

Golf – poll to find best golf holes in Scotland



The first at Machrihanish, one of the shortlisted holes

It has long been a debate in clubhouses throughout the country but now VisitScotland has launched an [online poll](#) to find the nation's most beloved golf holes from almost 600 courses across the country.

The poll, which includes some of the most famous golf courses and holes in the world, will look to gather views from thousands of golfers worldwide to find golf holes in Scotland that have #ScotSpirit – a feature of the national tourism organisation's Spirit of Scotland campaign.

From a shortlist of 26 courses spanning multiple regions of Scotland, golfers are asked to vote for their favourite holes in seven distinct categories ranging from the best opening hole to the hole with the best view.

Including renowned holes such as the Postage Stamp at Royal Troon and the Road Hole at St Andrews to more hidden gems such as the 12th at Hopeman or the 6th at Lamblash, the poll seeks to find those holes that engender #ScotSpirit among golfers.

Malcolm Roughead, Chief Executive of VisitScotland, said: "Golf is one of Scotland's great gifts to the world and we know that golfers experience a special feeling when they tee it up in the country where the game began.

"We call that feeling #ScotSpirit and we're excited to launch this poll to find the holes that have the hairs standing up on the back of golfers' necks.

“With so many fantastic courses across Scotland, the Home of Golf, this is no easy decision but we look forward to analysing the results and to find out which holes truly capture the Spirit of Scotland.”

The golf poll can be found [here](#) and will run until April 2 with results expected by April 12.