



HISTORY & HERITAGE ROAD TRIP

A 3 DAY ITINERARY



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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: BALLINDALLOCH TO SPEY BAY

JOINING THE NORTH EAST 250 AT BALLINDALLOCH, EXPLORE THE HISTORY AND HERITAGE EXPERIENCES OF THE NORTH EAST 250 AS YOU TRAVEL THROUGH SPEYSIDE TO THE MORAY FIRTH COAST

- 1 BALLINDALLOCH - BALLINDALLOCH CASTLE** **AB37 9AX**

Explore and enjoy five hundred years of Highland history, acres of formal gardens, woodlands and riverside walks, the children's playground, picnic area, tearoom and gift shop. Family home of the Macpherson-Grant's since 1546, Ballindalloch Castle is one of the finest surviving examples of a Scottish Baronial Castle and tourists flock from around the globe to visit this 'Pearl of the North'. *Also try: Packhorse Bridge in Glenlivet, Drumin Castle, Glenlivet Scalan Seminary, Tomintoul Discovery Centre*
- 2 KNOCKANDO - KNOCKANDO WOOLLEN MILL** **AB38 7RP**

Nestled in the heart of Speyside, Knockando Woolmill has ensured the craft of carding, spinning and weaving with local wool has been passed down through generations since 1784. Opening Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Guided tours bookable online. *Also try: Johnstons of Elgin Mill Tour (Open year round)*
- 3 CRAIGELLACHIE - SPEYSIDE COOPERAGE** **AB38 9RS**

Discover the ancient art of Cooperage and watch the highly skilled coopers at work. Still using many traditional methods, Speyside coopers are busy shaping, shaving and charring casks for what is an integral part of the whisky industry. To see the coopers in action book your cooperage tour online or by phone. Open Mon-Fri. *Also try: Thomas Telford Bridge in Craigellachie*
- 4 BALVENIE - BALVENIE CASTLE** **AB55 4GH**

A wide ditch encircles this striking, curtain-walled castle. Built in the 1200s as the seat of the powerful earls of Buchan, the heavily fortified stronghold became an elegant lodging in the 1500s. *Also try: Keith and Dufftown Railway, Rothes Castle, Elgin Cathedral*
- 5 SPEY BAY - WDC SCOTTISH DOLPHIN CENTRE** **IV32 7PJ**

As well as spotting dolphins at the mouth of the river Spey, you can tour the Tugnet Icehouse. See and touch the fantastic collection of huge whale bones from the local area. Discover the history of salmon fishing and the importance of the UK's largest surviving icehouse. *Also try: The Garmouth Viaduct, Moray Motor Museum in Elgin*

DAY 2: SPEY BAY TO PETERHEAD

CONTINUE YOUR NORTH EAST 250 HISTORY & HERITAGE ROAD TRIP ALONG THE BEAUTIFUL MORAY FIRTH COASTLINE TO FRASERBRUGH AND THEN ON TO PETERHEAD.

6 FINDLATER - FINDLATER CASTLE

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The ruins of Findlater Castle stand on a rocky promontory projecting out into the sea some two miles east of Cullen and a mile west of Sandend. Brown tourist signs direct you from the A98 to a parking area at a farm, Barnyards of Findlater, and from here it is a half mile walk along a good grassy path to the interpretive board on the cliffs behind the castle. *Also try: The Buckie Heritage Centre, Portsoy Salmon Bothy Museum*

7 BANFF - DUFF HOUSE

AB45 3SX

Unpick the tale of two Williams – William Duff, owner of Duff House, and William Adam, its architect. The two fell out over money during the creation of this splendid early Georgian mansion. Admire the architecture, get up close to wonderful artworks and wander through the landscaped grounds. *Also try: Banff Castle*

8 FRASERBURGH - MUSEUM OF SCOTTISH LIGHTHOUSES

AB43 9DU

The Museum of Scottish Lighthouses is based in the bustling fishing port of Fraserburgh on the North East corner of Aberdeenshire. Kinnaird Head Lighthouse – the very first lighthouse on mainland Scotland (1787) and Kinnaird Head Castle which contains the lighthouse and our purpose-built museum alongside. *Also try: Fraserburgh Heritage Centre*

9 CRUDEN BAY - SLAINS CASTLE

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Slains Castle, also known as New Slains Castle is a ruined castle which overlooks the North Sea from its cliff-top site, one kilometre east of Cruden Bay. Bram Stoker, who stayed at the castle, used it as inspiration for his story of Dracula. Although creepy it is photogenic the scenery is amazing and the views out to sea are stunning.

10 PETERHEAD - PETERHEAD PRISON MUSEUM

AB42 2YY

The museum highlights the work of the brave personnel that served here between 1888- 2013. You will see what “real” prison life was like, whilst listening to the officers speak of their experiences as part of the audio tour. Your sense of smell will be stimulated as you enter the laundry, shower block and hospital areas. Alcatraz of the North East 250 - a museum not to be missed. *Also try: Arbutnot Museum, Peterhead.*

DAY 3: PETERHEAD TO GLENSHEE

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11 ABERDEEN - GORDON HIGHLANDERS MUSEUM

AB15 7XH

Situated in the fashionable west end of Aberdeen, The Gordon Highlanders Museum offers a warm, friendly welcome to all our visitors and is a great day out for the family. The only VisitScotland 5 Star attraction in Aberdeen, the museum tells the extraordinary 200 year story of 'The Finest Regiment in the World'! Also try: *Aberdeen Maritime Museum*

12 BANCHORY - CRATHES CASTLE

AB31 5QJ

Painted ceilings and family portraits adorn this turreted castle, wander through the historic walled garden and spot a rich variety of wildlife along our six waymarked trails. Standing against a backdrop of rolling hills and set within its own glorious gardens, Crathes Castle is every inch the classic Scottish tower house – and a fantastic day out for all the family. Also try: *Drum Castle*

13 ALFORD - GRAMPIAN TRANSPORT MUSEUM

AB33 8AE

Located in the historic village of Alford, just 45 minutes from Aberdeen, the Grampian Transport Museum boasts an impressive range of transport exhibits, from travelling chariots of the 1800's, to some of the fastest cars ever made. Throughout the year the museum has an extensive outdoor events/ride on programme. Also try: *Craigievar Castle, Alford*

14 BALMORAL - BALMORAL CASTLE

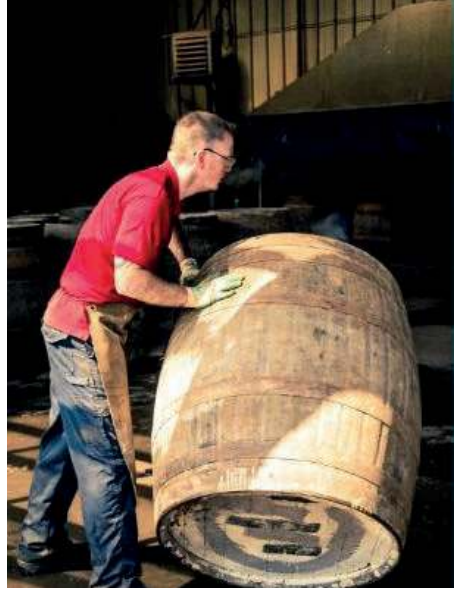
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Balmoral Castle has been the Scottish home of the Royal Family since it was purchased for Queen Victoria by Prince Albert in 1852. Set aside at least one and a half hours for your visit to Balmoral. This will give you time to visit the grounds, gardens, exhibitions, gift shop and the coffee shop. Winter tours are available. The guided tour lasts approximately one hour and afterwards you are free to wander the grounds and gardens. Also try: *Corgarff Castle*

15 BRAEMAR - BRAEMAR CASTLE

AB35 5XR

Braemar Castle is a compact tower house with a fascinating history dating back almost 400 years and is the only castle in Scotland to be run by the community. Local volunteers, with extensive knowledge of the area, welcome visitors and share stories as they guide them round the castle. Also try: *The Highland Games Centre, Braemar*



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