

# Scotland's treasure



## BANFFSHIRE COAST

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### Nature

The Banffshire Coast is a treasure trove for nature lovers. The diversity of its sandy beaches, rocky coves, rivers and farmland provide habitats for hundreds of different species of flora and fauna.

### History and Heritage

Our coastline is testament to an intriguing history - past and present. The tiny fishing village of Pennan holds the title of 'UK's best film location' for the movie 'Local Hero'.

### Art and Culture

Duff House in Banff is the focus for art and culture in the area. The Banffshire Coast is home to many artists, potters and craftsmen whose galleries and workshops are dotted along the coastline.

### Walking

The Banffshire Coast is part of the Aberdeenshire Coastal Trail. The visitor can join the trail at many points of interest such as the gaping maw of Hell's Lum at Cullykhan Bay where it is said the voices of 1000 dead sailors can be heard!

### Cycling

The quiet roads and undulating topography of the area surrounding the Banffshire Coast provide cyclists with many interesting routes.

### Whisky Trail

The Banffshire Coast is an excellent base for exploring the Malt Whisky Trail. Each of the 8 distilleries on the Trail is within easy driving distance of the coast.

### Golfing

The Banffshire Coast is the only place in Scotland to boast two royal golf courses in such close proximity of each other; Royal Tarlair in Macduff and Duff House Royal in Banff.

The visitor should also experience our third fine course, at Cullen Golf Club, a few miles up the coast.

### Marine Aquarium

Macduff Marine Aquarium is an absolute 'must' for anyone visiting the area. Open all year round, the aquarium provides a fascinating insight into the marine life of the North Sea.

### Castle Trail

The Banffshire Coast is perfectly placed for following the Castle Trail - starting right on the doorstep with Duff House in Banff.

### Water Sports

More and more people are arriving from far and wide to enjoy our calm inshore waters for diving and kayaking and our exhilarating wild waves for board and wind surfing.

New leisure marinas in Whitehills and Banff (due to be completed in 2007) provide berths for permanent and visiting boats.

### Wildlife & Fishing

The Banffshire Coast is a haven for superb wildlife and great fishing, reached from either the shore or boat.

BE INSPIRED BY OUR UNIQUE...

translucent,  
coastal light

renowned in artistic circles

micro-climate

milder, dryer, sunnier -  
popular with  
weather watchers

maritime  
heritage

from Viking skulls to  
rowing sculls

Find yourself on our  
shores soon...  
the inspiration comes  
with our compliments

# inspirational



## OUR MICRO-CLIMATE

The Banffshire Coast enjoys its own special micro-climate. The influence of the warming North Atlantic Drift on the coastal waters, plus the shelter that the Grampian Mountains provide from the prevailing south westerly winds, have a mellowing effect on the local climate resulting in it being milder and dryer.

## OUR STUNNING WILDLIFE

From the colony of Gannets at Troup Head and mischievous Minke Whales and Dolphins to be spotted along our coastline, to the elusive Pine Marten inland – be prepared to be charmed. Our rich sea and landscapes never fail to surprise and delight the observant visitor.

## OUR ARTISTIC INSPIRATION

Our magnificent coast acts as a magnet for artists and photographers from around the world. Drawn by the sublime quality of our littoral light, artists find year-round inspiration in the ever changing tableau.

## OUR UNIQUE FESTIVALS

Every summer we play host to a fascinating variety of festivals, celebrating the area's strong maritime and musical heritage. Including the famous Scottish Traditional Boat Festival, the Deveron Music Festival and the Banff to Stavanger Yacht Race, the festivals are unique to the Banffshire Coast and are not to be missed.

## OUR HISTORY AND HERITAGE

The Banffshire Coast is steeped in a rich maritime heritage that continues to shape the lives of people today. From reminders of Viking invaders in Gardenstown to outstanding examples of 16th and 17th century Scottish architecture in Banff, our coastline is testament to an intriguing past.

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## OUR WARM HOSPITALITY

You will find a warm welcome awaits you on the Banffshire Coast. From local people whose families have lived here for many generations, to artists and entrepreneurs from all over the world attracted by the scenery and quality of life, we have a common interest in sharing this special part of Scotland with our visitors.

## OUR GREAT ACCOMMODATION

The architectural heritage of the Banffshire Coast has endowed it with a rich variety of accommodation. Why not stay in an 18th century fisherman's cottage? Or perhaps the grandeur of a 16th century castle, the novelty of a former chemist's shop or even an old jail!

Self-catering, hotels, guest houses and B&Bs – our range of accommodation spans the ages as well as the coastline.

## TRAVELLING TO THE BANFFSHIRE COAST

The Banffshire Coast can be reached from the south via Aberdeen (approximately 55 miles, 1 hour 30 minutes, A947 to Banff) or from the north via Inverness (approximately 70 miles, 1 hour 40 minutes, A96 to Fochabers, then A98 to Banff).

Regular bus services run to Banff from Aberdeen and Inverness. Full information on bus times and routes can be found at: [www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com) or by calling **Traveline: 0870 608 2 608**

The nearest railway stations are Aberdeen and Huntly. Full information on train times can be found at: [www.firstgroup.com/scotrail](http://www.firstgroup.com/scotrail) or by calling **National Rail Enquiries: 08457 48 49 50**

The nearest airports are Aberdeen and Inverness, both within easy driving distance of the Banffshire Coast.

