





Two Days Length of trip



Two nights'
Overnight accommodation



Group & FIT friendly





Adventure for all

Whether your clients want to bag Ben Macdui, Britain's second highest mountain, catch a glimpse of rutting stags, or picnic by the rushing waters of Linn of Dee just like Queen Victoria, there's something for every type of adventurer in Aberdeenshire. The experience can be as hardcore or gentle as your clients choose. There's always something adventurous to do, come rain or shine. The options below offer a range of activities to suit various levels of ability, fitness, and weather resilience!

Cycling

Aberdeenshire is perfect for mountain biking or road cycling with routes throughout the city and shire. The below suppliers have equipment available for hire.

Ride in Peace Adventures offers a beginner to expert tour option over a few days. Start the adventure at the facility in Aboyne where you can learn how to flow with the terrain and the safety required when up in the hills, depending on ability there are options to cycle to a local cafe or adventure throughout the majestic Cairngorms.

<u>MacDui Bike Adventures</u> offers cycles for all ages and abilities with tours through the city, coast and mountains over multiple days available. The guides will showcase the region and help you learn about the historic landscapes.



Walking

From city to coast and country the walking guides in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire offer unique experiences to explore the region.

<u>OHillgoers</u> offer a VIP experience with access to Balmoral Castle along with a history filled walk to the Royal Cairns and the opportunity to taste local Lochnagar cheese and whisky.

<u>Wild Discovery Tours</u> offer a range of experiences for all ages and abilities. The team specialise in wild photography and give your clients an opportunity to explore the region close up.

<u>Braemar Highland Experience</u> offers guided walking tours and whisky tours. Walking tours provided by qualified mountain leaders showcase the flora and fauna of the Cairngorms. Options to enjoy a dram in unique locations make for a truly 5-star experience.

Grampian Escape and Tours provides the opportunity for clients to discover the culture, food, attractions and hidden gems of the North-east of Scotland. Small group tours of up to 8 allow for all travellers to enjoy a unique perspective on the area.



Water Sports and Wild Swimming

Lochs, rivers and the North Sea all provide exciting opportunities for some adventures. From active sport to relaxing retreats enjoy life by the water's edge.

Ostonehaven Paddleboarding based at Stonehaven Harbour, experience the stunning coastline and wildlife of North-east Scotland and the majesty of Royal Deeside from the River Dee. Lessons are available for first timers and a portable Sauna creates a relaxing end to the unique experience.

OGIen Dye is the perfect retreat. For guests staying at the beautiful lodges a bushcraft experience is sure to get them back to nature. Learning to forage, build a fire and whittle wood are all activities to get back to nature. The retreat is near the river for a wild swim in nature.

<u>Owild Braemar's</u> goal is to get back to nature and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. From wild walking, swimming, sketching and wellness, clients have a chance to relax in the stunning Scottish landscape.







Location Inspiration

Deeside Way

This is a 41-mile path running from Aberdeen to Ballater, the route follows the Old Royal Deeside Railway. The path is great for walkers and cyclists. The rewarding journey is broken down into four manageable sections to make for an enjoyable experience for all.

Bennachie

Bennachie is a hill range in the North-east of Aberdeenshire. The Mither Tap, can be seen from a large portion of rural Aberdeenshire. The trails are marked by difficulty for hiking, walking or cycling so everyone can enjoy the area. The Visitor Centre is a great starting point and they even have wheelchair accessible routes designed to let everyone explore the mysteries of this ancient hill.

South Aberdeenshire

Laurencekirk, Glen Dye, and Cairnbeg offer a peaceful retreat into Aberdeenshire's countryside. Laurencekirk is a charming town, while Glen Dye provides excellent hiking and wildlife spotting. Cairnbeg's rolling hills are perfect for tranquil walks or cycling, making these areas ideal for enjoying the serene beauty of rural Aberdeenshire.

Tarland Trails

Situated in Drummy Woods, Aberdeenshire, offers mountain biking paths suitable for beginners to intermediates, alongside scenic woodland walks. This spot is perfect for both outdoor adventure and peaceful nature exploration.

Cairngorms National Park

The UK's largest National Park, located in Aberdeenshire, boasts 30 Munros, offering a challenge for avid hikers. Adventurers can ski at Glenshee, wild swim at Loch Muick, or mountain bike steep hills with breathtaking views. For a more relaxed experience, leisurely rides through local towns, with stops at cafes and shops, provide a taste of Aberdeenshire's unique culture, making it a must-visit destination for adventure seekers.

Coastal Trail

With 165 miles of rugged coastline, there are many options for cycling, walking, wild swimming and more. Paddleboard at Stonehaven, Fraserburgh or Cruden Bay, challenge yourself to beat the fastest cycle time from Pennan to New Aberdour, or explore the wildlife trails around the outskirts of the city.

Accommodation options



Balmoral Arms is based in the centre of the adventurous town of Ballater. Fireside Victorian afternoon teas, winged armchairs and regular live music make for an ideal retreat after a day outdoors.

Banchory Lodge is the perfect spot for outdoorsy clients to spend the night. As well as excellent food and bedrooms decked out in a whimsical Scottish style, the hotel is well placed for fly fishing, walking, cycling and golf.

B&Bs

The Ship Inn has stood on the edge of Stonehaven Harbour since 1771. Seven of the 11 cosy, ensuite bedrooms have harbour views. In the evening, book a seat at The Captain's Table restaurant, which specialises in seafood.

Goukstone Shepherd Huts,

family run, luxury and eco-friendly accommodation. Located on a small holding in the heart of rural Aberdeenshire, enjoy the surrounding farm and landscape. Local produce breakfast hampers available.

Off grid

Camperceilidh Campers

Explore the great outdoors with a 3 or 4 berth campervan fully equipped for a wild adventure. Discounts at Caravan club sites available.

Cairngorm Bothies

Escape to sustainable, luxury self catering bothies in the heart of the Cairngorms National Park.
Each lodge is fully equipped with a wood burning stove, bathroom and unique cooking facilities.