

# Things to see and do in St Andrews



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## Wardlaw Museum



The Wardlaw Museum takes visitors inside the University of St Andrews, with four thematic galleries on the University's groundbreaking research and global impact.

The museum showcases the University's extraordinary art, history, science and natural history collections.

Complemented by an exciting programme of temporary exhibitions, interactive experiences for all ages, and a beautiful sea view from the terrace and garden, the museum is a major cultural space for St Andrews.

### The Museum is open:

Monday to Friday from 11am to 7pm  
Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 5pm  
Entry is free

## St Andrews Castle



Explore a castle caught in the Protestant Reformation struggle for hearts and minds. St Andrews Castle was a bishop's palace, a fortress and a state prison during its 450-year history.

### What to see and do:

- Peer into a bottle dungeon – one of medieval Britain's most infamous castle prisons
- Marvel at the Hamilton Façade, an impressive frontage that reflects the wealth and taste of its builder
- Tour through the castle with an audio guide using your own mobile phone with internet access or one of the castle's devices – included
- in ticket price • Take a fun fact-finding quiz

### Opening times:

1 Apr to 30 Sept  
Daily – 9.30am to 5.30pm  
Last entry 4.45pm  
Admission fees apply

## St Andrews Cathedral



Explore the remains of Scotland's largest and most magnificent medieval church. Even in its ruinous state, the cathedral remains a prominent landmark highly visible from the sea.

### What to see and do:

- Find out how the cathedral dominated Scottish religion until 1560, as headquarters of the medieval Scottish Church.
- Marvel at its scale – the cathedral was the seat of Scotland's leading bishops (and, from 1472, archbishops).
- Get up close to Scotland's most complete and imposing enclosure walls, encircling the cathedral precinct.
- Take a fun fact-finding quiz while exploring the cathedral.

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## Putting on the Himalayas



The St Andrews Ladies' Putting Club is probably better known to visitors from around the world as The Himalayas which is an apt description for this unique facility found in St Andrews, the home of golf.

The Himalayas lie between the famous Old Course and the spectacular West Sands, only a ten-minute walk from the town centre. The Himalayas will be open to the public on weekends in March, then daily from April to October.

Tee times should be booked in advance online, especially in the peak summer months to avoid disappointment. Admission fees apply

## The R&A World Golf Museum



### Explore the Galleries

Six exciting and interactive zones take you from St Andrews and around the world, exploring golf from its origins on Scotland's east coast to the global game it is today.

### A Royal & Ancient Game

Explore the traditions, heritage and characters of The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, from the iconic Clubhouse to its Royal connections. Uncover Club treasures hidden within the members' lockers and watch the annual spectacle of the Captain driving into office on the interactive boardroom table.

### Evolution of the Game

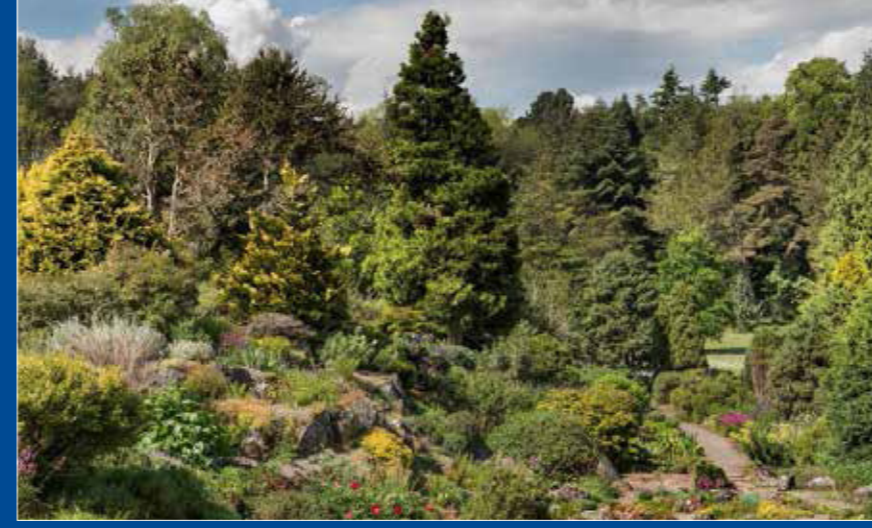
As one of many ball-and-stick games played throughout medieval Europe, how did a game played on Scotland's east coast grow to capture the imagination of people across the globe?

The museum is a 5 minute walk from the town centre and is situated directly opposite The Royal and Ancient Clubhouse.

### Opening Hours (Museum and Shop)

31 March - 3 November  
Monday-Sunday 9am to 6pm  
Admission fees apply

## St Andrews Botanic Garden



Set in 18 acres in the heart of St Andrews, the Botanic Garden offers a new perspective on a historic town. With woodland walks, meadows, ponds and living laboratories, visitors will find spaces to explore, places to rest and a friendly welcome.

### Discover the Botanic Garden

St Andrews Botanic Garden is a place for learning and discovering, relaxing and being mindful and playing and exploring.

The garden is a beautiful and peaceful place to visit. There is lots to see over our 18-acre site including a rock garden, rhododendron glade, pond, pinetum and much more! We are also busy developing our new and exciting Tangled Bank area in the Garden, which showcases how Fife's most dynamic habitats connect to similar habitats around the world.

### Opening Hours

April-September – Monday-Sunday 10am to 5pm  
Admission fees apply

## St Andrews Aquarium



### Dive into a World of Wonder at St Andrews Aquarium!

Tucked into the cliffs above the stunning St Andrews Bay, our family-run aquarium is a splash-tastic adventure just waiting to happen! Since 1999, we've been proudly welcoming visitors into our magical, mysterious underwater world — and trust us, it's anything but ordinary.

From the moment you step inside, you'll be face-to-fin with all kinds of amazing animals. Say hello to our playful penguins, come nose-to-nose with sharks, and meet our colourful cast of tropical fish (yes, Nemo and Dory are here too!). But that's not all... we've got cheeky meerkats, snappy crocs, dazzling poison dart frogs, and even a few eight-legged surprises for the brave!

### Opening Hours

7 days a week - 10am-5pm  
Last Admission 4pm  
Admission fees apply

## West Sands Beach



### St Andrews West Sands is located on the eastern coastline of the Kingdom of Fife.

Famous for the opening scenes of the film Chariots of Fire, West Sands extends for almost 2 miles of uninterrupted sand backed with dunes and the world-renowned golf course.

West Sands is about a 15 minute walk from the town centre. There is plenty of car parking, lots of information available and zoning of the beach to keep sand yachts and families apart. It is very popular for walking and running on as well as for swimming. Shops and restaurants are close by and there are plenty of wet weather alternatives, including the British Golf Museum and the nearby castle and cathedral. Lifeguards patrol the beach during the peak season.

## East Sands Beach



### This beach is located on the south side of the old harbour close to the East Sands Leisure Centre.

This is a sandy beach with a path on the inland side. Due to its close proximity to the harbour and sailing club, the beach boasts a lot of watersports including surfing and sailing.

There are plenty of activities for children, including some fascinating rock pools at the south end of the beach. The Kinkell Braes Caravan Site is only 5 minutes away.

Lifeguards patrol the beach during the peak season.

## St Andrews Museum



St Andrews Museum is a stunning Victorian mansion nestled in the grounds of Kinburn Park. Visitors can expect a lively series of temporary exhibitions and a regular programme of talks, concerts and children's workshops. Top off your visit with a delicious treat from the Granary Café at St Andrews Museum.

### A-Z

More than 70 artefacts feature in an 'A-Z' display that highlights an object of local interest for each letter of the alphabet. Among the objects on show are a hoard of medieval coins found in St Andrews and a magnificent embroidered banner created in 1823 for the Thistle and Rose Lodge of the Free Gardeners Society, St Andrews. Other exhibits include a St Andrews board game featuring wellknown businesses from 2002, and a beer bottle designed by local artist Susan McGill for the first beer brewed in town for more than 100 years by the St Andrews Brewing Company in 2014. There is also a new display of precious mementoes linked to the 1st Independent Polish Parachute Brigade, formed in Fife during the Second World War.

### Opening Hours

April-September  
10.30am to 4pm (Monday to Saturday)  
Entry is free

## St Andrews Links



There are seven public golf courses at St Andrews Links; the Balgove, Eden, Jubilee, Strathtyrum, New, the Old Course and The Castle Course.

### The Old Course – 6670 YARDS – PAR 72

The oldest and most iconic golf course in the world. The Swilcan Bridge and Hell Bunker are recognised across the globe, yet the greatest feature of the Old Course is that despite its grand status it remains a public golf course, open to all.

### The Castle Course – 6749 YARDS – PAR 71

Set on a rugged cliff-top with spectacular views over St Andrews, The Castle Course offers a memorable golfing experience.

### The New Course – 6517 YARDS – PAR 71

The oldest 'new' course in the world, the second course at the Home of Golf was built by the Keeper of the Green, Tom Morris in 1895 and it was imaginatively named to differentiate from its famous neighbour. Boasting undulating fairways and challenging greens, the New Course is a classic test of links golf.

Please visit the St Andrews Links website for further information regarding tee times and course fees.