



FOOD & DRINK ROAD TRIP

A 3 DAY ITINERARY



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EXPERIENCE A JOURNEY OF STUNNING SCENIC CONTRASTS AND EXPLORE THE RICH HERITAGE AND CULTURE OF THE HEART OF SCOTLAND – ALL IN ONE AMAZING ROUTE.



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The North East 250 explores everything for which Scotland is famous in a unique Scottish road trip taking you through the whisky distilleries of Speyside, the spectacular mountain passes of the Cairngorms National Park, the famous castles of Royal Deeside, the granite city of Aberdeen, the rugged North Sea coastline to the east, and the picturesque seaside villages of the Moray Firth Coast.

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DAY 1: GLENSHEE TO FRASERBURGH

JOINING THE NORTH EAST 250 AT GLENSHEE, EXPLORE THE FOOD AND DRINK EXPERIENCES OF THE NORTH EAST 250 AS YOU TRAVEL THROUGH ROYAL DEESIDE AND THE EAST COAST TO FRASERBURGH

1 BALLATER - THE CARRIAGE

AB35 5RB

The newly restored Old Royal Station in Ballater is home to The Carriage Café, Tearoom and Bistro where you can enjoy a taste of Scottish heritage in beautiful surroundings. Celebrating immaculately executed British classics and seasonal cuisine; The Carriage's inviting menus showcase locally sourced ingredients and can be enjoyed throughout the day. Book online to avoid disappointment. *Also try: The Pavilion Café at The Highland Games Centre in Braemar or The Rothesay Rooms in Ballater.*

2 BANCHORY - ABERDEENSHIRE HIGHLAND BEEF

AB31 5QB

An authentic and unique farm to fork experience. Meet Grace and her herd of Highland cattle, see how they are raised, learn about her farming methods and taste for yourself what she considers to be the most delicious, premium quality beef available. Farm tours available every Sunday at 2pm - please book online or give Grace a call. *Also try: Spider on a Bicycle in Aboyne for a great coffee stop*

3 BANCHORY - BANCHORY LODGE HOTEL

AB31 5HS

Relaxed and inviting in a gorgeous setting with stunning views to the River Dee and the countryside beyond. Banchory Lodge champions local suppliers showcasing local and seasonal produce. Enjoy your lunch, brunch, afternoon tea or dinner in the bar, restaurant or on their riverside terrace. Online booking available.

4 ELLON - BREWDOG DOGTAP

AB41 8BX

What better way to enjoy BrewDog beer than in the place it was created; where you can smell the hops emanating from your glass and the brewery at the same time? Book your brewery tour online.

5 MINTLAW - SAPLINBRAE HOTEL

AB42 4LP

Food lovingly created, specially selected and locally sourced, enjoy all-day dining at the Saplinbrae Hotel where locals and visitors alike are warmly welcomed to sample their beautiful food in the glorious Buchan countryside. *Also try: The Café at Aden, The Rora Dairy, The Captains Table in Fraserburgh*

DAY 2: FRASERBURGH TO FOCHABERS

CONTINUE YOUR NORTH EAST 250 FOOD AND DRINK ROAD TRIP ALONG THE BEAUTIFUL MORAY FIRTH COASTLINE, THROUGH PLENTY OF FISHING VILLAGES, PICTURESQUE SCENERY AND GREAT PIT STOPS

6 BANFF - THE BANFF SPRINGS HOTEL

AB45 2JE

The hotel has a lounge bar where guests can relax with a drink, a restaurant which serves only the finest local cuisine and sensational views of the Moray Firth coast. Call to book or via email. *Also try: The Knowes Hotel in Macduff*

7 PORTSOY - PORTSOY ICE CREAM

AB45 2QT

A family run business located in the picturesque harbour village of Portsoy in Aberdeenshire on the Moray Firth Coast. Since 2003, Alex and his team have strived to create an exciting range of top quality homemade artisan ice creams and sorbets. For the ultimate ice cream experience head to Portsoy Ice Cream where award winning ice cream awaits!

8 SANDEND - GLENGLOSSAUGH DISTILLERY

AB45 2SQ

Two miles west of Portsoy stands the Glenglossaugh Distillery. Producing whisky using the highest quality of Scottish barley and using traditional distilling methods you can take a tour of the distillery to learn about the whisky making process and sample a Glenglossaugh dram at the end of your tour.

9 CULLEN - COFFEE AT THE KINGS

At Cullen Beach you will find a vintage Airstream caravan serving the best premium barists coffee and luxury hot chocolate, as well as tasty tray bakes and local Simpsons ice cream. *Also try: The Hooga Cafe in Cullen, Rockpool Cafe in Cullen*

10 CULLEN - THE CULLEN BAY HOTEL

AB56 4XA

Famous for its delicious Cullen Skink soup, fresh local seafood and dining whilst gazing at the superb sea views. The Cullen Bay Hotel's restaurant provides a relaxed setting, a seasonal menu and food cooked to order by their team of skilled chefs. Call or book via email. *Also try: The Seaforth Arms in Cullen, The Royal Oak in Cullen*

DAY 3: FOCHABERS TO GLENSHEE

THE FOODIE ROAD TRIP FINAL DAY...

11 **FOCHABERS - GORDON CASTLE CAFÉ**

IV32 7PQ

Seasonal Scottish dishes are prepared with care and a wee bit of flair using the finest local ingredients. Operating a Plant, Pick, Plate ethos to make the most of the amazing eight-acre walled garden which you can enjoy after eating. Don't forget to try the Gordon Castle Gin! *Also try: Christies of Fochabers Teapot Restaurant, Station Hotel Speyside (Roths)*

12 **ABERLOUR - WALKERS SHORTBREAD**

AB38 9PD

With shops in Elgin, Aberlour and Aviemore, Walkers Shortbread are renowned across the world as a true Scottish classic, baking an extensive range of pure butter shortbread, cakes, tarts, biscuits, oatcakes, meringues and more, using original recipes. *Also try: The Spey Larder in Aberlour, Aberlour Distillery*

13 **ABERLOUR - THE DOWANS HOTEL**

AB38 9LS

Two restaurants, '57' offers everyday dining of the highest quality, 'Spé' offers a more formal experience. Sourcing all fresh ingredients locally, with seasonal menus that mix traditional Scottish fare with cuisines from around the world. The Still bar is stocked with over 500 single malt whiskies. Please book to avoid disappointment. *Also try: The Aberlour Hotel*

14 **GLENLIVET - THE GLENLIVET DISTILLERY**

AB37 9DB

The Glenlivet Distillery sits in a wild and remote glen, its history laced with drama and intrigue. See where it all started and experience the rare conditions of their remote location. Take a distillery tour or try the new outdoor tented whisky tasting experience. 50% discount available on distillery tours for North East 250 Visitor Members, plus 50% off drivers packs. Book your tour online. *Also try: Cardhu and Cragganmore Distillery tours*

15 **BRAEMAR - THE FIFE ARMS**

AB35 5YN

The Fife Arms showcases the finest seasonal produce for which Scotland is world-famous. From fresh seafood and game to local whiskies and spirits, many of the ingredients used in the kitchens and bars is sourced from local suppliers, gamekeepers and farmers. The Flying Stag is the hotel's bar. Frequented by residents and visitors alike, the public bar offers classic Scottish dishes, real ales, live entertainment and a selection of over 180 whiskies.



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