

Coastal Trail

Enjoy this unique itinerary spanning the 165 miles of rugged coastline. The views, myths and stories make for an unforgettable experience.




Itinerary

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 Portsoy Boat Festival

Two Days

Length of trip



Two nights'

Overnight accommodation



Group & FIT friendly



Today's highlights

1 Dunnottar Castle

Explore the ruins of this impregnable fortress on the cliff top that overlooks the town of Stonehaven. Immerse yourself in the history of the castle and learn the stories of the prisoners and famous escapee, William Wallace.

 [Dunnottar Castle](#)



2 Farm Stop

Enjoy an opportunity to get up close to pet, cuddle, brush and feed a variety of farm animals. Meet the Scottish native breed of Highland cows, as well as sheep, alpacas, goats, pigs, chickens, ducks, donkeys, and more cute animals waiting to entertain your clients. Perfectly set up for all ages and fully accessible with options for lunch available.

 [Farm Stop](#)



3 Aberdeen Countryside Rangers Seabird Safari Walking Tour

Take a walk along part of Aberdeen's North Sea Trail south of the city centre, with an official Countryside Ranger. Walk along the rugged coastline from the quaint suburb of Cove back towards the South Harbour. Along the way see how many varieties of seabird clients can spot such as razorbills, kittiwakes or gannets, and keep an eye out for our resident bottlenose dolphins.

 [Aberdeen Countryside Rangers](#)



4 Trump International, Scotland

A luxury experience awaits at Trump International. Not only does this golf course boast stunning views, but the Estate Produce Dining gives the chance to enjoy a 3-course meal created with items grown on the surrounding estate or pair whisky with the meal for an enhanced experience.

 [Trump International, Scotland](#)



Beauty Spots and Fun Facts



Pennan

This small and rugged village is made up of a few dozen houses on a single street. The beautiful village has some amazing film credentials as the location for Local Hero and Whisky Galore. Enjoy the colourful houses and explore the pebble beaches along the coastline.

DID YOU KNOW?

On the coastal route, there is one castle that stands out. New Slains Castle overlooks Cruden Bay. Inspired by the eerie and harsh surroundings, Bram Stoker was inspired to write Dracula.

This castle is best viewed with a guide to understand the dark history and beautiful surroundings.

Banff

Explore Banff, the town filled with historic charm and natural beauty. Duff House is a grand mansion built in 1740 and is home to a prestigious art collection. Walk around the grounds of Banff Castle and dip your toes in the North Sea along the beautiful sandy beaches.

Today's highlights

1 Aberdeenshire Sheepdogs

Located 15 minutes from Aberdeen, start the day experiencing sheepdogs at work during an interactive demonstration. Michelle and Gary Bruce will share their experience of working, training and trialling their Border Collies and share stories about life on a Scottish sheep farm.

[@Aberdeenshire Sheepdogs](#)



2 Brewdog

Tour the world-famous craft beer brewery and hear the story of how a couple of "local lads" started the business from their granny's garage and the journey to expand into a global brand. Lunch is available in the DogTap along with the chance to taste some delicious beers.

[@Museum of Scottish Lighthouses](#)



3 Peterhead Prison Museum

The museum is an immersive experience where your clients will walk through 125 years of history at 'Scotland's Toughest Jail'. The prison opened in 1888 and closed in 2013, and the experience tells the story from the perspective of the guards who worked there. Audio guides in many languages are available, or hear the stories from passionate guides with lots of secrets to tell.

[@Peterhead Prison Museum](#)



4 Museum of Scottish Lighthouses

Explore this 4* VisitScotland visitor attraction with three sites, Kinnaird Head Lighthouse, Kinnaird Head Castle and a purpose-built museum with the UK's largest collection of lighthouse lenses. Options to self-tour or have an expert guide take you round.

[@Museum of Scottish Lighthouses](#)



Accommodation options



Hotels

Banff Springs Hotel 36 bedrooms with enchanting views across the Moray Firth and a restaurant that makes the most of the area's well stocked natural larder.

Palace Hotel is the perfect coastal, group hotel with 64 rooms. Located in the centre of Peterhead this hotel has 2 restaurants and 3 bars making for a fun filled and relaxing trip to the "bloo toon".

B&Bs

Pennan Inn 3 Bedroom B&B on the coastline of the famous village. Enjoy the local produce whilst taking in the magical views.

Arduathie House Victorian house in the heart of Stonehaven that offers a cosy and traditional experience. The guest lounge is a great place to relax, read, enjoy some music and chat with fellow travellers.

Self Catering

Bayview Apartments Two modern, dog and family friendly apartments on Stonehaven's beach front, each sleep 4. The full-length balcony provides breathtaking views and the central location is hard to beat.

Tahuna Bothies Three cosy, modern bothies provide panoramic and breathtaking coastal views. Based just outside Newburgh, explore the nature reserve with a chance to see great wildlife including a large seal colony.