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Dunnottar Castle

The memorable and evocative core of Dunnottar Castle, perched on its commanding clifftop position on the edge of the North Sea, is one of the most outstanding medieval sites in Scotland. This historically significant fortress and protecting over 1000 years of history, was once a key stronghold of the former kingdom of northeast Scotland, a meeting place for kings and queens and an essential part of this nation’s story. Visit the keep and imagine what life must have been like for the families and their royal guests. Enjoy the superb collections of historic furniture, arms, armour and paintings as you explore.

Nearby attractions
- River Dee Trail
- Stonehaven, Bents Park
- Fyvie Castle
- Tolquhon Castle
- Slains Castle & clifftop walks, Ythan Estuary
- Forvie NNR/

Entry charge
Free to National Trust for Scotland members
Concession £3.60
Child £2.70
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Drum Castle

Drum Castle, one of the loop family for over 400 years, dates back to the 13th century and contains a superb collection of furniture and paintings. In Drum Castle, you can imagine what life must have been like for the families and their royal guests. Enjoy the superb collections of historic furniture, arms, armour and paintings as you explore.

Nearby attractions
- Pitmedden Garden

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Crathes Castle

An enchanting 16th century tower house, Crathes is surrounded by large formal gardens, woodland walks and the Old Wood of Crathes. Visit the tearoom for home-baked cakes and take in the atmosphere of the old-world tearoom. Discover the beautiful secluded walled garden and extensive woodland walks with picturesque views of the castle. Children can also enjoy exploring the ‘Woodland Secrets’ play area.

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Well-kept gardens and ornate stableyard. Dating from 1609, the castle is owned and run by Lord Gordon of Strathblane. On loan from the National Galleries of Scotland, there is a shop on-site offering special and unusual gifts and souvenirs. Free to Scotland members. For nearly 500 years, the Bishops of Moray resided at Spynie Palace. It even had its own bowling green and, according to one account, owls nest here. The views over Moray Speyside are well assured. Inside, there are splendours of 18th-century decoration, including the ‘boxing squirrels’. An exhibition tells the story of family treasures and set in a scenic estate that overlooks Kinnaird Head Castle, to lighthouse, to museum. Afterwards relax in Stevenson's Tearoom taking in some stunning views. Castle and Lighthouse Tickets give access to the south of the house or along the Banffshire coast can take a stroll along the banks of the River Deveron to Mary, Queen of Scots, and probably gave over 1562 the 4th Earl of Atholl John Stewart played host to her and Black Comyns, rivals to Robert the Bruce in the 13th century. At Balvenie Castle, to lighthouse, to museum. Afterwards relax in Stevenson's Tearoom taking in some stunning views.

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Delgatie Castle
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