

# THE UK GOLFER'S BUCKET LIST

Any Golfer worth their salt has a list of courses they want visit (a golfer's bucket list if you will) and play an epic 18 holes. If you're anything like us, it is likely you'll play terribly, but they'll be near some of the best 19th holes in the business! So, without further ado we humbly present the absolute pinnacle of golf courses in the UK.



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## THE OLDEST - THE ROYAL BURGESS:

Often cited as the oldest golf society in the world. Having been founded in 1735, the Royal Burgess is the starting point for anyone in search of golfing history. Designed by Robert M Cameron the clubhouse that exists there now was opened in 1897 and is a great example of late-Victorian architecture.

The course offers some serious challenges for every level of golfer. The greens are often referred to in reviews as 'perfect' so it really should be on your list. On top of a brilliant course, The Royal Burgess extends its eye for detail to every aspect of the club, that means food, drink, staff, and amenities are some of the very best around. Seems like practice does make perfect.

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## THE GLAMOUROUS FILM STAR - STOKE PARK:

The outrageously beautiful Stoke Park is famous for myriad reasons, from being in some of the most iconic films in history to some of the most incredible facilities in golf. Stoke Park should be on everyone's golfing bucket list. In addition to the spas, hotel, golf course, you can also find a piece of film history. It is where James Bond had his infamous round of golf with Auric Goldfinger and Oddjob from the film Goldfinger, which of course Mr. Bond wins.

All of this means you can live out your Sean Connery based dreams here, or, as one reviewer put it "I felt like James Bond but I played like Oddjob".

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## THE BIGGEST GOLF COURSE - ST ANDREWS:

The most remarkable range of courses in the UK, containing 7 courses of differing difficulties there is certainly something for everyone. The real draw though is that St Andrews offers breath-taking views. Perched on a cliff edge overlooking the sea, St Andrews has the famed Swilken Bridge and the classic St Andrews Links Clubhouse. The clubhouse stands as one of the most prestigious places in the golfing world.

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## THE 2018 OPEN - CARNOUSTIE:

Want to take a trip around the year's Open course? This is it. Carnoustie is the host of the 2018 Open. Play this course and you'll understand exactly what they're up against come July 15th. Be warned though, this course is TOUGH.

On top of that it has recently completed construction on a beautiful new clubhouse which you have to check out, a marriage of old and new. Incidentally, a great place for a drink...if you're into that sort of thing.

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## OUTRAGEOUS LUXURY: GLENEAGLES

Not that we need to make you aware how good Gleneagles is, but the course here has been compared to playing in heaven. Rest assured, if you're going for a few rounds you are going to come away very happy. However, if the natural beauty that surrounds it isn't enough, the luxury facilities at Gleneagles are frankly outrageous.

It is home to some of the classiest rooms in any hotel anywhere, along with a world-class beauty spa. Did we mention you can have a go at shooting, fishing, horse riding, falconry, and even archery? Yes, Gleneagles is hyped up but - trust us - believe the hype.

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## PLAY A COURSE DESIGNED BY A PRO - THE CLOSE HOUSE

Situated in the rolling hills of Northumberland, The Close House is right next to Hadrian's Wall. Its course was designed by Scott McPherson and Lee Westwood - the man who ended Tiger Woods reign as the top ranked golfer in 2010. This has made the courses both achingly beautiful and into a serious golfing challenge. The course starts off welcoming and gradually evolves into a quite a strong test of your skill!

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## ARRIVE IN A HELICOPTER LIKE AN ABSOLUTE DON - STAPLEFORD PARK

Is a golf course even a golf course if it doesn't have a helipad? Yes, the midlands answer to Monte-Carlo. Stapleford Park is an oasis of golfing class and tranquility. Justin Rose commented "I can't think of anywhere more relaxing to come", and we'll second that opinion.

In terms of the actual course, it's a good stretch of the legs and will provide you with a pretty stern challenge - so be prepared! It should also be noted, that despite being a great course and having a high-end hotel and spa, it won't break the bank. This place is a great value visit.

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## TIGER'S LAST UK WIN - THE ROYAL LIVERPOOL:

Tiger Woods and his story is interwoven with the game of golf, in the time-light for 20 years for both his on and off green actions. However, did you know his last UK win was at the Royal Liverpool? Often seen as one of the UK's most scintillating courses, keep track and see if you can equal Tiger's score. Which, if you do, it's probably time you went pro!

Special mention here goes to the halfway house, which has a phone box, so you can ring ahead and put in an order at the bar for when you finish!



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