

## Turnberry, Scotland



Atlantic winds blow off a majestic ocean, sweeping across radiant green glens. Sapphire waters wash up upon the sun-drenched rocks of a jagged coastline, scenting the pure air with their salty essence. A breathtaking vista, crowned by the remnants of an ancient castle, an iconic lighthouse, and a distant island that hovers on the horizon like an indigo half-moon, this unrivaled landscape unfurls from the doorstep of a magnificent and storied hotel. Witness to the fabled 1977 match, known as the “Duel in the Sun,” an unprecedented golf course dazzles with every exquisite curve, it also served as the course of the 2009 British Open. Nearby, the enchanting farms and villages of Ayrshire offer a first hand encounter with genuine Scottish tradition.

### Memorable Experiences

#### Breathtaking Terrain

Hear about myths and legends on a guided walk through the Loch Doon Hills.

#### Isles Unveiled

Witness a majestic scene as the morning fog lifts over Ailsa Craig Island.

#### Seafaring Pursuits

Captain a power boat and cruise around Turnberry’s spring-fed loch.

#### Equestrian Splendor

Splash through the sparkling waters of the Ayrshire shoreline on horseback.

### Distinctive Details

Eggs, bacon, sausages, black pudding, hash browns, beans, and toast combine on a heaping plate. Served with a pot of hot black tea and fresh juice, this hearty meal comprises a traditional Scottish breakfast.

### Starwood Preferred Guest Recommends

#### Whisky Tastings

The deep amber liquid catches the light from within a flared glass. Like a precious gem, the Scotch is poured with care and tasted with reverence. Consult Turnberry’s in-house whisky expert to sample single and blended malts from around Scotland.

### Destination Information

**Country** Scotland  
**Elevation** 29 feet  
**Population** 111,690 (Area)  
**Language** English



**Area Code:** 1655  
**Country Code:** 44



**Glasgow International Airport (GLA);**  
**Glasgow Prestwick Airport (PIK)**



**Transportation:**  
Car, Taxi



**Pound sterling**

### Nearby Luxury Collection Hotels and Resorts



#### Turnberry Resort, Scotland

Ayrshire, Scotland KA26 9L  
Phone: (44)(1655) 331000



## Culture

Heritage is illuminated amid the stunning natural surroundings of Scotland.

### Day Excursions



#### Glasgow

Amidst the verdant pastures and olivine valleys of Scotland's extraordinary lowlands, a magnificent city rises. Historic red and blonde sandstone line long avenues crowned by emblematic landmarks of Georgian and Victorian design. Architectural masterpieces such as the Sir Norman Foster-designed auditorium rise from the banks of the River Clyde, while dozens of vibrant museums and concert halls are scattered throughout the city. The Lighthouse, a cultural center devoted to architecture and design, offers a rare view of this remarkable metropolis.

**Address: 50 miles northeast of Turnberry, off M77**

### Highly Recommended



#### Culzean Castle

Crenellated towers frame the impressive façade of a grand, cliff-top residence while blonde stones glow in the afternoon sun. Transformed from a medieval tower house to a splendid mansion in the late 18th century, this iconic Scottish castle overlooks over six hundred acres of palm gardens, pine forests, fountain courtyards, and gleaming blue seas. Once home to the Kennedy family, the castle features a stunning neoclassical interior with rooms sumptuously furnished with gilt mirrors and damask drapes.

**Address: Situated on the South Ayrshire coast, just off the A719**  
**Phone: (44)(844) 4932149**



#### Burn's Heritage National Park

Along a flagstone path, in the back garden of a thatch-roofed cottage, the air fills with the scent of thyme and lavender. Beyond the painted brown door of this modest abode, life-sized models of one of Scotland's most beloved families gather around a simple country table. The birthplace of Robert Burns, Scotland's national poet, Alloway is a peaceful village, dedicated to preserving the life and works of this great author. A vivid museum includes original manuscripts, hand-written journals, and paintings that illustrate some of his greatest masterpieces.

**Address: Murdoch's Lane, Alloway, 13 miles north of Turnberry**  
**Phone: (44)(1292) 443700**

### Recreation



#### Turnberry Alisa Course

Gentle shades of fern and clover sweep across an unparalleled green. This radiant fairway undulates around strategically positioned bunkers, merging into tawny, sun-swathed dunes that lead into the craggy, ebony rocks of a spectacular coastline. Host to the legendary 1977 duel between Jack Nicklaus and Tom Watson, this iconic golf course combines extraordinary design with unmatched scenery. Venture out to the cliff-side tee of the ninth hole as salty gusts blow off the dazzling sapphire waters of the Atlantic Ocean.

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## Shopping

Glimpses of tartans and argyles reveal emblematic elements of Scottish tradition.

## Day Excursions



### West Kilbride Craft Town

Long strips of soft, blonde willow are woven into baskets. Flecks of turquoise and crimson glass are fused, then shaped into bowls and pendants that glow like stained glass windows. Pure, glistening silver is molded, hammered, carved, and scraped, as distinctive works of jewelry art emerge. In the picturesque, coastal town of West Kilbride, innovation and tradition merge in a series of eight arts and crafts studios. Here, a devoted group of artists transform basic elements into exceptional pieces. A gallery hosts seasonal shows and special exhibitions.

**Address: 75/77 Main Street, West Kilbride**  
**Phone: (44)(1294) 829179**

## Local Charms



### Isle of Arran

Salt-worn ropes emerge along the edge of a sea wall as the evening tide recedes. Beyond the shuttered cottages of a tiny coastal village, the dramatic mountains of a rugged interior loom. Within an unparalleled sanctuary, nature presides. Red deer prance across northern glens, while radiant seabirds nest against craggy slopes. Inspired by these miraculous environs, local artisans create exquisite ceramics. In the town of Lameth, Island Porcelain is filled with dainty ceramic birds. Hand-painted robins and plovers perch beside graceful black swans.

**Address: 10 miles off the coast of Turnberry, accessible by powerboat from the resort**

## Shops & Boutiques



### Turnberry Resort Professional Golf Shop

Beyond windswept dunes and seagrass cliffs, a comfortable retreat marks the gateway to one of the most beloved golf courses in the world. Among the Tappie Torrie Restaurant, private meeting rooms, dining rooms, and bar of the Turnberry Resort Clubhouse, a professional golf shop offers everything an avid golfer would need for a memorable day on the links. From clubs, balls, and tees, to apparel emblazoned with a golden lighthouse, the Turnberry's symbol, the store stocks a vast range of professional goods.

**Address: Turnberry Resort**  
**Phone: (44)(1655) 334032**



### Balmoral Mill Shop

Plush stacks of tartan throws allure with their classic Black Watch and Camel Thomson patterns. Downy cardigans woven of fine cashmere in cheerful shades of lemon, apricot, and powder blue, hang among burly sweaters of Scottish wool. A sumptuous shop, where emblematic argyles and enchanting embroidered motifs adorn a vast collection of knitwear for men, women, and children, Balmoral Mill Shop sits at one end of an 18th century stone bridge. For over a century, a long tradition of textile manufacturing has endured within its modern factory.

**Address: Galston, 30 miles northeast of Turnberry, off A77**  
**Phone: (44)(1563) 820213**



## Cuisine

The finest gastronomy from around the globe is on offer in this international city.

## Acclaimed



### The Balgarth

A copper flue hangs above an open fire. Warmth emanates from the circular hearth, a hospitable centerpiece in a convivial dining room known as “The Bothy.” A bar of light maple and gray brick leads to the main room of this renowned eatery, where the clinking of glasses mingles with the sound of conversation. Stars of the Scottish menu combine with international selections in a vibrant kitchen where golden batter coats fresh haddock, sweet chili dressing joins tempura chicken, and prime beef burgers rests within sesame buns.

**Address: 8 Dunure Road, Doonfoot; 14 miles north of Turnberry, off A719**

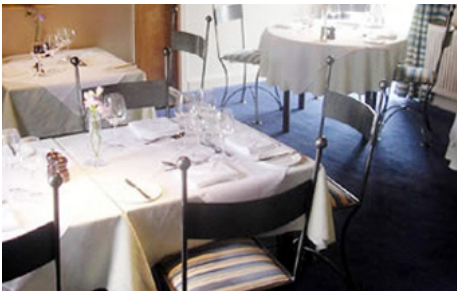
**Phone: (44)(1292) 442441**



### Fouters

The aromas of truffle jus and sauce vierge waft through an intimate restaurant housed within Ayr’s historic bank vault. Dedicated to culinary tradition and locally procured fish, meats, and produce, a skilled kitchen team creates a masterful assortment of dishes. The twenty-one day aged Scotch fillet is drizzled in garlic butter. Red currant infuses roast loin of venison, and scallops are pan seared to perfection. Over three-dozen varieties comprise an impressive, international wine list selected in partnership with nearby Corney and Barrow fine wines.

**Address: 2A Academy Street, Ayr, just opposite the town hall; 17 miles north of Turnberry, off A719; Phone: (44)(1292) 261391**



### Braidwoods

Patches of sage and emerald form a geometric blanket upon the stunning topography of the North Ayrshire Lowlands. Verdant glens undulate in swaths of barley fields and cattle pastures, arriving at the doorstep of a two-roomed cottage where fine haute cuisine is prepared by an acclaimed husband and wife team. For over a dozen years, the Braidwoods have been concocting an exceptional menu for their Michelin-starred restaurant. Here, nutty savoy cabbage combines with smoked bacon, arugula flavors parmesan tarts, and tenderloin is doused in wild mushroom gravy.

**Address: Dalry, 35 miles north of Turnberry, off A78**

**Phone: (44)(1294) 833544**



### 1906

Exceptional dishes of perfectly seared tuna, prime Scottish steak, and steamed lobster emerge from the refined kitchen of executive chef Ralph Porciani. A superior vintage swirls within the curve of a crystal wine glass. From beyond the wide, clear pane of a picture window, the calm, pale blue seas of evening merge with twilight’s opaline sky. Taking its name from the year in which this landmark resort first opened, 1906 combines unparalleled service reminiscent of Edwardian times, with upscale dining that rivals the most sought after restaurants in the world.

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**Phone: (44)(1655) 331000**



## Noteworthy

The majesty of an astounding landscape offers a generous range of rare experiences.

### Adventure



#### Ailsa Craig Island Bird Watching

Golden rays of sunlight pierce through a swath of lavender clouds that bathe this small, rocky island in warmth. A mound of granite-rich, volcanic rock rises from the deep blue surface of this enchanting inlet known as the Firth of Clyde. Long-billed Northern Gannets stretch out their snow white, black-tipped wings as they plunge from the rock face. They hover in the air, held aloft by the ocean breeze, before diving beneath the water's surface. A distinctive bird sanctuary, Ailsa Craig is home to tens of thousands of coastal species.

**Address: 10 miles west of Turnberry**



#### Electric Brae

The car pulls to a stop on a narrow country road. Farmlands and meadows flank what appears to be its gentle incline. But suddenly, without any pressure on the gas pedal, the car begins to roll slowly up the hill. Now understood to be the result of an optical illusion formed by the configuration of the land, it was once believed that this mysterious phenomenon was caused by a magnetic force within the hillside. Marked by a smooth, inscribed stone, Electric Brae was a popular attraction during the Second World War, often visited by General Eisenhower.

**Address: A719, between Dunure and Croy Bay**



#### Colin Montgomerie's Golf Academy

Strong hands grip a gleaming club. As it gracefully swings down, a ball launches into an exquisite arch above a glorious fairway. Run by one of the world's most extraordinary golfers and one of Scotland's own native sons, this renowned golf academy is an unparalleled location in which to perfect your game. Expert instructors teach Colin Montgomerie's distinctive golfing philosophy as ocean waves crash and billowy clouds drift across a cerulean sky.

**Address: Turnberry Resort**

**Phone: (44)(1655) 33403**

### Recreation



#### Ayr Racecourse

The furious pounding of hooves rises above the spirited cheers of the crowd. Glossy chestnut and ebony coats gleam and thick tails swish as expert jockeys, outfitted in striped jerseys and matching caps, urge their sleek thoroughbreds around the grassy loop. Nestled between the coastal town of Ayr and the open country fields, this historic racecourse is Scotland's premier destination for both flat and National Hunt racing. Home to one of Great Britain's most celebrated sporting traditions, the course holds important races and festive events year-round.

**Address: 2-6 Whitletts Road, Ayr, 16 miles north of Turnberry, off A77**

**Phone: (44)(870) 8505666**