



FIRST LOOK

WATER VIEW The third green opens up to the North Sea.

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TRUMP'S NEW BABY

Trump International Golf Links, Scotland, is slated to debut this July in Aberdeen. Here's an exclusive sneak peek with insights from the course's designer, Martin Hawtree.

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HOLE 1
par 5,
541 yards

“This broad opening hole occupies an entire valley. Players will drive through the portals of the valley and hit their approach shots to a green backed by an imposing dune that towers 30 feet above the putting surface. There are no bunkers in play off the tee but the second shot introduces an echelon of bunkers

straddling the route to the green, a passage that is also guarded by high dunes on the left and a wetland on the right. The green is cross-tiered, as was the original site of the green when I first looked at it, with treacherous hollows falling away back-right and back-left.”



HOLE 3
par 3,
202 yards

“The design of this hole, as much as any other, emphasizes my concern with sequencing. Whereas the 1st hole is obscured from the sea and the 2nd reveals the sea to one side of the player, the 3rd hole asks players to hit their tee shots straight toward the sea. Since the original routing, a dune has been building up between the hole and beach.

Now the more immediate danger for tee shots is the mouth of the Blairton Burn, as it turns to run out through the dune ridge and beach beyond. The hole will produce great excitement as the player moves from the tee down a sunken grass path toward the green and slowly becomes aware of the noise of the waves.”

HOLE 4

par 5,
530 yards

“This is a tough par 5 played to a high green set into a dune gap that forms part of the escarpment up to the Balmedie Mobile dune system. There are low tees, even with the level of the 3rd green, and spectacular high tees with views down toward Aberdeen. The great feature of the 4th is the Blairton Burn, which

runs the full length of the hole and seems likely to dominate every and any shot along this fairway. The green is the most contoured of any on the links, with dramatic tiering rising ever higher and leading up to the 5th tee. From there, a northward view looks out over much of the length of the golf course.”



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HOLE 6
par 3,
180 yards

“A magical hole, with a simple green set in an ocean of existing dunes. The putting surface is guarded by a cavernous drop to the Blairton Burn on the right and a high dune on the left. In a strong southwesterly wind, players may have to hit their tee shots over that dune to find the green.”

WANT TO PLAY?

The course will be open to the public for limited play beginning July 15. Green fees range from approximately \$230 (weekday) to \$310 (weekend) and may be booked at trumpgolfscotland.com. It is a walking-only course, with carts made available only to those with a documented physical condition.



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HOLE 10
par 5,
574 yards

“This longish par 5 begins on tees set among heather and plays out past a winter loch and onward and upward through a narrow pass flanked by high marram-clad dunes on both sides. The hole features a double fairway. The fairway to the right—breaking

traditional design theory—is the longest route to the green but offers by far the most visual, direct route for those considering two shots to the green. The view from this section of fairway, over the wetland and through the pass is extraordinarily alluring.”



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HOLE 13
par 3,
230 yards

“This is the only hole that cuts at right angles across a narrow site that stretches predominantly north-south. I have tried to emphasize this sudden change in direction by a spectacular valley hole, which from any of the tees cascades down the slope in a river of marram. Even if I had been permitted, I would never have tried

to improve the view of the sea beyond the high dunes behind the green. The walk through the dunes from this green to the 14th tees, and the views and sounds of the North Sea waves that gradually become revealed, make for one of the most engaging and dramatic walks from a green to a following tee that I have come across.”