greatest rounds you will ever play.

(Golf Digest global course ranking = 71)



A GREAT RANGE OF LOCAL EXPERIENCES FOR EVERYONE ON THIS VOYAGE

While the focus of this trip is golf, for those non-golfing partners or friends, we will offer a comprehensive program of alternative activities and sightseeing throughout the Scottish Isles. Cruising in the zodiac boats, short and long hikes on shore, visits to historic locations, including castles and whisky distilleries plus small coastal communities are all part of the experience. There will be options for cycle touring, discovering the beautiful white sand beaches, or other water-based activities. Our expert team of guides and ship-board staff will be available and will provide a great range of on shore and water based experiences for the non-golfers while the golfers enjoy the challenges of these celebrated and historic golf layouts.



Request a copy of our voyage brochure containing details and full list of inclusions for this unique golfing experience!

Your 7-night Golf Cruise Includes:

- Ship board accommodation in your choice of cabins (starting from US\$4,395pp)
- Confirmed course access, including green fees at all golfing locations
- All meals while onboard (including packed lunches on golfing days)
- Transfers (including clubs and gear) from ship to shore and to course locations
- Comprehensive activity program for the non-golfers led by expert guides
- A fun, convivial atmosphere on board and on shore with friendly competition
- And much more...



Cabin Type	Price
One Ocean Suite	US\$9,195
Shackleton Suite	US\$7,595
Superior Plus	US\$6,395
Superior	US\$6,195
Twin Private	US\$5,395
Triple Private	US\$4,395

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