

# NORTH EAST GOLF ITINERARY - 3 DAYS

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## Stonehaven Golf Club

Stonehaven Golf Club overlooks the North Sea and the harbour town of Stonehaven. Just 15 miles south of Aberdeen and 5 miles from the new town of Chapleton of Elsick. It is easily accessible by road, rail and air, lying in the gateway to Royal Deeside, one of Scotland's most popular tourist areas.

### Stonehaven Golf Club

Cowie  
Stonehaven  
Kincardineshire, AB39 3RH  
[www.stonehavengolfclub.com](http://www.stonehavengolfclub.com)  
[Link to Trade Website](#)



Distance from Stonehaven Golf Club to Dunnottar Castle is 3 miles/ 5 km



## Dunnottar Castle

This dramatic and evocative ruined cliff top fortress was the home of the Earls Marischal, once one of the most powerful families in Scotland. Visiting Dunnottar Castle, your clients will have an unforgettable experience discovering its historical importance – an impregnable fortress that holds many secrets. William Wallace and Mary Queen of Scots are among its famous visitors. It was at Dunnottar Castle that a small garrison held out against the might of Cromwell's army and saved the Scottish Crown Jewels from destruction.

Stonehaven  
Aberdeenshire, AB39 2TL

[www.dunnottarcastle.co.uk](http://www.dunnottarcastle.co.uk)  
[Link to Trade Website](#)



Distance from Dunnottar Castle to Aboyne Golf Club is 32 miles/ 51 km

## Aboyne Golf Club

Set in the heart of Royal Deeside, Aboyne Golf Club sits on the eastern edge of the historic Cairngorms National Park and is truly a captivating setting for golfers offering a memorable challenge. The oldest club on Royal Deeside. 6,000 yards of impeccable fairways and faultless greens - a golfer's haven. Aboyne is the understated jewel in the Aberdeenshire golfing crown. They were honoured to be chosen by the R&A to host the Ladies 'Coronation Foursomes' Area Finals 2018.

Golf Road  
Formaston Park  
Aboyne  
Aberdeenshire, AB34 5HP

[www.aboynegolfclub.co.uk](http://www.aboynegolfclub.co.uk)  
[Link to Trade Website](#)



Distance from Aboyne Golf Club to Braemar Highland Experience is 20 miles/ 31 km



## Braemar Highland Experience

Braemar Highland Experience shows the landscape through a local's eye, sharing their passion for the history, culture, wildlife and fauna of the Cairngorm National Park. Guides can show your clients a forgotten glen or share fabulous photographic opportunities. Your clients will experience the majestic landscape in the comfort of luxurious Land Rover Discovery vehicles. This could be combined with a bespoke off-road safari or guided walking. Your clients are assured unforgettable memories based on their guide's wide knowledge of the area and stunning landscapes.

Crathie  
Ballater, AB35 5TP

[www.bhe.scot](http://www.bhe.scot)  
[Link to Trade Website](#)



Distance from Braemar Highland Experience to Craigievar Castle is 29 miles/ 46 km.

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### Craigievar Castle

Cared for by the National Trust for Scotland. If fairy tales were real, all castles would look like Craigievar. Discover the beautiful property said to be the inspiration for Disney's Cinderella Castle. Admire an impressive collection of artefacts and art – including Raeburn portraits, armour and weapons – or enjoy a peaceful stroll around the garden and estate. Art Historians will love the Raeburns and Jamesones, and the rare survival of Jacobean woodwork in the Great Hall.

#### Craigievar Castle

By Alford  
Aberdeenshire, AB33 8JF

[www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk)

[Link to Trade Website](#)



*Distance from Craigievar Castle to Meldrum House Golf Course is 28 miles/ 45 km*



### Meldrum House Golf Course

Meldrum House offers the finest of facilities. And golf is certainly no exception. The course designed by Graham Webster, is sculpted to perfection in Scotland's breath-taking scenery and is one of the most beautiful parkland golf courses in the country. The mature woodland backdrop, meticulous landscaping and abundant wildlife make it a golf experience like no other. Also, lookout for the 18 bunkers guarding the green on the long eleventh hole.

#### Meldrum House Estate

Oldmeldrum  
Aberdeenshire, AB51 0AE

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

[Link to Trade Website](#)



*Distance from Meldrum House Golf Course to Duff House is 28 miles/ 45 km*



### Duff House

Duff House is the premier outstation of the National Galleries of Scotland and houses a collection of fine paintings and furniture. Located in Banff, Duff House was designed by Scottish architect William Adam in the 18th century. In the house your clients can find a stunning collection of paintings and furniture, and there are plenty of walking opportunities in the parkland of the surrounding area.

#### Banff

Banffshire, AB45 3SX

[www.historicenvironment.scot](http://www.historicenvironment.scot)

[Link to Trade Website](#)



*Distance from Duff House to Fraserburgh Golf Club is 27 miles/ 44 km*

### Fraserburgh Golf Club

Established in 1777, Come and enjoy the 7th Oldest Golf Club in the World, 5th Oldest in Scotland & The Oldest in the world operating under its original name. Choose from one of two excellent courses. The Stunning and Historical James Braid inspired 18-hole Corbiehill links, one of the finest links courses in the whole of Scotland, Wonderful views and some truly spectacular holes makes Corbiehill a true links adventure.

#### Philorth Links

Fraserburgh  
Aberdeenshire, AB43 8TL

[www.fraserburghgolfclub.org](http://www.fraserburghgolfclub.org)

[Link to Trade Website](#)



*Distance from Fraserburgh Golf Club to Museum of Scottish*

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Lighthouses is 2 miles/ 3 km

## Museum of Scottish Lighthouses

Located on the coast of Fraserburgh, the Museum of Scottish Lighthouses tells the fascinating story of the Northern Lighthouse Board, the engineers who built them and the keepers who looked after them. This unique museum is built right through the middle of a 16th century castle – come and see it to believe it. Share the wonder of this truly exceptional museum, understand the lifestyle and courage of lighthouse keepers, and marvel at the innovative engineering that saved hundreds of lives at sea.

Kinnaird Head  
Stevenson Road  
Fraserburgh, AB43 9DU

[www.lighthousemuseum.org.uk](http://www.lighthousemuseum.org.uk)

[Link to Trade Website](#)



*Distance from Museum of Scottish Lighthouses to Cruden Bay Golf Club is 27 miles/ 43 km*



## Cruden Bay Golf Club

The Cruden Bay Golf Club is a part of the very fabric of the golfing folklore of Scotland and a club with a long history. It was founded in 1791 at Port Errol and remained on that site for more than a century until it moved to its present location among the dunes in 1899. Tom Morris laid out the original course. He fitted the holes in where he could and made an interesting and wonderful job of it.

Aulton Road  
Cruden Bay  
Peterhead  
Aberdeenshire, AB42 0NN

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

[Link to Trade Website](#)



*Distance from Cruden Bay Golf Club to Peterhead Prison Museum to 8 miles/ 12 km*



## Peterhead Prison Museum

The Museum is dedicated to the staff that worked in the former Victorian HM Convict Prison at Peterhead between 1888 and 2013. Set within the granite prison walls, your clients will experience what life was like as an officer... They will hear some staff members speak of their experiences as they make their way through the halls, reception, shower block, court room segregation wing, silent cell and hospital. They will sense the tension of daily work inside "Scotland's Toughest Jail".

Admiralty Gateway  
South Road  
Peterhead, AB42 2ZX

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

[Link to Trade Website](#)



*Distance from Peterhead Prison Museum to Newburgh-On-Ythan Golf Club is 17 miles/ 27 km*

## Newburgh-On-Ythan Golf Club

Newburgh-on-Ythan Golf Club was founded in 1888 and was originally a nine-hole course laid out on the Newburgh Links which is located along the River Ythan estuary and the coastal dunes. Wildlife abounds on the course and the adjacent estuary, there is a breeding colony of terns and eider ducks, and a large population of seals. The 18-hole, par 72, CSS 72, Championship Links course measures 6423 yards and has great variety with every hole presenting a different challenge.

Beach Road  
Newburgh  
Aberdeenshire, AB41 6BY

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

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## ACCOMMODATION

### The Marcliffe Hotel & Spa

5\* hotel with 40 bedrooms. The Marcliffe Hotel and Spa is a privately owned luxury hotel set in scenic Royal Deeside but only 3 miles from the centre of Aberdeen.



### Trump Macleod House

5\* hotel with 16 bedrooms. MacLeod House & Lodge the historic and luxurious Scottish baronial mansion nestled in the grounds of a magnificent Aberdeenshire estate.



### Meldrum House Country Hotel and Golf Course

4 \* Gold Meldrum House is a 13th century baronial country house set in 240 acres of stunning Aberdeenshire countryside. There are now 51 bedrooms in total, with accommodation perfect for groups, families and golfers.



### Maryculter House

A 4-star hotel nestled on the banks of the River Dee on the outskirts of Aberdeen. It has 40 bedrooms and dates to the 13th century with period elements still present in the hotel today.



### Norwood Hall Hotel

4\* hotel with 73 bedrooms. Norwood Hall Hotel was built in 1881 on the site of the 15th Century Pitfodels Castle, offering guests the best in breath taking Scottish scenery and fine facilities.



### Pittodrie House

4\* hotel with 27 bedrooms. Pittodrie House is set within its own ancient grounds and offers the best in breath-taking scenery and fine facilities.



### Banchory Lodge Hotel

4\* hotel with 28 bedrooms. Banchory Lodge Hotel sits next to the world-famous Salmon Fishing River, the Dee and enjoys an enviable location just next to the small town of Banchory.



### Tornacoille Hotel

4\* hotel with 25 bedrooms. A beautiful Country House Hotel in the heart of Royal Deeside – within walking distance of the village of Banchory.



### Malmassion Aberdeen

4\* hotel with 79 bedrooms. Their Aberdeen hotel puts people at the heart of Scotland's most surprising city: a place where history and culture co-exist with some of the most stunning scenery on earth.



### The Lodge on the loch of Aboyne

5\* Inn with 14 bedrooms. The Lodge is a unique Spa and Golf Resort with spectacular views over the Loch of Aboyne and the Cairngorms National Park.



## FOOD & DRINK

### Dean's Café/Bistro

Home of the famous Deans shortbread. After seeing the visitor centre, relax in the spacious cafe bistro with an extensive menu including breakfast, snacks, hot meals and home-bakes.



### Eat on the Green

Eat on the Green offers innovative lunch and dinner menus with contemporary and classic dishes, using the finest fresh and local produce.



### Cow Shed Restaurant

The Cow Shed Restaurant offers a relaxed dining experience set in the tranquil surroundings of the Banchory countryside. With an eye-catching wine cellar and part open kitchen, they offer seasonal, modern Scottish food for lunch and dinner.



### Kirktown Garden Centre Restaurant

Welcome to Kirktown, Stonehaven's local garden centre. If it's good food, good living or gardening you're after, they would be delighted to help your clients.



### Loch Kinord Hotel Restaurant

The Hotel offers fine dining in an informal setting and serves the best of local produce, with meats and game from local farms and estates, including certified Aberdeen Angus Beef.



### Potarch Café and Restaurant

Potarch Café and Restaurant is located on Ballogie Estate in Royal Deeside. They aim to consistently offer a wholesome menu using local, fresh and seasonal produce.



### The Mains of Drum Restaurant

The Mains of Drum Restaurant is located within the Garden Centre. Being on the first floor the views across the Dee Valley are stunning with many window seats available.



### The Bay Fish & Chips

The Bay opened its doors in August 2006. Owners Calum and Lindsay Richardson have both won the UK Young Fish Fryer of the Year Award and the shop has won multiple other accolades.



### The Old Kirk Café/Bistro

The Old Kirk Cafe/Bistro is a 215-year-old, converted church specialising in fresh Seafood direct from local boats to us where it is filleted, shelled then served straight to the plate.



### Portsoy Ice Cream

Alex and staff strive to create an exciting range of ice creams and sorbets which are all made in their Portsoy shop using the finest, and when possible, local ingredients.



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#### Taste Our Best

One way to ensure that you'll enjoy great quality Scottish food and drink, prepared with care and delivered with passion, is to look for places that are part of Taste Our Best, our food and drink quality scheme.



#### Green Tourism Award

Businesses that work in a sustainable, environmentally friendly way are graded: Bronze, Silver or Gold

## VISITSCOTLAND'S WEBSITES

Our travel trade website offers the travel industry a one-stop-shop for Scotland information, inspiration and tool kits. The site is designed to assist tour operators and agents to sell destination Scotland more effectively to their clients.

Travel trade website	<a href="http://www.visitscotlandtraveltrade.com">www.visitscotlandtraveltrade.com</a>
Destination Education Programme	<a href="http://www.visitscotlandtraveltrade.com/scotsagent">www.visitscotlandtraveltrade.com/scotsagent</a>
VisitScotland consumer site	<a href="http://www.visitscotland.com">www.visitscotland.com</a>

- Information on travel trade websites:
- Inspirational itineraries
- Downloadable e-brochures and maps
- Link to multimedia library for images and videos
- Online destination education programme
- Opt-in to receive our monthly travel trade e-newsletter

A comprehensive directory of Scottish companies who have committed to special rates, discounts and commissions exclusively available for the travel trade

## GENERAL WEBSITES

Britrail	<a href="http://www.britrail.com">www.britrail.com</a>
News & Weather information	<a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather">www.bbc.co.uk/weather</a>
British Train information	<a href="http://www.nationalrail.co.uk">www.nationalrail.co.uk</a>
Scottish Train information   Bus information	<a href="http://www.scotrail.co.uk">www.scotrail.co.uk</a>   <a href="http://www.citylink.co.uk">www.citylink.co.uk</a>
Historic Environment Scotland	<a href="http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk">www.historic-scotland.gov.uk</a>
National Trust for Scotland	<a href="http://www.nts.org.uk">www.nts.org.uk</a>
Scottish Tourist Guides Association	<a href="http://www.stga.co.uk">www.stga.co.uk</a>