

# The Kingdom of Fife



Q St Andrews Cathedral

Q Royal Burgh of Culross

Q Dunfermline Carnegie Library & Galleries, Dunfermline Heritage Quarter

Q Anstruther Harbour

## Ideas to inspire

Whether you're looking for wonderful cultural treats, historic gems or gastronomic delights, you'll find an abundance of treasures waiting to be uncovered in the Kingdom of Fife. Use this four day itinerary to give you some ideas for planning a group holiday to this incredible part of Scotland.

Your gateway to Fife is as majestic as you'd expect from a true Kingdom with over 100 miles of amazing coastline. The iconic Forth Bridge, Scotland's newest UNESCO World Heritage Site, encapsulates the heart of Scottish engineering, and will soon see the addition of a new bridge- Queensferry Crossing. It's the perfect place to explore Fife's connections to Queen Margaret and start your heritage journey across the Kingdom.

Begin your trip in North Queensferry at Deep Sea World, Scotland's National Aquarium, then go for a spin at Knockhill Racing Circuit, Scotland's National Motorsport Centre. Change pace and head to the Royal Burgh of Culross with a visit to the 16th century palace and its beautiful gardens. Explore Dunfermline's Heritage Quarter and discover the fascinating stories of Robert the Bruce at Dunfermline Abbey, the Andrew Carnegie Birthplace Museum which explores the life and works of this World famous philanthropist and the new Dunfermline Carnegie Library and Galleries. Complete your first day with a visit to one of the oldest stone castle in Scotland, Aberdour Castle & Garden.

On Day two, head to the East Neuk of Fife and enjoy the fine interiors and beautiful gardens of Kellie Castle, discover traditional craft of cheese-making processes at St Andrews Farmhouse Cheese then explore the history of Fife's fishing industry at the Scottish Fisheries Museum. Continue to Kingsbarns Distillery and Visitor Centre and learn more about Scotland's national drink then end your day at the picturesque Cambo House Estate, famed for its snowdrops.

Spend day three in St Andrews, the home of golf. Enjoy the largest collection of golf memorabilia in Europe at the British Golf Museum. Visit the magnificently preserved ruins of St Andrews Cathedral and St Andrews Castle and discover the town's historic roots then enter an underwater world of discovery at St Andrew Aquarium. Complete day three in a plant-lovers' paradise at St Andrews Botanic Gardens and at Eden Mill, a distillery and brewery where the famous Haig family made whisky, gin and beer for most of the 19th century.

Finally enjoy a game of historic Hickory golf at Hill of Tarvit Mansion House, and then see the famous Wemyss Ware® at Griselda Hill Pottery. Follow in the footsteps of Mary Queen of Scots and enjoy the many beautiful gardens at Falkland palace then round off your trip by sampling some delicious local produce from Pillars of Hercules Organic Farm Shop. Finally stop off at Fife's newest attraction, Lindores Distillery and Visitor Centre where the first recorded production of whisky in Scotland took place in 1494.

## Events

### FEBRUARY

**Fife Jazz Festival**  
[www.fifejazzfestival.com](http://www.fifejazzfestival.com)

### MARCH

**StAnza**  
[www.stanzapoetry.org](http://www.stanzapoetry.org)

### JUNE

**Crail Food Festival**  
[www.crailfoodfest.co.uk](http://www.crailfoodfest.co.uk)

### JULY

**East Neuk Festival**  
[www.eastneukfestival.com](http://www.eastneukfestival.com)

### AUGUST

**Pittenweem Arts Festival**  
[www.pittenweemartsfestival.co.uk](http://www.pittenweemartsfestival.co.uk)

### OCTOBER

**St Andrews Voices**  
[www.standrewsvoices.com](http://www.standrewsvoices.com)

### NOVEMBER

**St Andrews Day Celebrations**  
[www.welcometofife.com/fife-events](http://www.welcometofife.com/fife-events)

# KINGDOM OF FIFE

## Day 1



**1**  
**Deep Sea World** – open all year round, groups of any size are welcome and visits can be tailored to suit. Home to the longest underwater tunnel in the UK, letting you get up close to one of the largest collection of sharks in Europe! Discounted admission for groups of 15 with free on site coach parking, coach driver and group leader receive free entry.  
T: 01383 411 880  
E: info@deepseaworld.co.uk  
www.deepseaworld.com/planning-your-trip/group-visits



**2**  
**Knockhill Racing Circuit, Scotland's National Motorsports Centre** – open all year round. Enjoy a group action day out doing some fabulous motorsport activities, from racing cars to rally driving experiences, at Scotland's National Motorsport Centre. Group activities can be especially tailored. Coach parking on site. Advance booking required.  
T: 01383 723337  
E: enquiries@knockhill.co.uk  
www.knockhill.com/experiences



**3**  
**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*.  
T: 01331 458 024  
E: traveltrade@nts.org.uk  
www.nts.org.uk/Traveltrade



**4**  
**Dunfermline Heritage Quarter** – visit one of Scotland's most important royal sites:- including the shrine of St Margaret, Scotland's only female saint. Discover more about Dunfermline, one of Scotland's ancient royal capitals, in the newly opened Dunfermline Carnegie Library & Galleries. Hear of the world's richest men at the Andrew Carnegie Birthplace Museum. Groups welcome, please advance book.  
E: Dunfermline Abbey – trade@hes.scot  
E: Museums & Galleries – dclg@onffife.com



**5**  
**Aberdour Castle & Gardens** – is one of the oldest stone castles in Scotland, built in the 1100s as a fortified residence. Set in a delightful walled garden, with a beehive-shaped doocot, which overlooks the Forth. Take a guided tour to see all around the castle including the painted ceiling in the east range, which is a precious survival from the early 17th century.  
T: 0131 668 8831  
E: trade@hes.scot  
www.historicenvironment.scot

## Day 2



**1**  
**Kellie Castle & Gardens** – see magnificent plaster ceilings, painted panelling and fine furniture designed by Sir Robert Lorimer. As well as a long-concealed mural by the celebrated arts & crafts pioneer, Phoebe Anna Traquair. The Arts & Crafts garden is packed with beautiful borders of old-fashioned roses and herbaceous plants.  
T: 0131 458 0204  
E: traveltrade@nts.org.uk  
www.nts.org.uk/traveltrade



**2**  
**St Andrews Farmhouse Cheese Company** – watch the cheese making process of handmade Anster Cheese to a traditional recipe by Jane Stewart using milk from the farm's cows from the purpose-built viewing gallery and stop by the Butterpat Coffee Shop for fresh home baking. Group visits welcome, please book in advance.  
T: 01333 312 580  
E: info@standrewscheese.co.uk  
www.standrewscheese.co.uk



**3**  
**Scottish Fisheries Museum** – this collection cared for by the Scottish Fisheries Museum is a Recognised Collection of National Significance that tells the story of how, through a constant process of innovation, the Scottish fisheries became such an important part of the lives of so many Scots. Advance group booking required, coach parking available.  
T: 01333 310628  
E: enquiries@scotfishmuseum.org  
www.scotfishmuseum.org



**4**  
**Kingsbarns Distillery and Visitor Centre** – based in a charming 18th century farm steading, the visitor centre offers a range of different tours and tastings from the Wemyss Malts collection of Scotch whiskies as well as exhibitions and gin experiences. There is a whisky and souvenir shop and café. Groups welcome, coach parking on site.  
T: 01333 451300  
E: info@kingsbarnsdistillery.com  
www.kingsbarnsdistillery.com



**5**  
**Cambo Gardens** – an impressive Victorian country house, built in 1881, lies at the heart of a 1200 acre country estate. See the renowned Victorian walled garden where you will find snowdrops, tulips, roses and herbaceous borders. Sample some home baking or enjoy a light snack prepared from locally sourced produce in the Snowdrop Tea Room.  
T: 01333 450054  
E: cambo@camboestate.com  
www.camboestate.com

## Day 3



**1**  
**British Golf Museum** – a 5-star museum containing the largest collection of golf memorabilia in Europe. Enjoy hands on activities, discover stunning displays, a must-see attraction for golfers and non-golfers alike. The café at the museum offers local produce in a superb setting, with unrivalled views of the 1st tee of the famous Old Course.  
T: 01334 460046  
E: enquiries@randa.org  
www.britishgolfmuseum.co.uk



**2**  
**St Andrews Cathedral & Castle** – explore the remains of what 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  
www.historicenvironment.scot



**3**  
**St Andrews Aquarium** – be transported into an underwater world of adventure and discovery. Come face to face with some of the most beautiful, fascinating and dangerous creatures of the watery worlds. From British sharks to spiders, lobsters to lionfish, poison dart frogs to piranhas, loveable seals... and not to forget the fabulous meerkats.  
T: 01333 474786  
E: splash@standrewsaquarium.co.uk  
www.standrewsaquarium.co.uk



**4**  
**St Andrews Botanic Gardens** – widely regarded as one of Scotland's horticultural gems. The garden is home to 8,000 species of ferns, herbaceous plants, shrubs and trees. The garden's design and the impressive array of native and exotic species cultivated here have won it international recognition. Advance booking required.  
T: 01334 476452  
E: info@standrewsbotanic.org  
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/~gdk/stabg



**5**  
**Eden Mill** – enjoy a whisky, gin or beer tour and tasting at the original site where the famous Haig family made whisky, gin and beer for most of the 19th century at what was Scotland's original single site distillery and brewery. Advance group booking required, coach parking available close to site.  
T: 01334 834 038  
E: hello@edenmill.com  
www.edenmill.com

## Day 4



**1**  
**Hill of Tarvit Mansion House & Hickory Golf** – one of Scotland's finest Edwardian mansion houses, home to an amazing collection of furniture, antiques and paintings. Surrounding the house are 279 acres of gardens, woods, and parkland. Within the grounds, the 9-hole Kingarrock Hickory Golf Course has been reinstated giving golfers the chance to play the game as it was many years ago.  
T: 0131 458 0204  
E: traveltrade@nts.org.uk  
www.nts.org.uk/traveltrade



**3**  
**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. The village of Falkland also featured as a location in the *Outlander* TV series.  
T: 0131 458 0204  
E: traveltrade@nts.org.uk  
www.nts.org.uk/Traveltrade



**3**  
**Grieslda Hill Pottery** – a 4-star visitor attraction, where pottery work can be seen in progress. The 'Wemyss Ware' name has had a long and distinguished history and is probably the most highly collectable and sought-after Scottish pottery, collected by many, including Queen Elizabeth and Elton John. Advance group booking required.  
T: 01334 828273  
E: info@wemyssware.co.uk  
www.wemyss-ware.co.uk



**4**  
**Pillars of Hercules Organic Farm Shop & Café** – this outstanding shop sells a great selection of organic whole foods and fresh produce certified by the Soil Association as 100% organic grown on site. Enjoy the farm trail and orchard, spot the hens, see the growing crops as well as delightful walks on nearby Falkland Estate.  
T: 01337 857749  
E: bruce@pillars.co.uk  
www.pillars.co.uk



**5**  
**Lindores Distillery & Visitor Centre** – opens August 2017. Visit the spiritual home of Scotch whisky, records indicate that the first whisky was produced by Tironensian Monks at Lindores Abbey in 1494. Distillation will begin again from this September, using barley from local farms. Pre-opening group tours, tastings, dinners by arrangement.  
T: 01337 842547  
E: helen@lindoresabbey.com  
www.lindoresabbey.com

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

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