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• JULY 17-25, 2018 •

Featuring Special Guests: World Golf Hall of Fame Member Lanny Wadkins, Championship Golfer John Mahaffey, and Guest Speaker & Award-Winning Author and Historian Donald L. Miller, Ph.D

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Howdy Ags!

Traveling Aggies in collaboration with The National WWII Museum has assembled an all-new tour that pairs our love of golf with a high-level educational travel experience for what is sure to be a “once in a lifetime” experience featuring a World Golf Hall of Fame Golf of Father, Championship golfer, leading World War II historians, and the most knowledgeable guides. As we tour Normandy and Scotland, we play some of the most historic courses in the world and visit some of World War II’s most iconic battlefields, museums, and memorials.

In the darkest years of World War II, people still looked to hobbies, games, and sports for entertainment as a healthy distraction from the grim reality of worldwide conflict. Golf proved to be one of these integral pastimes enjoyed by civilians, soldiers, officers, and world leaders during the war. Several World Golf Hall of Fame Members made significant impacts during the war, such as Henry Cotton who organized charity events to benefit the Red Cross, Lionel Mandari who saved combat service and Bob Hope who gave levity and laughter to troops during one of the most brutal conflicts in human history with his infamous USO Shows and his trademark golf club. Dwight D. Eisenhower himself became an advocate for the game after the war, ultimately being inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame.

The tour features top talent in Hall of Fame Member Lanny Wadkins and Championship golfer John Mahaffey along with leading WWII historian Donald L. Miller, PhD. The historic courses—each located right next door to sites integral to World War II—will challenge and amaze.

In Scotland, the historic courses at Glencoe, Carnoustie, and Edzell are the perfect backdrop for learning about the Air War and Sir Robert Watson-Watt’s contributions to radar technology, which saved the lives of countless soldiers and civilians. In Normandy, we will visit the town of Sainte-Mère-Église, where American paratroopers descended on June 6, 1944 to seize a vital crossroads and protect the landings at Utah Beach. Just a few miles from the Omaha Beach Golf Club, soldiers dismembered their landing craft to face the steep cliffs and German defenses on “Bloody Omaha.” The stunning views from both courses in Normandy emphasize the challenges of gaining a foothold in Northern Europe and underscore the passion of the Norman people in rebuilding their towns, homes, and places of leisure.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Bohac, '87, PhD
Director of Travel - Outreach and Engagement, The Association of Former Students

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Presenting a unique journey that combines championship golf, historic Normandy-WWII sites, and cultural experiences in France and Scotland.

The National WWII Museum tells the story of the American experience in the war that changed the world—why it was fought, how it was won, and what it means today—so that all generations will understand the price of freedom and be inspired by what they learn.

The Museum opened on June 6, 2000, as The National D-Day Museum. In 2004, the Museum was designated by Congress as “America’s National World War II Museum” with the mandate that the Museum expand its mission to tell the complete story of the American Experience in WWII. Less than one year later, the Museum launched its first Victory in Europe tour, from London to Normandy, Belgium, Luxembourg and all the way to the Eagle’s Nest in Germany.

Since then, the Museum has collaborated with some of the most reputable authors and WWII experts in the world, along with their own curators and staff historians, to ensure the educational content of every itinerary. The collection of tour destinations has included battlefields across mainland Europe and England, the Mediterranean, North Africa, islands in the Pacific, the Philippines, and domestically at Pearl Harbor.

Through partnerships with the nation’s foremost experts in World War II history, we are able to provide you with exemplary programming, world class expertise, and the finest accommodations.

A World at War: The Heroism of WWII

Although decades have passed, reminders of World War II can still be found in beaches, pastures, towns, and cities across Europe. This journey includes poignant visits to museums, memorials, and battle sites where Allied forces fought bravely for the freedoms we enjoy today.

• See 82nd & 101st Airborne paratrooper landing sites near the town of Saint-Mère-Église
• Visit Brécourt Manor & Utah Beach, where Brigadier General Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. rallied the landing infantry
• Tour Pointe du Hoc and Omaha Beach, and hear the dramatic stories of the first soldiers to reach the bluffs
• Participate in a special wreath presentation ceremony at The Normandy American Cemetery
• Visit Scotland’s East Fortune Airfield & National Museum of Flight, and attend Scotland’s National Air Show, featuring historic RAF aircraft
• Learn about the pivotal invention of radar at the birthplace of Sir Robert Watson-Watt

A World at Peace: Eisenhower at Ease

A round of golf at St. Andrews was one of the items on Eisenhower’s agenda when he visited Scotland with his wife and son in late 1946. During the post-war period, Americans began turning the page into the next chapter of modern history, returning to pastimes which were largely forgotten during the chaos surrounding an entire world at war.

• Enjoy coveted tee times on courses in the Normandy region of France and the breathtaking lowlands of Scotland: Omaha Beach Golf Club, Barrière Golf, Gleneagles, and Edzell Golf Club
• Stand in awe as the world’s best golfers compete in the final round of the 2018 British Open at Carnoustie Golf Links, which boasts the “toughest finishing stretch in golf.”
• Take advantage of the Post-Tour Extension and stay on to watch five-time Open Championship winner and three-time Senior Open Champion Tom Watson compete again at the Senior Open Championship on The Old Course at Scotland’s St. Andrews Links.
Educational and Cultural Touring

Optional cultural experiences in Normandy and Scotland are available each day of the journey:

- Take off on an adventure to Mont Saint-Michel and its imposing abbey. Built on a tidal island off the coast of Normandy, “the mont” towers over the flat countryside.
- Visit the commune of Honfleur, where the Seine River meets the English Channel, and walk amongst the slate-covered houses made famous by the painting of local artists leading up to the Impressionist movement.
- Pursue wellness in Scotland’s luxurious Gleneagles spa or take advantage of an exhilarating list of countryside pursuits, including falconry, target shooting, archery, and gun dog training.
- Take a day-trip to Perthshire and Dundee, with a guided tour of Scone Palace and Dunsinane Castle, where Shakespeare’s Macbeth was defeated by Malcolm Canmore.
Omaha Beach Golf Club

•  LA MER COURSE  •

YARDS: 6743  HOLES: 18  PAR: 72

History and scenery converge on this beautiful course set at the edge of a high cliff overlooking the sea. Designed by skilled course architect Yves Bureau, La Mer – Par 72 offers mesmerizing views of the fishing village of Port en Bessin, the harbor of Arromanches, and the Longues Sur Mer battery. Known in English as the Seaside Course, the sixth green is a beautiful par 4 located near the cliffs made famous by “Operation Overload” on D-Day, June 6, 1944. A sign dedicates the opening par 5 to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower and every hole thereafter honors a significant leader from World War II.

Golf Barrière Deauville

•  THE RED AND WHITE COURSE  •

YARDS: 5968  HOLES: 18  PAR: 71

Opened in 1929 on the heights of Mont-Canisy a few minutes from the town center, Golf Barrière in Deauville is renowned as one of the most beautiful golf courses in France. Architects Tom Simpson and World Golf Hall of Fame Member Henry Cotton designed three 9-hole courses (the red course, white course, and blue course) giving every player a diversity of experiences amongst 173 pristine acres.

Edzell Golf Club

•  EDZELL OLD COURSE  •

YARDS: 6570  HOLES: 18  PAR: 71

Edzell Golf Club lies at the gateway to the Grampians, in the foothills of the Angus Glens. Here, the mountains form a backdrop to this lovely heath and parkland course set in the charming village of Edzell, midway between Dundee and Aberdeen. The original course was laid out in 1895 by Bob Simpson, a top golf course architect of his day. The course was redesigned by James Braid in 1934 and recently upgraded by Martin Ebert of Mackenzie & Ebert in 2015. Today guests enjoy 128 acres of peaceful golfing paradise that celebrates the old and the new.

Gleneagles Golf Club

•  THE KING’S COURSE  •

YARDS: 6790  HOLES: 18  PAR: 71

Opened in 1919, The King’s Course at Gleneagles is a masterpiece of design by five-time Open winner and World Golf Hall of Fame Member James Braid that has tested the aristocracy of golf, both professional and amateur. Selecting the right club for each approach shot is the secret on the King’s, which features springy moorland turf and sweeping views of rock-slabbed mountains to the north, the green hills to the south, and the peaks of the Trossachs and Ben Vorlich on the western horizon. To add to the delight, all the holes have pithy Scottish names, such as “Het Girdle” (Hot Pan) and “Warslin’ Lea” (Wrestling Ground).

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Lanny Wadkins was born in Richmond, Virginia, and currently resides with his wife Peni in Dallas, Texas.
With 10 PGA TOUR victories and career earnings of nearly $4 million, Mahaffey’s run as a touring pro was as impressive as his comedic talent was legendary. It is often said his imitation of Chi Chi Rodriguez’s swing was even better than the real thing.

Mahaffey’s most memorable victory was also perhaps the best comeback stories in PGA history. The 1978 PGA Championship at Oakmont Country Club came down to a three-player playoff. Mahaffey, Tom Watson, and Jerry Pate made par on the first playoff hole. The drama ended on the second playoff hole when Pate missed the green, Watson missed a 30-foot birdie attempt, and Mahaffey made his 12-foot birdie putt to win the Championship.

He also won the World Cup individual and the team event, where he was paired with Andy North. He last played on the Champions Tour in 2007. Born in Kerrville, Texas, on May 9, 1948, Mahaffey attended the University of Houston, and turned pro in 1971, after graduation. He currently resides in The Woodlands, Texas, with his wife Elizabeth, his daughter Megan, and his son John D. Mahaffey, III.
Donald L. Miller is the New York Times bestselling author of nine books, the John Henry MacCracken Professor of History at Lafayette College in Pennsylvania, and one of the most respected authorities on World War II and US History. His books have been nominated for, and won, a variety of awards and he is a frequent consultant and adviser on historical productions, including those for PBS and HBO.


Miller is widely acclaimed for his books on World War II, most notably the bestselling Masters of the Air: America’s Bomber Boys Who Fought the Air War Against Nazi Germany (2007). HBO is currently developing a miniseries based upon Masters of the Air, produced by Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks. Miller previously worked with Spielberg and Hanks as a historical consultant for the ten-part HBO series The Pacific. He was also the on-camera historian, writer, and chief consultant for the series’ accompanying documentary. Miller served as coproducer and cocreator, with Hanks, on He Has Seen War, an HBO documentary on WWII troops returning home. Miller’s other WWII books are D-Days in the Pacific (2004) and The Story of World War II (2001).

Miller has also served as a writer and historical consultant for many film and TV productions, including the History Channel's WWII in HD (winner of three Emmys) and The Air War, which was inspired by his book Masters of the Air, and The Night of the Long Knives. His contributions to PBS's American Experience series include The Bombing of Germany, Victory in the Pacific (nominated for three Emmys), Ulysses S. Grant, and Abe and Mary. His PBS program America, 1900 won a Peabody Award for excellence in programming. Miller also co-produced, wrote, and hosted A Biography of America, a twenty-six-part series for PBS.

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Miller has won six awards for excellence in teaching, five fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities, and a number of prestigious book awards. He was a resident scholar at All Souls College, Oxford, and was also named the Ceyssenburgh Lecturer at Leiden University, The Netherlands.

In addition to his teaching and writing duties, he is a member of the Board of Trustees of St. Vincent College and the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force. He is a member and cofounder of the Presidential Counselors, an advisory board to the CEO of The National World War II Museum and a Fellow and Seminar Leader of the prestigious Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Miller received his PhD from the University of Maryland and joined the Lafayette College faculty in 1978. He has also taught at Cornell University’s School for Industrial and Labor Relations, the Graduate School of the University of Pennsylvania, the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, and Oxford University. He is the recipient of an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from St. Vincent College and Outstanding Alumni awards from the University of Maryland and Ohio University.

Miller has been the keynote speaker at events sponsored by professional, business, and academic audiences. Among the organizations he has spoken to are: IBM, AT&T, the Federal Reserve Bank (Chicago), The Chicago Historical Society, the Aspen Institute, the Television Critics Association, Russell Reynolds Associates, the New York State Assembly, the American Architectural Association, the Smithsonian Institution, the National D-Day Museum, the Municipal Arts Society, New York, the American Historical Association, the Amherst Foundation, the World Trade Center Chicago, the Embassy of the United States, London, Churchill College, Cambridge, and the National Press Club.
TOUR INCLUSIONS

• 9-day journey in Normandy and the Scottish lowlands
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• 4 nights Château La Chenevière in Normandy, 4 nights Gleneagles Hotel in Scotland
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• VIP access to World War II sites & cultural attractions
• Attendance at The Open Championship at Carnoustie
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WELCOME TO NORMANDY

Day 1: Arrival Normandy

Upon arrival at Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris, you will be met by a trip representative and provided with a private motor coach ride to France’s Normandy region, with a stop for lunch along the way. After check-in and free time to relax or explore, we’ll gather for a welcome dinner at Le Botaniste restaurant, featuring the gourmet cuisine of Chef Didier Robin.

Accommodations: Château la Chenevière

Day 2: Saint-Mère-Église / Utah Beach

GOLF AND CULTURE: PARATROOPER LANDING SITES

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Accommodations: Château la Chenevière

The Church at Saint-Mère-Église

On the night of the June 5 into 6, 1944, during the parachute drop of Airborne troops in the area of Saint-Mère-Église, John Steele was hit in the foot by a burst of flak. He could not control his parachute and landed on the steeple of the church around 1:00 a.m. Steele struggled and tried to free himself from his parachute for more than two hours while the battle raged on the church square below. Finally, two German soldiers freed him from his situation, took him prisoner, and cared for his wounded leg. He escaped and three days later joined the Allied lines and was transferred to a hospital in England. For his actions and his injuries, John Steele was awarded the Bronze Star medal for bravery and a Purple Heart medal for wounds in combat. This action was featured in the movie The Longest Day and, today, a dummy paratrooper hangs from the church steeple commemorating this event.

Hedgehogs, Utah Beach, Normandy

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Accommodations: Château la Chenevière
Omaha Beach Golf Club
La Mer Course

This course is challenging and with its thick rough and long grass, you may want to bring some extra balls along. The front 9 holes are breathtakingly beautiful, so keep your head in the game as these holes are not simple and must require a good tee shot to clear the brush and long grass to reach the fairways. The greens are as challenging as extremely fast in a damp morning round.

Day 3: Normandy / Omaha Beach

GOLF: OMAHA BEACH GOLF CLUB
The day begins with a round of golf at the Omaha Beach Golf Club. Situated on the eastern end of Omaha Beach, La Mer - Par 72 Course offers an impressive view of the English Channel with the remains of the Mulberry Harbor in Arromanches visible to the east. The course's location, on the edge of the cliffs, demonstrates the difficult terrain of the Omaha Beach sector. After lunch on your own, we’ll tour the five-mile expanse of beach at Pointe du Hoc and Omaha Beach and hear the stories of Private Harold “Hal” Baumgarten, Colonel George Taylor, and Lieutenant John Spalding, one of the first officers to reach the top of the bluffs.

Accommodations: Château la Chenevière (B, D)

CULTURE: MONT SAINT-MICHEL
While the golfers meet for morning tee times, those with a thirst for local culture can visit the striking Mont Saint Michel and its impressive abbey. This tidal island off the northwestern coast of Normandy is one of the most popular tourist attractions in the world. Once it appears in the distance, it is easy to understand why. Lunch is included at La Mère Poulard.

Accommodations: Château la Chenevière (B, L, D)

Whether choosing a round of golf, the cultural excursion, or free time on your own, dinner this evening brings everyone back together at Château la Chenevière.
Harold Baumgarten was born in New York City in March 1925. On June 6, 1943, when he was just 18 years old, he was drafted into the US Army. After completing infantry basic training at Camp Croft, South Carolina, he was shipped overseas to England and assigned to the 116th Infantry Regiment of the 29th Infantry Division.

On the morning of June 6, 1944, Baumgarten landed in front of the Vierville sur Mer draw at the Dog Green Sector of Omaha Beach. During the hours that followed, he received four serious wounds as he worked his way up the bluffs and moved inland. He received his fifth wound while lying on a stretcher on the beach the following afternoon awaiting evacuation. Of the 30 men on his landing craft, he was one of only two survivors.

After the war, the multi-decorated veteran received a BA from NYU and both an MS and an MD from the University of Miami. He became a renowned speaker and internationally recognized historian who wrote two books about D-Day, including Eyewitness on Omaha Beach: A Story about D-Day, June 6, 1944. Before his passing in 2016, he made it his life’s work to share his story and those of the men who paid the ultimate sacrifice on the beaches of Normandy. In recounting those horrific moments on “Bloody Omaha,” Baumgarten would recite the full names and hometowns of fellow soldiers who didn’t come home. He did so, he said, because “I want them never to be forgotten.”
Day 4: Deauville / Honfleur / Omaha Beach

GOLF:

BARRIÈRE COURSES AT DEAUVILLE

This morning’s golf destination is the luxurious resort town of Deauville, home to the beautiful Golf Barrière courses. After playing a round at the Red and White courses in Deauville, we’ll return to Omaha Beach for an emotional visit to the Normandy American Cemetery, where 9,387 soldiers were laid to rest in the ground they helped liberate. A special ceremonial wreath presentation completes our visit to Normandy.

Accommodations: Château la Chenevière (B, L, D)

CULTURE:

HONFLEUR AND ST. CATHERINE’S CHURCH

Non-golfers are invited to travel to the picturesque town of Honfleur in the northeastern corner Normandy, where the Seine River meets the English Channel. Known for its slate-covered houses, which were painted by numerous Impressionist artists, the town’s centerpiece is St. Catherine’s Church, the oldest wooden church in France, built by local “axe masters” following the Hundred Years War. After lunch, join those who played golf this morning for the Normandy American Cemetery ceremony.

Accommodations: Château la Chenevière (B, D)
Day 5: Flight to Scotland / East Fortune Airfield

GOLF AND CULTURE: NATIONAL MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

Enjoy one last breakfast at Château la Chenevière before hopping aboard a private charter flight from Caen, France, to Edinburgh, Scotland. Upon arrival, a short drive brings you to East Fortune Airfield and the National Museum of Flight.

Afterwards, we’ll check into the Gleneagles Hotel, known as the host venue for the G8 Summit of World Leaders in 2005 and golf’s 2014 Ryder Cup. The 850-acre Gleneagles estate includes a five-star luxury hotel, three championship golf courses, an award-winning spa, and an exhilarating list of countryside pursuits. We’ll gather for dinner in the hotel’s two-star Michelin restaurant, Andrew Fairlie.

Accommodations: Gleneagles Hotel Scotland (B, D)
The United Kingdom’s aerial warfare force, the Royal Air Force was formed towards the end of World War I. The first independent Air Force was created specifically to defend the skies over Britain, but fought effectively from April 1, 1918, in support of ground forces on the Western Front. Its support was crucial to both the effort to blunt the German offensive and to the final Allied counter-attacks. The RAF’s success was instrumental to the ultimate surrender of German forces five months later.

While the survival of the RAF was much debated during the 20 years between the end of World War I and the beginning of World War II, it demonstrated that controlling large areas of territory from the air was integral to the survival of the British Empire. The advancement of technology in the years between the two wars and the rise of the Luftwaffe solidified the presence of the RAF in the British military complex. By 1939 the RAF had considerable experience over India and the Middle East but little over the skies of Western Europe. In the early days of The Battle of Britain, the British Empire and its Commonwealth stood alone against the power of Nazi Germany, and was the only European nation that had both declared war against Germany and remained unoccupied by the Germans.

The Royal Air Force Bomber Command • 1942-1945 •
Wing Commander Guy Gibson, Commanding Officer of No 617 Squadron RAF

“Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.” – Sir Winston Churchill

The Royal Air Force at War

The Royal Air Force launched its largest war effort against Germany early in the war, but its attacks became increasingly devastating from 1942 onward, with the advent of new technologies resulting in superior aircraft in larger numbers. Nighttime bombings on German cities were adopted by the RAF, and combined with America’s daytime bombings, little time was allowed for recovery, destroying many German towns and weakening the effectiveness of the Germany military and the tolerance of German citizens. By the end of the war, the RAF had solidified its place both in the British military and in world history.

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Day 6: Carnoustie Golf Links
GOLF: ATTEND THE 2018 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Attend the final day of the 2018 Open Championship at Carnoustie, which boasts the “toughest finishing stretch in golf.” Stand in awe as the world’s best golfers play for the chance to claim the Claret Jug. The British Open, known officially as the Open Championship, is the oldest of the four major championships, dating to 1860. The Open has been held every year since, with the exception of 1871 when there was no trophy available, and during the war years of World War I and World War II.

Accommodations: Gleneagles Hotel Scotland (B, D)

The 2018 Open Championship
Carnoustie Golf Links

Since 1860, The Open has been played on some of the world’s most cherished links courses and has produced a remarkable legacy of great champions. It is the oldest and most international championship in professional golf and the Claret Jug — first presented in 1873 — is one of the most iconic trophies in all of sport. Carnoustie’s Championship course has hosted The Open on seven occasions, most recently in 2007, and is regarded as one of Britain’s finest, and most challenging, tests of golf.

An aerial view of the 18th green at the Carnoustie Golf Links in Scotland during the British Open Golf Championship on July 17, 1999. Courtesy of Phil Sheldon/Popperfoto/Getty Images.
THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP AT CARNOUSTIE GOLF LINKS

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Past Winners

TOMMY ARMOUR (1931)* • HENRY COTTON (1937)* • BEN HOGAN (1953)* • GARY PLAYER (1968)*
*World Golf Hall of Fame Members

Ben Hogan crosses a stream on the Carnoustie Golf Course while a huge crowd awaits his next shot in the British Open Championship. (Courtesy of Getty Images)

The First Open

On October 17, 1860, eight professionals assembled at Prestwick for a tournament to determine who would be the Champion golfer. The winner was to receive the Challenge Belt, a prize crafted from red Moroccan leather and worth £25. The competitors played three rounds on the then 12-hole links, with Willie Park, Sr., “Boating Old Tom Morris” by two shots. A year later, Prestwick announced that the tournament “shall be open to all the world,” and since then, The Open has witnessed a remarkable legacy of inspiring Champions. It was here that three of the greatest-ever champions and World Golf Hall of Fame Members – Seve Ballesteros, Jack Nicklaus, and Tom Watson – produced tremendous displays of passion and unmatched skill to capture the imagination of golf fans everywhere.
Day 6: The Pursuits at Gleneagles

CULTURE: Gleneagles Hotel Scotland

Gleneagles offers an exhilarating list of options for those who choose to spend the day pursuing wellness or recreational activities. Scotland’s pre-eminent luxury resort options include: day spa treatments and massages, falconry, clay target shooting, tennis, fishing, jogging paths, archery, gun dog training, and more.

Accommodations: Gleneagles Hotel Scotland (B, D)

Enjoy Tennis either outdoor or in the state-of-the-art indoor Tennis Center. Learn from expert instructors at the Gleneagle’s Shooting School.

Relax and enjoy the extensive menu of wellness treatments at The Gleneagle’s Spa.
Day 7: Brechin / Fettercairn Distillery

Golf: Edzell Golf Club

Known as the “father of radar,” Sir Robert Watson-Watt demonstrated how enemy bombers could be detected using radio waves. In recognition of his work, he was knighted in 1942, and received the United States Medal for Merit. Today’s golf outing takes place near Watson-Watt’s birthplace in Brechin, on the greens of the Edzell Golf Club. At lunch, learn more about Watson-Watt’s contributions to radar technology from a local historian, and continue to Fettercairn Distillery for a tour and whiskey tasting before retiring to Gleneagles for the evening.

Accommodations: Gleneagles Hotel Scotland (B, L)

Edzell Golf Club

Edzell Old Course

Set in a wonderfully peaceful setting in the foothills of the Angus Glens, this is a great, mainly flat, heathland course. The opening par-4 is a gentle start before you play the fenceline 2nd, where you drive blind over a marker post and then play your approach (again blind) over a gravity bunker. Fairways on this course are cut tight and are not exactly generous therefore demand a reasonable level of accuracy. Fairways are “true” bunkers and are present on every hole to avoid them at all costs. These challenges getting to the cup will pay off however, with the greens playing medium fast but true.

Fettercairn Distillery

Tucked away in the foothills of the Grampian Mountains, where ice-clear mountain spring water flows freely, and barley grows in rich, fertile soil, Fettercairn is one of Scotland’s oldest licensed distilleries. It was founded in 1824 by Sir Alexander Ramsay, the owner of the Fasque Estate on which the distillery is located.

Today, Fettercairn is known for a range of single highland malt Scotch whiskies aged from 10 to 40 years. The distillery has changed hands a number of times over the years. It was owned by Whyte & Mackay from 1973 to 2007. In 2009, new owners gave the brand a more luxurious image with the introduction of a 24-, 30-, and 40-year-old whisky. In 2010, the 12-year-old expression was replaced with Fettercairn Fior, which is packaged like a liqueur.

Accommodations: Gleneagles Hotel Scotland (B, L)
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Day 8: Perthshire / Dundee / Edinburgh

GOLF: GLENEAGLES GOLF CLUB

Play a morning round of golf at Gleneagles’ King’s Course. Travel to Edinburgh after lunch, and see the magnificent Edinburgh Castle which has dominated the skyline for centuries. Within the castle, we’ll visit the National War Museum, where artifacts tell the story of 400 years of Scotland’s military history. Here, World War II is covered through the eyes of the Scotsman who served abroad and those who defended their homeland. Gather for a farewell dinner this evening at Gleneagles.

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CULTURE: PERTHSHIRE AND DUNDEE

Non-golfers may choose to enjoy a day trip to nearby Perthshire and Dundee, including a guided tour of Dunsinane Castle and Birnam Wood, where Shakespeare’s MacBeth was defeated by Malcolm Canmore. As the story goes, Malcolm’s men disguised themselves as the trees so that, as they approached the castle atop Dunsinane Hill, their numbers would be concealed, and it would appear as if Birnam Wood itself were moving.

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Day 9: Departure or Heroes & Legends Post-Tour Extension

After breakfast at Gleneagles, guests who are departing will be transferred to the Edinburgh Airport. Those participating in the post-tour extension will enjoy a short drive the next day to The Old Course at St. Andrews to see the legendary Tom Watson compete in the 2018 Senior Open Championship. (B)

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Gleneagles Golf Club
The King’s Course

With very large greens that have deceptive contours, hiring a caddie is a wise move when playing this course. The opening tee shot has a generous fairway, but choosing enough club to get up to the pin on the dramatically sloping green is vital. While the 18th green is reachable in 2 with a good straight drive over the saddle, the largest green on the course makes putting from the tee the most difficult on the course so aim for the flag, not for the green!
Lloyd Mangrum drives from the first tee in the opening round of the 30th annual Los Angeles Open Golf Tournament. Cary Middlecoff (directly behind him) and Ed ‘Porky’ Oliver (holding cup) watch. Mangrum finished first in the 72 hole contest, carding a record low of 272.

At 29 years old professional golfer Lloyd Mangrum was one of the senior draftees while training in England in 1944. Mangrum's service in World War II represented a two year break from his career as a golf pro. He started playing golf as a caddie in Dallas. When he was 14, his family moved to Los Angeles and he studied the techniques of the golfers for whom he caddied. He entered his first tournament in 1936 and finished sixth, and 4 years later, in 1940, he finished second at the Masters.

Mangrum was drafted into the Army in 1943, enlisting two days after Christmas. While training at Fort Meade, he was offered the position as the golf pro at the course. Mangrum refused and departed for England. In Normandy, Mangrum arrived after D-Day and was assigned to reconnaissance. During one mission, Mangrum's jeep flipped, breaking his arm in two places. Upon his return to the front, he was shot in the knee by a sniper. Later that year, Mangrum suffered one more war injury, as shrapnel tore into his chin during the Battle of the Bulge.

After the war, Mangrum resumed his golf career and won the 1946 US Open. He would continue a run of success in the 1940s and 50s, winning several more tournaments before his death of a heart attack in 1973. Lloyd Mangrum was posthumously inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 1999.
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HEROES AND LEGENDS POST TOUR

Extend your stay in Scotland with continued accommodation at Gleneagles Hotel. Post-tour extension guests will have the opportunity to watch five-time Open Championship winner and three-time Senior Open Champion Tom Watson as he returns to St. Andrews for the 2018 Senior Open Championship.

After expecting the 2015 Open Championship to be his last competitive outing, World Golf Hall of Fame Member Watson will be seeking his first St. Andrews win, against other notable players who have previous St. Andrews wins in their records, including Nick Faldo and John Daly. Though the club previously hosted the Open Championship on 29 occasions, and the Ricoh British Women’s Open played here twice, this will be St. Andrews first hosting of the Senior Open.

The Old Course at St. Andrews

Swilken Bridge
This famous small stone bridge in St. Andrews Links golf course spans the Swilcan Burn between the first and eighteenth fairways on the Old Course, and has itself become an important cultural icon in the sport of golf.
When the Gleneagles Hotel opened in 1924 it was described as "a Riviera in the Highlands" and "the eighth wonder of the world." Today, this luxury hotel remains dedicated to excellence, just as it was in its earliest days, when "the avowed intention of the management was to create happiness." Gleneagles continues to offer an unbeatable array of attractions that include a five-star luxury hotel, three championship golf courses, an award-winning spa, and the only restaurant in Scotland to hold two Michelin stars. With just 232 luxury bedrooms, decors range from traditional to modern interiors, many with fine views over the hotel grounds and beyond. All bedrooms benefit from complimentary Wi-Fi. Additional pursuits offered by the resort include tennis, horse riding, off-road driving, cycling, archery, and fishing.
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Offering a compelling blend of evocative narrative and poignant personal detail, the Museum features immersive exhibits, multimedia experiences, and an expansive collection of artifacts and first-person oral histories to take visitors inside the story of the war: why it was fought, how it was won, and what it means today.

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