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Kinnaird Head Castle Lighthouse and the Museum of Scottish Lighthouses

Built for the Fraser family in the 1500s, Kinnaird Head was altered in 1787 to contain the first lighthouse built by the Northern Lighthouse Board. The lantern is still in working order and the lighthouse remains much as its last crew left it. Your clients can take a short walk to The Museum of Scottish Lighthouses to discover the secrets of Scotland's lighthouses, the great story of the Northern Lighthouse Board, the engineers who built the lights and the keepers who tended them.

Castle Terrace
Fraserburgh, AB43 9DU

www.historicenvironment.scot

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Distance between Kinnaird Head Castle Lighthouse and Down on the Farm is 6.8 miles/11km.



Down on The Farm

Let your clients experience unique rural experiences down on the farm. Get up close to the animals on either a trailer tour, in the lambing shed or during sheep shearing time. Admire the unspoilt coastline and then end your time in the farm bothy with hot drinks and farmhouse baking.

Milestone House
Rosehearty
Fraserburgh AB43 6JY

www.downonthefarm.net

[Link to Trade Website](#)



Distance between Down on the Farm and Forvie National Nature Reserve is 28.5 miles/45.9km.

Forvie National Nature Reserve

Forvie National Nature Reserve is free to visit and one of Scotland's most dramatic stretches of coast, with the biggest sand dunes in Britain. It is renowned for its coastal walks and abundance of bird life. Near the fishing village of Collieston, this is a stunning expanse of nature and scenery. Care for the environment is central to this Nature Reserve which is open all year and extends to the visitor centre which is open between April and September.

Forvie
Collieston
Ellon, AB41 8RU

www.nature.scot



Distance between Forvie National Nature Reserve and Pitmedden Garden is 12.5 miles/20.1km.

Pitmedden Garden

Owned and managed by the National Trust for Scotland, Pitmedden Garden really is a delight for the senses, with environmentally friendly policies employed throughout. Here your clients can view over 200 fruit trees, around 30,000 annual bedding plants that make up the colourful parterres and relax among the sweet scents of honeysuckle and jasmine. On-site, they can also visit the Museum of Farming Life, as well as a welcoming tearoom. A must-see nature attraction as one of Scotland's most diverse gardens.

Pitmedden
Ellon, AB41 7PD

www.nts.org.uk

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Distance between Pitmedden Garden and Huntly Castle is 27.2 miles/43.8km.



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Huntly Castle

A striking ruined 12th century castle, which was the ancestral home of the Clan Gordon, now managed by Historic Environment Scotland. French-inspired heraldic sculpture and inscribed stone friezes were fitting for the home of the Earls of Huntly, now a noble ruin. The castle has a storied past including numerous Royal visits, battles and executions. Your clients will discover a well-preserved and fascinating castle in a historic market town in the beautiful green heart of the Aberdeenshire countryside.

Castle Avenue
Huntly, AB54 4SH

www.historicenvironment.scot

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Distance between Huntly Castle and Royal Lochnagar Distillery is 45 miles/72.4km.



Royal Lochnagar Distillery

Situated on the south side of the River Dee close to Balmoral Castle, sitting at the foot of the Cairngorm mountains. Age old traditions and craftsmanship produce one of Scotland's most exclusive whiskies. Originally called New Lochnagar, it was renamed following the Royal visit. Your clients will discover the distillery which combines the traditional pagoda kiln heads and modern techniques like the open mash tun. Your clients can also visit the visitor centre and appreciate their malt whisky after a tour of the distillery.

Crathie
Ballater
Aberdeenshire, AB35 5TB

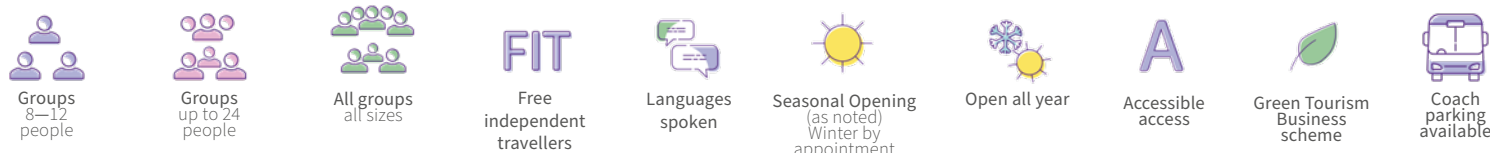
www.malts.com

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Distance between Royal Lochnagar Distillery and Balmoral Castle is 0.9miles/1.44km.

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Balmoral Castle

The Scottish home of the Royal Family since it was purchased for Queen Victoria by Prince Albert in 1852 and much loved by the Late Queen Elizabeth II and where she spent her final days. The Castle is an example of Scots Baronial architecture and is classified by Historic Environment Scotland as a category A listed building. The grounds, exhibitions and Ballroom are open to visitors seasonally in the Spring/Summer and closed when the Royal Family are in residence. There is an exciting range of tours available which open up more of the castle to visitors than has previously been seen.

Ballater
Aberdeenshire, AB35 5TB

www.balmoralcastle.com



Distance between Balmoral Castle and Mar Lodge Estate is 13.1 miles/21km.



Mar Lodge Estate National Nature Reserve

Britain's largest nature reserve, located in the heart of the Cairngorms National Park. Your clients can follow in Queen Victoria's footsteps and visit Linn of Dee or walk through Glen Lui to Derry Lodge. Enjoy ranger-led estate walks with the opportunity to spot iconic Scottish wildlife, including red deer, red squirrels, golden eagles and black grouse. Traditional field sports are available, including day stalking red deer, fishing for salmon or sea trout, red grouse shooting and clay pigeon shooting.

Braemar
Aberdeenshire, AB35 5YJ

www.nts.org.uk

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Distance between Mar Lodge Estate and Glen Tanar is 31.4 miles/50.5km.

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Glen Tanar

Glen Tanar lies in the spectacular setting of Royal Deeside and the Cairngorms National Park and it is ideal for visitors who enjoy the great outdoors. It is a multi-purpose Scottish estate and an ideal base for exploring its stunning surroundings. Your clients can choose from a range of activities including wildlife photography, mountain biking and horse riding, as well deer stalking and grouse shooting. Eco-friendly accommodation is also available on-site. Glen Tanar also has extensive facilities for functions and events.

Glen Tanar

Aboyne, AB34 5EU

www.glentanmar.co.uk



Distance between Glen Tanar and Craigevar Castle is 19miles/30.6km.

Craigevar Castle

This stunning pink fairy-tale castle, set amid the rolling hills of Royal Deeside, is said to have been the inspiration for Walt Disney's Cinderella Castle. There is no artificial light in the upper floors, which as well as conserving energy, allows visitors on a guided tour to view the many artefacts in natural light, just as the original owner intended. A unique experience will allow your clients to visit Craigevar Castle after dark and climb to the secret rooftop terrace.

Craigevar

Alford, AB33 8JF

www.nts.org.uk

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Distance between Craigevar Castle and Aberdeenshire Highland Beef Farm is 15 miles/24km.



Aberdeenshire Highland Beef Farm

Aberdeenshire Highland Cattle has been run by Grace Noble since 2012. Your clients can visit the working farm and have the chance to photograph the cattle, learn about their history and sample some Premium Aberdeenshire Highland Beef. They offer group tours, excursions and packages where your clients can taste local produce and local craft beer. Aberdeenshire Highland Cattle offer complete transparency throughout the farming process, rearing the cattle and producing the beef to the highest ethical and environmental standards.

Lochton of Leys

Banchory, AB31 5QB

www.aberdeenshirehighlandbeef.com



Distance between Aberdeenshire Highland Beef and Crathes Castle is 3.5miles/5.6km.



Crathes Castle

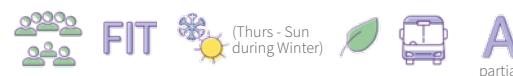
A magnificent 16th-century castle, with its intricate maze of turrets, towers, oak panels and painted ceilings. Your clients can wander through the historic walled garden, admire the iconic yew hedges, planted as early as 1702 and meet Jamie Burnett, the Laird of Crathes and chief of the Burnett clan, who lived in the castle until the 1966 fire. Your clients can enjoy a private tour accompanied by the Laird and an afternoon tea with him in an opulent setting.

Banchory

Aberdeenshire, AB31 5QJ

www.nts.org.uk

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Distance between Crathes Castle and Dunnottar Castle is 16.7 miles/26.8km.

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Dunnottar Castle

One of Scotland's most photographed castles, Dunnottar is a romantic, evocative ruin with a dramatic clifftop setting. It was once the home of the Earls Marischal, once one of the most powerful families in the land. An important part of the work at Dunnottar is the management of its unique surrounding natural environment. Dunnottar Castle will provide your clients with an unforgettable experience and the opportunity to discover an impregnable fortress that holds many rich secrets of Scotland's colourful past.

Stonehaven, AB39 2TL

www.dunnottarcastle.co.uk

[Link to Trade Website](#)



Distance between Dunnottar Castle and Macdui Bike Adventures is 17.8 miles/28.6km.



Macdui Bike Adventures

A unique and exciting activity provider that makes use of the great outdoors that Aberdeenshire has to offer. Macdui Bike Adventures will get your clients fully equipped for the trip as they provide visitors with bikes, equipment and a guide for off-road bike rides in Aberdeenshire and the Cairngorm National Park. They offer riding tuition from a qualified mountain bike guide and provide cycle adventures for every ability from experts to families and beginners. Bespoke tours are available all year round on request.

89 Beaconsfield Place
Aberdeen, AB15 4AD

www.macdui-bike-adventures.com

[Link to Trade Website](#)



Distance between Macdui Bike Adventures and The Gordon Highlanders Museum is 0.9 miles/1.4km.

The Gordon Highlanders Museum

The Museum tells the compelling and dramatic 200-year story of the Gordon Highlanders from the Napoleonic Wars to the modern day, using spectacular displays, film and the passion and knowledge of its guides. Your clients can enjoy a wide range of experiences, including museum tours, feel 'trench-life' for themselves with the museum's World War One replica trench, a display of 11 original Victoria Crosses and fine dining Regimental Dinners experience.

St Luke's
Viewfield Road
Aberdeen, AB15 7XH

www.gordonhighlanders.com

[Link to Trade Website](#)



Distance between Gordon Highlanders Museum and Aberdeen Art Gallery is 2 miles/3.2km

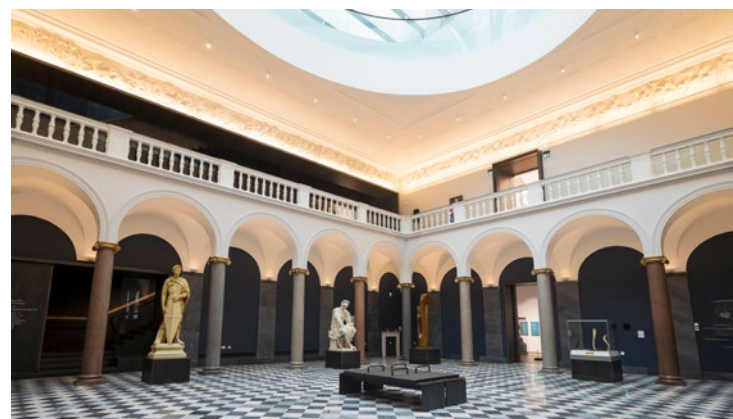
Aberdeen Art Gallery

Home to one of the finest collections in the UK, with works by important Scottish artists, designers and makers as well as nationally and internationally acclaimed artists. From Brueghel to Borland and Landseer to Lambie, Aberdeen Art Gallery's collection spans over 700 years. A must-see on any Granite City itinerary, an exceptional experience awaits visitors. Your clients can enjoy world-class art in one of Aberdeen's finest buildings which blends historic and contemporary architecture to stunning effect.

Schoolhill
Aberdeen, AB10 1FQ

www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/AAGM/plan-your-visit/aberdeen-art-gallery

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FOOD AND DRINK

Potarch Café and Restaurant

Potarch Café and Restaurant is located on Ballogie Estate in Royal Deeside. Close to both Banchory and Aboyne it is the perfect location to enjoy a morning coffee, lunch or afternoon tea all made with locally-sourced produce.

The Mains of Drum

The Mains of Drum is located within the Garden Centre. Being on the first floor, the views across the Dee Valley are stunning with many window seats available. Perfect for brunch, lunch and afternoon tea.

Deans The Bistro

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

The Stack Restaurant and Bar

A relaxed restaurant that derives its name from the sea stacks located on the beautiful surrounding coastline. Situated in the coastal village of Muchalls, just off the A90, and 10 minutes from Aberdeen.

The Cowshed Restaurant

With an eye-catching wine cellar and part open kitchen, the CowShed offers seasonal, modern Scottish food for lunch and dinner. Everything is homemade, from the bread you start your meal with, to the chocolates you finish with.

The Ivy Lodge

This outdoor pop up bar offers a heated terrace in Aberdeen City Centre. The Ivy Lodge serves beers, cocktails and handmade delicious pizzas with delicious toppings to suit every taste.

The Tippling House

Located in the cultural district of Aberdeen, The Tippling House is a subterranean late-night tavern serving boutique spirits, hand-crafted cocktails, fine Scottish ales and inspired casual dining.

The Fife Arms

The Fife Arms offers four different bars and restaurants including The Clunie Dining Room with a focus on wood-fire cooking, the Flying Stag the hotel's much-loved traditional public bar, an elegant Drawing Room serving afternoon tea and Elsa's, a chic art-deco cocktail bar.

ACCOMMODATION

Meldrum House Country Hotel and Golf Course

Meldrum House is a 13th century baronial country house set in 240 acres of stunning Aberdeenshire countryside. There are 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.



Braemar Youth Hostel

An impressive former shooting lodge, Braemar Youth Hostel sits in extensive grounds in the heart of Cairngorms National Park and is a great base for exploring Royal Deeside. RentaHostel is also available.

Aberdeen Altens Hotel

A 4-star hotel with 216 rooms, all designed with your comfort and enjoyment in mind. It is only 3 miles away from Aberdeen city centre and 1 mile away from the coast.



Village Hotel Aberdeen

This modern hotel is in good proximity to the city centre and to explore the rest of Aberdeenshire. There's everything you need under one roof, with a spa, restaurant and bar and Village Gym.



Candacraig

Nestled in the Scottish Highlands and part of the Cairngorms National Park, Candacraig is an inspiring, exclusive retreat. This breathtaking 12-bedroom baronial mansion is a remarkable setting for a celebration or a reunion.



Kincardine Castle

Kincardine Castle offers exclusive-use accommodation for groups of six or more, private dining, meetings and weddings. This superb Victorian castle in Royal Deeside has 12 comfortable bedrooms (11 ensuite).

Mar Lodge Bunkhouse - National Trust for Scotland

Part of a former stable block, Mar Lodge Estate Bunkhouse offers excellent 3-star accommodation in the heart of the Cairngorms National Park. There are 4 bedrooms which sleep up to 12 people.

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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 toolkit. The site is designed to assist tour operators and agents to sell destination Scotland more effectively to their clients.

Travel trade website	www.visitscotlandtraveltrade.com
VisitScotland consumer site	www.visitscotland.com

Information on travel trade websites:

- Inspirational itineraries
- Downloadable e-brochures and maps
- Link to multimedia library for images and videos
- 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	www.britrail.com
News & Weather information	www.bbc.co.uk/weather
British Train information	www.nationalrail.co.uk
Scottish Train information	www.scotrail.co.uk
Bus information	www.citylink.co.uk
Historic Environment Scotland	www.historicenvironment.scot
National Trust for Scotland	www.nts.org.uk
Scottish Tourist Guides Association	www.stga.co.uk
Go Rural Website	www.goruralscotland.com