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More golf outposts: Which remote international golf destinations are worth the effort to find?



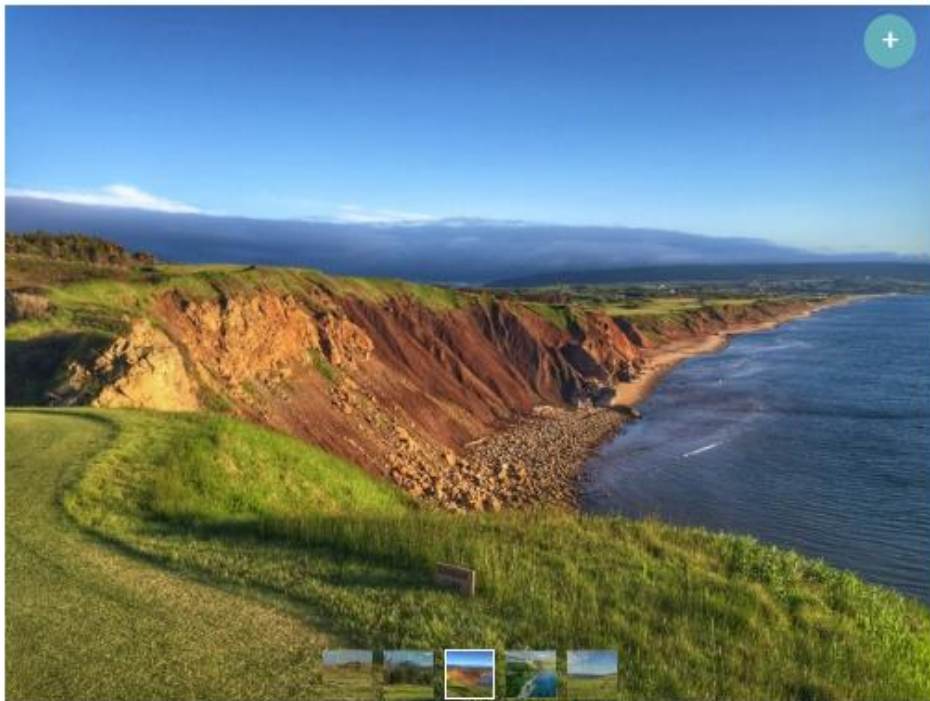
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Getting to America's most remote golf destinations isn't easy.

Most require at least two plane rides and an hour or more of driving for those who don't live within striking distance by car.

Getting to those [12 U.S. destinations](#) I recently profiled will feel like a breeze compared to tracking down some of the world's most remote golf destinations. First you need a passport, which the majority of Americans don't have. Then you'll need some serious cash for travel expenses (flight, hotel, rental car, etc.). Lastly, bring an adventurous spirit. Being travel savvy will keep you from stressing out when a snafu arises. Patience is a virtue when you're on the road to seemingly nowhere.

Only the most ambitious golf explorers will enjoy my latest version of **Deegan's Dozen**, 12 of the world's most remote golf destinations. I tried to balance how hard these destinations are to get to for Americans with how worthy they are to find. There are more remote one-off courses and resorts hidden in jungles, mountains and deserts, but these are the spots totally worth the journey. Safe travels!



The view from Cabot Cliffs' par-4 17th tee shows the dramatic coastline. (Matt Ginella/Golf Advisor)

Machrihanish, Scotland



Best way to get there: A flight to Glasgow or Edinburgh airports, followed by a game of planes, boats or automobiles. A 45-minute flight from Glasgow will get you to Campbeltown at the tip of the Mull of Kintyre the fastest, but the three-hour drive (140 miles) with a rental car might be the most practical. Me? I chose the scenic route, playing the [Ailsa course at Trump Turnberry Resort](#) in South Ayrshire in 2013 before taking the car ferry across the Firth of Clyde to Campbeltown.

Courses: [Machrihanish Golf Club](#), [Machrihanish Dunes Golf Club](#).

The tiny village of Machrihanish and the neighboring port of Campbeltown feel lost in time. Paul McCartney fell so hard for this isolated land that he bought a home and wrote a hit song about it. Southworth Development has rejuvenated the destination by renovating the 23-room Royal Hotel in downtown Campbeltown and the 22-room Ugadale Hotel (pictured) as the centerpiece of its Village at Machrihanish Dunes located adjacent to the Machrihanish Golf Club and the beach that straddles its famous first hole. Together, Machrihanish and Machrihanish Dunes sport some of the wildest dunes and [trickiest blind shots in links golf](#). What a contrast. Machrihanish is a classic links dating to 12 original holes by Old Tom Morris in 1876. Mac Dunes counterpunches with a modern (2009) miracle by David McLay Kidd on a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) where no machines were allowed to go. They are pure links gold.