

Scotland's Golf Coast Relishing Leading Events in 2022

Scotland's Golf Coast is relishing the opportunity to welcome the world's best male and female golfers in 2022 as it looks forward to an exciting year for the region.

The Genesis Scottish Open will again be played at the Renaissance Club from 7–10 July and is set to attract one of its best-ever fields, given it will be co-sanctioned by the DP World Tour and the PGA Tour.

A few weeks later, the AIG Women's Open will be staged for the first time at Muirfield from 4–7 August as leading players from across the globe chase the prestigious Major title.

Boasting the world's greatest concentration of championship links courses on a 30-mile stretch of East Lothian coastline, the region again looks forward to showcasing its qualities to the world and welcoming players, officials and spectators for two headline events on the sporting calendar.

David Cockerton at Garleton Lodge said: "It's fantastic news that the Genesis Scottish Open is returning to East Lothian in 2022, with the AIG Women's Open also coming to Muirfield.

"We are excited to once again showcase the high quality of accommodation and variety of golf courses we have in the area."

The Genesis Scottish Open returns to the Renaissance for the fourth consecutive time with a new title sponsor, while it has also retained Rolex Series status as well as its traditional slot in the season – a week prior to The 150th Open at St Andrews. The PGA Tour will co-sanction the event for the first time as part of its new Strategic Alliance with the DP World Tour.

It will be the sixth time Scotland's Golf Coast has staged the men's event in eight years given Gullane, which offers a wonderful mix of three courses, was the tournament host in 2015 and 2018.

All three editions of the event at the Renaissance have been decided by play-offs, with Australian Min Woo Lee edging out Matt Fitzpatrick and Thomas Detry to win in July last year.

The AIG Women's Open, won by Sweden's Anna Nordqvist at Carnoustie in August, will break new ground during its staging at Muirfield. A 16-time Open venue, it most recently hosted the battle for the Claret Jug in 2013 when Phil Mickelson prevailed. The renowned links was also the scene for Scotland's first staging of the Ryder Cup back in 1973.

Scotland's Golf Coast is a private sector led/public sector supported business and marketing alliance with almost 40 members, including golf clubs, accommodation providers and other local businesses.

With such a global focus on the region in 2022, the destination looks forward to welcoming visitors throughout this year given its appeal to suit all abilities and budgets for stay-and-play breaks.

With a choice of 21 courses, it offers a variety of golf at incredible value. Musselburgh Links, Dunbar and North Berwick – home to double-winning Solheim Cup Captain Catriona Matthew – boast excellent reputations, while other notable venues include Archerfield Links, Craighelaw, Kilspindie, Luffness New and The Glen. Royal Musselburgh, Gifford, Longniddry and Winterfield also offer different challenges to enjoy.

Combined with East Lothian's renowned dry climate, plentiful accommodation choices – including resorts, hotels, bed & breakfasts and self-catering – and easy access to road, rail and air networks as COVID-19 restrictions continue to ease, the region hopes to continue to enhance its reputation.

Duck's Inn at Aberlady, the refurbished Marine Hotel & Spa on the West links in North Berwick, stunning Archerfield House and Garleton Lodge, which boasts wonderful views across the Forth and surrounding East Lothian countryside, all offer excellent accommodation options.

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