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# St Andrews Day Trip from Edinburgh

Our real 10-hour day trip from Edinburgh by bus: £12 return fare per person, Old Course, coast, university and Meridian Line.

| 1 day | £12 return bus pp | Scotland | 1 days |
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## What this guide includes

Actual or planned costs, a readable day-by-day itinerary, practical food and accommodation notes, and public transport station pairs where available.

Important: Historical costs are budgeting references. Verify current prices, route numbers, opening times and entry rules before travel.

# Budget and transport

| Confirmed expense | Cost |
|---|---|
| Return bus — traveller 1 | £12 |
| Return bus — traveller 2 | £12 |
| Accommodation | £0 |
| Walking around St Andrews | £0 |
| Confirmed transport total for two | £24 |

## Bus, train, tram and ferry route card

| Mode | Service | Board at | Get down at | Approx. fare | Note |
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| Bus | Stagecoach X59 | Edinburgh Bus Station | St Andrews Bus Station | £12 return per person on our trip | Central stop for the university, cathedral, coast and Old Course walking route. |

Checked October 2026: confirm live schedules and disruptions in the official operator planner.

# Day-by-day itinerary and practical notes

Two people, one day, no hotel: we left Edinburgh at about 10 AM, explored St Andrews on foot and were back by around 8 PM. Our return bus fare was £12 per person.

Prices are historical rather than live quotations. Use them as a budgeting reference and verify current fares, entry fees and booking conditions before travelling.

St Andrews was exactly the kind of Scottish trip that works for our travel style: spend on the journey, walk as much as possible once you arrive and let the town itself provide most of the experience. We travelled by bus from Edinburgh, paid £12 each including the return, and did the whole trip without booking accommodation.

## Our confirmed cost for the day trip

## Our 10-hour St Andrews day

We took the bus from Edinburgh and treated St Andrews as a full day out rather than an overnight break.

Once in St Andrews, the day was built around walking: the Old Course area, the coast, the university and James Gregory’s Meridian Line.

We spent time around the waterfront and beach, which added a completely different feel without adding accommodation costs.

We returned the same evening, keeping the trip simple and avoiding a hotel bill.

## Start around the Old Course and Swilcan Bridge

The Old Course area is one of the most recognisable parts of St Andrews, but you do not need an expensive golf itinerary to appreciate it. We enjoyed the open scenery and the famous stone bridge as part of our walk through town.

## Walk towards the beach

The coast was one of the easiest ways to slow the day down without spending more. A beach walk gives you time away from the busier historic centre and helps make a budget day trip feel like a proper escape rather than a checklist of attractions.

## Visit the University of St Andrews area

The university is central to the identity of the town. Historic stone buildings and courtyards make it worth including even on a short trip, especially because it fits naturally into a walking route rather than requiring a separate journey.

## Find James Gregory’s Meridian Line

One of the details we wanted to include was James Gregory’s Meridian Line. It is the sort of small historical feature that suits budget travel perfectly: it gives you another story to look for while walking through St Andrews, rather than another ticket to buy.

## Continue to the aquarium and waterfront area

We also spent time around the coastal area near St Andrews Aquarium. Even without building the day around a paid aquarium visit, the surrounding waterfront and sea views worked naturally with the rest of our walking route.

## Why this worked as a budget trip

The main saving came from making St Andrews a day trip. For two people, we spent a confirmed £24 on return bus travel and avoided paying for another night away. Once there, walking connected the main parts of the day.

## Our St Andrews photo diary

## Budget traveller's quick summary

Trip: Edinburgh → St Andrews → Edinburgh

Travellers: 2

Timing: roughly 10 AM to 8 PM

Transport: bus

Fare we paid: £12 return per person; £24 total for two

Accommodation: none

Highlights: Old Course / Swilcan Bridge area, beach, University of St Andrews, James Gregory’s Meridian Line and the aquarium waterfront area

Biggest saving: doing the trip in one day and walking around St Andrews.

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## Before you travel

Reconfirm every fare, stop, timetable, visa or entry requirement, baggage rule and food-import restriction with the responsible provider.