

Scotland's Castle Trail

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There are more castles per acre in Aberdeenshire than anywhere else in the UK, so it's not surprising to learn that this area is home to Scotland's only Castle Trail. Consisting of 17 of the region's most striking castles and stately homes, hear about the (sometimes gruesome) history of Aberdeenshire, see some awesome defensive architecture, admire fine art and armour and touch the past.

Enjoy a fantastic family day out at Crathes Castle, near Banchory, with its expansive grounds, walking trails, adventure playground and Go Ape course. Plan your siege of the dramatic cliff-top castle of Dunnottar near Stonehaven. Learn about 18th century Jacobite uprisings and suppression at medieval Corgarff Castle in Strathdon with its distinctive 18th century star-shaped perimeter wall. And visit the enchanting Craigievar Castle near Alford, which reputedly inspired the design of Walt Disney's fairytale castles.

Which of the castles on the Trail might have inspired DunBroch Castle in Disney•Pixar's *Brave*?

Castle tours are great fun for all the family! Visit the regal gardens, grounds and exhibitions of Balmoral Castle, a Scottish residence of the Royal Family since 1856. Find out about the powerful Earls of Mar and spend some time in the children's adventure playground at Castle Fraser or hear tales of battles and ghosts at Braemar Castle. Some castles along the trail have specific facilities and activities for families and children (look out for the families' symbol overleaf).

In 2013, the Year of Natural Scotland, why not learn about the natural wonders around the sites on Scotland's Castle Trail? Several castles include beautifully maintained formal gardens and extensive estates with walking trails which are well worth exploring.



Follow the distinctive white-on-brown roadside signs with the blue castle logo, which will lead you through the heart of the region on a historic journey complete with secret corridors, haunted rooms and atmospheric dungeons.



Explore Aberdeenshire's castles and hear stories of battles, dungeons and ghosts

Cover: Castle Fraser, Garden & Estate, near Kemnay

Aberdeenshire

Aberdeenshire is a region rich in beauty and heritage from the inland summits of the Cairngorms National Park and Royal Deeside, to the stunning beaches, clifftops and coves of the Banffshire, Mearns and East Grampian coasts.

There's so much to see and do in Aberdeenshire and 2013, the Year of Natural Scotland, is the perfect time to explore this lovely part of Scotland.

Watch bottlenose dolphins breaching off the Banffshire Coast - 'Scotland's Dolphin Coast', or take a squawk on the wild side and head for the high cliffs of RSPB Troup Head near Pennan - a spectacular setting for Scotland's only mainland gannet colony. On the East Grampian Coast take in special National Nature Reserves at Forvie, with its seabirds, shifting sands and half-buried 12th century church, and at St Cyrus with its broad beach and colourful summer grasslands.

Get out into our natural playground and you'll find an array of exciting pursuits to try. Test your game with a round on some of the best links and parkland golf layouts to be found in Scotland. With a choice of over 50 venues (and counting), you'll easily be able to combine a round with a visit to a castle along the trail. Go to www.aberdeen-grampian/golf to find out more and request a copy of the 2013 golf guide.

But there's more than just golf available here - try mountain biking at Pitfichie or skiing at Glenshee or The Lecht, sea kayaking off the Banffshire Coast, fishing on the River Dee, or kite surfing on Fraserburgh beach.

For more on what to see and do in Aberdeenshire go to www.aberdeen-grampian.com/explore

And after you've finished exploring Aberdeenshire's stunning countryside, head into the cosmopolitan 'Granite City' of Aberdeen where you'll find the perfect blend of museums, theatres, shops and restaurants.

Find out more about the Year of Natural Scotland at www.visitscotland.com/natural



Coastal Trail

Investigate the magnificent north east coastline on the Coastal Trail. Cover all or part of the 165 continuous miles of clifftops, coves and beaches, visiting quaint cliff-hugging villages and sentinel lighthouses along the way.

- At the most southerly point of the Trail at St Cyrus, a National Nature Reserve with a vast beach, head along the rugged coastline until you reach Dunnottar Castle, which is spectacularly situated on a rocky outcrop above the North Sea.
- A couple of miles north is the charming harbour town of Stonehaven. The lovely inns by the delightful harbour serve up delicious fresh local produce.
- Balmedie is a couple of miles north of Aberdeen, with epic sand dunes and a brilliant stretch of beach. You'll find the Trump International Golf Links near here too.
- Further north up the coast is the pretty town of Cruden Bay. Bram Stoker, author of *Dracula*, holidayed here and the atmospheric ruin of Slains Castle is said to have inspired the iconic novel.
- A must-see is the Bulls of Buchan, just north of Cruden Bay. A collapsed sea cave has resulted in a near circular chasm 30 m deep, allowing you to watch the sea rushing in through a natural archway. You'll also spot mainland puffins, razorbills, kittiwakes and guillemots on this clifftop walk where care is required.
- Take a walk along the esplanade in the fishing town of Fraserburgh before exploring more of 'Scotland's Dolphin Coast', an area hemmed in between the cliffs and the sea, with some delightful fishing villages.
- The quaint conservation village of Crovie consists of a single row of houses by the water's edge while Pennan achieved fame as one of the locations of the classic film, *Local Hero*.
- Find out more about Aberdeenshire's fantastic Coastal Trail at www.aberdeen-grampian.com



Victorian Heritage Trail

Aberdeenshire and Victorian heritage became inextricably linked when Queen Victoria and Prince Albert first visited Deeside (later Royal Deeside), in 1842. The Victorian Heritage Trail is a spectacular journey into the Don and Dee valleys exploring regal and historic highlights along the way.

- You'll find a number of award-winning parks and gardens in Aberdeen such as Hazlehead Park, Duthie Park and Seaton Park.
- Walk or cycle sections of the Deeside Way from Duthie Park in Aberdeen through to historic Ballater.
- The Royal Deeside Railway near Crathes Castle, was used by generations of the Royal Family to get from Aberdeen to Balmoral before the line closed in 1966. Experience the past on a return train trip which run regularly along a restored one-mile stretch of the line. www.deeside-railway.co.uk
- Don't miss the majestic views towards Lochnagar, Morven and Mount Keen that stopped Queen Victoria in her tracks, at the Queen's View near Tarland.
- Travel deeper into Royal Deeside and stop by the Cambus O' May suspension bridge, which spans the River Dee and is an excellent picnic spot.
- The Royal Family has holidayed in Royal Deeside ever since Prince Albert built Balmoral Castle for Queen Victoria in the mid 19th century. A journey along the Victorian Heritage Trail is not complete without a stop off at Balmoral Castle.
- Enjoy a gentle stroll around the pretty town of Ballater, which for its size has more Royal Warrants than any other place in the world. Visit in August when Victoria Week takes place. www.victoriaweek.org
- Discover more about Aberdeenshire's fascinating Victorian Heritage Trail at www.discoverroyaldeeside.com/vht



A bottlenose dolphin breaching off the Banffshire Coast.



Enjoying a walk along the broad sands of St Cyrus National Nature Reserve.



The stunning Queen's View near Tarland.



Aberdeen City and Shire's abundance of attractions, activities and eateries provides the perfect excuse to return and discover more, time and time again. As well as numerous castles and other themed trails, including the Victorian Heritage and Coastal Trails, you'll find a fine selection of things to see and do and places to stay here. See the entries below for some ideas and if you need more information, go to www.aberdeen-grampian.com/explore



Duff House near Banff, one of Scotland's architectural masterpieces.

What's On

Why not combine a trip to an event or festival with a tour of a castle?

- Visit the **Braemar Gathering** on the first Saturday in September and **Braemar Castle** (*No. 15 on the trail*).
- Combine a trip in mid July to **Stonehaven Highland Games** with a tour of dramatic **Dunnottar Castle** (*No. 1 on the trail*)
- A day out at **Turiff Agricultural Show** in August can be extended with visits to **Fyvie Castle**, (*number 7 on the trail*) or **Delgatie Castle** (*number 8 on the trail*).

More information about what's on in Aberdeenshire can be found at www.aberdeen-grampian.com/events

A Castle Hotel

It takes a special kind of passion to seek out the rare, beautiful and extraordinary, from the moment you step inside you will sense you have arrived at a very special place. The Castle Hotel combines country elegance with genuine warmth. Welcome!

Huntly, Aberdeenshire AB54 4SH
E: info@castlehotel.uk.com

T: 01466 792696

W: www.castlehotel.uk.com

F: 01466 792641

Opening times: All year



★★★★ Country House Hotel

D3

B The GlenDronach Distillery

Visit one of Scotland's oldest working distilleries. Guided tours, visitor centre and gift shop. Free dram with every tour!

Entry charge: The GlenDronach Discovery Tour £5.00 | The Connoisseur's Experience £25.00

The GlenDronach Distillery, Fergie, by Huntly, Aberdeenshire AB54 6DB
E: info@glendronachdistillery.co.uk

T: 01466 730202

W: www.glendronachdistillery.co.uk

Opening times: May - Sep Mon-Sun 10.00am-4.30pm | Oct - Apr Mon-Fri 10.00am-4.30pm, closed Sat & Sun.



★★★★ Visitor Attraction

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C Grampian Transport Museum

Museum of land travel and transport probing the past, present and future. Featuring in 2013: Billy Connolly's famous motortrike, Pop Icon exhibitions, a stunning Ascari supercar and more. Outdoor events programme and brand new Junior Driving School, see www.gtm.org.uk for Junior Driving School availability.

Entry charge: Adults £9.50 | Concession £7.50 | Student with valid student ID or NEC card £3.00 | 1 paying adult can be accompanied by 2 free children (under 16), additional children £3.00 each

Alford, Aberdeenshire AB33 8AE T: 01975 562292 E: info@gtm.org.uk W: www.gtm.org.uk

Opening times: 29 Mar - 30 Sep 10.00am-5.00pm | 1 - 27 Oct 10.00am-4.00pm



★★★★ Museum

D5

D Royal Lochnagar Distillery

Close to the Royal Family's Highland home of Balmoral Castle is Royal Lochnagar Distillery. It is a small distillery which is a whisky lover's dream. Its production methods are very traditional which lends itself to a special and intimate tour.

Entry charge: Individual £6.00 | Family of Whiskies Tasting Tour £12.00

Crathie, Ballater, Aberdeenshire AB33 5TB T: 01339 742700

E: Royal.Lochnagar.Distillery@diageo.com W: www.discovering-distilleries.com/royallochnagar

Opening times: Apr - Oct Mon-Sat 10.00am-5.00pm, Tours on the hour until 4.00pm
Nov - Mar Mon-Sat 10.00am-4.00pm, Tours 11.00am, 12.30pm, 2.00pm, 3.00pm



★★★★★ Visitor Attraction

B6

E The Ship Inn

The Ship Inn (est 1771), situated on the edge of Stonehaven's picturesque and historic harbour, is an ideal base to explore the Grampian region and Royal Deeside. Aberdeen – the Oil Capital of Europe – is only a 20 minute drive away.

5 Shorehead, Stonehaven AB39 2JY
E: enquiries@shipinnstonehaven.com

T: 01569 762617

W: www.shipinnstonehaven.com

Opening times: All year | Bed and Breakfast from £47.50 per person per night | Meals served 12 noon-2.15pm and 5.30pm-9.00pm weekdays | 12 noon-9.00pm weekends (meals served until 9.30pm in the summer months)



★★★ Inn

F7

Scotland's Castle Trail

Use the 17 numbered entries below and the map on the last page to navigate your way around Scotland's Castle Trail.

The location of each site is highlighted with a castle symbol on the map and a map grid reference in the top right corner of each entry to allow you to plan your journey around the trail. And look out for other featured locations along or near the trail highlighted by alphabetic purple place markers. Some key information for each site is shown in the entries below, and you can also find out more at www.visitscotland.com/castletrail

01 Dunnottar Castle ★★★★★ Castle F7



Opening times:
Apr - Oct 9.00am-6.00pm
Nov - Mar 10.00am-5.00pm
(or sunset - please refer to website)
Access to the site is weather dependent

One of the most magnificent and most haunting ruins in Scotland. Follow in the steps of Mary Queen of Scots, The Marquis of Montrose and William Wallace.

Getting here: Stonehaven, Aberdeenshire AB39 2TL

Entry charge: Adult £6.00 | Child £2.00 | Season Pass £15.00
Family Ticket £14.00 (2 adults, 2 children)

Telephone: 01569 762173



www.dunnottarcastle.co.uk dunnottarcastle@btconnect.com

02 Crathes Castle, Garden & Estate ★★★★★ Visitor Attraction E6



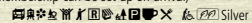
Opening times:
23 Mar-31 Oct Daily
10.30am-4.45pm
1 Nov-23 Dec Sat/Sun
10.30am-3.45pm
5 Jan-22 Mar Sat/Sun
10.30am-3.45pm
Last admission 45 mins before closing
Grounds open all year, daily

This 16th century castle will provide a memorable experience with its intriguing round towers and overhanging turrets. The gardens feature great yew hedges and a colourful double herbaceous border. The wider estate offers six separate trails to enjoy and a children's adventure playground.

Getting here: On A93, 3 miles east of Banchory AB31 5QJ

Entry charge: Adult £12.00 | Family £28.50 | 1 Parent family £22.00 | Concession £8.50
Free to National Trust for Scotland members (membership can be set up on arrival)

Telephone: 0844 493 2166



National Trust for Scotland www.nts.org.uk

03 Drum Castle, Garden and Estate ★★★★★ Castle F6



Opening times:
Castle, tearoom and shop
29 Mar-30 Jun Thu-Mon 11.00am-4.00pm
1 Jul-31 Aug Daily 11.00am-4.00pm
1-29 Sep Thu-Mon 11.00am-4.00pm
Garden of Historic Roses
29 Mar-31 Oct Daily 11.00am-4.15pm
Grounds open all year, daily

This fascinating castle was home to 21 generations of the Irvine family who lived here for over 650 years. The oldest part dates back to the 13th century and it contains a superb collection of furniture and paintings. There is a conservation project happening during 2013 so access to some areas may be restricted. Outside, enjoy the Garden of Historic Roses and woodland trails.

Getting here: Off A93, 10 miles west of Aberdeen AB31 5EY

Entry charge: Adult £6.50 | Family £16.50 | 1 Parent family £11.50 | Concession £5.00
Free to National Trust for Scotland members (membership can be set up on arrival)

Telephone: 0844 493 2161



National Trust for Scotland www.nts.org.uk

04 Castle Fraser, Garden & Estate ★★★★★ Castle E5



Opening times:
27 Mar-30 Jun
Wed-Sun 12.00pm-5.00pm
1 Jul-31 Aug
Daily 11.00am-5.00pm
1 Sep-31 Oct,
Wed-Sun 12.00pm-5.00pm
Last admission 4.15pm
Grounds open all year, daily

One of the grandest Castles of Mar, this magnificent building contains an evocative Great Hall, fine furniture and paintings. Enjoy the beautiful secluded walled garden, extensive woodland walks with fine views of the castle and children's adventure playground.

Getting here: Off A944, 16 miles west of Aberdeen AB51 7LD

Entry charge: Adult £10.00 | Family £23.50 | 1 Parent family £17.50 | Concession £7.00
Free to National Trust for Scotland members (membership can be set up on arrival)

Telephone: 0844 493 2164



National Trust for Scotland www.nts.org.uk

05 Tolquhon Castle ★★★★★ Castle F4



Opening times:
All year
Oct-Mar open weekends only

Sitting within spacious grounds, Tolquhon has been described as one of the most beautiful castles in Scotland. Sir William Forbes, who commissioned it in 1584, intended it to be an impressive residence, though he incorporated plenty of gunloops to deter any hostile visitors.

Getting here: 15 miles north of Aberdeen on the A920 AB41 7LP

Entry charge: Adult £4.50 | Child £2.70 | Concession £3.60

Telephone: 01651 851286



Historic Scotland www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/places

06 Haddo House ★★★★★ Historic House F4



Opening times:
29 Mar-30 Jun Fri-Mon
1 Jul-31 Aug Daily
1 Sep-27 Oct Fri-Mon
Open for guided tours only at
11.30am, 1.30pm and 3.30pm
Please call to book in advance to
avoid any disappointment
Grounds open all year, daily

Home of the Gordon family for over 400 years, Haddo House retains a homely feel. Discover the family's fascinating story over the centuries throughout the house and grounds, admire the amazing interiors and then explore the garden and adjacent Country Park.

Getting here: Off B999, 19 miles north of Aberdeen AB41 7EQ

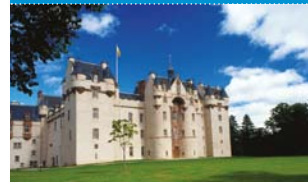
Entry charge: Adult £10.00 | Family £23.50 | 1 Parent family £17.50 | Concession £7.00
Free to National Trust for Scotland members (membership can be set up on arrival)

Telephone: 0844 493 2179



National Trust for Scotland www.nts.org.uk

07 Fyvie Castle ★★★★★ Castle E3



Opening times:
29 Mar-30 Jun
Sat-Wed 12.00pm-5.00pm
1 Jul-31 Aug
Daily 11.00am-5.00pm
1 Sep-31 Oct
Sat-Wed 12.00pm-5.00pm
Last admission 4.15pm
Grounds open all year, daily

Fyvie's history stretches back over 800 years. Enjoy the superb collections of furniture, arms, armour and paintings then stroll round the walled garden, then the picturesque loch, and see the restored 1903 racquets court and bowling alley.

Getting here: 8 miles south east of Turriff. Off A947, 25 miles north west of Aberdeen AB53 8JS

Entry charge: Adult £12.00 | Family £28.50 | 1 Parent family £22.00 | Concession £8.50
Free to National Trust for Scotland members (membership can be set up on arrival)

Telephone: 0844 493 2182



National Trust for Scotland www.nts.org.uk

08 Delgatie Castle ★★★★★ Castle E3



Opening times:
8 Jan-20 Dec
Daily 10.00am-5.00pm
(winter closing 4.00pm)

Best Visitor Experience award-winner. Dating from 1030, the castle is steeped in Scottish history yet still has the atmosphere of a lived in home. It has some of the finest painted ceilings in Scotland. Award-winning restaurant/coffee shop.

Getting here: Turriff, Aberdeenshire AB53 8TD

Entry charge: Adult £8.00 | Concession £5.00 | Children £5.00 | Family ticket £20.00

Telephone: 01888 563479



www.delgatiecastle.com joan@delgatiecastle.com

09 Duff House ★★★★★ Historic House E2



Opening times:
All year
Oct-Mar open Thu to Sun

One of Scotland's finest architectural masterpieces designed by William Adam and built in the 18th century as a seat for the Earls Fife. The house now contains works on loan from The National Galleries of Scotland.

Getting here: Banff, Aberdeenshire AB45 3SX

Entry charge: Adult £7.10 | Child £4.30 | Concession £5.70

Telephone: 01261 818181



Historic Scotland www.duffhouse.org.uk

10 Huntly Castle ★★★★★ Castle D3



Opening times:
All year
Oct-Mar open Thu and Fri

Huntly Castle is majestically sited where the rivers Bogie and Deveron join. Remarkable for its splendid architecture, Huntly Castle served as a baronial residence for five centuries. Many impressive features include fine heraldic sculpture and inscribed stone friezes. The earliest stronghold on the site sheltered Robert the Bruce in the 14th century.

Getting here: In Huntly, off the A96 AB54 4SH

Entry charge: Adult £5.50 | Child £3.30 | Concession £4.40

Telephone: 01466 793191



Historic Scotland www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/places

11 Spynie Palace ★★★★★ Historic Attraction B1



Opening times:
All year
Oct-Mar open weekends only

Spynie Palace was the residence of the Bishops of Moray for five centuries and its mighty tower house, David's Tower, is one of the largest in Scotland. The beautiful surroundings and wildlife make the palace a wonderful place to visit.

Getting here: 2 miles north of Elgin off the A941 IV30 5QG

Entry charge: Adult £4.50 | Child £2.70 | Concession £3.60 | Joint ticket with Elgin Cathedral available: Adult £7.20 | Child £4.40 | Concession £5.80

Telephone: 01343 546358



Historic Scotland www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/places

12 Balvenie Castle ★★★★★ Castle C3



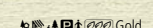
Opening times:
Summer only

Balvenie Castle is one of the oldest stone castles in Scotland and has a striking curtain wall. Originally the seat of the powerful Comyn Earls of Buchan, it later became the home of John Stewart, Earl of Atholl. The Stewarts changed the formidable medieval stronghold into a pleasing Renaissance residence.

Getting here: At Dufftown off the A941 AB55 4DH

Entry charge: Adult £4.50 | Child £2.70 | Concession £3.60

Telephone: 01340 820121



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All year
Oct-Mar open Thu to Sun

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Telephone: 01343 546358



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Summer only

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Entry charge: Adult £4.50 | Child £2.70 | Concession £3.60

Telephone: 01340 820121



Historic Scotland www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/places

13 Kildrummy Castle ★★★★★ Castle C5



Opening times:
Summer only

The great castle of Kildrummy was the stronghold of the Earls of Mar and it dominated the landscape around Strathdon. Although ruined, it remains a good example of a 13th century castle with many fine features including its hall and chapel.

Getting here: 10 miles south west of Alford on the A97 AB33 8RA

Entry charge: Adult £4.50 | Child £2.70 | Concession £3.60

Telephone: 01975 571331



Historic Scotland www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/places

14 Corgarrff Castle ★★★★★ Castle B5



Opening times:
All year
Oct-Mar open weekends only

In a striking moorland setting, Corgarrff's medieval tower house, built in the mid-16th century, is surrounded by a distinctive 18th-century star shaped perimeter wall. See the reconstructed barrack rooms and feel the atmosphere of barrack life at the castle in 1750, when redcoats from Pulteney's 13th Foot were stationed here.

Getting here: 8 miles west of Strathdon on the A939 AB36 8YP

Entry charge: Adult £5.50 | Child £3.30 | Concession £4.40

Telephone: 01975 651460



Historic Scotland www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/places

15 Braemar Castle ★★★★★ Castle B6



Opening times:
Apr, May, Jun, Oct
Sat and Sun 11.00am-3.00pm
Jul, Aug, Sep
Wed, Sat and Sun 10.00am-4.00pm
(closed 18 & 25 Sept)
Aug first 3 weeks open Tue-Sun

Fairytale castle built by the Earl of Mar in 1628, garrison for Hanoverian troops after Culloden, home to the Chiefs of Clan Farquharson. Scotland's only community run castle. 12 furnished rooms. Guided tours, tales of Jacobites, Farquharsons and ghosts.

Getting here: On the A93, east of Braemar AB35 5XR

Entry charge: Adult £6.00 | Concession £5.00 | Child £3.00 | Family ticket £14.00
Season ticket £10.00

Telephone: 01339 741219



www.braemarcastle.co.uk info@braemarcastle.co.uk

16 Balmoral Castle ★★★★★ Visitor Attraction B6



Opening times:
29 Mar-31 Jul
7 days a week
Last admission 4.30pm

Balmoral Castle is the renowned Scottish home of the Royal Family and nestles elegantly in stunning Royal Deeside. Enjoy gardens, the castle ballroom, coffee and gift shop and special exhibitions.

Getting here: Balmoral Estate, Ballater AB35 5TB

Entry charge: Adult £10.00 | Child (5-16 years) £5.00 | Seniors/Students £9.00
Family (2 adults and up to 4 children) £27.50

Telephone: 01339 742534



www.balmoralcastle.com info@balmoralcastle.com

17 Craigievar Castle ★★★ Castle D5



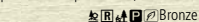
Opening times:
30 Mar-30 Jun
Fri-Tue 11.00am-4.45pm
1 Jul-31 Aug
Daily 11.00am-4.45pm
1-29 Sep Fri-Tue 11.00am-4.45pm
Guided tours only
Grounds open all year, daily

This fairytale castle, a fine example of Scottish baronial architecture, seems to have grown naturally out of the rolling hills. The great tower stands just as it did when completed in 1626. Visitors can also enjoy the grounds and waymarked trails.

Getting here: On A980, 6 miles south of Alford, AB33 8JF

Entry charge: Adult £12.00 | Family £28.50 | 1 Parent family £22.00 | Concession £8.50
Free to National Trust for Scotland members (membership can be set up on arrival)

Telephone: 0844 493 2174



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Craigievar Castle, near Alford



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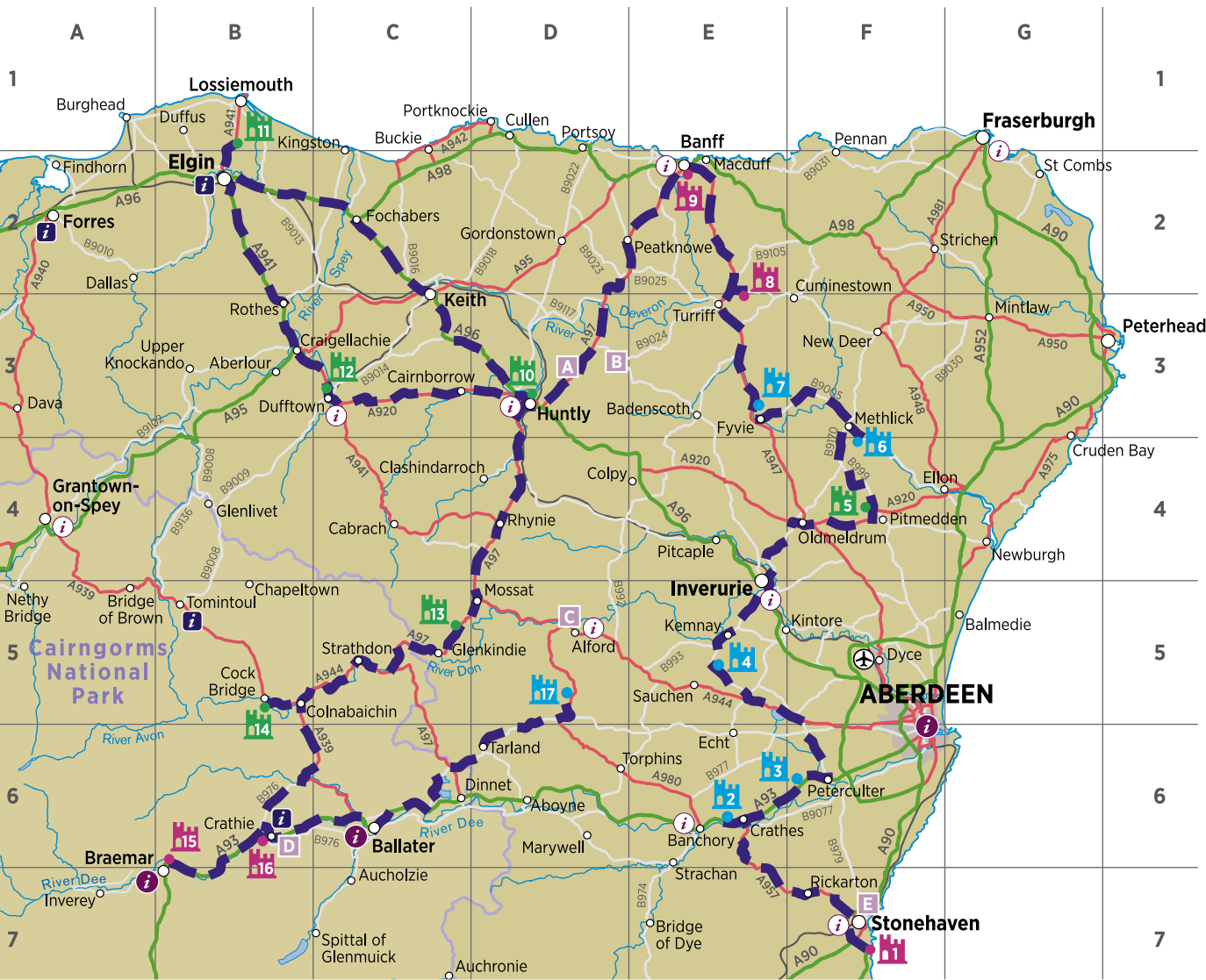
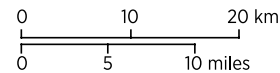
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Scotland's remarkable heritage

Scotland's Castle Trail

-  VisitScotland Information Centre
-  - Open All Year
-  - Seasonal
-  Information Point in Partnership with VisitScotland
-  Castle Trail Destination
-  Featured location

-  The Castle Trail
-  Primary Road
-  A Road
-  B Road
-  Airport

-  National Trust for Scotland Property
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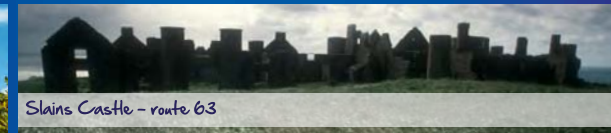
Balmoral Castle - route 201



Fyvie Castle - route 35/35A



Dunnottar Castle - route X7



Slains Castle - route 63



Crathes Castle - route 201/202/203

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