

GOLF TRAVEL CENTRE PRESENTS

*The Ultimate*

# UK & IRELAND GOLF ROAD TRIP

If you're an avid golfer, there's every chance that you'll want to experience a round of golf on the top courses the UK has to offer. That's why we've mapped out the ultimate road trip to ensure you don't miss any of the superb greens and fairways throughout the British Isles.

1,318

GOLFERS VOTED IN OUR UK GOLF ROAD TRIP POLL

40%

VOTED ST. ANDREW'S OLD COURSE AS THEIR FAVOURITE GOLF COURSE IN SCOTLAND

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THE TOP COURSE IN ENGLAND, CHOSEN BY GOLFERS: ROYAL LYTHAM & ST ANNES

51%

VOTED FOR CELTIC MANOR TWENTY TEN COURSE AS THEIR FAVOURITE COURSE IN WALES



## 1. ROYAL LYTHAM & ST ANNES

First opening for play in 1886, this typical links course has of course been remodeled a number of times but stands out as one of the toughest courses in the British Isles. An elite venue for seasoned golfers, the Royal Lytham & St Annes golf club remains a true championship seaside test.

ENGLAND

## 2. ROYAL BIRKDALE

Having held more Championship and International events since World War 2 than any other course in the world, some say Royal Birkdale offers a golfing experience that is second to none. A truly famous links, the course is widely recognised for its fairness which makes it a superb option for all levels of golfer.

ENGLAND

## 3. ROYAL PORTRUSH

As the only club in Ireland to have hosted The Open Championship, Royal Portrush is certainly held in high regard. In fact, the famous competition is due to return here for the second time this year. A classic seaside links, Royal Portrush's rugged beauty offers a stunning backdrop to every round of golf.

IRELAND

## 4. ROYAL COUNTY DOWN

The Championship course at Royal County Down is one of the most photographed in the world, and it's easy to see why. Boasting some of the most spectacular scenery you may find on a golf course, this traditional links looks great all year round. Often ranked as the world's top golf course.

IRELAND

## 5. PORTMARNOCK (CHAMPIONSHIP)

Founded in 1894, this natural links golf course is consistently ranked as one of the top courses in the world. A true test to all golfing abilities, the many bunkers both in the fairway and around the rolling greens make it an exciting 18-holes.

IRELAND

## 6. BALLYBUNION (OLD)

Extremely challenging at the best of times, Ballybunion Old Course is a supreme test of golf and a must-play for any avid golfer. Located on the shores of the west coast of Ireland, Ballybunion is nothing less than an exquisite seaside course with breathtaking views.

IRELAND

## 7. ST. ANDREWS (OLD)

Visit the home of golf and experience the oldest and most iconic golf course in the world. Despite this rockstar status, the Old Course has remained public and open to all so be sure to book a tee time far in advance. St Andrews is perched on a cliff edge, so you can expect stunning sea views and a truly memorable round of golf.

SCOTLAND

## 8. GLENEAGLES (KING'S)

Designed by James Braid, The King's Course at Gleneagles is a true test of a golfer's ability thanks to the well-maintained fairways and greens which exude quality. A masterpiece of golf course design, each hole blends effortlessly into the landscape and you'll be lucky to not be put off by the stunning views.

SCOTLAND

## 9. CELTIC MANOR (TWENTY-TEN)

Follow in the footsteps of Ryder Cup legends at the Twenty Ten course which was built in 2010 specifically for this prestigious competition. Sitting at the bottom of a valley, the undulating hills serve as a wonderful backdrop and offer an exciting challenge.

WALES

## 10. ROYAL ST DAVID'S

Royal St David's is nothing short of beautiful. One of Wales' premier golfing destinations, it's a must-visit for lovers of links courses visiting the area. Dominated by the medieval Harlech castle, the course reflects the majestic character of the local land while a series of sand dunes are the only thing separating you from the sweeping bay.

WALES

## 11. ROYAL ST GEORGE'S

Located in Sandwich, Kent, the Royal St George's golf club is the only Open rota course located in Southern England. Nothing short of a masterpiece, the club's immense prestige and illustrious history cement it as a bucket list destination for golfers across the world.

ENGLAND

## 12. SUNNINGDALE

A quintessential English club, Sunningdale is one of the British Isles' most stunning inland courses. Rich in tradition and tournament history, it's no wonder that visitors come from far and wide for a round of golf at this classic parkland course where each hole is carved through majestic woodland.

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