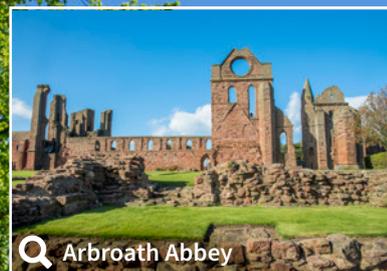


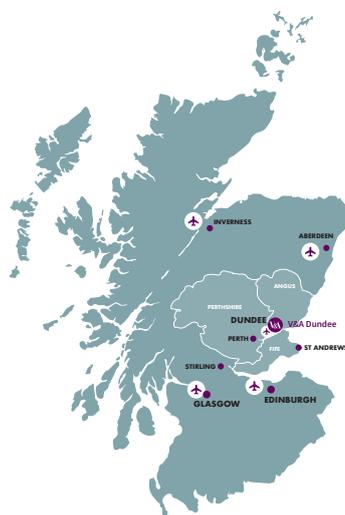
# Scotland's Tay Country — History & Heritage



## History & Heritage Ideas to inspire

From beautiful beaches to buzzing culture, tranquil glens to a tantalising food scene, Scotland's Tay Country is designed to enrich the senses. Whether it's an inspiring visit to V&A Dundee, opening September 2018, which will be an international centre of design for Scotland, to standing on the Swilcan Bridge at the famous Old Course at St Andrews. Or capturing the magic of the scenery through the towering forest landscapes of Perthshire, to soaking up a sense of the past at Glamis Castle, every corner of this area is designed to be explored. Discover enthralling stories about fascinating historical figures and magical places.

Scotland's Tay Country's vibrant culture, friendly welcome and sheer range of things to see and do makes this one place where you'll wish you'd stayed a little bit longer to discover even more. Designed for you to love the intrigue of history and heritage of the East.



### EVENTS

**MAY The Atholl Highlanders Parade and Gathering**, Blair Castle  
[www.blair-castle.co.uk](http://www.blair-castle.co.uk)

**JULY Scottish Transport Extravaganza**, Glamis Castle  
[www.svvc.co.uk/extravaganza](http://www.svvc.co.uk/extravaganza)

**GWCT Scottish Game Fair**, Scone Palace  
[www.scottishfair.com](http://www.scottishfair.com)

**SEPTEMBER Doors Open Days**,  
[www.doorsopendays.org.uk](http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk)

### Travel distances to and from V&A Dundee

| Towns       | Miles | Kilometres |
|-------------|-------|------------|
| Carnoustie  | 13.5  | 21.7       |
| Forfar      | 14    | 22.5       |
| Kirriemuir  | 19    | 30.6       |
| Arbroath    | 17    | 27.3       |
| Montrose    | 30    | 48.3       |
| Brechin     | 27    | 43.5       |
| Glamis      | 12    | 19.3       |
| St Andrews  | 16    | 25.75      |
| Dunfermline | 40    | 64.4       |
| Kirkcaldy   | 30    | 48.3       |
| Falkland    | 23    | 37         |
| Anstruther  | 25    | 40.2       |
| Perth       | 22    | 35.4       |
| Pitlochry   | 51    | 82.1       |
| Crieff      | 41    | 66         |
| Blairgowrie | 20    | 32.2       |
| Dunkeld     | 39    | 62.8       |
| Aberfeldy   | 56    | 90.1       |

*Based on direct routes (car based) on Google maps*

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## Day 1



**Royal Burgh Culross - Culross Palace** – historic Culross is one of Scotland's most picturesque towns. Explore the beautiful refurbished Culross Palace which dates from 1597 and imagine what it would have been like to live within the splendid interiors. Recently Culross has found fame as a film location for *Outlander*. Coach parking available.

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**Dunfermline Heritage Quarter** – visit Dunfermline Abbey and Palace, one of Scotland's most important royal sites, including the shrine of St Margaret, Scotland's only female saint. Discover more about Scotland's ancient royal capitals, in the recently opened Dunfermline Carnegie Library & Galleries- which houses the world's first Carnegie Library. Hear of the world's richest men at the Andrew Carnegie Birthplace Museum. Groups welcome, please advance book.  
E: [Dunfermline Abbey - trade@hes.scot](mailto:Dunfermline Abbey - trade@hes.scot)  
E: [Museums & Galleries - dclg@onffe.com](mailto:Museums & Galleries - dclg@onffe.com)



**Falkland Palace & Garden** – Falkland Palace was the favourite retreat of the Stuart dynasty, especially Mary Queen of Scots who visited for the hunting, hawking and tennis. The Palace sits in nine acres of beautifully maintained grounds and has the UK's oldest real tennis court. The village of Falkland also featured as a location in the *Outlander* TV series.  
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**St Andrews Cathedral & Castle** – Explore the remains of St Andrews Cathedral which was Scotland's largest cathedral. Close by is St Andrews Castle, the main residence of the bishops and archbishops of St Andrews. Explore the castle's underground 16th-century siege mine and counter-mine, and the 'bottle dungeon', one of the most infamous castle prisons in medieval Britain.  
T: 0131 668 8831  
E: [trade@hes.scot](mailto:trade@hes.scot)  
[www.historicenvironment.scot](http://www.historicenvironment.scot)



**British Golf Museum** – this 5-star museum contains the largest collection of golf memorabilia in Europe. Enjoy hands on activities, discover stunning displays, a must-visit attraction for golfers and non-golfers alike. The café at the museum offers local produce in a superb setting, with unrivaled views of the 1st tee of the famous Old Course. Coach parking available.  
T: 01334 460046  
E: [enquiries@randa.org](mailto:enquiries@randa.org)  
[www.britishgolfmuseum.co.uk](http://www.britishgolfmuseum.co.uk)

## Day 2



**RRS Discovery & Discovery Point** – this 5-star attraction, open all year, is an adventure in its own right with AV shows and displays of the actual artefacts of the crew to transport you to Antarctica. Climb aboard Captain Scott's ship RRS Discovery for a heroic voyage of exploration. Guided tours to be booked in advance, driver and organiser free entry.  
T: 01382 309060  
E: [events@dundeeheritage.co.uk](mailto:events@dundeeheritage.co.uk)  
[www.rrsdiscovery.com](http://www.rrsdiscovery.com)



**Verdant Works** – visit this 5-star attraction and hear the rattle and roar of the original restored machinery transporting you back over 100 years to an era when jute was Dundee's key industry. Also a fascinating insight into Dundee's social history. Guided group tours must be booked in advance, coach parking, café, gift shop, driver and organiser free entry.  
T: 01382 309060  
E: [events@dundeeheritage.co.uk](mailto:events@dundeeheritage.co.uk)  
[www.verdantworks.com](http://www.verdantworks.com)



**The McManus: Dundee's Art Gallery & Museum** – the exhibits at this award-winning free attraction are housed within a magnificent Victorian, Gothic-revival style building where art, history and regular exhibitions offer a fascinating insight into Dundee. The museum also contains an extensive retail area and a welcoming café. Coach parking close by.  
T: 01382 307200  
E: [themcmanus@leisureandculturedundee.com](mailto:themcmanus@leisureandculturedundee.com)  
[www.mcmanus.co.uk](http://www.mcmanus.co.uk)



**HM Frigate Unicorn** – nearly 200 years old, the Frigate Unicorn is one of the six oldest ships in the world and Scotland's only example of a wooden warship. Built for the Royal Navy and launched in 1824, the Frigate Unicorn boasts four atmospheric decks for you to explore.  
T: 01382 200900  
E: [mail@frigateunicorn.org](mailto:mail@frigateunicorn.org)  
[www.frigateunicorn.org](http://www.frigateunicorn.org)



**Dundee Museum of Transport** – Learn about local transport pioneers, Dundee's tram network, railway, roads and marine history. Exhibitions include cars, commercial vehicles and buses from local and national collections. See the much-loved magical car Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and the museum's recreation of Dundee's first flying machine. Advance group booking required. Coach parking available.  
T: 01382 455196  
E: [manager@dmoft.co.uk](mailto:manager@dmoft.co.uk)  
[www.dmoft.co.uk](http://www.dmoft.co.uk)

## Day 3



**Barry Mill** – hear the splash of the water-wheel at this 19th century mill, the rumble of milling machinery, and the smell of grinding corn as the process of milling grain into oatmeal in the traditional manner is explained. Average length of a visit is an hour, with coach parking in main parking area, 50 yards from visitor reception.  
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**Arbroath Abbey** – famously associated with the Declaration of Arbroath of 1320. Parts of the abbey church and domestic buildings remain, notably the gatehouse range and the abbot's house. Visitors can enjoy the herb garden along the south wall of the abbey church. The visitor centre provides a walk through audio-visual with a sound loop system.  
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[www.historicenvironment.scot](http://www.historicenvironment.scot)



**Montrose Air Station Heritage Centre** – visit Great Britain's first operational military air station. See the human side of the station's past with a collection of contemporary photographs, artefacts and memorabilia. These not only tell of the history of the airfield but also the story of the men and women who served there and those who lived in the area. Advance group booking required.  
T: 01674 678222  
E: [rafmontrose@aol.com](mailto:rafmontrose@aol.com)  
[www.rafmontrose.org.uk](http://www.rafmontrose.org.uk)



**House of Dun** – this handsome Georgian house boasts stunning interiors and outside, visitors can explore the garden and woodland walk. Overlooking the Montrose Basin, designed and built by William Adam in 1730 for David Erskine, Lord Dun. The house contains royal mementos of that period and many examples of Lady Augusta's woolwork and embroidery.  
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**Glamis Castle** – is a living, breathing monument to Scottish heritage, hospitality and enjoyment for all. The family home of the Earls of Strathmore and Kinghorne, Glamis Castle is the legendary setting for Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, the childhood home of HM Queen Elizabeth and The Queen Mother.  
T: 01307 840393  
E: [enquiries@glamis-castle.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@glamis-castle.co.uk)  
[www.glamis-castle.co.uk](http://www.glamis-castle.co.uk)

## Day 4



**Scone Palace** – has an exciting and colourful history. It has been the seat of parliaments and the crowning place of the Kings of Scots, including Macbeth and Robert the Bruce. As well as housing an outstanding collection of antiques, paintings and rare artefacts, its grounds are renowned throughout the world. Excellent coach parking facilities.  
T: 01738 552300  
E: [visits@scone-palace.co.uk](mailto:visits@scone-palace.co.uk)  
[www.scone-palace.co.uk](http://www.scone-palace.co.uk)



**Black Watch Castle & Museum** – this 5-star attraction tells the unique story behind Scotland's premier Highland regiment. Located in the city of Perth, The Black Watch Castle and Museum offers an excellent café, shop, free parking, guided tours and changing programme of events and exhibitions. Coach parking must be booked in advance of visit.  
T: 01738 638152  
E: [manager@theblackwatch.co.uk](mailto:manager@theblackwatch.co.uk)  
[www.theblackwatch.co.uk](http://www.theblackwatch.co.uk)



**The Library of Innerpefferay** – discover Scotland's oldest free, public lending library: a museum where you can literally touch the past. At a site steeped in history from Roman times to living memory, the Library offers visitors a hands-on, unforgettable experience of Scottish heritage. With advance booking, a bespoke programme of interest can be prepared for your group.  
T: 01764 652819  
E: [info@innerpefferaylibrary.co.uk](mailto:info@innerpefferaylibrary.co.uk)  
[www.innerpefferaylibrary.co.uk](http://www.innerpefferaylibrary.co.uk)



**Famous Grouse Experience at Glenturret Distillery** – a 5-star attraction open all year for guided tours of Scotland's oldest distillery. Enjoy a range of tours, an award-winning interactive show, café, shop and even a dram of whisky. Established in 1775, The Glenturret is an authentic working whisky distillery with a rich history and a long list of fascinating, contemporary attractions.  
T: 01764 656565  
E: [events@thefamousgrouse.com](mailto:events@thefamousgrouse.com)  
[www.experience.thefamousgrouse.com](http://www.experience.thefamousgrouse.com)



**Blair Castle & Gardens** – a 5-star attraction. Explore the fascinating past of the Dukes and Earls of Atholl over 700 years of Scottish history on display across 30 rooms. Find out how Queen Victoria's famous stay here led to the creation of Europe's only private army, the Atholl Highlanders. The grounds feature a walled garden and woodland grove.  
T: 01796 481207  
E: [bookings@blair-castle.co.uk](mailto:bookings@blair-castle.co.uk)  
[www.blair-castle.co.uk](http://www.blair-castle.co.uk)

Please note some attractions have seasonal opening hours. Please check opening times with the attraction.

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