



Arbroath Abbey

Glamis Prom

Lunan Bay, near Montrose

Arbroath smokies, Auchmithie

## Ideas to inspire

With its majestic glens, breathtaking coastline and intriguing history, Angus is a region of true beauty. Stroll along pristine beaches and unearth fascinating history at historic attractions ranging from world-class museums to grand historic buildings and vintage vehicles in this beautiful region. Use this three day itinerary to give you some ideas for planning a group holiday to this incredible part of Scotland.

Begin your trip in the North West of the region in the charming town of Kirriemuir, also known as the 'Gateway to the Glens' and birthplace of the author JM Barrie, the creator of *Peter Pan*. Visit the impressive Camera Obscura which was gifted to the people of the town by Barrie himself and discover the story of Kirriemuir at the Gateway to the Glens Museum. Then head to the market town of Forfar and explore its local history and artwork at Meffan Museum and Art Gallery. Start day two at the stunning Glamis Castle, a living, breathing monument to Scottish heritage.

Then head to Arbroath, home of the world famous Arbroath Smokie, and explore the impressive ruins of Arbroath Abbey, founded by William the Lion in 1178. Take a stroll along the picturesque Arbroath Harbour and visit the Signal Tower Museum situated within the original shore station for the Bell Rock Lighthouse. From Arbroath, head along the A92 to the coastal town of Montrose and visit Dunninald Castle and Gardens, built in 1824 by the architect James Gillespie Graham in the Gothic Revival style, then finish your day exploring the aviation history of Great Britain's first operational military air station.

On the third day of your trip, stay in Montrose and spot over 50,000 migratory birds including pink-footed geese, arctic terns, knots and sedge warblers at the Montrose Basin Reserve and Visitor Centre, before taking a tour of House of Dun, a handsome Georgian house overlooking the Montrose Basin which boasts stunning interiors and beautiful gardens. Head north to the town of Brechin and enjoy a unique 4-mile journey from a stunning Victorian terminus station to Bridge of Dun on the Caledonian Railway. Just outside Brechin, you'll find the imposing ruin of Edzell Castle which boasts a delightful formal garden with walls decorated with sculptured stone panels, flower boxes and niches for nesting birds.

## Events

### **MAY – Montrose Music Festival**

Montrose Music Festival or MoFest as it has become affectionately known takes place at the end of May each year.

[www.montrosemusicfestival.co.uk](http://www.montrosemusicfestival.co.uk)

### **JUNE – Angus Glens Walking Festival**

Spectacular walks through the Angus Glens' breathtaking scenery - open moorland, heather-clad hills, mountains, rivers, corries and crags guided by local mountain leaders and countryside rangers who will to share their knowledge of local history and wildlife.

[www.angusglenswalkingfestival.com](http://www.angusglenswalkingfestival.com)

### **JULY – Glamis Prom, Glamis Castle.**

A brilliant event held in the grounds of one of Scotland's most stunning castles. Enjoy fabulous food and excellent performers in the most romantic and timeless setting.

[www.glamisprom.com](http://www.glamisprom.com)

### **JULY – Scottish Transport**

**Extravaganza, Glamis Castle.** This event is probably the largest gathering of vintage, veteran and classic vehicles in Scotland.

There are lots of activities around the event field for all to enjoy.

[www.svvc.co.uk](http://www.svvc.co.uk)

## Day 1



**Kirriemuir Camera Obscura** – one of only four in Scotland – housed in a purpose-designed turret room in the Pavilion on Kirrie Hill. It provides a fascinating glimpse into another era and striking views of the surrounding countryside. It was gifted to the town by the creator of *Peter Pan* JM Barrie along with the cricket pavilion in which it is situated.  
T: 01575 575885  
E: info@kirriemuircameraobscura.com  
www.kirriemuircameraobscura.com



**JM Barrie's Birthplace** – visit where the creator of *Peter Pan* spent his childhood and see traces of the creative spirit he was set to become. The washhouse in the yard was Barrie's first theatre – and may even have inspired the Wendy in *Peter Pan*. An exhibition tells the story of his life and work and includes the writing desk from Barrie's London flat where he penned *Peter Pan*.  
T: 0131 458 0204  
E: traveltrade@nts.org.uk  
www.nts.org.uk/Traveltrade



**Gateway to the Glens Museum** – uncover the story of Kirriemuir and the Angus Glens. Visitors can uncover the history, and personalities, of the town that sparked AC/DC singer Bon Scott's musical career and inspired *Peter Pan* author JM Barrie. Advance booking advised.  
T: 01575 577140  
E: kirriemuirmuseum@angusalive.scot  
www.angusalive.scot/gatewaytotheglens



**Peel Farm** – art, craft, gifts and antiques centre with a farm shop and café, located near the Loch of Lintrathen. Opened 30 years ago, it promises the visitor a friendly, warm experience. Advance group booking required. Coach parking available on site.  
T: 01575 560718  
E: enquiries@peelfarm.com  
www.peelfarm.com



**Meffan Museum** – explore the Forfar Story by wandering through 'The Vennel', a recreation of an old narrow cobbled street. Peer inside several small shops including Peter Reid's sweet shop, a knockmaker's workshop and a baker's shop, with displays of bread and brides. You can also examine several enigmatic sculptured stones, in a Pictish stones display.  
T: 01307 476482  
E: ForfarMuseum@angusalive.scot  
www.angusalive.scot/meffan

## Day 2



**Glamis Castle** – Glamis Castle is a monument to Scottish heritage and hospitality. The castle has evolved to create a stunning architectural treasure. The family home of the Earls of Strathmore and Kinghorne, Glamis Castle is the legendary setting for Shakespeare's *Macbeth* and the childhood home of HM Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother.  
T: 01307 840393  
E: enquiries@glamis-castle.co.uk  
www.glamis-castle.co.uk



**Hospitalfield House** - overlooking the North Sea, was the house of artist and collector Patrick Allan-Fraser. Its arts collection, archive of papers and letters tells a very particular story of an artist who became a philanthropist and who left an extraordinary legacy for the support of the arts in Scotland. Advance booking advised.  
T: 01241 656124  
E: info@hospitalfield.org.uk  
www.hospitalfield.org.uk



**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.  
T: 0131 668 8831  
E: trade@hes.scot  
www.historicenvironment.scot



**Signal Tower Museum** – housed within the original shore station for the Bell Rock Lighthouse, designed by Robert Stevenson, the museum tells the story of the lighthouse and of the local maritime industries. The Bell Rock Lighthouse is Britain's oldest surviving rock lighthouse. Coach parking nearby, advance booking advised.  
T: 01241 435329  
E: ArbroathMuseum@angusalive.scot  
www.angusalive.scot/signaltower



**Dunninald Castle and Gardens** – Dunninald was built in 1824 by the architect James Gillespie Graham in the Gothic Revival style. Take a guided tour and learn about the history, the collections of furniture, paintings and displays of fine needlework, photographs and more. Examples of fine plasterwork and trempé l'oeil are also on show. Advance booking required.  
T: 01674 672031  
E: visitorinformation@dunninald.com  
www.dunninald.com

## Day 3



**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  
www.rafmontrose.org.uk



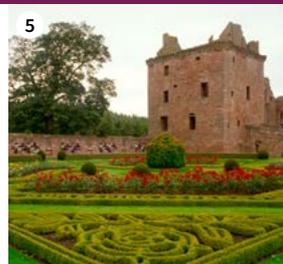
**Montrose Basin Visitor Centre** – the enclosed estuary of the South Esk River includes a 4-star visitor centre along with four remote bird hides. It's home to tens of thousands of migratory birds including pink-footed geese, arctic terns, knots and sedge warblers. Groups welcome with advance booking.  
T: 01674 676336  
E: montrosebasin@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk  
www.scottishwildlifetrust.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, it was 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.  
T: 0131 458 0204  
E: traveltrade@nts.org.uk  
www.nts.org.uk/Traveltrade



**Caledonian Railway** – this heritage steam railway runs for four miles from a unique Victorian terminus station at Brechin to Bridge of Dun. Originally built in 1848 and classically preserved, enjoy the collection of classic locomotives and coaches, and shop for souvenirs at Brechin Station.  
T: 01356 622992  
E: enquiries@caledonianrailway.com  
www.caledonianrailway.com



**Edzell Castle** – a stunning ruin which was home to the Lindsays, their most famous guests included Mary Queen of Scots and her son James VI. The 'Pleasance' is a delightful formal garden with walls decorated with sculptured stone panels, flower boxes and niches for nesting birds. Explore the summer house, the great garden and the 16th century tower house.  
T: 0131 668 8831  
E: trade@hes.scot  
www.historicenvironment.scot

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

For more information on things to see and do in Angus go to [www.visitscotlandtraveltrade.com](http://www.visitscotlandtraveltrade.com)