

How to Book St Andrews Links – A Tour Operators Guide

St Andrews Links, the Home of Golf

St Andrews Links is the largest public golfing complex in Europe with six 18-hole courses and one 9-hole course. The three Championship courses; Old, New, Jubilee run side by side along the West Sands with the Eden, Strathtyrum and 9-Hole Balgove situated at the opposite end of the Links. The seventh course at the Home of Golf, the cliff-top Castle Course opened for play in 2008 and has continued to climb the Top 100 list ever since. Based five minutes from the centre of town, The Castle Course offers breathtaking views over the whole town.

Off the course, **St Andrews Links Golf Academy** is one of the premier instruction centres in Europe offering first-class coaching as well as a wealth of practice facilities including a 60 bay floodlit driving range and a short game area. The most popular visitor package is 'Prepare to Play the Links.' Playing on courses that run hard and fast and are subject to capricious breezes, Links golf is the most challenging and rewarding version of the game and the aim of this two hour programme is to ensure visitors get maximum enjoyment out of their round at the Home of Golf. Developed by our team of instructors, specialties include the low ball flight, pitching from tight lies, playing downwind, chip and runs, the "Texas wedge" and of course, how to escape Road Hole bunker. The package makes use of digital and video technology which is stored in the clients' personal online account. The Golf Academy also has an extensive corporate offering.

There are three public clubhouses serving the seven courses at the Home of Golf. The Links Clubhouse and Swilcan Restaurant offer facilities for golfers playing the Old, New and Jubilee Courses as well as a fantastic menu and stunning panoramic views over the Old Course. The Swilcan Restaurant is open to everyone all year round and offers a fantastic array of fresh Scottish produce.

The Castle Course Clubhouse is on-site at The Castle Course and is fast-becoming as popular as the course itself. The circular glass front takes full advantage of the stunning views and the fantastic menu coupled with first-class facilities makes this clubhouse a must-visit for golfers and non-golfers alike.

The Eden Clubhouse offers facilities for the Eden, Strathtyrum and Balgove courses. The Eden is the cosiest of all three clubhouses and features a young golfer's room. With a lounge menu, bar area and home baking on offer daily, the Eden is a constant hub of activity.

For further information on our facilities, club hire, caddies etc., please visit **standrews.com**



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Booking St Andrews Links

The courses at St Andrews Links are public and open to all and due to this commitment the booking system is slightly different from most other courses your customers will visit. Below is a brief summary on how to book St Andrews Links for your client.

The Old Course

Date Period	Course (Subject to availability)	How to Book the Old Course for your clients	Comments
January – March November - December (Low Season)	Old	Direct with St Andrews Links – see Private Advance Application Tee Time information on our website	No second course requirement. Minimum of 2 golfers and no maximum. Fairway mats in use. Trolleys can only be used from 12:00 onwards.
First two weeks in April Last two weeks in October (Shoulder Season)	Old	Direct with St Andrews Links– see Private Advance Application Tee Time information on our website	Two course package. Minimum of 2 and maximum of 16 golfers. Trolleys can only be used from 12:00 onwards.
Mid-April – Mid- October (High Season)	Old	Via an Authorised Provider	Authorised Providers offer packages including a minimum of 2 rounds (Old Course) and a second course), accommodation and other golf related services. Trolleys can only be used from 12:00 onwards on the Old Course.

- Tour Operators can book the Old Course on behalf of clients during the low and shoulder periods as detailed above.

- There are a number of Authorised Providers (Golf Tour Operators and Local Accommodation Providers) offering packages, including guaranteed Old Course tee times throughout high season (mid-April – mid-October).

Authorised Providers can be recognised by the official 'Authorised Provider' logo displayed on their websites and social media platforms. For more information please contact the commercial department: commteetimes@standrews.com

- Advance bookings on our other five 18-hole courses including the award-winning Castle Course and the Championship New and Jubilee courses can be made by Tour Operators all year round (min 2 golfers). The Old Course is the only course at the Home of Golf which requires a current official handicap certificate/card and this should be presented to the Starter. The handicap restriction is 36 for men and ladies.

- In order to ensure that it is the named golfer who plays, please be aware the golfer may be asked for photo ID when they check in.

- The Old Course is closed to golfers on a Sunday but remains open for the public to walk along.



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The Castle Course

Advance Bookings can be made at least 2 days ahead for the spectacular cliff-top course and the full green fee is payable in advance. Tour Operators wishing to book times should contact the Reservations Department.

Any bookings for play for less than 2 days ahead can be made by calling +44 (01334) 466666 in the morning the day before play and payment is made on the day at the Clubhouse reception.

New Course

Advance Bookings for the popular New Course can be made at least 2 days ahead. The full green fee is payable in advance.

Any bookings less than 2 days ahead can be made by approaching the Starter on the day of play. Tee times are allocated on a first come first served basis and payment is made on the day to the Starter.

**Due to the R&A entitlement (every alternate tee time), the New Course is not suitable for very large groups as the maximum number of times we can book in one block is 4 (16 players).*

Jubilee, Eden & Strathtyrum Courses

Advance Bookings for the Jubilee Course, the Eden Course and the Strathtyrum can be made at least 2 days ahead. The full green fee is payable in advance.

Any bookings less than 2 days ahead can be made by calling +44 (01334) 466666 in the morning of the day before play and payment is made on the day at the Starter.

Saturdays

For advance bookings on a Saturday, The Castle Course is available to book at least 2 days ahead with immediate payment. The other courses can be played or booked in the same way as above for bookings less than 2 days ahead.

The New Course is turn up and play. The Jubilee, Eden and Strathtyrum Courses can be booked the day before play. A limited number of times are available from 2pm for advanced bookings, subject to availability.

Advanced Bookings

For all advance bookings, it is best to book with as much notice as possible but the minimum notice period we have is 2 days with immediate payment.

VAT is payable on golf bookings made by commercial concerns such as tour operators, hotels, corporate bookings etc. Bookings made with the Trust by individual golfers are VAT Exempt, with the exception of The Castle Course where VAT always applies. The cancellation policy with all advance bookings is that pre-paid green fees are not refundable and we do recommend golfers take out travel insurance in the event they are unable to play. We are flexible in that we will try to move a booking to an alternative date to accommodate circumstances.

Successful Ballot

If your clients enter the ballot and obtain a time which prevents them from playing another course they have booked and paid in advance, we will try our very best to accommodate them and move the other course to another day within 3 days. Unfortunately, green fees cannot be transferred or refunded.

The Ballot for the Old Course is drawn 48hrs in advance. This benefits visiting golfers by enabling them to plan their golf more effectively if they know further in advance when they will be playing the Old Course. It will dovetail with the one-day ahead booking system on The Castle, Jubilee, Eden and Strathtyrum courses and will enable golfers who have been unsuccessful in the ballot to book an alternative course for the day they want to play.



Unlimited Golf

3-day Unlimited Advance Ticket

One tee time per day can be booked in advance over any 3 days within 7. Excluding the Old Course, this ticket offers unlimited golf in addition to the booked rounds, subject to availability. Extra rounds can be arranged in the same way as above for bookings less than 7 days ahead. Advance bookings can be made with at least 2 days' notice.

3-day Unlimited Ticket

Available to purchase from the Clubhouse Receptions and Starters on the first day of play. Excluding the Old Course, this ticket costs less than the advance ticket and times can be reserved 24hrs in advance or on the day of play. This ticket offers maximum flexibility and can be used any 3 days within 7. We also have a 7 day ticket available for any 7 days within 14 and works in the same way. The tickets entitle the player to unlimited golf on each day of the 3 or 7 days of play.

What can non-Golfers do?

Although renowned world-wide as the Home of Golf, the town has much more to offer than tee-times. A hub of activity, the town centre is littered with independent retailers, cafes and bars. A tour of the ruined Cathedral, Castle and Church offers an insight into 12th Century St Andrews and of course the oldest University in Scotland which has seen a surge in visitor numbers keen to see where Prince William and Kate first met. The West Sands is the perfect place for a relaxed walk or if you are looking for an adrenalin fix, activities range from beach kayaking and land yachting to more traditional water sports.

Looking to rejuvenate?

A number of hotels in the area have first class spa and fitness facilities open to everyone, even if you are not a hotel resident.

