



## Banff and Macduff Marine Itinerary

There can be few better places to keep a look out for the cetaceans that visit the Banffshire Coast than one of Scotland's best beaches. Banff Links is a long stretch of golden sand perfect for strolling along while keeping an eye on the water. Start out at the most western side of the beach near [Whitehills](#) where you may be lucky enough to see seals basking on the rocks when the tide is out, or the porpoises that are known to frequently pop up in this particular area of the Moray Firth.

Keep walking in an easterly direction and the sand gives way to a rocky foreshore full of creatures that dwell on the rocks and seabirds eager to pick up some lunch. You will come to the Scotstown area of [Banff](#) and its row of sea-facing fishermen's houses, many of which date back to the 1850s.

You are now just a stone's throw from [Banff Marina](#), which is used by numerous yachts and pleasure craft. If you want to take a trip out into the Moray Firth to try and get up close and personal with our marine life, you may be interested to know that some wildlife tour operators depart from the marina, as well as across the bay at Macduff harbour.

After returning to port, walk into the town and stop for a bite to eat at one of the many cafes, hotels or pubs in the town.

Travelling across Banff Bridge over the River Deveron, you will arrive in [Macduff](#). It still has a commercial port used by a small number of fishing vessels, as well as a busy shipyard. Stop and pause to watch the comings and goings before continuing onto High Shore and to [Macduff Marine Aquarium](#) – one of our top visitor attractions. Before you enter, stop and pause in the car park and take a look out over the waves as this area offers a fantastic vantage point where sightings of marine life abound. Inside the attraction you will step into a world beneath the sea, through rocky shore displays, reefs and the sandy sea floor, as well as the centerpiece – a living kelp reef exhibit. The staff here are passionate about raising awareness, enjoyment and stewardship of the marine environment and have a huge amount of knowledge that they are only too willing to share.



When you finally feel ready to tear yourself away from the aquarium, head up the hill and to the top section of the town to enjoy stunning views of the Moray Firth and you might just see the dolphins playing chase as they enjoy the last of the daylight before the sun comes down.

