Magic MUSEUMS

12 ST MUNGO MUSEUM OF RELIGIOUS LIFE AND ART

2 Castle St Glasgow G4 oRH +44 (0)141 276 1625 glasgowlife.org.uk Let's be honest, Glasgow has a pretty convoluted history with religion. It hasn't always been pretty, but this space only promotes education and acceptance to the most devout and sceptic amongst us. Named after the patron saint of Glasgow, the exhibitions show art and artefacts from the world's largest religions. There is a floor dedicated to Scotland, which illustrates how religion has influenced and dictated opinion over 5000 years. The zen garden at the back was the first in Britain and the overlooking Glasgow cathedral the oldest building in Scotland.

13 PETERHEAD PRISON MUSEUM

South End Peterhead AB42 2YY North East +44 (0)1779 482 200 peterhead prisonmuseum.com Peterhead Prison, also known as Scotland's Alcatraz, was made notorious by the 1987 riots, when prisoners took control of D hall and made two guards hostage. The siege rampaged for 5 days until home secretary, Douglas Hurd, decided to send in the SAS (British Special Forces) to take back control. Jackie Stuart, who is now in his late 1980s, was one of the guards taken captive and works now at the museum as a guide. The tour is interesting and provides a thought-provoking insight into Scotland's only convict prison.

14 THE V&A DUNDEE

1 Riverside Esplanade Dundee DD1 4EZ North East +44 (0)1382 411 611 vam.ac.uk This truly unique and outstanding building makes quite the impression on the Dundee skyline. Designed by Japanese architect Kengo Kuma, its form is said to be inspired by the cliffs of the North East and is quite the structure to ponder over. It's the first ever museum in Scotland dedicated to design and showcases some of the most influential and inspiring collections of international and Scottish design, both physically and virtually and certainly is a bold statement to begin with. Ten years in the making, it's a grand addition to the UNESCO city of design.



Eclectic HISTORY

35 THE SALMON BOTHY

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The Salmon Bothy is a former working salmon house, and has now been restored into a museum and community space. Salmon farming is an important part of this coastline's history, and the museum exists to show artefacts from this time and celebrate the rich culture that went with this industry. Using the Bothy as a base for family research is also recommended and a qualified genealogist is available by appointment. There is also a catalogue of ancestor charts to help you with your search. Great little venue, that's worth a pop-in visit if you're in the area.

36 THE GOVAN STONES

AT: GOVAN OLD PARISH CHURCH 866 Govan Road Glasgow G51 3UU +44 (0)141 440 2466 thegovanstones. org.uk The Govan stones are a series of 9th to 11th-century carved stones displayed in the beautiful Govan Old Parish Church. They are an outstanding collection which reflects the power struggles that went on in the Kingdom of Strathclyde. The five hogback gravestones are incredible and the interictally carved Govan sarcophagus is the only one of its kind in the UK from pre-Norman times. These 31 stones are a precious and fascinating depiction of Scotland's complicated history. Entry is free, but donations are most welcome.

37 CULLODEN HILL

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Culloden is far from a hidden secret, but it's one of Scotland's most significant locations in regards to history and culture. Scotland would no doubt look wildly different today if the '45 Rebellion were to have won the Battle of Culloden on the 16th of April 1746. Certainly, the face of the Highlands was changed forever. It was said that nothing grew properly on the battlefield for years. But now you can spot foxgloves, rowans, willow and earth nut that would have been essential use for medicinal purposes in the 18th century. Great visitor centre dedicated to a fascinating time in Scottish history. Tours strongly recommended and a great cafe to grab a coffee.





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72 FOOTDEE (FITTIE)

Fittie Village Aberdeen AB11 5DQ North East

Footdee, or Fittie – as the locals call it, is a historical little fishing village on the south end of Aberdeen Harbour. The first settlement recorded at Fittie was in 1398, and the village steadily grew with its fishing prosperity being the main draw. The houses were designed in 1809 by renowned Aberdeen architect John Brown to rehome fishermen living locally in poor conditions. The homes were built in squares and initially in an identical fashion, which is what gives Fittie its unique feel, with narrow lanes and straight lines. In contrast to that, the 'tarry sheds' - originally built from drift wood and used to store fishing gear - are mismatched and awash with vibrant colours. A nice change in the Granite City. The welcome is warm in Fittie and it's a great place to grab an ice cream on the boulevard and watch the world go by. Although watch your food, Aberdeen seagulls are fierce.

73 VICTORIA HARBOUR

Victory Place Dunbar EH42 1HS Lothians Victoria Harbour is a charming little port in Dunbar, once one of the major herring and whaling ports in Scotland. At one side of the harbour you can find the ruined remains of Dunbar Castle and at the other side you can find an 18th-century fort and battery, which was prominent through the American Wars of Independence. Watch the commercial ships come in, mainly landing shellfish and enjoy the atmosphere of this historical pier.



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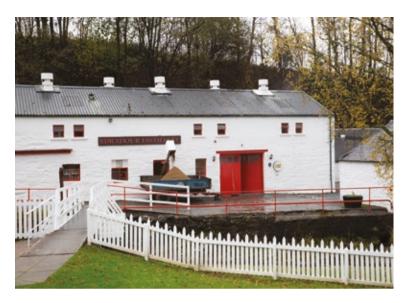
WHISKY DISTILLERIES

85 SPRINGBANK DISTILLERY

9 Bolgam St Campbeltown PA28 6HZ Argyll & Bute +44 (0)1586 552 009 springbank.scot Campbeltown was known as Whisky Capital of the World, with over 30 whiskies produced here. Only three distilleries now remain with Springbank being the oldest independent family-owned distillery in Scotland, with the Mitchell family being 5th generation in. The distillery is housed in buildings dating back to 1828. It is the only Scottish distillery to have 100% of its production onsite and one of a handful of distilleries to keep the traditional floor malting methods. The tours are excellent and cost £7 a head, which includes a nip and a miniature to take away.

86 EDRADOUR DISTILLERY

Pitlochry PH16 5JP Highlands & Islands +44 (0)1796 472 095 edradour.com Edradour Distillery was officially founded in 1825 by a cooperative of farmers, but dates back earlier and is steeped in illicit pot distilling history. It is the smallest distillery in Scotland and has stuck to its handmade and small-scale production roots, which only adds to the charm of this little distillery. Now back in Scottish hands – after ownership from larger cooperatives and the New York Mafia – there are plenty of tales to be told on their guided tours.







Bonnie BEACHES

115 WESTPORT BEACH

A83 Westport, Campbeltown PA28 6QD Argyll & Bute Westport Beach is a stunning beach on the Kintyre Peninsula, it stretches over almost 10 kilometres to Machrihanish and incorporates their famous dunes, which are an area of Scientific Interest (SSSI) because of the biodiversity they support. The rockpools are fun to play in and spot small fish and crabs. The Atlantic is popular with surfers, however beware if you are going in for a dip. Westport is renowned for its strong undercurrents, so read the sea and stay alert. Great place to come and stretch the legs or spend a sunny day. Park at the car park just eight kilometres north of Campbeltown.

116 MELLON UDRIGLE BEACH

Mellon Udrigle, Isle of Skye IV22 2NT Highlands & Islands Before you reach the settlement of Mellon Udrigle you have to follow a narrow and twisty single-track road that leads you to the goods of the beach! Park at the clearly signposted car park and please don't park overnight here, but head to the campsite nextdoor if that's your intention. Follow the wooden walkway to the famous silver sands of Camas a'Charaig Beach and take in the breathtaking scenery. The views over the water to Little Assynt, Coigach and Suilven Mountain make it extra special. Widely claimed as the best stretch of land in Wester Ross, it would be a shame to pass and not experience.



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AFTERNOON TEAhouses

232 TCHAI-OVNA

42 Otago Lane Glasgow G12 8PB +44 (0)141 357 4524 tchaiovna.com This speciality tea shop stocks over a 100 teas. You'll find it down a small cobbled lane just a short walk from Kelvinbridge Station. The building was originally an old stables, giving it an authentic teahouse feel with the soft furnishings and the menu inspired by far-flung places. The food however is sourced as locally as possible, and they are working with local suppliers and artists. The menu is all vegetarian or vegan and there is no alcohol sold here. They often hold creative events such as drama, storytelling and art exhibitions, which are popular with the local student population.



233 THE HIDDEN LANE TEA ROOM

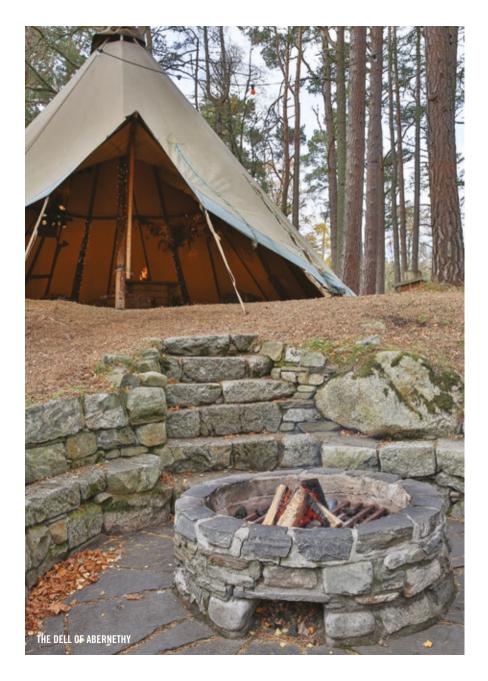
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This tiny yet bright tearoom is tucked away in Unit 8 of the area known as Hidden Lane in Finnieston. Its vintage theme and mix-and-match crockery add to that special afternoon tea treat, which they stack up traditionally on a cake tier.

234 MUNEROY TEAROOM

Southend, Campbeltown PA28 6RW Argyll & Bute +44 (0)1586 830 221 muneroy.co.uk This tearoom is a wee gem. Based in Southend on the Kintyre Peninsula, not far from Dunaverty Beach, this is a must-stop if you are in the area. Built in the 1940s with its charming character and homely front room feel, the menu offers up traditional hearty homecooked meals and tasty sandwiches amongst other things. But let's be honest, this isn't your reason for visiting. Your reason is to sample some of the best cakes and homebaking in the land. Calorie counters and savoury tooths need not apply, as the portions are generous and worth saving space for! Not to mention their incredible sized meringues. This is Scottish hospitality at its finest.



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