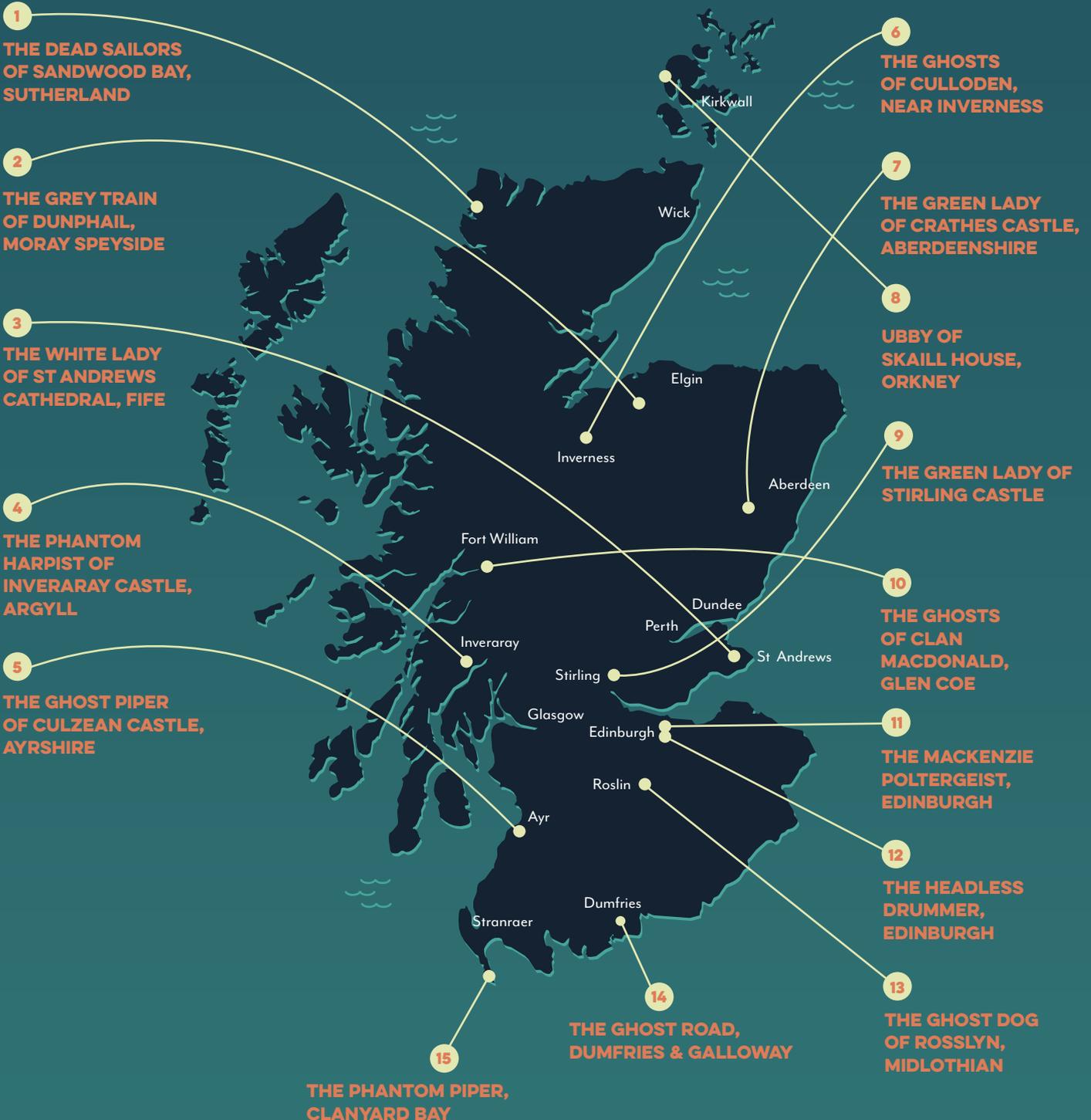




SCOTLAND'S GHOST TRAIL

Are you brave enough to visit some of the most haunted places in Scotland? Explore castles, battlefields, graveyards and more and stay on the lookout for any unexplained goings on! **Select a number to find out more.**





1. THE DEAD SAILORS OF SANDWOOD BAY, SUTHERLAND

Although it's one of Scotland's most beautiful beaches, the waters off the coast of **Sandwood Bay** are treacherous and the area is known as a shipwreck graveyard. Before the lighthouse at Cape Wrath was built in 1828, many poor souls lost their lives here – perhaps explaining the stories of people seeing ghostly sailors on the beach and nearby.

2. THE GREY TRAIN OF DUNPHAIL, MORAY SPEYSIDE

Travelling along the now long-gone Dava Railway line, people have reportedly seen a fearsome ghost train charging along, blazing with light and hovering two feet above the tracks. Spotted in the 1920s and 1960s, there's little explanation for the apparition, except for one story – 30 years earlier a train filled with cattle caught fire at Dava Station, killing all of the animals on board.



3. THE WHITE LADY OF ST ANDREWS CATHEDRAL, FIFE

Dating from 1160, **St Andrews Cathedral** has more than a few stories to tell. One ghostly apparition is the White Lady who glides along the cathedral walls before vanishing into a tower. This tower has its own curious history, the story goes that in the 1800s stonemasons were repairing the cathedral and discovered a sealed chamber in the tower. Inside were several coffins, including one containing the body of a young woman who was wearing white gloves.

4. THE PHANTOM HARPIST OF INVERARAY CASTLE, ARGYLL

If you hear the beautiful notes of a harp ringing out in **Inveraray Castle**, it could be the castle's ghostly harpist. Believed to have been the harpist of a former Duke of Argyll, the story goes that the young man was murdered by the Duke of Montrose when his men invaded old Inveraray Castle in 1644. Rooms he's particularly associated with are the library and the MacArthur Room.



5. THE GHOST PIPER OF CULZEAN CASTLE, AYRSHIRE

On the eve of a Kennedy clan wedding, and on particularly stormy nights, the ghostly piper of **Culzean Castle** is said to make his presence known by playing his pipes from deep underground. The story goes that the piper and his dog were sent into the caves below the castle to prove that they weren't haunted. As he made his way through the caves his piping suddenly stopped, and the piper and his dog were never found or seen again.



6. THE GHOSTS OF CULLODEN, NEAR INVERNESS

The bloody Battle of Culloden – the final conflict of the Jacobite Risings – was one of the most harrowing battles ever fought on British soil. On 16 April 1746, 1,500 Jacobite soldiers were slain in less than an hour. On the anniversary of the battle, some of the **Ghosts of Culloden** are said to reappear, including a tartan-clad soldier, lying wounded on the ground.

7. THE GREEN LADY OF CRATHES CASTLE, ABERDEENSHIRE

Step inside the Green Lady's room at Crathes Castle and feel the chill run down your spine. Said to be the ghost of a servant who fell pregnant out of wedlock, the **Green Lady** has been seen pacing back and forth from the fireplace, sometimes cradling an infant in her arms. A grisly discovery in the 1800s adds a sinister twist – the remains of a woman and child were uncovered beneath the hearthstone of the very same fireplace.



8. UBBY OF SKAILL HOUSE, ORKNEY

Built on an ancient Norse burial ground, it's no wonder **Skail House** is described as a supernatural hotbed. The mansion's most famous ghostly resident is Ubb, believed to have once been the man who built the small island in the nearby loch.





9. THE GREEN LADY OF STIRLING CASTLE, STIRLING

Stirling Castle's most famous ghostly resident, the Green Lady, is thought to have been a serving girl to none other than **Mary Queen of Scots**. The story goes that the girl was watching over her mistress one night when a fire caught hold in the queen's room. The girl managed to save her queen but lost her own life to the flames. Her ghost is said to have haunted the castle ever since.

10. THE GHOSTS OF CLAN MACDONALD, GLEN COE

On the 13 February 1692, one of the most harrowing incidents in Scottish history took place. In the early hours of the morning, government soldiers – who were posing as friendly visitors – killed 38 men, women and children from the MacDonald of Glen Coe clan. Many others died from exposure after fleeing into the bitter cold. In recent times, people have reported hearing screams in **Glen Coe** or seeing re-enactments of the massacre, particularly around the anniversary.



12. THE HEADLESS DRUMMER, EDINBURGH

As night settles or dawn draws in, the ghostly sound of drumming has been heard reverberating around the stone fortress of Edinburgh Castle. Legend has it that the sound is made by the **Headless Drummer**, and if his ghost ever appears in plain sight, it foretells disaster for the castle. The first time he appeared was in 1650 – the fateful year that Oliver Cromwell invaded Scotland and captured the castle, following a three month siege.

11. THE MACKENZIE POLTERGEIST, EDINBURGH

Looming at the back of Greyfriars Kirkyard, the Black Mausoleum is one of the most feared structures in Edinburgh – many say with good reason. The tomb is said to be haunted by a particularly nasty **poltergeist** – thought to be the spirit of Sir George Mackenzie, the man who condemned many Covenanters to death in the 1600s. Visitors have reportedly collapsed, been grabbed by an unknown presence, had unexplained bruises appear on their bodies and many more dark occurrences.



13. THE GHOST DOG OF ROSSLYN, MIDLOTHIAN

In a tale that spans centuries, Rosslyn's phantom ghost dog is said to have been a war hound that was slain at the Battle of Roslin in 1303. After the battle, the ghostly apparition of the huge dog was seen by the resident soldiers, and the man who killed the dog's owner died of terror within days. Nowadays, people sometimes speak of hearing a ghostly howling echoing from the woods that surround Rosslyn Castle.



14. THE GHOST ROAD, DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY

Have you got the courage to drive along Scotland's Ghost Road at night? The A75 through Dumfries & Galloway is reportedly one of Scotland's most haunted, with sightings of strange creatures from screaming hags to ghostly horse and carriages.

15. THE PHANTOM PIPER, NEAR STRANRAER

Echoing from beneath the earth at Clanyard Bay, on the coastline near Stranraer, the faint sound of the bagpipes has often been heard on still summer nights. The source is said to be the **Phantom Piper**. In life, the piper and his loyal dog are said to have entered a now long-gone fairy cave. Folklore has it that after the sound of his pipes had faded away, only his dog came tearing out alive, but without any of its hair.



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