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tart your search at one of our VisitScotland iCentres. We'll point you

in the direction of the best the region has to offer, whether you need

advice on where to go and what to do, or even if you're looking to

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Unit 3, The Mews, 9A, The Square,

ONE OF THE FINEST COASTS IN THE WORLD

Did you know that parts of Aberdeenshire's coastline were rated as one of the most scenic in the world by National Geographic magazine?

Jump in the car and follow the 165-mile signposted Aberdeenshire Coastal Trail and explore the delights of this incredible part of Scotland for yourself. You'll discover dramatic clifftop walks, captivating coves, beautiful nature reserves with an abundance of wildlife, expansive beaches, charming towns and villages, world-class links and parkland golf courses and much more besides. The map overleaf will assist in leading you along the Aberdeenshire and Banffshire coast. Make sure you stop off at some of the

d out more about the Aberdeenshire and Banffshire Coast at www.visitabdn.com/what-to-do/aberdeenshire-coast



ea level and is a climbers' paradise. lowever if you are not into climbing hen the walk from either Cullen or Findlater Castle is also stunning but do be careful, as the paths do become narrow and steep and car be hazardous in bad weather. Nearby see the Giant's Steps, which a local man built in 1989, without the aid of lifting gear or mechanical aids. Rock formations and nesting colonie of seabirds provide points of interest

04 Sunnvside Beach

sandy beach boasts amazing views from the cliffs. Explore this and sunbathing with plenty of sand and rockpools. Nearby, visit Findlate Castle if you want a trip back in time or wander among the local trails for a chance to see some wildlife

05 Findlater Castle

Surf's up! Head to the small, but erfectly formed, Sandend Beach and catch some of the best waves in the country. The area is a magnet for surfers who travel from far and wide to ride the waves which crash onto this quiet sandy beach. Unsurprisingly, the beach lends its name to the nearby illage. Less than 10 miles east is Banff Links, another prime surfing location. vhere you can get lessons from Surf and Watersports Club Scotland. Postcode: AB45 2JJ and AB45 2UA Tel: 07867 522282

07 Glenglassaugh Distillery

Sandend Bay is Glenglassaugh distillery was closed until it was vhisky and take it away with you! Postcode: AB45 2SQ Tel: 0131 335 5130

08 Portsoy Ice Cream

Postcode: AB45 2QT Tel: 01261 842279

Q Fraserburgh beach

DELIGHT IN OUR COASTAL LARDER

Discover the region's abundant natural larder and make sure you sample some of the fruits of the North Sea. In traditional fishing towns you can see fresh catches being landed in harbours.

Tuck into a traditional supper from the Aberdeenshire's awardwinning fish and chip shops. Pick up daily catches from fish markets and fishmongers and cook your own. With monkfish, lemon sole, scallops and lobster just a few of the exciting seafood options available, you are sure to be amazed by what you can find. Discover more local foodie delights at www.visitabdn.com/what-to-do/food-and-drink/local-produce

Look out for businesses displaying VisitScotland's Taste Our Best Quality Assurance award. It recognises quality Aberdeenshire taste our best food and drink on menus across the region. Learn more at www.visitscotland.com/tasteourbest

WHAT'S ON

Q The Scottish Traditional Boat Festival

Aberdeenshire's coastal towns and villages boast a variety of events to suit all, from festivals celebrating maritime heritage to traditional folk music

n June make your way to Portsoy for the Scottish Traditional Boat Festival, where you can admire some beautifully crafted

Celebrate Hogmanay in Aberdeenshire at the **Stonehaven Fireballs.** a traditional and renowned event. See the parade of wingers and welcome in the New Year. Find out about more events and festivals at www.visitabdn.com/whats-on



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Stroll along the golden sands of Cullen beach and admire the striking natural rock formation of the Three Kings, perfect for photo opportunities. Th beach is renowned for its excellent water quality and is ideal for paddling or, for the more adventurous, imming. Play a round of golf at the oordering Cullen Golf Club, follow one of the many coastal walks or trails, or try to spot dolphins from the shore. Postcode: AB56 4AG Tel: 01542 840830

01 Cullen Beach

02 Cullen Sea School

ourse at the club.

ostcode: AB56 4AG

Tel: 01542 840830

03 Logie Head

The Cullen Sea School is a centre

oastal rowing, kayaking, canoeing

and training courses. It is a warm,

welcoming place to enjoy all types

of water-based activities and make

for small boat building, sailing,



9 Portsov Boatshed Home to a team of enthusiast volunteers with a passion for boa building, you are certain of a friendly welcome. Come along and work on a boat building or woodwork projec vou've always dreamed of bringing o fruition, or join the team to lend a hand whilst they work on their latest project. Admission is free. Opening times vary but there are volunteer there most days.

Portsoy. In the bothy, trace your fam

tree with trained genealogists and

Postcode: AB45 2SS

11 Whitehills Marina

north east Banffshire

Postcode: AB45 2NO

12 Banff Beach

Whitehills Marina is an award-wir

village-owned marina. Whitehills is a

former highly successful commercial fishing port on the Moray Firth which

transformed itself to a friendly and

popular small marina and is currently

the only harbour catering for leisure

sailors. It is a great base for exploring

Tel: 01261 842951

discover your connections to the are

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nced Crivie) is a collection of houses appearing to almost emerge from the crisp North Sea, sandwiched between water and cliffs. There's nowhere else on earth quite like this enchanting village – it ruly is a spellbinding place. As well as being the best preserved fishing village n Europe, it also has the distinction of having the narrowest space between

shore and cliff of any Scottish village.

18 RSPB Troup Head, by Pennan

of seabirds and hear their piercing cries

Froup Head is the only mainland ganne

colony in Scotland and is also home t

species such as guillemots, razorbills

and puffins. Follow the clifftop path

and look out to sea where you might

spot dolphins, porpoises, seals and

even minke whales. Explore the rock

coastline on a boat tour – there are

Macduff and Gardenstown.

19 Pennan

hree operators that depart from Banf

Directions: the reserve is located betwee

Pennan and Gardenstown on the B9031

Pennan is a rugged village with

andmark is a traditional red

olourful houses built gable-end

to the sea. Pennan's most famous

telephone box which was used as

blockbuster, Local Hero, Everyone

who comes to visit makes a call

from the iconic phone box where

oil executive Mac would connect to

his Texas HQ, and drop his coins ir

when he heard the telephone pips!

20 New Aberdour Beach

Aberdour beach and wander through

the impressive sandstone caves. Set

back from the beach is St Drostan's Well, a drinking fountain which is

named after the saint who is said to

the west end of the beach, see if you

In 1886, she helped rescue the crew

of the steamship William Hope which

was wrecked close to the shore.

Postcode: AB43 6HR

have landed on the beach AD 580. At

can spot the memorial to Jane Whyte

the backdrop to Bill Forsyth's movie



This is no ordinary step back in tin Maggie's Hoosie has been lovingly red to represent the life of the fisherwoman who lived there, and her parents and siblings before her And when we say restored: picture earthen floors, no electricity or running water and four walls that have seen a lot of work - preparing and baiting fishing lines, curing smoking, salting and drving fis Postcode: AB43 9HG Tel: 01346 514761

25 Maggie's Hoosie, Inveralle

26 Loch of Strathbeg

ardless of season, there's always something fascinating to see at RSPB Loch of Strathbeg. During spring and summer, you might spot gulls, terns and wading birds raising heir young, while in the autumn and winter months you can marve at the spectacle of thousands of pink-footed geese, which arrive om Iceland. The reserve has three hides and an observation room in the visitor centre. Postcode: AB42.3HA Tel: 01346 532017

27 Rattray Head Lighthouse

he lighthouse tower is listed as a lding of Architectural/Historica interest. The light was established in .895, 46 years after Alan Stevenson, had first undertaken to carry out a series of experiments to ascertain whethe Rattray Briggs could be effectively marked by a red arc shown from the flashing light of Buchan Ness. Stevensor built a rock tower in two parts, the lower containing a foghorn and engine-room, and the upper the lightkeepers' room and lantern. It was the first time that a first-class siren fog signal had beer installed in a rock lighthouse.

28 Buchanhaven Heritage Centr

originally set up to safeguard the history of the former fishing village It now provides a wide range of exhibitions on subjects ranging from the fishing community, fam history, and WW1. There are also evening classes, from knitting and crochet to camera club and dance classes to join in. Postcode: AB42 1NR

29 Arbuthnot Museum, Peterhead

Peterhead's maritime history at one of Aberdeenshire's oldest museums Learn about fishing traditions and maritime explorations of the past through some fascinating exhibits, such as models depicting the development of Peterhead fishing boats, Inuit artefacts, a large coin collection and even a uffed polar bear. Get a glimpse into history and check out the many old photographs of the area, or join in with the programme of special events. Postcode: AB42 1QD

of one of the busiest fishing ports in Europe, Historic Peterhead harbour i nome to over 400 vessels, a bustling daily fish market and a leisure marin Explore the bay on foot and try to cture hardy sailors, whalers and fisher folk from the past. Make sure you pop into Ugie Salmon Fishings pick up some freshly landed fish – i Scotland's oldest salmon fish house and sells directly to the public. Postcode: AB42 2PF

31 Peterhead Lido Beach

views across the bay, and a marina among other watersports, but also Beach is easily accessed from the A982 and nearby towns. Postcode: AB42 2UP

Postcode: AB42 2ZX Tel: 01779 482200





Located in a secluded bay betwee Cullen and Sandend, this beautiful picturesque site, perfect for picnic



he ruins of Findlater Castle stand on a rocky promontory projecting out into the sea some two miles east of Cullen and a mile west of Sandence Brown tourist signs direct you fror the A98 to a parking area at a farm Barnyards of Findlater, and from here it is a half mile walk along a good grassy path to the interpretive board on the cliffs behind the castle. The castle remains that are still there are from the 14th-century rebuildin vhen the castle was redesigned based on the Rosslyn Castle mode







reat yourself at Portsoy Ice Cream and order a scoop - or two - of this sweet and creamy frozen delight. This awardvinning, family-run producer uses local ingredients wherever possible to make tantalising range of flavours, from classic vanilla to strawberry panna otta. Relax in the Coffee Corner, or order a cone to take away and enjoy your ice cream whilst taking in views the pretty and historic harbour





15 Macduff Marine Aquarium Discover astonishing underwate worlds at this brilliant attraction which is great fun for all the family. Learn about the marine life of the Moray Fir from its rocky shores to the depths of the sea floor. Come face-to-face with local sea creatures such as octopus

and wolf fish, and hold starfish and crabs at the touch pool. The aquarium is home to a living kelp reef, the only one of its kind in Britain. Look out for divers hand-feeding the fish! Postcode: AB44 1SL Tel: 01261 833369





A ANT IT GARDENSTOWN HERITAGE

people. Learn about Thomas Blake Glover, one of the founders of mode Japan, and see some remarkable garments by iconic 1960s fashion designer Bill Gibb. Postcode: AB43 9DT Tel: 01346 513802

Don't forget your bucket and spade when you head to Fraserburgh Beach it's the perfect spot for a traditional beach holiday building sandcastles and bathing in the sea. This stretch

the sand dune complex, which is part as ovstercatcher, redshank, and dunli has been established at the landward Fraserburgh town centre on the B9033 t St. Combs and Inverallochy Road.





local community. It gives a great insigh into the story of Fraserburgh and its

23 Fraserburgh Beach



museum. See a wonderful collection of glass lenses and learn about the lives of those who watched over Scotland's coastline for over 200 years. Enjoy som refreshments in the Lighthouse Museu Café and take in views of the entrance to the Moray Firth – you might even spo some wonderful marine wildlife Postcode: AB43 9DU Tel: 01346 511022 22 Fraserburgh Heritage Centre



















24 Waters of Philorth Nature Reserve

the estuary of the River Philorth and of the larger Fraserburgh Bay sand dune system. The river is an important feeding site for many migrating birds especially waders and wildfowl, such A car park area with picnic facilities side of the dunes and a boardwalk and footpaths provide access around the si Directions: Two miles south east of



mmerse yourself in the wealth of

Tel: 01779 477778

30 Peterhead Bay Take in the sights, sounds and smells

This quaint, sandy beach boasts ope full of yachts and boats. It's a popula shoreline for windsurfing and sailing has parking, shops, and cafés nearby for a family day out. Situated in Peterhead itself the Peterhead Lido

32 Peterhead Prison Museum

Dedicated to the staff that worked there from 1888-2013, the Peterhead Prison Museum allows you to experience what life was like as an officer with tours around the main halls, silent cell, and much more. Set in the former prison itself, hear staff members speak of their own experiences as you walk around the halls, reception, showe blocks and hospital.



of coastline is the Home of Scottish Surfing, having previously hosted th Scottish Surfing Championships and is also popular with windsurfers. Postcode: AB43 8UE

can see the neighbouring towr of Macduff. Enjoy walks along the beach and rocky shoreline.

13 Duff House, Banff

Take in the splendour of one of

Scotland's architectural mastern

Built by William Adam in the 18th

century, the house was originally a sea

for the 1st Earl Fife and is now one of

19 sites on Scotland's only Castle Tra

Admire the artworks, many of which

are on loan from the National Gall

parkland grounds. Stroll along the b

of the River Deveron to the south of the

of Scotland, before exploring the vas

are also views across the mouth

of the River Deveron where you





10 Portsoy Salmon Bothy traditions of the area at the Salmo Bothy Museum, housed in a charming limewashed building which dates ba over 180 years. You'll find a range of exhibits in the former ice chambe Learn about the town's harbours, it industry, trade and the salmon fis operations, and get a unique insight the geography, history and culture of

















EXPLORE ABERDEENSHIRE

Discover a diverse region packed with outstanding beauty, with expanses of wild, lush forests, winding rivers, rugged moorland and imposing mountains sweeping down to miles of unspoilt coastline.

As well as boasting fascinating royal connections and Scotland's only Castle Trail, there is a wealth of wonders to discover where Aberdeenshire meets the ocean.

The historic towns and villages which line the coast are a testament to this area's long-standing relationship with the sea and are perfect for exploring. Within these settlements, you'll find some great attractions which give you a unique insight into the maritime and industrial heritage.

The scenery is dramatic; experience this coastal combination of rocky cliffs, long stretches of golden beach, ever-changing

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33 Longhaven Cliffs Reserve

Experience the magnificent pink-red granite cliffs that rise a staggering 60 metres above sea level. Years of waves pounding have caused inlets stacks, caves and arches to form which provide the perfect shelter for large seabird colonies. There are scenic walks around the cliffs with the grassy slopes becomin ripe with colour during spring with a carpet of wildflowers. Postcode: AB42 0NY Tel: 0131 312 4765

34 Bullers of Buchan

collapsed sea cave, one of the most impressive geological features of Aberdeenshire's coastline. Follow a narrow clifftop coastal path (care req to the Bullers of Buchan and look up 30 m deep chasm where you'll see the waves rush through the natural archw Located off the A975, just north of Crud Bay, this natural marvel boasts some spectacular clifftop scenery and is a great spot for catching sight of puffins, kittiwakes, guillemots and razorbills. Directions: 6 miles south of Peterhead

35 Cruden Bay Beach

Stretch your legs and take a walk along beautiful Cruden Bay beach, a two mile wide arc of pink sands which lies between Cruden Bay and Port Erroll. This award-winning beach is popular with day trippers, watersports enthusiasts and sea anglers. The entire bay is a designated bathing water area, so be sure to pack your swimsuit! You can access the beach by the White Ladies Bridge across the Water of Cruden. Postcode: AB42 0RF

Tel: 01358 751330

36 Collieston Beach

Once a haven for smugglers, the sandy Collieston beach is an idyllic sheltered beach, perfect for walks picnics and sunbathing and makes for a great day out for families and children. You can even treat vourse to an ice cream at the aptly named 'Smugglers' Cone Ice Cream and Confectionary Shop. The main car park is on the pier beside harbour. Postcode: AB41 8RQ Tel: 01224 337700



Walk through a breathtaking la of shifting sand dunes at Forvie National Nature Reserve and explore the heather moorlands, clifftops and a ecluded bay which lie nearby - there's even the ruins of a half-buried 12th century church to explore. Birdlife is plentiful; waders and waterfowl feas in the mud in winter, and in summe you'll see a thousand breeding eider ducks in the Ythan Estuary. You're also irtually guaranteed to see basking grev and common seals. Postcode: AB41 8RU

38 Newburgh Beach Just a short trip north of Aberdeen, you can find yourself surrounded by a mesmerisin sandy beach at the mouth of he Ythan River. The Newburgh beach is also home to extensive and dunes. This is a good area for bird watching. Seals can also be spotted around the estuary. Parking is available near the beach. Postcode: AB41 6AA





39 Balmedie Beach Visit the expansive, award-win beach at Balmedie and discover ne perfect place to spend a sunny afternoon playing in the sand or kickir ball around with the kids. Stroll acros he long stretches of white sand or. if u feel like something more energetic why not experience the exhilaration of cantering across miles of beach on orseback, or bring a body board and hit the waves? Trump International Golf Links is also nearby if you prefer to enjoy a round of exquisite links golf.

Postcode: AB23 8XG



40 Donmouth Local Nature Res Nhere the River Don meets the sea, you can find the Donmouth Local Nature Reserve – a great place to see seals and a wide variety of sea birds. You can also witness some interesting plants that take root in the dunes and beach area, as well as the bird hide where you can vatch the wildlife. Nearby there is car parking, cycle racks and also ranger led activities during the summer months. Postcode: AB23 8DR Tel: 01224 326429



41 The Beach Leisure Centre and Linx Ice Arena The Beach Leisure Centre has a leisur pool; including a wave machine, fountain, rapids and four flumes, a gym and health suite. There is a orts hall, café and crèche. The Linx Ice Arena is a recognised NISA Skate UK Ice Rink offering skating tuition and public sessions. The arena is also ne to figure skating, synchronise skating and ice hockey clubs. Postcode: AB24 5NR Tel: 01224 507739/ 01224 507762

42 Aberdeen Fun Beach

Blow off some steam at fun-filled amusements, located on Aberdeen's beach promenade, only one mile from the bustling city centre. Challenge yourself on the Vertigo Aerial Assaul Course, take a ride on the Crazy Train Rollercoaster, or test your skills on a round of adventure golf, all at Codona Amusement Park. Kids will have tons o fun in Smugglers Cove indoor play ar Enjoy a bracing walk along the beach before checking out the cafés and restaurants which line the esplanade Postcode: AB24 5NS

13 Aberdeen Maritime Mu

The Aberdeen Maritime Museu tells the fascinating story of the city's history with the sea. Admire the variety of collections, from shipbuilding to fishing to port history and fast sailing ships. Also get involved with the museum's interactive collections, such as touch screen consoles, computer visual databases, hands on exhibits and more. This award-winning museum, located in the heart of Aberdeen, is a great family day out. Postcode: AB11 5BY Tel: 01224 337700

44 Aberdeen Cruises

Enjoy a harbour tour, dolphin adver or fish and chip cruise, all fully narrate to experience Aberdeen from a different perspective. Aberdeen Cruises gives you close up views of the numerous oil industry vessels in the harbour and docks, as well as venturing further fror shore where you can keep an eve out f local bottlenose dolphins, minke whale and a variety of other marine wildlife! Postcode: AB11 5SS Tel: 01475 721281





Ruined castles don't get much more dramatic than magnificent Dunnottar Castle, perched 160 ft above the North Sea. Nothing beats approaching the castle on foot along the coastal path fro Stonehaven. This fortress has a long and enthralling history: it was besieged by Oliver Cromwell, has housed the Scott Crown Jewels and also been graced by visits from Scottish icons William Wallac and Mary, Queen of Scots. If you're lucky ou'll also see dolphins and puffins fro

the castle ramparts. Postcode: AB39 2TL Tel: 01569 762173

ots, razorbills and kittiwakes

breeding birds which collectively form

an awesome natural spectacle on

the cliffs of Fowlsheugh in the spring

and summer months. You might see

comical-looking puffins and beady-

and follow one of the clifftop paths

and admire the breathtaking coastal

vistas, and keep your eyes to the

sea; grey seals, dolphins and minke

Postcode: AB39 2TP Tel: 01346 532017

The historic fishing village of

Catterline is perched on cliffs

overlooking the bay and harbour

t has been said that in the late

5th century St Ninian used to land

here as he faced the challenge of

Through the 1900s a number of

what some have referred to as the

Catterline School: artists drawn by

the atmosphere and the light of this

intriguing little village.

converting the Picts to Christianity

artists including Joan Eardley, forme

52 Catterline

whales are often spotted by walkers.

yed fulmars too. Put on your boots

are some of the thousands of





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45 Dolphins at Torry Battery, Aberdeen For many, the star attraction of Aberdeen's busy harbour is its pod of bottlenose dolphins, and Torry Battery is an excellent viewpoint to try and spot these playful creatures make sure you bring your binoculars and camera! Take a stroll to this ormer fortified artillery battery, which was last used defensively in WWII. Standing nearby at the entrance of the River Dee is Girdleness Lighthouse hich was designed by Robert Stevenson and built in 1833. Postcode: AB11 9DA

46 Stonehaven Open Air Swimming Pool

47 Aunty Betty's and Giulianotti's Ice Cream Shops

48 Stonehaven Harbour and Tolbooth Museum

Make a splash at Stonehaven's op

air heated swimming pool, located

in the town's Queen Elizabeth Park.

his Olympic-sized public pool and

eautifully designed in Art Deco style,

lido is filled with clean sea water. With

a water temperature of 29 °C (84 °F),

ummer's day. Kids will love the fun

it's perfect for a refreshing dip on a

sessions, and look out for the special

night time openings where you can

Indulge your sweet tooth and sample

Stonehaven's much-loved ice cream

and choose from a delicious array o

ice creams, ice cream cakes, sweetie

Experience old fashioned sweet shop

charm at Giulianotti's, where Italian ice

busy with sailing yachts and fishing boats, makes the perfect subject for

budding photographers. Visit the

olbooth Museum, housed in the oldes

building in the town, and uncover the

fascinating heritage of both the town

nd the 16th century building itself;

historically, it served as a prison and

Castle. In the summer months, take

a boat cruise to see the magnificent

RSPB Fowlsheugh, a seabird cliff co

packed with 130,000 breeding seabird

Postcode: AB39 2JU Tel: 07512 466329

49 Stonehaven Land Train

of Stonehaven, the Stonehaver

From Market Square to the centre

Land Train allows passengers to visit

Dunnottar Castle, Tolbooth Museum,

and more. Around Market Square you

fish & chip shops, or enjoy the soft

play centre at Stonehaven's open air

wimming pool.

Tel: 07415 060459

Postcode: AB39 2RA

50 Dunnottar Castle

can shop in the local shops, cafés and

as connections to nearby Dunnotta

cream has been made to a secret recipe

and sweet shops. Pop into Aunty Betty

some cool, creamy treats from

swim beneath the stars.

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and coffees.

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Tel: 01569 763656

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54 Inverbervie

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56 Maggie Law Maritime Museum he Maggie Law was one of the first inshore lifeboats, built in 1890 and rowed by six men she was in service for 40 years and saved 36 lives. If you are nterested in maritime heritage you w pe amazed at what's on display at the Maggie Law Maritime Museum which caters for all ages. The old two-storey coastguard building, which sits beside the old harbour and slipway (the Gutty) can be found in the centre of Gourdon Postcode: DD10 0LW Tel: 01569 750730

harbour and features historic enjoy it as it is today. Postcode: DD10 0EU

58 Starfish Studio, Johnshaven

and crafts haven. Starfish Studios, is backed with original art and beautiful crafts, ceramics, jewellery, glass, extiles, and more. The shop is also a working artist's studio for Kate MacKenzie, who sews with a variety of textile styles, and paints in acrylics using bright, vibrant colours. Nearby, olore lovely coastal walks, rockp and keep an eye out for seals and dolphins. Postcode: DD10 0EN Tel: 01561 360118

59 St Cyrus NNR



e shore has an attractive pebble peach. One of Inverbervie's most famous residents was Hercules Linton who designed the notable tea clipper the "Cutty Sark". A memorial to him stands next to the Jubilee Bridge, featuring "Nannie Dee" - the witch from Robert Burns poem Tam O'Shanter - holding a grey horse's tail in her hand, a replica of the figurehead of the ship.

55 The Quayside Restaurant and Fish Bar, Gourdon Gourdon is around ten miles south along the coast from Stonehaven ar s one of the few harbours where fish boats are still sailing from on a regula oasis. Gourdon has a strong sense of being a working fishing port with lobster pots piled around the harbour Overlooking the harbour, taste fresh seafood at the Quayside Restaurant and Fish Bar. Parking is available in th harbour area for coaches and cars.





57 Benholm and Johnshaven Heritage Centre olm and Johnshaven Heritag eum, based in the village lifeboat shed, overlooks the quaint Johnshaver information about the old industries that supported the locals in the past. You can also see the village as it was then and wander around the streets





Feel like you're miles from the hustle and bustle of urban life as you wander along the cliffs and dunes of St Cyrus National Nature Reserve. In the summer months, this protected area is wash with colour and life, from pretty purple bellflowers dotted across the grassy dunes to the constant movement of fluttering butterflies. Keep your eyes to the skies, where you might spot circling peregrine falcons, or in the winter months look out for feeding waders on the shoreline. Postcode: DD10 0AQ



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