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The Aberdeen anchor tour: Scotland made easy

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Your Coach

Maynes Coaches have been in business since 1947, and the blue, white and gold coaches can be seen working throughout the United Kingdom and Europe. Maynes Coaches believe in "comfort on the move", with regular new additions to the fleet, loyal trained drivers who take pride in both their work and their vehicles, and now the company has a depot at St Margaret's Hope, Orkney. Maynes is based there during the summer season, May to September inclusive, supplying 8-10 luxury coaches to handle the incoming tourist market as well as to undertake local hires within the islands. There are also depots in Buckie (Aberdeenshire) and Elgin (Moray, nr Inverness). Services include coverage for holiday and private hire, availability for day trips and outings, and continental travel starting from points all over the UK.

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The Scottish Tourist Guides Association

The STGA has over 400 members based in Scotland listed under different categories including Blue Badge Guides, Green Badge Guides and Yellow Badge Guides. Each guide brings a host of different skills ranging from languages to specialist areas of interest but what they all have in common is that they are great communicators.

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Sunday 29th March 2020

Dinner & overnight at Hilton Garden Inn

With an enviable location in the centre of The Granite City, the Hilton Garden Inn Aberdeen City Centre hotel offers spacious rooms close to local attractions. The hotel's Native restaurant offers fine dining with locally sourced produce. Cocktails are served in the homely and welcoming Native lounge. The on-site Precor Fitness Centre features a fully equipped, modern gym. There is also a business centre and 24-hour service at the front desk. The Pavilion Pantry offers a range of snacks while room service is also available. Complimentary Wi-Fi available in all hotel areas.

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Monday 30th March 2020

08:30 Depart

09:30 Arrive at Fyvie Castle, Garden & Estate

Cared for by the National Trust for Scotland, Fyvie Castle is a magnificent fortress in the heart of Aberdeenshire. The castle's 800-year history is rich in legends, folklore and even ghost stories. Discover the amazing collection of antiquities, armour and lavish oil paintings. Stroll around the picturesque loch, or visit the restored glass-roofed racquets court and ice house. Outside, the 18th-century walled garden has been redeveloped as a garden of Scottish fruits and vegetables. Fyvie Loch is a picturesque landscape feature which supports large numbers of wildfowl. Swans, coots, mallards and moorhens are joined in the winter by greylag geese, tufted ducks and goldeneyes. Ospreys occasionally visit to fish in the loch. Browse the castle shop for a variety of gifts, and visit the tearoom for a light lunch or a slice of cake and a refreshing cup of tea or coffee.

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10:30 Depart

11:45 Arrive at Gordon Castle Estate for garden tour & lunch

If you're looking for a great day out in northeast Scotland, visit our beautiful Walled Garden at Gordon Castle* which is being lovingly restored to its former glory.

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Over two hundred years old, it is one of Scotland's largest and oldest walled gardens. With 259 espaliered fruit trees including some rare varieties that gives the keen gardener plenty to admire. You can see our dedicated team of gardeners hard at work, digging, hoeing, sowing or harvesting. The shop offers unique and contemporary food and gifts, all containing natural ingredients from our Garden, or inspired by this beautiful place. From naturally scented bath oils to our award winning premium gin, we think there is something for everyone. For great home cooked food, visit our Walled Garden Cafe, nestled on the site of a 19th century greenhouse in the heart of the Garden. Delightful and delicious seasonal Scottish dishes are prepared with care and plenty of flair using the finest local ingredients, so fresh you may see some being picked from our Garden before they reach your plate.

**NB: castle is not open to public – exclusive use only.*

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13:30 Depart

14:00 Arrive at Speyside Cooperage for VIP behind the scenes tour

No visit to Speyside would be complete without a visit to the Speyside Cooperage, the only cooperage in Britain with a visitor centre where you can experience the ancient art of coopering. Since 1947, the family owned Speyside Cooperage has produced the finest casks from the best American Oak. Today the cooperage continues to work and produce the age-old product, still using traditional methods and tools. Although shipped across the world, many of the casks remain in Scotland, providing a vital ingredient in Scotland's whisky making process. Enjoy a journey through the lifecycle of the cask, see the highly skilled coopers at work, try it for yourself with the mini casks or simply relax and enjoy the gift and coffee shop.

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15:00 Depart

15:45 Arrive at Grant Arms Hotel for showround and refreshments

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A warm Highland welcome awaits you at the magnificent Grant Arms Hotel where famous visitors have included both Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II. Refurbished to a high standard of comfort and service, all rooms are ensuite with complimentary WiFi, tea and coffee making facilities, TV, hairdryer, toiletries. Strathspey and the Cairngorms National Park is renowned for its magnificent scenery and diversity of wildlife. The hotel is the perfect base not only for bird and wildlife watching, but also for walking, touring, golf or just relaxing! Our restaurant is a delightful setting to enjoy the delicious meal, and afterwards you can enjoy our extensive array of Speyside Malt Whiskies in our Capercaillie Bar. We are also proud to be the base for the Bird Watching and Wildlife Club, with more than ten major reserves and wildlife areas within easy distance, Speyside and the Cairngorms is one of the best places to see birds and mammals in the UK.

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16:45 Depart

18:00 Arrive at The Deeside Inn for dinner & overnight

You'll find Deeside Inn in the centre of Ballater, a beautiful village in the heart of Grampian Highlands. We've kept many of the original Victorian features, like wood-panelling, wooden beams and open log fires, to create a friendly and relaxing atmosphere throughout the hotel. The restaurant serves food throughout the day and our popular bar offers a variety of beers, wines, and spirits, including a wide range of malt whiskies - you'll often hear live music there too! All of the rooms are ensuite, and include a TV, tea- and coffee-making facilities, and Scottish shortbread. Royal Deeside's many attractions include Balmoral Castle, Crathie Kirk, Royal Lochnager Distillery and Ballater's Old Railway Station.

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Tuesday 31st March 2020

09:00 Depart

09:15 Arrive at Crathie Kirk for photo stop

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Crathie Kirk in the village of Crathie, is a Church of Scotland parish church which was built in 1895 by A. Marshall MacKenzie from Elgin whose other work includes Elphinstone Hall at King's College, Cowdray Hall and Marischal College. The granite church overlooks the River Dee and the ruins of the 14th-century church. From 1848, Crathie Kirk has been a place of worship for Queen Victoria and every British monarch since. Queen Victoria laid the foundation stone of the present church in 1893 (45 years after her first visit). Queen Victoria donated two stained glass windows and Princess Beatrice donated four bells which still hang in the belltower.

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Ballater

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09:25 Depart

09:30 Arrive at Royal Lochnagar Distillery for tour

Follow the path of the River Dee to Royal Lochnagar Distillery and book onto a tour of this picturesque Highland whisky distillery. One mile from Balmoral Castle, it sits at the foot of the Cairngorm mountains, fed by the crystal clear water of the Scarnock springs. Queen Victoria and her husband, Prince Albert, were reportedly keen whisky drinkers and visited the distillery in 1848 for what would be its first ever tour. They enjoyed the whisky so much Victoria granted the distillery its Royal Warrant shortly afterwards. On your tour you'll learn about the whisky making process, see all the equipment and can even enjoy a free sample at the end.

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10:30 Depart

11:00 Arrive at Tomnaverie Stone Circle for photo stop

Tomnaverie is a recumbent stone circle, a kind of monument found only in north-eastern Scotland. Their characteristic feature is a large stone on its side, flanked by two upright stones, usually on the south or south-west arc of the circle. The stone circle surrounds a burial cairn dating to about 4,500 years ago. The site appears to have seen use as late as the AD 1600s. It's situated in a landscape littered with remains of stone circles and burial cairns.

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Near Mill of Wester Coull
NW of Aboyne on the B9094
AB34 4YQ
W:www.historicenvironment.scot/visit-a-place/places/tomnaverie-stone-circle/



11:15 Depart

12:00 Arrive at Aberdeenshire Highland Beef for farm tour

Visit a pure bred Highland Cattle herd in the heart of Deeside offering weekly food and farm experiences. Come and join the herd every Sunday for an intimate tour around the farm, where you will be personally welcomed for a unique experience to meet the herd up close and photograph them. This is followed by refreshments and the chance to taste some of our delicious beef.

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12:45 Depart

13:15 Arrive at Hilton TECA Aberdeen for CTA members networking lunch

Located on the site of the new exhibition centre, P&J Live at TECA, the Hilton Aberdeen TECA is just steps from some of the biggest events in Scotland. The hotel has a fitness centre, indoor pool, luxurious Spa and a Scottish steak restaurant onsite. All guest rooms have smart HDTV, tea and coffee making facilities, wardrobe, hair dryer, complimentary toiletries, air-conditioning and a work desk. Continental and buffet breakfast options are available each morning and guests can enjoy a meal in the Quarter House Bar & Grill or in the Cask & Crema lounge on event nights. Aberdeen Airport is 1.9 miles away and is easily accessible via public transport.

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14:30 Start showrounds of Hilton TECA and Aloft TECA

Enjoy comfort and convenience at Aloft Aberdeen TECA located just a 10-minute walk from Aberdeen Airport. Our hotel is also just steps from The Event Complex Aberdeen. Experience our bold design and vibrant spaces, and stay at a hotel with a cool urban vibe as well as a great XYZ bar.

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Aloft Hotels is the new destination sensation with loft-inspired design and free-flowing energy. Discover why everyone's all abuzz about Aloft.

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15:30 Depart

16:00 Old Aberdeen walking tour

Aberdeen, Scotland's third largest city, grew out of two distinct communities - New Aberdeen and Old Aberdeen. Monks and scholars, traders and travellers settled around Old Aberdeen in the area where 14th century St Machar's Cathedral still stands and where Kings College, the forerunner to Aberdeen University, was founded by Bishop Elphinstone in 1495. Today, quaint Old Aberdeen, where cobbled roads still run through the heart of the area, is one of Aberdeen's favourite hidden gems.

W: https://www.abdn.ac.uk/events/documents/old_aberdeen_trail.pdf



17:00 Depart

17:30 Arrive at Aberdeen Altens Hotel for dinner & overnight

A modern hotel just three miles south of the Granite City, The Aberdeen Altens Hotel is ideally located if you want to discover Aberdeen and the beautiful East Coast, or Speyside and the majestic Scottish Highlands. Guests can enjoy a warm and friendly welcome complemented by impeccable service. The hotel offers superb food in the contemporary restaurant and delicious light bites and bar snacks in the Cairngorm Bar. The health & leisure club has an indoor swimming pool, fully-equipped gymnasium, spa pool, sauna and steam room.

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More Itinerary Ideas

Things to include if you have more time

Peterhead Prison Museum

Museum dedicated to the staff that worked in Peterhead Prison between 1888- 2013, once known as the most notorious prison in Scotland and the location of the only time the S.A.S were used in Britain to end a domestic siege after an officer was held hostage on the roof tops for 4 days. Hear some staff members speak of their experiences as you make your way through the halls, reception, shower block, court room segregation wing, silent cell and hospital. Sense the tension of daily work within the red granite buildings and try to imagine how it would have felt working in this environment on a daily basis.

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Glen Garioch Distillery

Established in 1797, Glen Garioch, (pronounced 'Geery') is Scotland's most easterly distillery and is situated in the historic old town of Oldmeldrum near Aberdeen. This small granite distillery takes its name from the valley of the Garioch, traditionally the finest growing barley area of Scotland. For over 200 years, Glen Garioch Distillery has been handcrafting a beautiful range of single malt scotch whiskies which have won highly acclaimed awards at international competitions across the world.

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Meldrum House Hotel

Meldrum House is an award-winning baronial country house hotel set in 240 acres of stunning countryside. It was awarded a Scottish Thistle for 'Most Hospitable Hotel' in March 2019, Scotland's most prestigious hospitality award. There are now 51 bedrooms in total, with bedrooms in the main house and the converted Stables. There is extra accommodation in the Chain Lodge Gatehouse which is perfect for groups. Most of the bedrooms in the hotel have views of the golf course and countryside beyond. Pineapple was launched in July 2019 in our 2 Red Rosette Dining Room where you will find a relaxed, informal dining experience. The Cave Bar at Meldrum House is part of the original manor house's rich history, dating back to 1236. Afternoon teas are legendary at Meldrum

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House with everything homemade. With a selection of canapes, sandwiches and pastries in front of the fire in the Drawing Room or outside on the new terrace at the Cave Bar.

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Maryculter House Hotel

Maryculter House Hotel is a 4 star Hotel nestled on the banks of the River Dee on the outskirts of Aberdeen. It has 40 bedrooms, 2 restaurants and 4 private dining rooms. The Hotel sits in 5 acres of woodland and lawns. It has 40 bedrooms, a fine dining a la carte restaurant and a brasserie restaurant with superb views over the River Dee. It also offers private rooms for dining with open log fires. The Hotel sits in 5 acres of woodland and lawns. Parts of the Hotel date back to the thirteenth century and were built by the Knights Templar. One of its past owners was one of few male survivors of the Titanic. It has been independently owned by a local family since 1988.

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Johnston's of Elgin Cashmere Visitor Centre

Johnstons of Elgin has been creating the finest woollen and cashmere cloth, clothing and accessories since 1797. Take a free, guided tour around the mill (available everyday between 10am and 4pm) to experience the production process and discover our outstanding quality in the making. You'll be able to engage with experienced craftspeople producing luxury pieces, using traditional and trailblazing methods and techniques. Enjoy breakfast, morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea in our coffee shop, where the emphasis is firmly on fresh, local produce, with homemade soups, gourmet salads, sandwiches and award-winning salmon.

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Dolphin Spirit

Choose from 2 wildlife watching boat trips from Inverness into the Moray Firth in search of seals, dolphins, otters and other sea creatures. We run from April to October 7 days a week. You're in for a treat as you get to ride in comfort in the spacious Dolphin Spirit boat. 70 people can be carried on the Motor Passenger Ferry as it takes you along the Moray Firth. Looking for something a bit more thrill seeking? A 2 hour sailing experience on the Dolphin Mischief vessel will go faster and further, taking you beyond the confines of the Moray Forth to the Chanonry Point lighthouse, Fort George and to the waters off Ardersier.

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Culloden Battlefield

Visit the powerfully moving site of the final Jacobite Rising – the last and most harrowing pitched battle to be fought on British soil. The richly researched, stimulating and sensitive Culloden Visitor Centre, which stands beside the battlefield, features artefacts from both sides of the battle and interactive displays that reveal the background to the conflict. It stands as a monument and a guide to a pivotal day in history. Headstones mark the graves of hundreds of clansmen who gave their lives for the Jacobite cause; a 6m-high memorial cairn honours the fallen; and an eerie silence often falls across wild Drumossie Moor – there is no escaping the emotions Culloden evokes.

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Strathspey Steam Railway

The Strathspey Railway invites you to step aboard our trains this year and help celebrate forty years of the return of steam travel through the Highlands of Scotland. Brought back to life in 1978 by a dedicated group of volunteers, this ten mile restored section of the original Highland Railway Line enables you to travel back in time to an era when steam whistles blew, carriage doors slammed shut and there was a familiar click-clack, rhythm of the rails, as the train travels along the track. Enjoy lunch, afternoon tea or dinner on board for an extra special experience.

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Keith & Dufftown Railway

Enjoy a trip on Scotland's most northerly preserved heritage railway and explore an area where the climate and geology are so suitable for malt whisky distilling that over half of Scotland's whisky distilleries are here. Sit back and relax and be prepared for enchantment at the prospect of an ever changing landscape as tiny rivers coil their way through a gentle patchwork of hamlets, rich fertile farming land and dark green forest whilst watching for the abundance of wildlife. This is a delightful round trip of 22 miles. The railway operates a varied programme of special events, including special journeys run in conjunction with the Spring and Autumn Whisky Festivals.

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The Carriage at Ballater Station

The station was originally built in 1866 so that Queen Victoria and the royal family could travel by train to nearby Balmoral Castle. The station closed in 1966 and was reinvented in the 1970s as an office for Aberdeenshire council. It then found another life as a popular restaurant and exhibition and visitor centre. Sadly in 2015, a fire devastated this heritage site, leaving little behind except for a replica of the carriage used by Queen Victoria, and part of the royal waiting room. After an extensive restoration The Carriage at Ballater Station is now proud to champion seasonal dishes, British classics and locally sourced produce. Up to 24 visitors can indulge in afternoon tea in our tearoom within the station building or take a seat on the platform for a café lunch or bistro dinner.

Ballater Station

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Braemar Highland Games Centre

The Braemar Highland Games Centre explores a living tradition, the Highland games, focusing on the world-famous Braemar Gathering. Housed in the stunning Duke of Rothesay Highland Games Pavilion, the new centre offers a fascinating exhibition exploring the history of the games in Braemar, as well as an elegant cafe and quality gift shop. Through objects, documents and costumes, discover how the Gathering's continuing link with the Royal Family began with Queen

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Victoria, learn about Highland games activities such as piping, dancing and heavy events, and see original Highlander uniforms, complete with kilts!

Duke of Rothesay Highland Games Pavilion
Broombank Terrace
Braemar
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Footdee walking tour

Footdee - or Fittie as it is known by locals - is one of the most unique communities in the UK huddled at the end of a rewarding stroll along the beach front. The charming mid 19th century former fishing community was designed by John Smith, the architect responsible for Balmoral Castle, and to visit them today really is like stepping back in time. The cottages all face inwards in squares with their backs to the ocean to protect them and their inhabitants from the fierce storms, which then, as now, rage in from the sea.

Footdee
Aberdeen
AB10 5DX
W: www.visitabdn.com/listing/fittie-footdee



Aberdeen Art Gallery

Discover one of the UK finest art collections against the stunning backdrop of one of Aberdeen's finest granite buildings, now re-opened following a multi-million-pound redevelopment. From Brueghel to Borland and Landseer to Lambie, Aberdeen Art Gallery's collection spans over 700 years and includes a staggering range of works by artists, designers and makers. For over 130 years Aberdeen Art Gallery has been acquiring the best and most interesting contemporary artworks. Today this Nationally-Recognised collection is regarded as one of the UK's finest. We are proud to care for these treasures on behalf of the people of Aberdeen and to share their stories with all our visitors.

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Malt Whisky Trail

Itinerary: www.visitscotland.com/see-do/food-drink/whisky/speyside-malt-whisky-trail-itinerary/

Website: www.maltwhiskytrail.com/

Castle Trail

Itinerary: www.visitscotland.com/see-do/attractions/castles/scotland-castle-trail/

Distilleries with visitor experiences

E-Book: <https://ebooks.visitscotland.com/whisky-distilleries-guides/>

VisitScotland's Themed Years

Year of Scotland's Coasts and Waters 2020

In 2020, Scotland celebrates its Coasts and Waters with a year-long programme of events and activities which will shine a spotlight on these vital elements of our landscape.

From our beautiful natural features including coasts, lochs and rivers to our industrial heritage such as our canals, mills and the creation of our national drink – whisky, Scotland's Coasts and Waters have shaped our culture, our stories and our way of life.

So, whether you want to navigate your way around distant isles or canals, experience Scotland's maritime heritage at a visitor attraction, enjoy Scotland's abundant natural larder or discover Scotland's wildlife on a local boat trip - Scotland's coasts and waters are perfect for get-away-from-it-all adventures.

For more info www.visitscotland.com/ycw2020 and join the conversation using #YCW2020



Year of Scotland's Stories 2022

Scotland's Year of Stories 2022 will shine a spotlight on the richness of our stories, past and present; celebrating our literary Icons and heroes, diverse voices, stories that have leapt from page to screen and stage, the richness of our myths, legends and local tales - and the places that have inspired them.

The words of Robert Burns are known and celebrated across the world, as are works by Sir Walter Scott and Robert Louis Stevenson, while stories by modern Scottish authors, such as JK Rowling's Harry Potter tales, are inspiring today's generation.

The story of real life legends such as King Robert the Bruce, Sir William Wallace, Mary Queen of Scots have inspired poems, books and even Oscar winning movies.

Stories of magic, ghosts, witches, haunted castles and tales of mystical figures such as Kelpies abound, and there are the oral traditions handed down through generations in Scotland's many diverse communities. We invite visitors to joins us in exploring the rich history of Scotland's stories in 2022, including a programme of events which will take place across the year



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VisitScotland Websites

Our travel trade website offers the travel industry a one-stop-shop for **Scotland information, inspiration and tool kit**. 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

Destination Education Programme www.visitscotlandtraveltrade.com/scotsagent

VisitScotland consumer site www.visitscotland.com

Information on travel trade website

- Inspirational itineraries
- Downloadable e-brochures and maps
- Link to multimedia library for images and videos
- Online destination education programme
- 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.historic-scotland.gov.uk
National Trust for Scotland	www.nts.org.uk