



The Machrihanish on Kintyre True Links¹ Experience



Machrihanish Championship Links, 1st hole The Battery over a corner of the Atlantic

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.

SCOTLAND



Ingvar Ritzén, founder of Heritage Golf Tours, co-located in Troon & Stockholm and your local guide on the tour.

Join Fredrick & Ingvar to Machrihanish in Scotland

Kintyre is the unhurried, unspoilt and unforgettable, but somewhat remote peninsula, engulfed by the Gulf Stream, giving Kintyre a mild and sunny climate. For golfers, Machrihanish Championship Course is often the main reason to make the pilgrimage to Kintyre. But Machrihanish Dunes, although build in 2006, is in many ways more original and stunning than its older sibling and often gets even higher ratings. And in 2027 a sister to the Dunes is expected to open with a hotel and golf academy. The wee Dunaverty course located down in Southend, the most southerly tip of the peninsula, is a true delight and takes us close to the roots of the ancient game. We will also visit the family own Springbank distillery with very traditional production methods, floor malting, peat burner of significant vintage and its famed “computer”.



Ballygrogan “on the hill” overlooking Machrihanish will be our base camp for the week. Here we have the whole of the main farmhouse to ourselves, with a log burner, sky TV, farm kitchen, big lounge, dining room and six bedrooms (8 beds). On the farm we also have a cottage and a bungalow (3+2 beds) and great views of the islands and the ocean.

With **Heritage Golf Tours (HGT)** Ingvar will be available for you all week, pick you up and drop you off at Edinburgh airport with his minibus, drive you around, play along on the links and give insights into the local golf heritage and encourage reflection on golf now vs then.



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5-11th October-2026, in short

11 golfers invited by Fredrick for a total of 13 players incl Ingvar.

Fly in Monday 5th Oct, Norwegian dep prel ARN 09.10 via OSL, arr EDI 12.10.

7 days, 6 nights, golf 6 days (6 rounds on 4 coursed and an optional 9-hole course:

- Dunaverty, 2 rounds
- Machrihanish Championship, 2 rounds
- Machrihanish Dunes, 1 round
- Carradale 9-holes, 1 round
- Machrihanish Pan's course, optional

Fly back Sunday 11th, Norwegian dep EDI 20.30, arr ARN ca 23.40, direct flight.

Included:

Accommodation incl food for self-catering breakfast, green fees, airport pick-up/drop-off, all local transportation, guided tour at Springbank distillery, gin school incl 2x20cl bottles to take home, one golf lesson with Fredrick before departure (value 800 SEK).

Not included:

Flights, meals & drinks, “golf ammo”

The packet price is 1130 GBP/pp, based on a full group of 11 (+2) golfers. Secure your space now with Fredrick. The deposit to secure your space is 250 GBP (SEK currently 3250) and the balance 880 GBP is due one month before departure. When the group is finalised, a final itinerary is sent out and a deposit invoiced. Payments can be made in SEK to KlubbVerkstan (mother of HGT), bg 5682-6910 or swish no 123 044 1501. 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



The Magnificent Machrihanish Championship Course



Dunaverty Links, sea views on 16 of the holes



Ballygroggan Farmhouse, Machrihanish 2024



Campbeltown



Springbank Distillery, Campbeltown



Carradale, a 9-hole hidden gem, the course for our 2-man vintage scramble



Springbank cask on Mach Dunes



Machrihanish Dunes, the most natural True Links in the world?

- Monday** Arrival with Norwegian 12.10 in Edinburgh. We have a 3½ hrs drive to Ballygroggan in Machrihanish, but we will stop on the way for lunch and to cater for breakfast in Campbeltown. No golf today, except maybe indoor putting in the farmhouse (?). Dinner in the Ugadale Hotel.
- Tuesday** We will cook our own breakfast and then leave to play the nearby easy and fun **Dunaverty Links**, where there are amazing sea views on 17 of 18 holes. We will have a light lunch in the simplistic clubhouse, then drive back home for a rest and will then go to Campbeltown in the afternoon and for an early dinner in town.
- Wednesday** We cook our own breakfast before leaving for the Springbank Distillery Tour. Lunch in the New Clubhouse and afternoon round at **Machrihanish Championship course**. Dinner in the Old Clubhouse.
- Thursday** **Dunaverty Links** a second time followed by a scenic drive to Torrisdale Estate for a proper Gin School, where each of us will create to take home 2 bottles of 20cl gin of your own recipe. Dinner in Campbeltown on the way back home.
- Friday** Morning round on **Machrihanish Championship course**. Dinner in the Royal Hotel in Campbeltown.
- Saturday** Breakfast and a round on **Machrihanish Dunes**. The afternoon to recover and for prizegiving ceremony in the farmhouse. Dinner at The 42 Restaurant, the best in town.
- Sunday** We leave Ballygroggan and stop at **Carradale GC** for a 9-holes 2-man team scramble match with vintage clubs, a beautiful hidden gem in a stunning setting overlooking Isle of Arran. Lunch in Carradale. We then drive back to Edinburgh to catch the 8.30 PM direct flight to Arlanda, with a possible stop to see Inveraray Castle or for a fika in scenic Luss along the way.

This itinerary and its estimated packet price are preliminary until final bookings have been made and numbers confirmed (11+2). Should there be fewer golfers, the packet price/pp will be slightly higher. You sign up now with Fredrick to secure a space, but there will be no payments or commitments until the group is filled, and a final version of this itinerary and corresponding invoices are sent out from HGT.