



OUTDOOR & ADVENTURE 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: GLENSHEE TO ABERDEEN

FIND YOURSELF ON THE NORTH EAST 250 AT GLENSHEE FOR A FANTASTIC ROAD TRIP FULL OF OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

1 GLENSHEE - CAIRNWELL CHAIRLIFT / SKI CENTRE **AB35 5XU**

In winter Glenshee or 'Glen of the Fairies', offers one of the most magical skiing experiences in Scotland with 3,504 ft of mountain adventure for skiers and snowboarders of all abilities. In summer take the Cairnwell Chairlift to the summit of the Cairnwell for the most spectacular views. The Cairnwell Chairlift can also transport mountain bikes so you can enjoy a ride across the mountain tops. Fuel up at their buzzing alpine cafe Tea@The Shee.

2 BRAEMAR - MAR LODGE ESTATE **AB35 5YJ**

Discover the natural wonders of this 29,000ha estate, at the heart of the Cairngorms National Park. Calling all Munro-baggers! 15 mountains over 3,000ft (914m) are found here, including Scotland's second highest mountain. Follow in Queen Victoria's footsteps and picnic at the Linn of Dee and spot some iconic Scottish wildlife, including red deer, ptarmigan, pine martens, golden eagles and mountain hares. *Also try: Lochnagar, Loch Callater, Loch Muick*

3 ABOYNE - GLEN TANAR **AB34 5EU**

Experience the untouched open wilderness of Glen Tanar where you can walk, hike, mountain bike, geocache, horse ride, fish or even take a guided tour in on one of their landrover estate safaris. There are also a variety of country sports available. With spectacular scenery it is a perfect location for those interested in the great outdoors. *Also try: Muir of Dinnet*

4 CRATHES - GO APE, CRATHES CASTLE **AB31 5QJ**

Find adventure at Go Ape Crathes Castle. In the grounds of this 16th century castle they will take you deep into the forest. This course will push you as you navigate your way from tree to tree. The longest zip is a wind-rushing 125 metres and look out for the hair-raising skateboard zip line. *Also try: The Tarland Trails*

5 BANCHORY - ABERDEENSHIRE HIGHLAND BEEF **AB31 5QB**

An authentic Highland farm 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.

DAY 2: ABERDEEN TO SPEY BAY

YOUR NORTH EAST 250 OUTDOOR & ADVENTURE ROAD TRIP CONTINUES ALONG THE BEAUTIFUL COASTLINE FROM ABERDEEN TO FOCHABERS

6 BALMEDIE - BALMEDIE COUNTRY PARK **AB23 8XG**

This country park has a long stretch of beautiful sandy beach behind which are sand dunes, great and small, to explore. A total of 1700 metres of boardwalk assist visitor access through the dunes. The park is within part of a dune system that stretches 14 miles from Aberdeen, to just north of the mouth of the River Ythan at Newburgh. The beach is sandy and over the years has won a number of awards, including a seaside award in 2006 and 2007. *Also try: RSPB Dolphin Watch Aberdeen, Newburgh Beach*

7 CRUDEN BAY - BULLERS OF BUCHAN **AB42 0NS**

The Bullers of Buchan is a collapsed sea cave and can be found off the A975, just north of Cruden Bay and roughly 6 miles south of Peterhead. Follow a narrow cliff-top coastal path (care required) to the Bullers of Buchan and look upon the 30m deep chasm where you'll see the waves rush through the natural archway. *Also try: Collieston Bay, Slains Castle, Boddam Lighthouse*

8 FRASERBURGH - FRASERBURGH BEACH **AB43 9TB**

Fraserburgh's award winning beach stretches for miles backed by golden sand dunes and located where the Moray Firth meets the North Sea. The waters off Fraserburgh's beach are perfect for watersports with surfing and paddle boarding a must. From the beach you can see the bustling Fraserburgh Harbour and the Kinnaird Head Castle Lighthouse on the skyline. *Also try: RSPB Loch of Strathbeg, Rattray Head Lighthouse*

9 CULLEN - CULLEN SEA SCHOOL **AB56 4AG**

Coastal rowing, sea kayaking, paddle boarding and much more. Enjoy an abundance of watersport activities, shore-based classes and even try your hand at boat-building. The water sports season runs from May to October, while you can enjoy all our shore-based classes all year round. Call ahead to book. *Also try: Bow Fiddle Rock in Portknockie, Macduff Marine Aquarium*

10 FOCHABERS - MORAY MONSTER TRAILS **IV32 7PG**

Whether you're new to off-road mountain biking or an expert rider looking for big thrills, there's a Monster Trail that's just right for you. Head to Winding Walks for extreme freeriding and the red-grade Fochabers Ring, or start at Ordiequish for slightly easier blue routes – and the mighty black Gully Monster. *Also try: WDC Scottish Dolphin Centre, Spey Bay*

DAY 3: FOCHABERS TO GLENSHEE

FIND YOURSELF ON THE SPEYSIDE AND CAIRNGORMS SECTOR OF THE NORTH EAST 250

11 MULBEN - HOUSE OF MULBEN

AB55 6YH

From action packed quad biking to the more relaxed activities of archery and fishing. To the challenging off road driving course and fun sport of clay pigeon shooting, House of Mulben are waiting to welcome you to a great day out in the freedom and beauty of the countryside in Speyside Scotland. Book in advance. *Also try: Outfit Moray, Lossiemouth*

12 GRANTOWN ON SPEY - CRAGGAN OUTDOORS

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Slightly off route, award-winning Craggan Outdoors is well worth a short detour. Delivering the very best in outdoor activity-focused experiences for groups of all types, and to individuals of all ages and abilities. Find yourself gorge walking, kayaking, fishing, golfing, canoeing ...even zip-wiring in the Cairngorms National Park. *Also try: The Lecht 2090*

13 GLENLIVET - GLENLIVET HILLTREK

AB37 9DJ

Award-winning Argocat tours with Glenlivet Hilltrek is something different, providing a thoroughly enjoyable Highland hilltop experience. Half and full day guided treks, amongst the heather hilltops of the beautiful Glenlivet Estate from the comfort and safety of your Argocat all terrain vehicle. *Also try: Glenlivet Wildlife Tours*

14 TOMINTOUL AND GLENLIVET - DARK SKY PARK

Home to the most northerly Dark Sky Park in the world, the Glenlivet and Tomintoul area is one of the best places in the Cairngorms National Park to discover the wonders of the night sky. Not only does this remote area have stunning dark skies but it also has easy access allowing everyone to enjoy a night sky brimming with stars. With designated Dark Sky Discovery Sites, find yourself at one of the best stargazing sites in the northern hemisphere. *Also try: Glenlivet Mountain Bike Trails, Tomintoul Adventure Play Park*

15 BRAEMAR - BRAEMAR HIGHLAND EXPERIENCE

Join Braemar Highland Experience to discover an area of outstanding natural beauty with spectacular mountains, wild open spaces and stunning scenery. Based in Braemar in the Cairngorms National Park, they offer three different routes to access this landscape – bespoke tours, guided walking and offroad safaris. Braemar Highland Experience shows you the landscape through a local's eye from the comfort of a luxurious Land Rover discovery vehicle or you can venture off the beaten track and into the mountains and glens on foot with a walking guide. *Also try: Yellow Welly Tours*



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