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Business Directory



Welcome to the Visit Inverness Loch Ness Business Tourism Directory

VisitInvernessLochNess (VILN) - VisitBUSIness is the conference bureau for the Inverness Loch Ness area.

Inverness Loch Ness offer one unique destination blending the vibrancy and warmth of the thriving capital city of the Highlands and the great outdoors and area of discovery on and around Loch Ness.

Inverness alone has fantastic conference facilities including Eden Court, the Town House, the Centre for Health Science and the Archive Centre as well as numerous fabulous conference hotels such as The Kingsmills Hotel and Spa and The New Drummossie Hotel.

Outside of Inverness options include historical Castle venues, Cawdor Castle, Urquhart Castle and Dunrobin Castle and residential castles Achnagairn and Aldourie and several wonderful hotels such as Culloden House and Loch Ness Country House.

A range of other venues including distilleries, academic venues, military venues, museums, golf clubs, exhibition centres and stadia can satisfy all tastes and budget levels.

With short connecting flights from London, Manchester and Birmingham alongside codeshare arrangements with KLM via Amsterdam to their worldwide network, Aer Lingus via Dublin to USA and Canada, Etihad via Manchester to the Middle East and Cathay Pacific via Manchester to Asia and an airport just 15 minutes from the city centre, getting here could not be easier. There are also good rail links to Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, London and the rest of the UK.

From an incentive programme for 20 to a conference for 800 Inverness Loch Ness has all you need.

This directory will give you an overview of the uniqueness of the Inverness Loch Ness area, the facilities available and an introduction to how we can support you to create a memorable and seamless event.

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visit AWESOMEness

Visit Inverness Loch Ness is the first Tourism BID (Business Improvement District) in the UK.

Supported and funded by over 400 tourism business in the area, the Tourism BID has brought together the tourist businesses of Inverness and Loch Ness so that the area can be promoted for the first time as a single destination, with key objectives including marketing and promotion, business tourism, access and infrastructure, business development, events and festivals .

Our focus is also to ensure a constant improvement in service levels, staff training and communications across all of our members businesses so that you can be confident that your delegates experience will be the best it can be.

Visit Inverness Loch Ness is a one stop shop for all businesses looking for a home for their next conference or meeting or wanting a unique package to reward their staff or clients.

Being the capital city of the Highlands, investment and development in the area is ongoing. Our new state of the art Inverness College UHI opened in 2015, the Eastgate Centre shopping complex is to be extended to include additional shops, restaurants and a cinema, new hotels are planned for construction and upgrades on many venues are being done, all of this alongside the regeneration of the city centre.

Around Loch Ness in association with the Forestry Commission Scotland viewpoints are being added and improved and trails for walkers and cyclists increased.

We know we can handle any size of event. Events such as Belladrum music festival, Baxters Loch Ness marathon and the Etape welcome over 30,000 visitors each year.

Let us show you and your delegates the great hospitality, scenery and experience that brings visitors back again and again.

Inverness Loch Ness is truly **THE** most undiscovered destination for Business Tourism.

AWESOMEness



Connect Inverness, 'The Capital of the Highlands'¹ with Loch Ness² as one **unique destination**³, you'll experience **diverse landscapes**⁵ and the **great outdoors**⁴, **culture**¹⁰ and **heritage**⁶ that will feed your imagination, and provide **memorable experiences**⁹ for those seeking a wide range of **activities**⁷ or **relaxation**⁸ within easy reach.

top 10 reasons to visit Inverness Loch Ness

1 Inverness - The Capital of the Highlands

No visit to the Highlands of Scotland would be complete without a stay in Inverness, aptly called the capital of the Highlands. Inverness is a Gaelic word meaning "mouth of the River Ness", which flows out of Loch Ness into the Moray Firth.

Inverness is a city with a rich variety of places to visit and things to do both in and around the city. The city boasts a host of historic buildings, notably in the Old Town and from the Victorian Market to the award-winning Eastgate centre.

Inverness Castle and St Andrew's Cathedral overlook the River Ness and one of the most beautiful riverside settings in Britain.

From the castle along the river and through the Ness Islands you can watch anglers casting long lines to leaping Atlantic salmon.

Host to many events and festivals, explore the art, history and heritage of the Highlands at Inverness Museum & Art Gallery or relax in the tropical gardens at Inverness Botanic Gardens - or why not take an open-topped bus ride round the city or a cruise down the Caledonian Canal to world famous Loch Ness.





Loch Ness

22.5 miles long, a mile wide and 700 feet at its deepest, Loch Ness is the largest lake in Scotland by volume. The surrounding area is filled with historic attractions, natural wonders, cosy places to stay, and superb eateries. The Loch Ness Monster is just one of the many myths and legends to be discovered in this particularly beautiful part of Scotland.

Loch Ness is full of surprises! You can sit back and enjoy the landscape, explore the history of the area, visit the charming towns and villages like Fort Augustus, Foyers, Cannich, and Drumnadrochit, or just relax and enjoy the great outdoors. Take a leisurely walk along the shore or a bigger challenge like the South Loch Ness Trail or the 70 mile long Great Glen Way which traverses some of Scotland's finest scenery, it is all here just waiting to be discovered by you.



Diverse Landscapes

From Loch's to snowcapped mountains, Inverness Loch Ness has a diversity of landscape that is the envy of many places around the world.

Glen's that offers a unique combination of mountain scenery, ancient Caledonian forests, rivers and impressive waterfalls. In particular, Glen Affric has earned a reputation as one of the most beautiful wilderness areas of Scotland and it is now a national nature reserve.

Heather covered hills, sparkling lochs, deep dark forests and panoramic views that will take your breath away. With such a beautiful and wild landscape it is little wonder that many people come to the area to walk and see the rich diversity of wildlife and flora.

Unique Destination

Visit Inverness Loch Ness and experience city and stunning scenery with myth, history and legends – all in one diverse inspiring location.

A vibrant, growing city, the romance and mystery of the Loch, a warmth of welcome that enhances the friendliness of the population and a variety of land that is yours to discover as you see fit. Inverness Loch Ness can be as you want it to be.



Great Outdoors

To experience the area you must spend time exploring the great outdoors and for that there is no better place to be.

For runners, walkers or cyclists we have a vast array of established trails available to satisfy all ability levels.

For lovers of wildlife there are numerous options, the Highlands of Scotland has a richly deserved reputation for wildlife. The area is abundant with animals in the wild, including deer, pine martens, otters and even wildcats. From red squirrel to bottlenose dolphins, there is a fascinating diversity of creatures to enjoy in their natural habitat.

The region contains an array of internationally important bird including ospreys, red kites and white tailed sea eagles. It is also home to game birds such as the black grouse, red grouse, ptarmigan and capercaillie, and at least a quarter of the UK's threatened species including the majestic golden eagle.

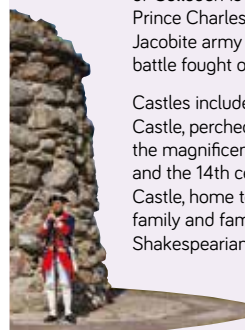


Heritage

The area is steeped in history, from prehistoric settlements to castle ruins.

Just outside Inverness, the moorland of Culloden is where the hopes of Prince Charles Edward Stuart and the Jacobite army ended in 1746, the last battle fought on British soil.

Castles include atmospheric Urquhart Castle, perched above Loch Ness, the magnificent Dunrobin Castle and the 14th century Cawdor Castle, home to the present Cawdor family and famously linked with the Shakespearian play Macbeth.



Relaxation

Accommodation options range from the top luxury accommodation providers that cater for your every whim, to the smaller privately owned establishments, exclusive use castles, luxury lodges or deluxe wood cabins, we have options for all tastes.

Once you're settled take time to relax and unwind with an indulgent spa session in preparation for a wonderful dinner in any of the area restaurants. Café chic, fine dining, seafood or game, whatever takes your fancy there's a great option for you.



Culture

With a proud history of Celts, crofts and clans, the culture of the area can now be experienced through music and dance at a Ceilidh, having a dram at one of the whisky distilleries, neeps & tatties at one of the fine restaurants or maybe searching for Nessie on Loch Ness!



Activities

Inverness Loch Ness is a great place for activities, with plenty of sporting activities to take part in - all set against a breath taking backdrop of Highland scenery. On the water you could spend a relaxing day fishing for salmon, trout, sea-trout, char or pike - or try your hand at sailing or canoeing.

A fantastic place for walking, and caters for all abilities from challenging hill walks and long distance hikes along the Great Glen Way to well signposted and accessible walks suitable for the whole family. Mountain bikes are a wonderful way to explore the Great Glen Way, villages, forests and the Caledonian Canal. If you're feeling more energetic, there are plenty of adventure sports on offer in the area such as wind surfing, paragliding and skiing on the Cairngorms as well as the Nevis Range.

And of course, remember Scotland is the home of golf, so don't forget to pack your clubs.

Memorable Experiences

See your favourite artist perform on stage, be amazed at the grandeur of the pipes and drums at a Military Tattoo, satisfy one of your life's goals by competing in a marathon, hear a stags mating call before you see it on the skyline, hit a hole in one at a Championship Golf Course or make new friends in a local bar. Inverness Loch Ness is here to create your own memorable experiences.



A woman with short blonde hair, wearing a grey pinstripe suit jacket over a white top, is smiling and talking on a mobile phone. She is standing on a balcony with a black metal railing, overlooking a lake and a town in the background. The word "visit helpfulness" is written vertically in large white letters on the right side of the image.

visit helpfulness

The Visit Inverness Loch Ness team is here to help you research, plan and operate your event.

We know that your time is limited and as such with our extensive local knowledge and service suppliers as our members, we are committed to supporting you as needed, saving you valuable time and ensuring that you have everything you need.

Be it helping find suitable venues, supporting with site visits, supplying contact details with the best local suppliers or working with you with regards to financial support for your event – all requests, whatever the size will be handled.

And the great thing is that our services are free!

Helpfulness



Venue Finding

Be it for a meeting for 20, an incentive for 50 or a conference for 800, we will provide a proposal with suitable and available venues with negotiated rates so you can select the ideal venue for your event.



Familiarisation Trips

Look out for invitations to our regular familiarisation trips. In addition we can arrange and accompany you on your own trip to view the great venues, accommodation and outdoors that the area offers.

Our team can assist in planning and scheduling your own trip to visit venues you may be interested in using. If required we can also accompany you to the meetings. Whatever support you need we are here to help.

Accommodation booking

We will find the accommodation that fits your request at the most competitive rates. If required we can set up and manage a secure online booking system for your delegates.



Social programmes

Cocktail parties while cruising on Loch Ness, your own Highland Games, tee times at Championship golf courses or a Gala Dinner at a castle. Whatever your needs, our team can suggest a range of unique and memorable experiences.

Interesting, unique and a varied range of activity options are essential to the success of any event. Be that an element in an incentive programme or as part of a partners programme during a conference.

Our local landscape is perfect for exploring the great outdoors and we can work with you and our service providers to create programmes that give your guests the most memorable experiences possible.

Supplier contacts

In the Inverness Loch Ness Tourism BID, our suppliers are our members. Whatever you need from catering to cruises, from dancers to drivers or from tours to translation we can connect you with the best local suppliers.



Bid creation

Our experienced team can put together a full bid or destination presentation on your behalf. A full range of images and area videos are also available to you to enhance your proposals.



Local knowledge and information

Whatever it is you or your guests need to know we are here to help. How to get here, what to bring, hospital and medical services, best walking and running routes or where to go or what to do pre or post your event.



Ambassador programme

A high proportion of all associations conferences come as a direct result of an invitation from a local member of an organisation or professional body. VisitScotland's Business Tourism Unit has established an Ambassador Programme serving the regions of Scotland.

Visit www.conventionscotland.com/ambassadorprog for more information.



Financial support

Your event may be suitable for financial support through the Scotland Conference Bid Fund or through local City Funding and for some events a Free Civic Drinks Reception at the historic Town House can be offered. Contact us for further information.

Contact Us

Whatever you need our team is ready to help and we would love to hear from you.

Contact us on **+44 (0) 1463 219219** or email admin@visitinl.com

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April

The Etape Cycle Race

The Etape Cycle race completes a full 360° route around iconic Loch Ness, starting and finishing in the Highland capital of Inverness. It offers a fantastic challenge with unrivalled scenery on closed roads whether you're a seasoned cyclist or a newcomer looking for your first sportive. Bring your family and make a holiday of it, plus give yourself time to explore the area and practice the course.

All cyclists must adhere to the minimum average speed of 13mph. This gives riders 5 hours and 35 minutes to complete the course. Cyclists falling behind this will be given the option of returning to the Event Hub in the sweep bus or completing the course on open roads.

www.etapelochness.com

ANNUAL EVENT

Rachel Sermanni

Folk-Noir balladeer Rachel Sermanni returns to Eden Court following the release of her new studio album, *Tied To The Moon*. The album was written in March 2014, in an apartment above a pottery studio deep in the sticks of Nova Scotia.

Bookended by her routine of going for a morning run in the surrounding ten acre forest and silent afternoons of coffee and pistachios, Rachel would sit, in total solitude; writing; reading; playing music.

Back in Scotland she enlisted the help of Colin Macleod (recording and production), Jennifer Austin (piano, organ and backing vocals), Gordon Skene (bass and cello) and Louis Linklater (drums) and tracked all takes, live, in Colin's living room in the Scottish Highlands.

www.eden-court.co.uk



July

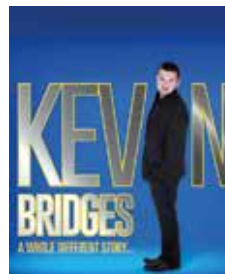
Highland Games

The Inverness Highland Games will take place as part of the Inverness Summer Festival. Founded in 1822 the Inverness Highland Games is one of the most spectacular traditional gatherings staged in Scotland and is one of the highlights of any visit to the Highland capital city of Inverness.

There are numerous other Highland Games gatherings throughout the area.

invernesshighlandgames.com

ANNUAL EVENT



Kevin Bridges - A Whole Different Story

Kevin Bridges returns to the road with a brand new show *A Whole Different Story*.

Scotland's biggest export, Kevin Bridges, dubbed as "brilliant" by one of his comedy idols, Billy Connolly, has had an astonishing rise to success. His 2012 tour, *Kevin Bridges - The Story Continues* smashed box office records selling a staggering 45,000 tickets on the first day. His epic 136-date tour culminated in a sell out run throughout Australia. The DVD of the same name made it to number 5 in the charts for Christmas that year.

The last twelve months have been incredibly busy for Kevin with him hosting three shows for BBC1 including a referendum special of his critically acclaimed documentaries *Kevin Bridges - What's The Story* and stand up shows on the Commonwealth Games and the Scottish Referendum.

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July

Scottish Open Golf 2016

Castle Stuart Golf Links is set to host the Aberdeen Asset Management Scottish Open for the fourth time in six years in 2016, it will be back to Castle Stuart, which hosted the event for three successive years from 2011-2013 when Luke Donald, Jeev Milkha Singh and Phil Mickelson were crowned champions.

The competition brought out huge crowds to the course and was seen by an enormous audience across the world which enhanced the reputation of the Highlands of Scotland as a major golfing destination.



ANNUAL EVENT

Belladrum Tartan Heart Festival

The Tartan Heart Festival is a music festival, held on the Belladrum Estate near Inverness. The festival is well known for its wide ranging musical scope, as well as its family friendly atmosphere, with a large dedicated family camp-site.

As well as the main stages, there are a wide range of stalls and fringe acts, including one-man bands, alternative therapy tents, barbers, yoga and dance tuition, not to mention the Miniscule of Sound, the world's smallest nightclub!

www.tartanheartfestival.co.uk

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September



ANNUAL EVENT

Highland Military Tattoo

The Highland Military Tattoo takes place in the dramatic setting of Fort George, Inverness and is the largest annual Military Tattoo outside Edinburgh. Highlights include The Military Band of The Royal Regiment of Artillery, the Pipe Bands of The Black Watch and The Highlanders', a fly past from an RAF Typhoon and a dazzling fireworks display. The Tattoo showcases a mix of local, military and international acts and celebrates the best of traditional and contemporary Highland culture.

www.highlandmilitarytattoo.com



Scottish Opera

Revival of the 1999 co-production with Welsh National Opera

Sung in French with English supertitles

Supported by Scottish Opera's 'Play a Supporting Role' appeal

In the sultry heat of Seville, passions are high and drama is around every corner – and a hot-blooded tale of seduction and obsession is about to unfold.

From the 'Habanera' to the rousing 'Toreador's Song', Bizet's brilliant music pulls you right into the action of this passionate love story. With a star-studded cast including 2015 International Opera Award winner Justina Gringyte, one of the world's most talked-about tenors Noah Stewart, and Roland Wood, direct from the drama of 2015's *Il trovatore*, this is an unforgettable evening not to be missed.

www.eden-court.co.uk

Hairspray

The smash hit musical comedy *Hairspray* comes to Inverness as part of its tour of the UK and Ireland with a brand new production, guaranteed to have you dancing the night away!

It's Baltimore, 1962 where Tracy Turnblad, a big girl with big hair and an even bigger heart, is on a mission to follow her dreams and dance her way onto national TV. Tracy's audition makes her a local star and soon she is using her newfound fame to fight for equality, bagging local heartthrob Link Larkin along the way!

With an all-star cast to be announced, *Hairspray* is an irresistible feel-good show that will have you smiling for days – let your hair down!

www.eden-court.co.uk



ANNUAL EVENT

September

Baxters Loch Ness Marathon

A Monster Race... running alongside the shores of the world's most famous loch.

The Baxters Loch Ness Marathon & Festival of Running is a notable fixture on the running calendar. There are great marathons around the world, many of them particularly marked by their settings, and the Loch Ness ranks right alongside them.

Loch Ness is one of the best-known destinations in the world. Its beautiful scenery and the centuries-old mystery

of the Loch Ness monster have attracted visitors from around the world for years.

The monster is not the only long-running legend in the area, as Loch Ness is also home to one of the best marathons in the UK. It is the biggest in Scotland which takes place in a rural setting, and brings lots of opportunities for all kinds of runners to take part – either in the marathon or one of the associated running events.

www.lochnessmarathon.com



Brendan Cole - A Night To Remember

Brendan Cole is once again set to dazzle audiences across the UK with his show, *A Night to Remember*.

Brendan, one of *Strictly Come Dancing*'s most charismatic choreographers and performers, will host throughout as he leads his cast on a journey of music and dance in a spectacular night of theatrical entertainment. Loaded with ballroom magic and Latin excitement, Brendan's newest live music and dance extravaganza will be 2016's must see show!

www.eden-court.co.uk

The James Plays

The National Theatre of Scotland

When The James Plays premiered in Autumn 2014, the critical and public impact was extraordinary.

Described by *The Telegraph* as 'better than Shakespeare' and 'Rona Munro's thrilling trilogy could be the finest history plays ever penned.'

The James Plays sold out their run at the Edinburgh International Festival and the National Theatre of Great Britain in London, causing a storm of attention, and thrilling audiences. Now returning for a high-profile UK and international tour, these plays represent theatre-making at its very best.

www.eden-court.co.uk





We have a fabulous range of traditional and unique style venues for you to choose from.

Modern, academic, historical, cultural, non-conventional, fun – our venues can fit all different needs as you will see over the next few pages.

Contact us or the venues direct for any additional information you may need.

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Event capacity

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At a Glance

Bogbain Farm is a rustic and romantic converted barn venue suitable for private hire events such as weddings, parties & corporate events.

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Bogbain Farm

Bogbain Farm is just 3 miles south of Inverness along the A9. The home of brilliant festivals such as Brew at the Bog, Northern Roots Festival and the Inverness Whisky Festival! They offer a lot of flexibility and can offer you a day delegate rate or venue hire, depending on what suits your needs best.

They are fully accessible for wheelchair users and use external caterers to make sure you're well fed and watered during the day.

The venue includes The Barn - A converted barn building with a comprehensive PA system, stage, beautiful stone walls and a ceiling of fun fairy lights! Can seat up to 150 people and 200 people standing.

The Bothy - A more modern, cosy room full of natural light and with flooring made of old wine crates. Can seat up to 120 people.

The Bar - A welcoming reception area with a fully licensed bar with two large wood-burning stoves providing a cosy atmosphere all year round.

The Studio - A much smaller room which could be used as a meeting room, a quiet space or a cloakroom.

Outside - With stunning views overlooking the Moray Firth, it really speaks for itself!

At a Glance

The magical Cawdor Castle dates back to the late 14th century. Steeped in history, visitors are still delighted by it to this day.

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Cawdor Castle

A fairy-tale castle which you can touch and see and sense for yourself, Cawdor is a splendid house and home to the Dowager Countess Cawdor. With its low doorways, turnpike stairs, massive walls warmed by rare tapestries and its original kitchen, Cawdor is a place where you can slip right into Scottish History.

Cawdor's three outstanding gardens are not to be missed. They include herbaceous borders, roses, rhododendrons, the rare blue poppy, spring bulbs contemporary sculptures and a wild garden. In Cawdor Big Wood are splendid trees and nature trails. On certain days walk to nearby Auchindoune House to explore the Tibetan, formal and vegetable gardens as well as an orchard and arboretum.

There are three shops, the gift shop, highland shop, the Courtyard Restaurant and Clubhouse Coffee shop offer a selection of home baking and meals prepared by the Cawdor Chefs from the finest local ingredients.

The Courtyard Restaurant is available during the summer season in the evening for events up to 50 guests. Outside the summer season the restaurant is available during the day and the evening. In addition to the restaurant there is also space accommodate marquees for up to 600 guests.



Centre for Health Science

Create an inspiring setting for your event by hosting it in the modern, stylish and unique location that the Centre for Health Science offers. The Centre for Health Science has the modern facilities to meet a variety of needs including teaching, training, conference, exhibitions and other events.

The Centre can offer a wide range of facilities that are flexible, versatile and adaptable and excellent customer care is provided on site by the Centre's facilities team. Rooms are well equipped with audio visual technology and can be set up to meet your individual requirements.

Facilities include a 150 seat auditorium, two lecture theatres for 50 and 100 and a number of classrooms, seminar rooms and meeting rooms. There is also a video conferencing and computer training room, library, café, internal street and outdoor courtyard, on site catering and plenty of car parking.

The Centre is in a fantastic location, with Inverness Airport only 15 minutes away, Inverness Train and Bus Station 10 minutes away and it also well connected to the local transport networks.



Craigmonie Centre

This community centre is integrated with Glen Urquhart High School in Drumnadrochit, only 14 miles from Inverness on the A82 by Loch Ness. With a range of youth activities, adult education and a quality arts programme there is something for everyone.

The facilities Include a 200 seat theatre with comfortable retractable, tiered seating, HD Projector, Blu-ray, DVD & VHS, a large cinema screen for forward projection - rear projection and stage sets by arrangement, surround sound and PA system, professional lighting rig and curtains. There are various meeting rooms that can accommodate from 10 to 80 delegates. A multi gymnasium and sports hall - for a range of indoor activities, all weather floodlit pitch, grass playing fields, fitness suite and changing facilities. In addition - there is a café, library, dining area, gallery area and courtyard.

In house catering that can offer everything from a welcoming tea / coffee with home baking, through to themed dinners using local produce.

At a Glance

The Centre for Health Science is an inspiring, state of the art facility located in the capital city of the Scottish Highland, Inverness.

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At a Glance

The Craigmonie Centre has a wide range of facilities including 200 seat Theatre, Games hall, Meeting rooms, all weather floodlit pitch, Public Library, Fitness Room, and more.

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At a Glance

The National Trust for Scotland welcomes corporate partners for Culloden Battlefield and the visitor centre.

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Culloden Battlefield Visitor Centre

The National Trust for Scotland visitor centre at Culloden is available for a range of corporate hospitality. With two separate conference rooms available we offer a range of options tailored to your needs.

Make use of the modern, environmentally and disabled friendly facilities and restaurant with exciting new menus and a range of catering options from coffee and shortbread to buffet lunches and evening meals. The space can be configured to become a multi-functional space suitable for many events such as set formal dinners, theatre-style events, concerts/talks and meetings.

Only 15 minutes from the airport the venue offers a unique space to host a range of events and meetings. With ample parking on site and gorgeous views this is a special venue which attracts visitors from across the world.

We also offer guided tours of the battlefield, private costumed presentations and the chance to explore our state of the art exhibition with 360 degree battle immersion theatre to give your visit something extra special.

At a Glance

Dunrobin is the largest North Highland castle with 189 rooms. Formal Gardens with Falconry displays and a private Museum.

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Dunrobin Castle

Many organisations are reaping the benefits of bringing their people and guests to the Highlands of Scotland – where they can be assured of total focus and an almost therapeutic quality of clear air, beautiful country and natural landscape – that ideal environment to impress and engage your delegates or guests, and an inspirational venue for an important celebration or gathering.

Dunrobin Castle is wonderfully accessible to all the main Scottish cities, whilst still quietly secluded in its own grounds and policies well away from the madding crowd. Ideal for that important corporate event or product launch – and quite the most romantic setting for a wedding. The Castle combines a strong historical atmosphere, the facilities and services of a 21st century house and the most elegant and majestic of interiors.

Dunrobin Castle represents everything that is most precious about Scotland. Architecturally diverse and filled with fabulous artefacts, Dunrobin allows your guests to relax in the most stunning of surroundings. Business is successfully combined with pleasure here and the whole estate is well designed for entertaining on all fronts.

Next time you are considering a major event or celebration, why not offer your guests a rare glimpse of a bygone era.



Eden Court

Eden Court is not only the premier arts and entertainment venue for the North of Scotland, but it is also the largest, most adaptable conference venue. Spanning three centuries of building, Eden Court boasts state-of-the-art facilities providing event solutions for up to 1500 delegates.

Empire Theatre The auditorium remains at the heart of the facilities at Eden Court. It has a substantial stage backed up by a large number of well appointed dressing rooms. Designed over three levels, the Empire Theatre offers a range of very comfortable seating options with excellent sight lines. Capacity 840

One Touch Theatre Versatile space which can seat 250 theatre style. These seats can roll away to allow the space to turn into a flat floor venue to accommodate exhibitions, dinners and large cabaret meetings.

Jim Love Studio Large studio space with a mirrored wall. Room leads out on to a covered room terrace which overlooks the River Ness. Capacity 100 theatre style.

La Scala and Playhouse Cinemas. Capacities 138 / 86

The Bishops Palace Four function rooms with capacities from 15 to 80 including the Provost Smith Memorial Chapel - The high vaulted ceiling, beautifully restored stonework and the minstrel gallery all lend an air of magic to any occasion.



Fort George

Fort George is the finest example of 18th-century military engineering anywhere in the British Isles.

Strategically positioned on a promontory jutting into the Moray Firth, the fort was intended as an impregnable army base. It was designed on a monumental scale, using sophisticated defence standards, with heavy guns covering every angle. Today, it would cost nearly £1 billion.

Within the boundary walls was accommodation for a governor, officers, and artillery detachment and a 1,600 strong infantry garrison. It also housed more than 80 guns, a magazine for 2,500 gunpowder barrels, ordnance and provision stores, a brewhouse and a chapel.

Fort George's versatile and large space can be used for a variety of events such as annual events the Celebration of the Centuries - celebrating over two thousand years of Scottish history. Fort George comes to life as performers depict centuries of history from Picts and Romans, through Viking, Medieval, Renaissance, Reformation and Jacobite eras to World War I and II and The Highland Military Tattoo, the largest Tattoo outside Edinburgh, providing a flavour of traditional and contemporary Highland Culture, with highlights from The Military Band of The Royal Regiment of Artillery, the Pipe Bands of The Black Watch and The Highlanders.

At a Glance

Eden Court is the main theatre and entertainment venue for the Highlands in the heart of Inverness. The building houses, two theatres, two cinemas, dance studios, meeting rooms, cafe/bar and restaurant.

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At a Glance

Fort George is one of the most outstanding fortifications in Europe. It was built in the wake of the Battle of Culloden (1746) as an impregnable base for King George II's army.

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At a Glance

A visit to Glen Ord Distillery, on the edge of the Black Isle in the Highlands west of Inverness, is a delight to both the eye and the palate

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Glen Ord Distillery

A visit to Glen Ord, the nearest distillery to Inverness & Loch Ness in the Highlands of Scotland, is a delight to both the eye and the palate. Join on a tour of the distillery and watch distillers at work creating a magical malt whisky which is sweet, malty and dry on the palate.

Their whisky, The Singleton of Glen Ord is for selected Asian markets only and at the Visitor Centre and Whisky Shop. However, it is not available elsewhere in the UK or Europe. The Singleton of Glen Ord is a rich, smooth-tasting, well-balanced whisky with distinctive packaging. For the new Singleton of Glen Ord, a higher proportion of the liquid has been matured in European oak, delivering a rich, smooth-tasting, well rounded style.

Glen Ord distillery was founded in 1838, making it one of the oldest in Scotland. Situated on the edge of the Black Isle west of Inverness, Glen Ord continues to malt its own barley and to use the long fermentation and slow distillation methods followed there for generations.

The visitor centre and museum is available for private events and a truly unique venue for a meeting or evening function.

At a Glance

Available for relevant conferences or to support city wide events

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Highland Council Chambers

Located within the Council Headquarter in the heart of Inverness this extension was opened in 1986.

Built at a cost of £1.6 million it incorporates offices on the ground floor, currently

occupied by the Chief Executive's Service, and on the upper floor the Chamber, two Committee Rooms and a Members' Lounge.

The Chamber has seating for 113 people and has hosted a wide range of events over two and a half decades. Solar panels were added to the building recently to reduce the Council's carbon footprint.

The Chamber was built principally to provide a modern meeting place for the former Regional Council. The building provides an impressive home for local democracy in the Highlands. It has also hosted many UK and Scottish Government meetings and visits from the Royal Family. The Chamber includes all required AV equipment and translation booths if required. The two Committee Rooms can be used for breakout meetings or green rooms and the Member's lounge is ideal for coffee breaks and networking.

The venue can be used by special arrangement for suitable events.



Inverness Airport

Inverness Airport is located just 15 minutes from the city centre and provides an unusual space for a gala dinner or meeting.

Inverness was the first airport to achieve Hospitality Assured accreditation from the Hotel and Catering International Management Association, in 2002 and

has maintained it's accredited status. Their customer service promise is to put people at the heart of their business and to provide friendly and professional service in a calm and safe environment.

The airport restaurant can be reconfigured to become a multi-functional space suitable for many events such as set formal dinners, theatre-style events, concerts/talks, cabaret. This facility benefits from onsite catering and bar facilities. Capacity for up to 1,000.

The Exchange Business Suite offers a range of facilities from hot desking, one to one meetings, small conferencing facilities up to 6 people and a large conference room which can seat 25, up to 50 theatre style. All catering requirements from teas/coffees to banquet menus are also possible in the Suite.

The airport offers plenty of parking spaces available for all delegates.



Inverness Botanic Gardens

Opened in 1993 by Prince Edward, Inverness Botanic Gardens, formerly known as the Floral Hall and Gardens, are an oasis of calm and beauty within walking distance of the bustling city centre.

With each new season the gardens are an explosion of colour and texture with borders planted to demonstrate a wide variety of plants and growing conditions. The impressive glasshouses reveal the drama of plant diversity ranging from the tropical rainforests to arid, heat scorched desert. These include the Tropical House and Cactus House

The Coffee shop has a dedicated private area available to screen off, seating up to 20 people. This is ideal for small celebration parties or meetings.

Meetings and other functions can be held in the beautiful tropical house, seating up to 50 people.

The gardens and glass house are also fabulous settings for cocktail party, garden party or evening function.

At a Glance

A multi-functional space suitable for many events such as set formal dinners, theatre-style events, concerts/talks, cabaret.

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At a Glance

The Inverness Botanic Gardens makes a wonderful year round destination, so come and revel in these beautiful and much loved gardens and coffee shop.

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At a Glance

Inverness Leisure has facilities to host your event whether you are looking to accommodate from a few people to many thousands of people.

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Inverness Leisure Centre

As one of the largest leisure facilities in the Highlands of Scotland, Inverness Leisure can easily be converted for use to accommodate shows, conferences and major events with capacity for over 2,000 for a concert or up to 1,000 for a gala dinner

Working with some major promoters, Inverness Leisure has been proud to host some very high profile Highland events.

Inverness Leisure can offer a fully supported Event Management service for your events by one of our qualified and experienced members of the team.

In addition, Inverness Leisure can offer a number of fully-functional meeting rooms each of which can be set in various different styles to comfortably accommodate up to 50 people.

Other facilities at the leisure centre include a 25 metre competition pool, leisure pool, gym, studios, sports halls, climbing wall, athletics track and field, a health suite with sauna, steam and spa, a bistro and ample parking spaces for delegates.

At a Glance

The Ironworks is a purpose built live music, event and conference venue in the heart of Inverness, Scotland, boasting state of the art equipment and a fully professional team.

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Ironworks

The Ironworks in Inverness is not only a fantastic venue for live music but is also a dynamic space with a variety of options to cater for all of your conferencing needs.

If you are looking for somewhere to hold theatre style conferences, board meetings, awards ceremonies, product launches, exhibitions, workshops or seminars, they provide the perfect space for your event.

The main hall can hold up to 250 people seated cabaret style or 350 theatre style. The lounge can seat 30 delegates boardroom style and up to 120 theatre style. They also have two rooms available for workshop space and breakout sessions.

A complete audio-visual package can be provided and the venue is also completely wi-fi enabled for full internet access and their professional staff are on hand to provide you with whatever you need to ensure a successful conference or event at The Ironworks.

One of the benefits of choosing The Ironworks is its location, perfectly situated in the centre of Inverness. There is car parking adjacent to the venue and it is only two minutes walk from the city's bus and train stations, as well as the bustling city centre.



The Highlanders' Museum

The Highlanders' Museum is home to the largest number of military artefacts outside London. The Museum tells the story of the Highland Regiments from just after the Battle of Culloden up to the present day.

The Museum is based within Fort George which is still a working military barracks and is currently home to 3 SCOTS.

The Blue Hackle Rooms at the Highlanders' Museum offer a unique location for functions, parties, lunches, meetings and corporate hospitality in the heart of the Highlands.

They are situated on the second floor of the Museum and have stunning views across Fort George and the Moray Firth. There are two rooms available for hire - the dining room and the board room.

The dining room which can be set out in any format required and provides an excellent setting to entertain clients or perhaps host a small dinner or lunch. The dining room comfortably seats 12 people. Our board/ meeting room seats a maximum of 24 people and is fully equipped.

Should you wish to have a larger function, the whole Museum can be booked and can accommodate up to 80 people for drinks receptions, lunches and events. The Museum is also able to offer marquee hire for larger parties.



Loch Ness by Jacobite

Inspiration flows with Loch Ness by Jacobite.

Loch Ness by Jacobite has taken the already enchanting and memorable experience of sailing the waters of our world-famous loch - and enhanced the experience in every way, with bespoke chartered cruises that

offer infinite possibilities that will inspire, motivate and entertain your colleagues and customers.

As a 5 star operator on Loch Ness, Jacobite provides a first-class service that includes a choice of 4 impressive vessels, catering for 12 to up to 150 guests, with comfortable decks and fully stocked bars, sailing from the loch's most convenient departure points. They can work with you to plan the perfect route for your cruise, taking in inspiring sights and historic landmarks such as Urquhart Castle and the Caledonian Canal.

And when it comes to the added 'Wow!' factor, Loch Ness by Jacobite offers you a choice of on-board catering, entertainment other thoughtful touches that will create a truly memorable occasion. From Highland pipers and live bands, to whisky tasting and historic reenactments, a bespoke chartered cruise gives you the flexibility to create a complete event on the waters of Loch Ness, or as an inspiring departure from your on-shore conference or event.

At a Glance

The Highlanders' Museum is a visitor attraction and venue based within the picturesque grounds of Fort George, near Inverness.

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At a Glance

For over 40 years, Loch Ness by Jacobite, the 5 star cruise and tour operator, has enjoyed a monster reputation for a fantastic visitor experience.

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At a Glance

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Loch Ness Centre and Exhibition

Seven themed areas and five hundred million years of history, natural mystery and legend, revealing the unique environment of Loch Ness and the famous Nessie story.

With translations in 17 languages and 11 language narrations - the exhibition is an insight into the Loch's wider significance, whilst keeping the mystery centre stage.

Using a highly effective mix of lasers, digital projection and special effects, the Loch Ness Centre & Exhibition charts the history of the monster by exploring Scotland's geological past it's folklore and the various research projects carried out on the Loch.

Cruises from the centre run hourly every day during the season on The Loch Ness Project research vessel Deepscan. Onsite there is a cafe/restaurant seating up to 120 people and a vast shopping facility offering customers everything from kilts, cashmere and woollens, to a Whisky shop, Nessie shop and even a place to research your ancestry!

The centre is available as a unique venue for meeting or an evening cocktail party.



Tomatin Distillery

On a tour, friendly guides will welcome you and talk you through the whole production process, from mashing and distilling to maturation.

Following the tour you will return to the Visitor Centre where you will be offered the opportunity to sample different expressions of Tomatin. As well as our complete range of whiskies on sale, there's an extensive range of other quality gifts.

Tomatin offer a number of tours to learn how the award winning Whisky is produced each of which are followed with an opportunity to sample during a tutored nosing and tasting.

The visitor centre is available for meeting or meals - up to 50 pax. The venue has two other function spaces, the intimate tasting room for groups up to 12 and a much larger space in the heart of the distillery for up to 100 pax.

Guests can also fill their own bottle of cask strength distillery exclusive whisky.

At a Glance

Highland Single Malt Distillery Visitor Centre with a selection of in-depth distillery and tasting experiences.

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At a Glance

Explore the heritage of the Highlands through our diverse archive collections. Whether your interest is local or family history, there is something to appeal to everyone.

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The Archive Centre

The Highland Archive Centre is responsible for collecting and preserving the historic record of the Highlands. The archives date from the 14th century to the present day and consist of original documents in different formats from charters, minutes, correspondence and accounts to maps, photographs and films.

The Centre is the only venue in the Highlands with access to ScotlandsPeople Network, providing access to a wealth of historic records from across the whole of Scotland including Census Returns from 1841 to 1911; Old Parish Registers up to 1854; and Births, Marriages and Deaths (from January 1855).

The Highland Archive Centre is open to all and knowledgeable staff are always on hand to assist you. One to one consultations with family history staff are available to book every day, and they can help you to research your family history, with access to Scottish, English and Welsh Civil Registration records and many other types of online resources.

The hi-tech learning centre is available for meetings and conferences with a capacity up to 30 theatre style. The building also includes the ceremony suite with a 130 theatre style capacity.



Town House

Built in the Flemish-Baronial style on the corner of Castle Street and High Street in Inverness city centre, the Town House was constructed in 1878-82 to the design of local architect William Lawrie as a larger version of Sir George Gilbert Scott's Albert Institute in Dundee.

This building replaced the Old Town House, which was built in 1708 as the Inverness home of Lord Lovat, became the Burgh Town House in 1716 and was demolished in 1878.

The interior is grand, with an imposing staircase rising from the entrance to access the principal rooms: the sizeable Town Hall, the Council Chamber and a committee room. The wood-panelled Council Chamber features fine stained-glass windows and grand chandeliers. This was used for a historic meeting of the British Cabinet, the first and only occasion it had met outside London until the practice was re-introduced in 2008.

The Town House served as the base for Inverness Town Council until the 1960s. It remains in use for meetings, civic functions, concerts and civil marriages.

At a Glance

Historical building in the heart of Inverness.

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At a Glance

The Stadium is much more than just a football club; it is an ideal venue if you are planning a banqueting event, dinner, conference or party.

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Tulloch Caledonian Stadium

With a range of function suites to suit your needs, plus the ability to provide bespoke menus for each event you will need to look no further for an exciting venue in Inverness.

As a conference venue Tulloch Caledonian Stadium is renowned for first class facilities, food and friendly service and has built up an impressive portfolio of regular customers.

The Kingsmills Suite on Level 1 is a large space accommodating up to 180 guests for a dinner or party. The Boardroom is the ideal space for a small dinner or conference for up to 40 guests.

The Miller Lounge is situated on Level 2 offering a panoramic view of the pitch and the west of Inverness. This room holds up to 18 guests. The nearby Executive Box offers the same views as the Miller Lounge and can accommodate up to 16 people.

The smallest spaces are the Hospitality boxes of which there are five in total, holding up to 10 guests each.

As you would expect of a quality conference venue flipcharts, screens, projectors and TV/DVD facilities are available together with complimentary wi-fi. The convenient setting of the Stadium and ease of parking offer an unbeatable combination.



Urquhart Castle

The magnificently situated Urquhart Castle, on the banks of Loch Ness, remains an impressive stronghold despite its ruinous state.

Urquhart was once one of Scotland's largest castles. Its remains include a tower house – the most recent building on the site – that commands splendid views of the famous loch and Great Glen.

The castle's history is told in the exhibition and audio-visual display in the new visitor centre. The centre features an outstanding array of medieval artefacts found at the castle. It also tells the stories of the noble families who held the castle at different times: the Durwards, the MacDonalds and the Grants.

The visitor centre contains a café, a shop, an exhibition and interpretation area, an audio-visual presentation and toilets, all on one level. Its veranda offers stunning views of the loch.

The castle and grounds are available for all types of functions. The 80 seater theatre can be used for presentations, meetings and lectures, the grounds are available for large garden parties or picnics and the restaurant is ideal for a dinner as you overlook the Castle and Loch Ness behind.

At a Glance

Discover 1,000 years of drama, experience a glimpse of medieval life and enjoy stunning views over Loch Ness.

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At a Glance

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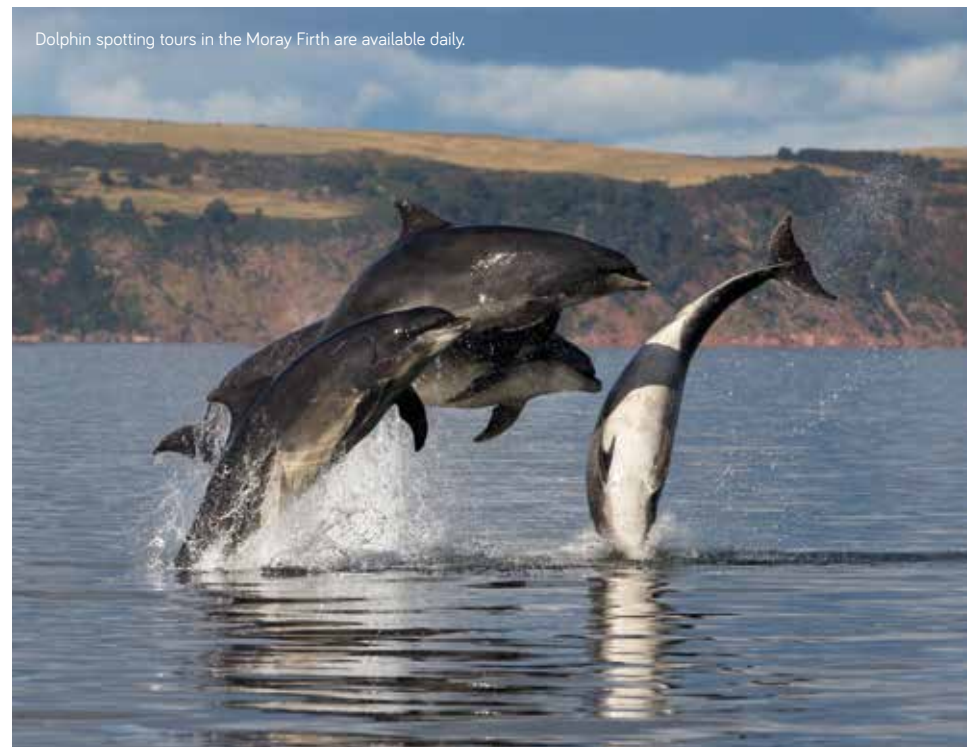
UHI

Inverness College UHI has opened its doors at its new location, the new building has amalgamated the old Longman building and Midmills building and will be a key part of the community. It will not only build links with local businesses but also will provide facilities for use by the general public.

If you need a room for a meeting with the latest smartboard technology, a lecture theatre seating 180 or simply a meeting space for brainstorming, we have a room to suit. Prices start at £125 for the day for a classroom and £260 for our lecture theatre. They can also provide catering, photocopying and even the odd lecturer for an evening class.

The fully licensed training restaurant serves delicious 2 and 3 course meals. The restaurant is open most Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays for lunch, the general public are encouraged to sample the professional cookery students cuisine and hospitality students service. Booking is essential. Service is provided by tge Hospitality students and the cooking is crafted by Professional Cookery students.

Dolphin spotting tours in the Moray Firth are available daily.



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Our accommodation venues offer style, location and facilities to match all tastes.

Your very own castle just for your guests, traditional style on the waters edge or modern luxury, whatever your preference is we have a venue for you.

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 No. of rooms
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At a Glance

5* Exclusive use venue on the outskirts of Inverness set in 15 acres of woodland and manicured gardens.

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Achnagairn Castle

A privately owned luxury venue in Scotland, awarded a 5* rating for both the Castle and it's recently built luxury lodges. With history dating back as far as the early 17th century, the castle itself is set within 15 acres of the Achnagairn Estate.

The reception rooms can provide you with the flexibility of a unique meeting room for up to 100 delegates or they can simply be used as a relaxing breakout area. The jewel in the crown, the vaulted ballroom provides a fabulous backdrop of original features including a stunning fireplace and minstrels gallery seating up to 150. The individually designed 24 bedrooms and luxurious bathrooms will cause a stir during any event as delegates debate who has the most glorious room. When in fact the answer is, they all do!

Achnagairn offers you the freedom to plan your event exactly as you want it, whether it's a conference, a meeting or celebration. They do not prescribe where, when or how, they encourage you to talk to them about your event so they can help you choose how to deliver it with maximum impact. Nothing constrains you, but your imagination!

At a Glance

Located in one of the world's most iconic locations, the historic Aldourie Estate is home to the only habitable castle on the southern shores of Loch Ness.

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Aldourie Castle

Aldourie castle is an exclusive use property with 13 bedrooms and is available for groups to take over as their own home. It is also ideal for private corporate bookings for meetings and other events and is available as a filming location.

If you are looking to rent a castle in Scotland for a private event then you may find your dream location at Aldourie castle, a luxury 5 star exclusive hire residential property available only for private hire to one group booking.

Aldourie can host any type of corporate occasion and can transform from accommodating intimate strategy meetings in the drawing room to huge product launches on the spectacular 500 acre estate.

The most welcoming and homely castle in Scotland is just five miles from the city of Inverness yet it is completely in a world of its own. This alone makes it extremely sought after as luxury group accommodation in the spectacular Scottish Highlands.

Aldourie, with incredible highland views, is set within 500 acres of private grounds combining woodland, parkland and gardens. The castle's estate even has its own pier and marina onto the famous shores of Loch Ness.



Best Western Lochardil House Hotel

Lochardil House has been privately owned and personally supervised by the Hosts – Eileen Fraser and Graeme MacBean

since 1985 and they have over the years upgraded the building – extending it by adding a purpose built Banqueting Suite with capacity to 200, New Kitchens, Victorian Conservatory Restaurant and most recently a new Garden Wing of luxury Bedrooms.

The fabric of the whole building is kept to a very high standard and they along with their experienced management team and staff assure you of a warm welcome and the best of attention.

The Victorian mansion house hotel is set in its own grounds, giving you the freedom to enjoy your break in a quiet residential area of Inverness, just 1.5 miles from the city centre.

The Conservatory restaurant overlooks the gardens, this fine restaurant serves equally fine Scottish food.

The three function rooms include the Anderson room with a capacity of 20 in theatre style, the Victoria up to 120 and Macdonald up to 200 in theatre or banquet.

At a Glance

A former Mansion House set in its own grounds in quiet area of Inverness.

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Best Western Palace Hotel & Spa

The Palace Hotel & Spa has been hosting business meetings, functions, events, parties, celebrations & family occasions in Inverness for more than 100 years and it is a great location for your event.

Opposite Inverness Castle, on the banks of the River Ness, a city centre location, with a warm and friendly welcome so you can unwind.

You'll enjoy a peaceful night's sleep in a stylish room and wake up a superb Scottish buffet breakfast. Relax in the lovely leisure club and spa, unwind by the 50 foot swimming pool or de-stress with a little pampering in the Spa.

You can relax in the Brasserie with a Starbucks coffee and a cake or simply enjoy a glass of wine and watch the river ness flow by. With free Wi-Fi you can stay connected where ever you are in the hotel too.

Meeting in Inverness could not be easier at the Palace, with the perfect city centre location, free wifi internet access and free car parking for you and your attendees. The Palace offers you the ideal Inverness hotel meeting room with lovely views of the River and Castle – capacity 110

At a Glance

The perfect place and location to enjoy your highland escape.

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At a Glance

A baronial style, four star, country house nestled in woodland on the shores of the Beaully Firth.

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Bunchrew House

Steeped in history Bunchrew House Hotel is a 17th century Scottish mansion, offering excellent hotel accommodation with 16 luxurious rooms and award-winning cuisine. Our highland welcome to this quality Inverness hotel is second to none.

Three miles from Inverness city centre but a world apart lies the finest of Inverness hotels set in 20 acres of beautiful gardens and woodland right down on the shores of the Beaully Firth.

The spectacular views and summer sunsets can be enjoyed from our Cedar Tree restaurant. You can wander the gardens and grounds or relax in our comfortable drawing room or cocktail lounge (both with log fires).

The Cocktail Bar is cosy and welcoming – just the place to relax and unwind in front of the log fire with one of the many fine malt whiskies. The windows look out onto the gardens and in particular The Loving Tree.

The Mackenzie Room is used as a small dining room for parties of up to 14 or as a meeting room. It has a log fire and fine views over the Beaully Firth.

At a Glance

The Columba Hotel, originally built in 1881, is in the heart of Inverness with views over the River Ness and Inverness Castle.

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Columba Hotel

This grand hotel has a great location in the heart of Inverness, yet in a quiet area with splendid views of the River Ness and Inverness Castle.

Inside its historic exterior, the Columba Hotel houses bright, airy rooms. Each has a TV with satellite channels and facilities for making tea and coffee.

There are 82 en suite bedrooms including a deluxe suite, many with river and castle views, restaurant and bar.

The hotel's décor combines traditional comfort with contemporary style and amenities. Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the building.

There is a large restaurant with a Carvery breakfast and a Daily evening Menu and also John MacNabs Bar & Bistro serving traditional cuisine, which also benefits from live Music on Saturdays during the Summer.

In the summer, you can look out over the beautiful floral decoration that surrounds Inverness Castle. In the winter, the trees that line Ness Walk are decked with fairy lights.



Craigmonie Hotel

The Craigmonie Hotel is situated in a quiet leafy residential area, yet only a matter of minutes from the centre of Inverness. The Hotel has the ambience of a country house, offering a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere in which to enjoy your stay, whether it be for business or pleasure.

This fine independently run highland hotel boasts 40 well-appointed en-suite bedrooms ranging from single rooms to superior doubles and gorgeous family rooms.

You will find a warm welcome complemented by professional service and a range of facilities for both you and your guests to enjoy throughout your stay.

Originally built in 1880, the building has been skilfully redecorated and now stands as a hotel of impeccable quality, boasting a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The Hotel reflects the perfect balance of traditional style and modern comfort with all the facilities to satisfy even the most discerning guest.

Leisure facilities consist of an indoor heated swimming pool, sauna and mini gym.

The Culduthel Banqueting Suite can seat up to a maximum of 140 guests for banqueting and up to 200 guests a meeting. The room benefits from natural daylight and with its own large dance floor and bar area.



Culloden House

This handsome Inverness luxury hotel with 28 bedrooms stands in nearly 40 acres where you are free to wander about the woodland and private gardens to enjoy the exceptional peace, tranquility and majesty of the grounds. Exclusive use of the House is available depending on the time of year.

Corporate events for some of the biggest names in Banking, Whisky, Fashion & Motor industry have taken place at Culloden House and their ability to cater for clients of all types makes Culloden House an ideal base.

Product launches, vintage car rallies, historic weekends or if you are just organizing a team break away from it all they can arrange an array of activities to suit your requirements and time scale.

Culloden's excellent reputation for food means that private dinner parties can also be arranged in either the Morning Room or the Forbes Room.

Conference facilities are available with room sizes ranging from boardroom for 12 to theatre style for up to 70 delegates. The house has standard conferencing equipment and wireless internet access. More specialist equipment can be hired locally. What ever your needs they will endeavour to accommodate.

At a Glance

Built in 1880, centrally located with the ambience of a country house

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At a Glance

Culloden House is one of the most attractive small country houses of its period in Scotland.

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At a Glance

A quiet city centre collection of period Victorian townhouses and apartments located on the banks of the River Ness.

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Glen Mhor Hotel & Apartments

Whether you're hosting a sales conference, an informal brainstorming session, or a gala dinner, their meeting and function rooms can accommodate any event.

Hanover Room: with its large windows overlooking the River Ness, ideal for a private luncheon or board meeting or dinner party.

The Hanover Room holds 20 theatre style, 20 for a private dinner and up to 15 in a boardroom layout.

Riverside Room: with ample natural day light and French doors onto the front hotel terrace it easily can accommodate 65 theatre style, 35 board room formation and 60 for a private dinner.

The seventy five bedrooms and eleven apartments and private house cater for all leisure and business requirements - from stunning suites with river views, luxurious three bed apartments, to small singles for the modest budget.

Great hospitality, ample onsite parking, fibre optic Wi-Fi and the premier location makes this the number one place to stay in the city.

Situated within the hotel, Nicos Bistro & Bar is inspired by traditional Scottish home-style cooking - guests are offered a relaxed and informal dining experience and it is one of the best known restaurants in Inverness.

At a Glance

The Glenmoriston Town House Inverness is a luxury boutique hotel with that little bit more.

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Glenmoriston Town House

One of the most respected of Inverness's hotels has an enviable reputation for service and style, with 30 stunning bedrooms, brasserie, cocktail and whisky bar and fine dining restaurant.

"Impressive!" The first and final word you want running through people's minds when you're running a meeting or event. When it comes to event space and meeting rooms in Inverness The Glenmoriston is dressed to impress.

The meeting rooms have the capacity to inspire, and the flexibility to cater for a wide variety of meetings and events.

The Glenmorangie Room is a brilliantly intimate space for meeting with colleagues or socializing among peers. This versatile and practical room can comfortably accommodate up to 16 delegates. WIFI, Air conditioning, Flat Screen TV and conference call facilities are available.

The Windsor Room is an ideal space for a meeting of the minds or a large social gathering. Accommodating up to 90 Delegates this self contained space is one way to impress with a self contained bar, relaxing seating for delegates and all modern day technology.

The hotels expert team will ensure that your meeting or event is as slick as it is stylish, with creative catering, the latest technology and perfect service.



Kingsmills Hotel

The much-loved Kingsmills Hotel, set within acres of manicured grounds blends historic tradition, contemporary design and passionate service. Originally built in 1785, an air conditioned events venue was added in 2014

The Kingsmills Suite, which can divide into 4 smaller rooms, offers 410 sqm of design led meeting space. Together with the existing meeting rooms in the original mansion house, they now have 7 rooms.

They can host large residential conferences with break out syndicate rooms, smaller meetings with impact, large impressive banquets or intimate dinners. The rooms in the original house are truly elegant and are enhanced by the original 18th century corniced ceilings and the cosy Adams room, which hosted Robert Burns for dinner, has the original working fire place.

With 147 stunning rooms and complimentary onsite parking they have the ideal venue. Rooms are large and spacious with superking-sized beds. Classic rooms are elegant, Patio rooms take you directly into the gardens, Luxury Rooms deliver luxury in its finest form and Cocoon and Retreat rooms in the exclusive Kingsclub and Spa are truly indulgent!

New for 2015 are Garden rooms nestled in idyllic seclusion in the grounds.



Loch Ness Clansman Hotel

With extensive hotel conference facilities and an ideal layout for up to 70 delegates, the Loch Ness Clansman Hotel near Inverness is an excellent conference venue to hold day or residential business seminars or other corporate events.

They have 26 en-suite bedrooms that can accommodate up to 66 people. Exclusive use is available.

Award winning Cobbs Restaurant is renowned for fabulous food- generous portions of the finest local produce with a contemporary twist and delicious deserts are always served with two spoons!

They hold an extensive range of fine wines and whiskies to suit all palates and budgets. A stunning 'mirrored wall' ensures that all diners can keep an eye on any unusual happenings on the Loch whilst enjoying their meal!

The main conference room is spacious, bright and looks onto Loch Ness. Capacity to 70 theatre or 120 for a reception.

In addition they have 4 Syndicate rooms for up to 8 people in each and several breakout areas.

At a Glance

Historical mansion house dating back to 1765 offering luxury and service unrivalled in Inverness.

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At a Glance

Set on the shores of the most mysterious stretch of water in the world, the hotel enjoys panoramic views of our breath taking Loch Ness of our breath taking Loch Ness

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At a Glance

An independent hotel, providing a haven of tranquillity, elegant comfort and excellent food.

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Loch Ness Country House Hotel

The wonderful exterior is complemented by an interior that has retained the splendour of the Georgian features whilst offering the luxury facilities that the modern traveller requires.

Whatever the reason for your stay, you can be sure to receive a warm welcome by a friendly and professional team.

Loch Ness Country House Hotel & Restaurant is an ideal venue for meetings, corporate events, networking events and day delegate and residential delegate packages.

Meeting rooms suit smaller groups as well as larger conferences.

They have a number of meeting spaces available for 2 – 120 people. Whether it is an informal chat, board meeting or conference they provide the perfect setting.

There are two rooms available, the first can hold 40 theatre style or 30 seated at 3 round tables, whilst the larger can seat 70 theatre style or 50 seated on round tables.

Capacities from 10 delegates in the Small Room to 120 in the Dunain Suite

Private dining areas are available in the restaurant for up to 24 people and in the Dunain Suite for 100.

At a Glance

Choose the Mercure Inverness Hotel for a dramatic Highland backdrop and Inverness Old Town right on your doorstep. You can't get more central than this!

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Mercure Inverness

Located on the banks of the River Ness the Mercure has 118 guestrooms, restaurant, bar and 2 meeting rooms.

For relaxation, explore the beautiful surroundings, including legendary Loch Ness six miles away or keep yourself in peak fitness with a workout in the fully-equipped

gym, open 24 hours. Pull open the curtains of your classic room and you're greeted with views of the River Ness or the picturesque Old Town. All bedrooms feature a flat-screen TV and complimentary high speed WiFi. In privilege and superior rooms you can enjoy a Nespresso coffee machine, newspaper, robe and slippers.

Both meeting rooms are fully equipped with complimentary wi-fi, audio-visual equipment and space for up to 200 delegates. These range from the Ambassador room for up to 12 to the Inverness Suite for up to 220 theatre style or 200 for a dinner.

There's parking for up to 55 cars and access to the Mercure Inverness Hotel is easy being located in the centre of Inverness. The hotel ensures that our business services and conference facilities meet the highest expectations. They will set up your meeting room exactly to your specifications and offer a range of equipment to hire for your event.



Jurys Inn Inverness

From the stunning Cairngorms to Loch Ness and its famous monster, you'll find a warm welcome at Jurys Inn Inverness.

Just outside Inverness city centre – With 118 bedrooms, including suites, firstclass leisure facilities, a restaurant, plus four function suites, a popular choice for both tourists and business travellers.

There's also ample free car parking on-site. And after a day's meetings (or monsterhunting) the Otium Health & Leisure Club has everything you need to relax and recharge.

The largest function room, the Raigmore Suite, seats up to 200 delegates theatrestyle, making it suitable for larger meetings, conferences and banquets:

They have three further rooms suitable for board and team meetings, training sessions, presentations, interviews and private dining. Capacities theatre style are 32, 50 and 65.



The Lovat

The Lovat is an independently owned former Victorian station hotel located in the bustling yet quaint village of Fort Augustus on the banks of Loch Ness.

Over the last 10 years the hotel has been nurtured by Caroline Gregory and her team, into becoming an award winning eco-conscious nimbus that is attracting increasing

interest as well as maintaining a loyal customer base, who are captivated by the hotel's naturally warm hospitality in such an iconic location.

The hotel is perfect for families, outdoor enthusiasts or those who just wish for a quiet getaway and its central location gives it an ideal base for longer days out or for exploration from the doorstep.

There are two dining areas at the hotel - The Brasserie offers an à la carte menu available throughout the year however, it is Station Road that is the platform to highlight the true talents of Head Chef, Sean Kelly. Sean is subtly ambitious & adventurous in his creativity, pushing his boundaries as well as yours with his 5 course set menu. The 3 rosette restaurant, Station Road doesn't offer fine dining instead it offers FUN dining.

They have two rooms available, the first can hold 40 theatre style or 30 seated at 3 round tables, whilst the larger can seat 70 theatre style or 50 seated on round tables.

At a Glance

Choose Jurys Inn Inverness for a dramatic Highland backdrop and Inverness Old Town right on your doorstep. You can't get more central than this!

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**At a Glance**

The Lovat is an award winning luxury Victorian hotel full of character that is carefully balanced by contemporary charm.

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At a Glance

Set within 9 acres of landscaped parkland Drumossie Hotel offers a winning combination of elegant surroundings and comfort.

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The New Drumossie Hotel

Set in nine acres of parkland with spectacular views over the Moray Firth, the listed art deco New Drumossie Hotel is an oasis of peace and elegance.

Boasting extensive conferencing facilities, fully-equipped meeting rooms, delicious food and drink and luxurious accommodation, Macdonald Drumossie Hotel can host meetings, conferences and events for up to 500 people.

All function suites and meeting rooms benefit from lovely natural daylight and air-conditioning. Stay connected with complimentary wireless internet access throughout the hotel and rest assured the dedicated meeting and events team will guarantee smooth running of your important occasions.

After a busy day of leisure activities or business meetings, dine in the award winning Grill Room Restaurant and wind down in the traditional comfort of The Lounge, before retreating to one of the stylish, soothing rooms.



The Waterside

The Waterside Hotel is one of the best located venues in Inverness, offering flexible conference and meeting room facilities and dining rooms, accommodating from 2 to 150 guests.

The Conference and Events suite, boasts modern fibre optic lighting and interactive sound system along with plenty of LED down

lighters controlled by dimmers for brightness or effect. Hi-speed Wi-Fi is available free of charge to conference delegates.

If you are looking for a conference, meeting, training or any corporate event in the Inverness area The Waterside hotel can offer you all the benefits of a meeting package at an amazing price.

The conference suite offers flexibility enabling each location to facilitate any size or type of event, ranging from corporate seminars and banqueting functions to informal meetings and private dining. They can provide additional breakout areas giving you flexibility to meet your requirements.

The conference facilities are complimented by the high standard of food, quality service and a welcoming friendly environment.

Simply hire the room for your needs or make the most of a great value 24hr delegate rates. They offer special rates for Sunday evening accommodation, please contact hotel direct for details.

At a Glance

Owner run, traditional 3 star hotel with all mod cons including free hi-speed broadband. Ideal for business or leisure visits

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At a Glance

The Royal Highland is truly a venue with a difference - unique central location, sumptuous classical interiors and excellent service throughout.

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The Royal Highland

The hotel's hallmarks of tranquillity, warmth, charm and great style sit wonderfully with the 'centre of adventure' in the North which is Inverness.

A range of meeting rooms provides conference, meeting and training facilities from 2 -180. With fine dining and the 'Spirit of the North' freely available from the hotel bars, and the comfort of lovely bedrooms and you have the perfect recipe for a successful event.

The perfect place for interaction of learning and creative thinking with fun, whatever your preferences. Let your imagination run riot in the knowledge that the creative events team will customize and plan your whole event, including activities and itineraries, allowing you to concentrate on your own agenda to make the most of it. They recognize that many clients are looking for something a little different, and one stop planning, coordination and management takes the strain and pressure away from them.

A spectacular sunset over Loch Ness



www.visitinvernesslochness.com

Interesting, unique and a varied range of activity options are essential to the success of any event.

Be that an element in an incentive programme or as part of a partners programme during a conference.

Our local landscape is perfect for exploring the great outdoors and we can work with you and our service providers to create programmes that give your guests the most memorable experiences possible.

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At a Glance

At a Glance Mobile outdoor activity provider offering amazing outdoor experiences across Scotland, from adventure holidays to exciting days out for groups.

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Boots 'n' Paddles

Boots 'n' Paddles offer adventurous days out & weekends, adventure holidays and family activities throughout Scotland, all year round. As a fully mobile outdoor activity provider they can bring the activities to a location near you, whether that's your holiday accommodation, a public park or an activity venue close to your office.

Offering canoeing, kayaking, gorge swimming and coasteering, archery, Highland Games, climbing, abseiling and whitewater sledging to name but a few of the activities.

They cater for school and youth groups, family groups, stags and hens, charity challenges and corporate or adventure race events, offering different levels of service to suit customers.

They also offer a comprehensive canoe, kayak hire and outfitting service for groups wishing to undertake water-based adventures of their own, or to support charity or corporate events.

With an excellent reputation for fun and safe days out Boots N Paddles should be your first port of call when organizing your next outdoor adventure.

At a Glance

Self-charter boating holidays on Loch Ness and the Caledonian Canal. No previous boating experience as full instruction provided.

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Caley Cruisers

Caley cruisers operate a large fleet of modern motor cruisers, all fully equipped and available for weekly or short-break self-charter on Loch Ness and the Caledonian Canal.

With a range of 11 different styles to choose from, whichever boat you choose, you can be assured it will be the perfect vantage point to explore 60 miles of Europe's most beautiful inland waterway. The spectacular scenery, combined with a beautiful cruiser and first class service will ensure your holiday with Caley Cruisers is one of the most memorable and enjoyable experiences you will ever have.

Based in Inverness which is both the pickup and return point for all cruises with us.

Conveniently located just a few minutes' drive from the city centre, just 2 miles from Inverness Train Station and 10 miles from Inverness Airport.

Established in 1970, they are a family business and during 45 years in operation have introduced thousands of couples and families to the splendours of the Great Glen.

No previous boating experience is necessary as they provide a comprehensive handover and 24 hour support service during your stay. Approximately one third of customers are completely new to boating.



Country Sports

Scotland is revered internationally as a mature sporting destination that offers visitors outstanding sporting experiences amongst stunning and dramatic landscapes.

Enjoy fly fishing for salmon on great rivers, wild brown trout on the myriad highland lochs or try your hand at sea fishing.

For the most memorable days in stunning scenery there is traditional hill stalking for stags (red, fallow, roe and sika deer). Walked-up game and rough shooting are also available including pheasant, grouse, partridge, hare, pigeon and ptarmigan.

The area has a vast selection of rivers to choose from, Inverness angling club alone offer up to 40 pools to fish alone the River Ness.

Estates such as Cawdor Estate and Aldourie Castle Estate are just two of the numerous available to use for country sports activities.

All equipment hire, tutoring and gillies are available.

Contact our team for further information and for assistance in all aspects and arrangements for any type of country sport activity.



Craggan Outdoors

Welcome to Craggan Outdoors, the Highlands & Islands Tourism Awards 'BEST VISITOR ATTRACTION' 2012, & finalist in 2009, 2010 & again in 2014.

Based on beautiful Speyside in the Cairngorms National Park, Craggan Outdoors is AALA licensed, Adventuremark and Learning Outside the Classroom accredited, and has been 5* rated on TripAdvisor since 2009, currently with a 95% customer rating.

Offering one of the widest ranges of outdoor activities available in the Scottish Highlands, Craggan Outdoors serves groups from two up to 100 people, either as day visitors for activities, or residential packages with bunkhouse accommodation.

Craggan Outdoors delivers high quality outdoor activity based experiences, with an emphasis being on offering easy access to a wide range of fun and challenging activities, enabling visitors of all ages and abilities to enjoy their time with them, and to be pleased with what they have experienced and achieved.

Activities include archery, art & creativity, clay pigeon shooting, climbing (indoor wall and outside rock crags), golf, gorge walking, high ropes, kayaking, lasertag, mini-quads, mountain biking, paintball, pony trekking, raft building, River Spey canoe trips, team problem-solving, white water rafting, and a zip wire.

At a Glance

Award winning outdoor activity centre: Highlands & Islands Tourism Awards BEST VISITOR ATTRACTION 2012, & finalist in 2009, '10 & '14.

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At a Glance

Cruise Loch Ness is a 5 star boat tour company offering Scenic Cruises and High-Speed RIB tours on the world famous Loch Ness.

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Cruise Loch Ness

Cruise Loch Ness is a family owned and operated 5 star boat tour company. They have a 45-year history of all things Loch Ness and their knowledgeable crew can't wait to welcome you onboard!

Based in the picturesque town of Fort Augustus at the southern end of the Loch, there are three main offerings: Tranquil day and evening cruises, exhilarating high-speed

RIB boat tours and private charters for all manner of occasions!

Their laid-back 5 star cruises offer a relaxing trip for all the family. Enjoy the breath-taking vista of Loch Ness in all its natural wonder. With 2 Custom built vessels, they offer the perfect way to experience the sights, wildlife and history of the famous loch. These one-hour cruises will keep you engaged throughout with a commentary and live sonar presentation by one of the crew. Oh, and there's a fully stocked bar should you fancy a wee dram!

With 4 Ultimate Loch Ness RIB experiences on offer, get ready for an inspiring mix of full on thrill ride, history and nature all delivered expertly by their knowledgeable and slightly whacky skippers! From 30 minute taster sessions to 'do it your own way' half day bonanzas, they've got Loch Ness covered!



Highland Free Spirits

A small, family business specialising in exclusive cruises on Loch Ness and the Caledonian Canal and providing other bespoke tourism services. The vessel is a modern motor cruiser and caters for groups of up to a maximum of six guests.

All staff are family and close friends with a wealth of knowledge of the area and a love of life that we think comes through in all we do.

Whether you are looking for a fun day out for the family with a bit of excitement, a romantic evening with a loved one, or a tour of the Loch in good company they can help.

All of our cruises start with a glass of champagne and a very nice finger buffet meal with complimentary drinks at a time to suit guests. At Highland Free Spirits, Highland hospitality, fun and a touch of class are their trademarks and if you spend some time with them you will soon realise this.

With an extensive background in strategic leadership and management they are ideally suited to provide corporate hospitality for your most important clients. In association with Higher Ground Consultancy they also run small team building and leadership events on board which mix fun with learning.

At a Glance

Bespoke, luxury Loch Ness cruises with genuine Highland hospitality to help you create memories that will last a lifetime.

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At a Glance

Explore Highland is your one-stop shop for open canoeing, river and sea kayaking and white water rafting in the Scottish Highlands.

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Explore Highland

Based on the Caledonian Canal, Explore Highland offers a wide range of water sport activities including bespoke services for all ages, fitness levels and paddler abilities.

They can provide:

- Paddling and personal skills courses
- One to one or small group bespoke coaching.
- Bespoke white water, canoe and kayak guiding and transport services
- Guided adventure holidays in canoe, kayak and sea kayak throughout the Highlands
- Canoe and sea kayak hire together with a shuttle service, if required
- Kids kayaking during local school holidays
- Safety cover, logistical and/or technical advice

They specialize in offering support to Great Glen Canoe Trail expeditions by open canoe, sea and touring kayaks for guided and self-guided groups of all sizes. The local professional paddling knowledge can be invaluable in making your Highland paddling expedition a safe and memorable experience.



Kingsmills Spa

The Kingsmills leisure club includes a swimming pool, Jacuzzi, steam room, sauna and gym.

The spa is built on the principle of friendly hospitality and uncomplicated luxury. Informal and elegantly understated, this modern spa is housed in the exclusive Kingsclub. With décor that puts a contemporary twist on Scottish traditions, this whole building oozes luxury to continue your lavish retreat once you have left the treatment room.

3 treatment rooms – facial, body, hand & foot and men's treatments, massage, reflexology and aromatherapy.

Booking Enquires:

t: 01463 257160

Address:

Kingsmills Hotel
Culcabock Road
Inverness
IV2 3LP

www.kingsmillsshotel.com/hotel/spa/

Spa

Inverness Loch Ness has a variety of beautiful spa options. Whatever treatment you enjoy from facials, massages, manicures and pedicures to waxing, threading, reflexology and microdermabrasion there is a spa for you.

Contact our team for further information and for assistance in all aspects and arrangements for any type of spa requirements.

At a Glance

Road, hybrid and mountain bike hire in Inverness. Routes, advice and information for your cycling holiday in the Highlands of Scotland.

Primary Contact:

Lindsay Mackinnon
Owner
01463 419160

Booking Enquires:

e: info@TicketToRideHighlands.co.uk
or call 01463 419160

Address:

The Pavilion
Bellfield Park
Inverness
IV2 4SZ

www.tickettoridehighlands.co.uk



Ticket-To-Ride

Whether you're planning a biking holiday or are looking to hire a bike in Inverness, ticket to ride can help. They want you to enjoy cycling in the Highlands of Scotland as much as they do so provide you with the best hire bikes and all the route information and advice you'll need to make sure your Scottish cycling holiday is as adventurous or relaxed as you are.

The Highlands of Scotland are famous for stunning landscapes, wildlife and history. Their local knowledge and cycle hire experience will make sure you stay away from the traffic and don't miss out on all the great places to stop along the way.

The bike hire centre is in the beautiful surroundings of Bellfield Park in the heart of Inverness. Cycling is best when you've got a great bike beneath you. They use high quality bikes from Trek one of the world's leading bicycle manufacturers. All bikes are NEW each year and carefully cleaned, maintained and checked between each trip to ensure safety and reliability. They subscribe to the Cyclists Touring Club Bike Hire Code.

One-way bike hire is available for the Great Glen Way. You can drop-off bikes Mon-Sat with partners in Fort William.

At a Glance

Our Isle of Skye Day Tour is the ultimate way to experience Skye and the Highlands in just one day!

Primary Contact:

Kay Pearson
Owner
01463 719106

Booking Enquires:

e: info@wowscotlandtours.com
or call 01463 719106

Address:

16 Overton Avenue
Inverness
IV3 8RR

www.boots-n-paddles.co.uk



WOW Scotland Tours

Fantastic Isle of Skye Day Tours explore top attractions including Loch Ness, Eilean Donan Castle, Urquhart Castle, the Old Man of Storr, Kilt Rock, the Quiraing, the Cuillin and Faerie Glen.

With regular summer departures, this 12 hour bumper tour is the only group day tour from Inverness to explore all of the top sights on Skye! Tickets cost £69 for adults (£59 for children over 6) and pre-booking is strongly recommended.

In addition to the hugely popular Isle of Skye Day Tour, they also offer a wide variety of other tours year-round, including;

Private day tours of the Highlands including to Loch Ness, Urquhart Castle, Applecross and Speyside whisky country

Multi-day tours to top destinations including Skye and Orkney Shore Excursions from the Port of Invergordon

Outlander Tours – specially designed for all of you Diana Gabaldon fans

Special Interest Tours - whether it's your clan ancestry, wildlife spotting, Monarch of the Glen, Harry Potter or something else uniquely Scottish, they can design a tour to suit your requirements

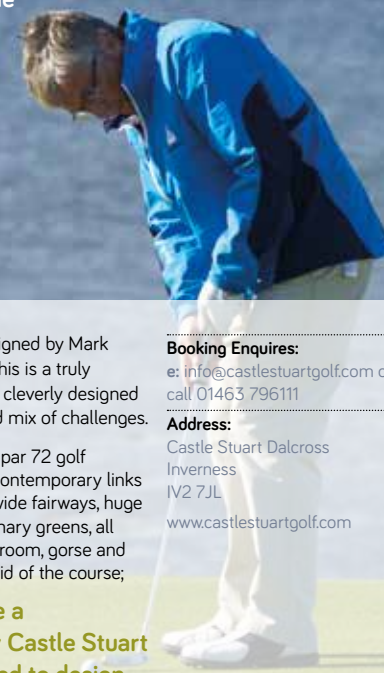
Traditional links golf, tranquillity, solitude and outstanding natural beauty - the Highlands of Scotland provides some of the best championship golf courses in the country, to suit every budget and ability.

The Highlands and Islands is home to many of the most remote and scenically beautiful courses to be found anywhere.

Superb links courses, attract world class players, who visit the Highlands of Scotland for the sheer joy of such challenging courses designed by the great names in the golf world like James Braid and Old Tom Morris.

Over 150,000 golfers each year visit the Scottish Highlands to test their skills on one or more of the excellent 40 plus golf links courses.

The jewels in the crown include Castle Stuart, Royal Dornoch and Nairn golf clubs.



Opened in 2009 and designed by Mark Parsinen and Gill Hense, this is a truly magnificent course with a cleverly designed layout that boasts a varied mix of challenges.

The 18-hole, 6,906 yards, par 72 golf course is the epitome of contemporary links course architecture, with wide fairways, huge undulations and extraordinary greens, all bordered by thin fescue, broom, gorse and heather. Phil Mickelson said of the course;

'It should almost be a prerequisite to play Castle Stuart before you're allowed to design golf courses nowadays'.

Booking Enquires:

e: info@castlestuartgolf.com or call 01463 796111

Address:

Castle Stuart Dalcross
Inverness
IV2 7JL

www.castlestuartgolf.com

Castle Stuart

Castle Stuart Golf Course is at the heart of the highlands offering classic links golf that is beautifully complemented by spectacular views overlooking a truly breathtaking coastal landscape.





The Highlands of Scotland is a wonderful gourmet's paradise where top rated pubs and restaurants can be found everywhere you go. From a back street bistro in the Highland hub Inverness to the remotest villages around Loch Ness you will unexpectedly come across a place where traditional Scottish food cooked in the traditional way will delight your palate.

There are local breweries and distillers offering wines and spirits, many which you will not find outside of the Highlands, and the local home baking is legendary. Like all great recipes, these elements all combine to provide you with a dining experience you will never forget.

Listed here are the restaurants that are suitable for individual and group reservations or for exclusive use.

Contact our team for further information and for support in restaurant booking, menu selection or any other aspect of your food and beverage needs.



Covers

At a Glance

Fine dining within the
Glenmoriston Hotel

Address

20 Ness Bank Inverness
IV2 4SF

Contact

Tel. 01463 223777

www.glenmoristontownhouse.com/restaurant



Abstract

Abstract showcases a modern outlook on classical British dishes and a commitment to quality local ingredients and depth of flavour, offered in a contemporary and elegant setting.

It's about serving up dishes that rely heavily on fresh, seasonal, locally sourced and, wherever possible, organic produce. It's

about enjoying à la carte dining in a warm and relaxing setting. All food is served by attentive and exceptionally knowledgeable waiting staff happy to explain the dishes, the ingredients, and how the talented Executive Head Chef Cornel Uys has put them together. And always on hand, your sommelier, ready to advise, guide, match or recommend the perfect wine.

At a Glance

Brasserie style dining within the
Glenmoriston Hotel

Address

20 Ness Bank Inverness
IV2 4SF

Contact

Tel. 01463 223777

www.glenmoristontownhouse.com/brasserie



Contrast

Available for exclusive use and with a sharp focus on Scottish, locally sourced produce, Contrast Brasserie is a refreshing addition to the cities restaurant scene.

In Scotland, the traditional way of cooking is to create simple dishes, built around one great ingredient. Contrast Brasserie is no different. From succulent rare breed pork or prime dry-aged beef they try to stay true to their Scottish roots.

At a Glance

Award winning centrally
located restaurant

Address

1 Ness Walk Inverness
IV3 5NE

Contact

Tel. 01463 717274

www.rocpoolrestaurant.com



Rocpool Restaurant

This buzzy contemporary brasserie operation is available for exclusive use and capitalises on its corner site on the banks of the River Ness, with sweeping windows on two sides to open up floodlit views of the river and castle at night.

The interior is a cool exercise in contemporary design flair featuring lots of wood and a décor of natural tones. On the menu is an appealing cast of crowd-pleasing modern European dishes built on top-class Scottish produce.



Chez Rouz

Albert Roux's first restaurant in Scotland offers classic French country cooking in a casual atmosphere.

The à la carte menu has a wide range of dishes, all of which are individually priced and made with local Scottish produce wherever possible.

At a Glance

Fine dining Albert Roux
restaurant within the 5 star
Rocpool Reserve Hotel

Address

14 Culduthel Road Inverness
IV2 4AG

Contact

Tel. 01463 240089

www.rocpool.com/dining



At a Glance

Excellent restaurant located within the Kingsmill Hotel

Address

Culcabock Road Inverness
IV2 3LP

Contact

Tel. 01463 257124

www.kingsmillshotel.com/hotel/dining/conservatory-restaurant/



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The Conservatory

Overlooking the gardens is the bright and airy Conservatory Restaurant; the ideal location for a remarkable dining experience.

Enjoy an a la carte menu that celebrates our harmonious blend of traditional and contemporary flavours, before stepping out onto the terrace to enjoy a cocktail as the sun slowly sets. They are proud to support local producers and feature fresh, locally sourced ingredients in all of the dishes. The menu presents an extensive selection of contemporary dishes, as well as some firm favourites.

At a Glance

Fine dining in a beautiful venue

Address

Loch Ness road Inverness
IV3 8JN

Contact

Tel. 01463 230512

www.lochnesscountryhousehotel.co.uk/Restaurant_Options/



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Loch Ness Country House Restaurant

Whether it is a romantic meal, a dinner with friends or family or a special day, Loch Ness Country Hotel and Restaurant offers a unique fine dining experience.

The beautifully appointed dining room opens out onto an elegant terrace, making alfresco dining, a must in fine weather. The team of chefs use only the best fresh, local, seasonal ingredients including items grown in their own gardens to create delicious dishes with neat twists on traditional favourites.



Dores Inn

As you approach Dores from Inverness, the first thing you see is an iconic view of the loch, and the second, as you get nearer is The Dores Inn directly by the beach.

On a cold day you can relax by the cosy log fire and enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner from a varied menu of home cooked food. On a nice day, you can eat out on the sun terrace or enjoy a drink or two from the 'The OutDores Inn' bar soaking up the rays in the large beer garden. Whatever the weather the view from the inn is stunning and you'll be guaranteed a warm welcome.

At a Glance

The Dores Inn is the only pub/restaurant spectacularly situated on the shores of South Loch Ness

Address

Dores Inverness IV2 6TR

Contact

Tel. 01463 751203

www.thesdoresinn.co.uk



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Café 1

Classical styled and informal, Café 1 has a friendly ambience matched only by a menu which both surprises and delights guests.

The open plan kitchen turns quality Scottish produce into appealing modern dishes. The finest ingredients gathered from Scotland and around the Highlands and Islands are prepared in the kitchen to make unique and original dishes. They use fresh local

produce which is supplied daily by local and where possible independent suppliers. Café 1 are always looking to make your dining experience something unique and different. Working towards this aim, they now breed a herd of Hebridean Sheep and Highland cows which on occasion will appear on some of their original signature dishes.

At a Glance

Classical styled and informal, Café 1 has a friendly ambience matched only by our menu which both surprises and delights guests

Address

75 Castle Street Inverness
IV2 3EA

Contact

Tel. 01463 226200

www.cafe1.net



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At a Glance

Fiddler's Highland Restaurant on the picturesque Village Green in Drumnadrochit is run by the Beach Family. We like Whisky!

Address

The Village Green
Drumnadrochit Inverness
IV63 6TX

Contact

Tel. 01456 450678

www.fiddledrum.co.uk



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Fiddlers Highland Restaurant

Fiddler's is a warm, inviting restaurant offering traditional Scottish dishes such as Haggis, Venison and Salmon as well as more international items.

You sit surrounded by an Award-winning Selection of over 600 different bottles of Whisky (Voted Best in Scotland 4 times). They also have over 30 different Scottish Ales on offer including many from the Loch Ness Brewery. They are popular with walkers and can accommodate larger groups.

At a Glance

The Kitchen is a local, independently owned restaurant in the heart of Inverness, offering a warm welcome and friendly service

Address

15 Huntly Street Inverness
IV3 5PR

Contact

Tel. 01463 259119

www.kitchenrestaurant.co.uk



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The Kitchen

The Kitchen is housed in modern, architect designed building located on the banks of the River Ness.

Open since 2007, the contemporary cooking, friendly atmosphere and exceptional views of Inverness Castle have made the restaurant one of Inverness's favourites. The restaurant is laid out over three floors, each with a unique view of the

Castle and River, the addition of a heated roof terrace make The Kitchen the place to see and be seen! All the tables have a great view, but you can book a table next to the kitchen and see the chefs create their dishes; available for up to eight guests. The philosophy of the restaurant is to captivate you with great food, great service and exceptional value.

At a Glance

Open since 1995, the simple cooking and warm, friendly atmosphere has allowed The Mustard Seed to become one of Inverness's favourite restaurants

Address

16 Fraser Street Inverness
IV1 1DW

Contact

Tel. 01463 220220

www.mustardseedrestaurant.co.uk



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Mustard Seed

The location on the banks of the River Ness in a converted church building is simply stunning and helps create the wonderful ambience.

Many of the original period features were retained and combined with a mix of natural and modern finishes. The addition of the terrace on the top floor allows alfresco dining and uninterrupted views of the River,

another amazing asset for the restaurant. For corporate and social groups alike they are very pleased to be able to accommodate reservations of up to 50 guests in the restaurant. The chefs can create a bespoke menu to suit every possible occasion and budget, and the restaurant managers will be very happy to discuss the options available to you, making all the necessary arrangements to make your event a success.

**At a Glance**

Traditional country pub and restaurant using fresh local produce, located in the picturesque conservation village of Cawdor close to Inverness

Address

Cawdor Nairn IV12 5XP

Contact

Tel. 01667 404777

www.cawdortavern.co.uk



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Cawdor Tavern

Cawdor Tavern is a family run country pub serving modern Scottish food with flare.

Open all year you can enjoy fireside dining for cosy winter nights and a picturesque outside patio for a pleasant al fresco summertime lunch. They have a room for your own private dining with menus tailored for private parties and larger groups. Lunch

and dinner served 7 days then open all day from Easter to October, the menus feature fresh local produce including fresh fish and seafood from award winning "Coast and Glen", local game and prime meats plus vegetarian options all home cooked. Daily specials add to the interesting a la carte menu with the freshest seasonal produce available that day.

Unique experiences, new discovery possibilities, luxury accommodation, great activity options, spectacular golf courses, fine dining, heritage and culture are some of the key elements to a successful incentive travel programme. Inverness Loch Ness has all this and more!

For small or large groups alike the area can create memorable experiences to last a lifetime.

Contact our team for further information or for any support you need with regards to incentive travel programmes in the area.

We have suggested three sample programmes that vary according to group size. Each itinerary is designed to give your guests the most memorable of experiences including the mystery and vibrancy of this beautiful area.

1 - 12 guests for 4 days

**DAY 1: Discovery**

- Arrive at Inverness Airport
- Transfer to the exclusive use Aldourie Castle
- Loch Ness cruise from Aldourie private pier to Urquhart Castle
- Urquhart Castle tour and experience
- Cocktail cruise back to Aldourie
- Castle dinner with local storyteller

**DAY 2: Heritage & Culture**

- Golf at Castle Stuart Championship course
- Lunch at The Highlanders Museum, Fort George
- Afternoon private tour and chance to explore the fort and museum
- Glen Ord Distillery dinner and Whisky tasting evening

**DAY 3: Adventure & Activity**

- Country sports activity day - fishing, stalking, shooting
- Gourmet packed lunch on activity
- Afternoon celebrity chef highland cooking classes
- Dinner at Aldourie prepared from the days catch

**DAY 4: Myths & Legends**

- Loch Ness Exhibition - searching for Nessie
- Lunch overlooking the Loch
- Transfer to Inverness Airport



Glen Ord Distillery dinner and Whisky tasting evening

40 guests for 4 days

**DAY 1: Discovery**

- Arrive at Inverness Airport
- Transfer to the exclusive use Achnagairn Castle
- By land or by water!
- Discover the area on and around Loch Ness by your choice of canoe, kayak, segway, e-bike or mountain bike
- Dinner at city centre Rocpool Restaurant for exclusive use

**DAY 2: Heritage & History**

- Culloden Battlefield private tour experience with reenactment demonstrations
- Visit to Cawdor Castle and gardens
- Traditional lunch at Cawdor Tavern
- Afternoon cruise on Loch Ness
- Traditional dress fitting during cruise
- Sunset dinner overlooking Urquhart Castle

**DAY 3: Activity & Tradition**

- Optional activity morning
- Golf, spa, gorge swimming, country sports
- Lunch overlooking River Ness
- Optional activity afternoon - activities as per the morning
- Cocktail party and Scottish Dancing show
- Gala Dinner at Achnagairn Castle

**DAY 4: Culture**

- Tomatin Distillery tour and experience
- Followed by private lunch with Whisky pairings
- Transfer to Inverness Airport



Lunch overlooking River Ness

100 guests for 4 days

**DAY 1: Discovery**

- Arrive at Inverness Airport
- Transfer to the deluxe Kingsmills Hotel & Spa
- Discover Inverness mobile challenge event
- Using E-bikes, mountain bikes and walking - groups visit the sights of Inverness and take pictures of each on their mobiles
- Dinner and prize giving at Kingsmills Hotel

**DAY 2: Castles, Cruise, Casks and Ceilidh**

- Castles, grounds and gardens visits
- Urquhart and Dunrobin Castles
- Loch Ness lunch cruise
- Glen Ord distillery tour and sampling
- Fun Highlands BBQ and Ceilidh at Bogbain

**DAY 3: Highland Traditions**

- Highland Games demonstration and Falconry show at one of the area estates
- Lunch at the estate
- Afternoon country sports activity
- Fishing, stalking, shooting
- Gala dinner at Cawdor Castle
- Pipes and drums and beating the retreat

**DAY 4: Sport, Spa, Shopping**

- Choice of activity as required, select from
- Golf at Castle Stuart
- Treatment at Kingsmills Spa
- Shopping at Brodie Countryfare or Johnstons of Elgin Lunch
- Transfers to Inverness Airport



Fishing, Stalking, Shooting

Alternative accommodation types

If you are looking for accommodation away from the traditional hotel, Inverness Loch Ness has options for you to consider.

Exclusive use venues

Spectacular properties and grand castles available for exclusive use. With superb facilities and activities they are ideal for an extra special incentive programme. Achnagairn and Aldourie Castle (see page 32 for details) are both available for exclusive use.

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At a Glance

Scotland's only hand-crafted log village resort powered entirely by renewables. Where rustic charm and genuine luxury meet in the wilderness.

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07738 076711

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Eagle Brae
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Beaulay
Inverness-shire
IV4 7LE

www.eaglebrae.co.uk



Eagle Brae Cabins

Located in-between the serene beauty of Glen Affric and Glen Strathfarrar, the finest remaining stands of pristine Caledonian pine-forest wilderness in Scotland, Eagle Brae is a luxury self-catering eco-resort like no other.

Genuine hand-crafted log cabins forged from colossal cedar logs and topped with wild-flower green roofs. There are no machine cut logs and no two logs are the same: every cabin is a unique handmade work of log art. The cabin interiors are finished with hand carved wooden panels depicting Scottish wildlife, Celtic knotwork and Pictish motifs.

Everything at Eagle Brae is hand-made like the good old days: hand-woven tweed

curtains, custom hand-made hardwood furniture, hand-carved interiors, hand-woven cotton rugs and Eagle Brae's own antler chandeliers.

The cabins are set well apart around an old Highland broch on an elevated ridge overlooking beautiful Strathglass. Eagle Brae has been specifically designed as a carbon neutral tourist destination: powered by a micro-hydro turbine, heated by biomass boilers and with their own underground natural water supply.

Eagle Brae exclusively offers guests an online concierge service where guests can order home-cooked prepared meals, fine wines, rare-breed meats and groceries either in advance of their stay as well as during their stay. After a long day climbing munros Eagle Brae's 'catered' self-catering hits the mark!

Guests at Eagle Brae can choose from a wide range of exciting and unique activities some of which aren't available elsewhere: black grouse safaris, camera stalking, salmon fishing, canoeing and kayaking, sled-dog rides, hunting, archery, pony trekking and clay-pigeon shooting.....or just relaxing in your beautiful log cabin watching the wild deer graze outside.



Daviot Lodge

Quietly situated just a short drive from Inverness Daviot Lodge is the perfect base for Highland touring. The rugged beauty of the west coast, the far north, pretty fishing villages to the east, even a day trip to the Isle of Skye are all within your grasp. If golf is your passion you will be spoilt for choice from gentle nine hole courses to the most challenging links.

At the end of your day where better to return to than peaceful Daviot Lodge where you will find the most comfortable of beds, luxury linens, views over farmland and mountains and a few little treats. You will find a guest sitting room, with open fire on cooler evenings, the perfect place to enjoy a dram or glass of wine while relaxing in deep comfortable sofas.

After a restful night a feast of local produce awaits you in the dining room where each guest party has their own well spaced table. Accredited by Taste Our Best, the Visit Scotland food award we are committed to serving the finest local and Scottish produce prepared with care and served with passion.

Entertaining you each morning will be an array of wild birds who visit our many bird feeders. Sometimes you will be lucky enough to see a red squirrel trying his best to get the nuts from the birdfeeder.

Daviot Lodge provide old fashioned Highland hospitality in a modern, comfortable and tranquil setting. Ensuring your comfort as their guest is their priority.



Loch Ness Lodge

Welcome to Loch Ness Lodge, an elegant and intimate exclusive retreat in the heart of the Scottish Highlands overlooking the mysterious and beautiful Loch Ness near Inverness.

Bringing together the very best of traditional Scottish architecture and more contemporary design, Loch Ness Lodge is a luxurious, boutique Bed & Breakfast in a truly inspirational setting.

Each of the Lodge's seven sumptuous bedrooms has been individually styled and inspired by nature, to reflect the majestic beauty of the surrounding Highlands. It seems only natural then that each room is named after a well-loved Highland loch or glen! All the luxuries of a five star lodge can be expected from large, inviting beds dressed in the finest goose-down duvets and Egyptian cotton to the modern amenities of flat screen TV and DVD, CD player, direct dial telephones and of course WiFi throughout. Each stylish en-suite bathroom is complemented with fluffy, white towels and designer toiletries. A surprise decanter completes the experience.

Perhaps most importantly, each room has a view of the loch and hills beyond to soothe and inspire!

At a Glance

Luxury bed and breakfast in a Highland lodge on a small farm close to Inverness/Loch Ness. Come and be spoiled.

Primary Contact:

Margaret Hutcheson
Owner
01463 772215

Booking Enquires:

e: info@daviotlodge.co.uk
or call 01463 772215

Address:

Daviot
Inverness
IV2 5ER

www.daviotlodge.co.uk

facebook.com/daviotlodge

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At a Glance

Loch Ness Lodge, an elegant and intimate retreat in the heart of the Scottish Highlands overlooking Loch Ness.

Primary Contact:

Scott Sutherland
General Manager
01456 459469

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e: escape@loch-ness-lodge.com
or call 01456 459469

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Brachla, Loch Ness-side
Inverness
IV3 8AU

www.loch-ness-lodge.com

facebook.com/
lochnesslodge

twitter.com/luxurylochness

Outside of Inverness Loch Ness the areas of the Highlands have rich history and natural beauty that are yours to explore.

The UK's northern most point, the UK's skiing capital and the country's only Whisky Country are just a few of the highlights.

Beyond the Highlands, the rest of Scotland has so much to offer. The successes of 2014 with the Commonwealth Games and Ryder Cup have continued to show that Scotland is the IN place to visit and offers a warmth of welcome, a variety of experiences and a quality of service that are second to none.

Contact our team for support in planning programme extension options throughout the Highlands and rest of Scotland

Locally

Options for extended stays in The Highlands



Cairngorms

Britain's highest mountain range, vast forests and abundance of wildlife can all be found in **Cairngorms National Park**. The UK's best skiing, miles of trails and outdoor activities to satisfy all abilities, the Park is a must visit.

It's the largest National Park in the UK – a living, working landscape with wild land at its heart. No matter what your age or ability there is something for you to enjoy in this amazing place.

The Park has a rich cultural landscape with a sense of wildness and space at its heart. It inspires passion both in those who live here and the 1.5 million people who visit each year. www.cairngorms.co.uk



Fort William

Fort William is the Highlands biggest town and self-proclaimed Outdoor Capital of the UK - with adrenaline filled activities, a variety of lochs and glens and peaceful rolling countryside the area has something for everyone.

Fort William and close by Lochaber is a huge rural area in the west Highlands of Scotland with the principal town Fort William lying on the shore of Loch Linnhe below Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in the British Isles.

The area also features the most westerly point in Britain, Ardnamurchan Point, the second deepest loch, Loch Morar and the most infamous Highland glen, historic Glencoe with its amazing scenery. www.visitfortwilliam.co.uk



Moray Speyside

Moray Speyside is one of the smallest regions in Scotland, but what it lacks in size it more than makes up in scenery, facilities and quality of life.

The area features one of the world's most beautiful coastlines and Scotland's only Malt Whisky Trail.

Spectacular beaches punctuated with picturesque villages and pretty harbours give the area a character and charm that has to be seen.

For residents and visitors alike, it offers all that is best in Scotland while retaining its own unique identity and one of which it is justifiably proud. www.morayspeyside.com



North Highlands

John O'Groats and Dunnet Head, the northern most point of the UK, are ideal starting points to explore the **North Highlands** and its coastal trails and natural landscapes.

As you travel around the far north of Scotland you'll be able to explore a wide range of areas from historic towns to dramatic and remote wilderness. It is a land of escape, a place to discover the wonders of the natural world amid one of the most dramatic landscapes in Europe.

The North Coast 500 - Scotland's answer to Route 66, is the new scenic route showcasing the fairy tale castles, beaches and ruins of the area. www.northhighlandscotland.com



Outer Hebrides

Situated on Europe's Atlantic edge, the Scottish Western Isles of the **Outer Hebrides** are a diverse chain of interconnected islands with their own unique way of life.

From the northernmost headlands of the Isle of Lewis to the southern tip of Vatersay, the Outer Hebrides offer an exciting assortment of entertainments and attractions. Experience the peace and tranquillity of this isolated environment or accept the warm Western Isles welcome of communities waiting to offer you some traditional Hebridean hospitality.

Explore the rich island history and discover a superb selection of museums and monuments or witness carefully preserved Gaelic culture in a region where crofting, community events and ceilidhs bring people together like nowhere else on earth. www.visitouterhebrides.co.uk



Skye

Skye was recently voted the 4th best island in the world and with Lochalsh have some of the country's most inspiring landscapes. An interesting and turbulent history, some of the best local produce and award winning restaurants ensure that this is an area that has to be tasted.

Skye is one of the top locations in Scotland to visit. It is famous for its scenery and landscapes that will take your breath away.

The Island of Skye is 50 miles long and the largest of the Inner Hebrides, it has a rich history, is a great destination for Wildlife watching and is a world class destination for walkers and climbers. www.skye.co.uk

Within Scotland

Options for extended stays in The Highlands



Aberdeen

Aberdeen is located in North East Scotland and is the country's third largest city. The Granite City is the heart of the UK's oil industry and this together with other industries has helped drive economic growth. A spectacular coastline, nature all around, boutique hotels and trendy bars make Aberdeen perfect for a short break.

Traditionally, Aberdeen was home to fishing, textile mills, shipbuilding and paper making. These industries have been largely replaced but their impact on the city is still obvious. In modern times, Aberdeen has driven the north east to the very top of the UK's economic growth tables with high technology developments in the electronics design and development industry, food, life sciences and, obviously, the oil industry, powering an economic boom.

www.visitaberdeen.com



Dundee

Dundee was the UK's first UNESCO City of Design and is a vibrant, cosmopolitan city that is bursting with family friendly attractions and things to do. The £1 Billion development of the waterfront including the V&A Museum will add to the reason to visit.

Dundee is one of Scotland's most dynamic cities, where you are guaranteed a warm welcome, many places to eat and drink, great attractions and some breath-taking scenery. The city benefits from a central geographic location with excellent transport links.

Dundee and Angus are fortunate to be able to offer a wide choice of venues from luxurious hotels and historic castles to leading academic institutions.

www.coventiondundeeandangus.co.uk



Edinburgh

Edinburgh, Scotland's capital and most iconic city, a city where old meets new and a UNESCO World heritage Site. From the majesty of the castle to the world class restaurants this festival city is an essential stop for any programme.

Edinburgh is a year-round destination and festival city with a friendliness, vibe and atmosphere that's hard to beat! A cosmopolitan city of breath-taking beauty, world-class attractions, quality shopping and fabulous food and drink.

Edinburgh is a premier conference, incentive and event destination and hosts hundreds of conferences every year. They provide high levels of product knowledge, specialist skills and effective coordination of venues and support services. www.marketingedinburgh.org



Glasgow

Glasgow is Scotland's city of style, world class museums, galleries and one of the UK's best city centre shopping districts. Home to the 2014 Commonwealth Games, Glasgow has proved to the world it has what's required and the people to make it happen.

Glasgow is a compact city that's easy to get around in, which makes it simple to explore the diverse neighbourhoods and districts in the city

The city's historical legacy is held in many different places; museums and art galleries, libraries and archives, historic buildings, parks and gardens, rivers and canals from its archaeology to its architecture. Glasgow is a vibrant and cosmopolitan place with a wealth of cultural heritage to explore. www.peoplemakeglasgow.com



Perth

Perth is situated in the heart of Scotland and is a consistent winner of Beautiful Britain award. It is home to a community of eclectic retailers, atmospheric eateries, a bustling shopping centre plus many other services and cultural experiences.

Perth is located around 50 miles north of Edinburgh and enjoys a beautiful position on the banks of Scotland's longest river, the Tay.

With a rich and influential history that stretches back over 800 years, Perth has served as its country's capital and has always been one of the most important political, judicial and commercial centres in Scotland. www.perthcity.co.uk



Stirling

Stirling is Scotland's heritage capital, where you can feel the sense of history as you enter the spectacular castle perched high above the city.

The compact heritage mile boasts the finest concentration of historic buildings in Scotland. Beautifully preserved medieval and Renaissance churches and mansions cluster around the Old Town, flanked by cobbled streets, period street furniture and Victorian styled iron work.

Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park is only 30 minutes from the city centre of Stirling, so the city is the ideal base to explore the park & all the outdoor activities it has to offer. www.destinationstirling.com

Inverness Loch Ness has all of the service providers required for any type of event.

Our team is available to you to assist with finding suppliers, putting you in contact and ensuring you receive the service you expect and require.

We are also here as a source of local knowledge, from providing area maps to travel information for overseas delegates, nothing is too much trouble.



Event Services

Venue decoration, furniture hire, fireworks, florists, full DMC services and much more, are all available



Maps

City centre and wider area maps are available to all event delegates.

Useful Information

Emergency services, hospitals, currency, visas (see p74-75 over)



Buses & Coaches

Mid size buses to luxury coaches all options are available.



Chauffeur Drive Cars

Sedans, SUV's, limos and SUV's are all available with experienced local drivers.



Car & Van Rental

Major hire companies available with locations at the airport, station and city centre.

Shopping

Independent boutiques, shopping malls, retail parks and Victorian Market.



Technical Services

The full range of technical and management services are available for all types of events.



Marquee Hire

Marquees for all sizes and events, together with full event management and equipment supply.

Clothing Hire

Traditional clothing hire for your guests is available through a number of local suppliers.



Florists

Table centre pieces, room decoration, speaker bouquets - there's a supplier for you.



Speakers & Storytellers

For any event or function we have the speakers and storytellers to help enhance your event.



Catering

Event catering with great food and great service using the best of the fresh local produce.



Photography & Videography

Capture your event through the services of any of our local experts.



Entertainment

Traditional music, pipes and drums, pop and rock bands, Highland dancers, all are available.



Access to the city from Inverness Airport

Taxi

Taxis are available outside the terminal building or can be pre-booked via the following contacts.

Inverness Taxis	01463 222222 www.inverness-taxis.co.uk
Tartan Taxis	01463 222777 www.tartantaxis.co.uk
City Taxis	01463 222555 www.citytaxisinverness.co.uk

Bus

Stagecoach operates the Jet Bus Service to Inverness Airport with up to a 30 minute service between the City of Inverness and the Airport and an hourly service from the Airport to Nairn, Forbes and Elgin.

From Inverness Bus Station services operate to destinations throughout Scotland and the UK.

Stagecoach	01463 233371 www.stagecoachbus.com
Megabus	0900 1600 900 www.uk.megabus.com
Scottish Citylink	0871 266 3333 www.citylink.co.uk
National Express	0871 781 8181 www.nationalexpress.com

Car Hire

Car hire is available from the Inverness Airport with Avis Budget and Europcar.

Avis	0844 544 6017 www.avis.co.uk
Open Mon-Fri 08:00 to 22:00 Sat 10:00 to 18:00 / Sun 10:00 to 22:00	
Europcar	01667 462 052 www.europecar.co.uk
Open Mon-Sun 08:00 to 22:00	

Currency

The currency in the United Kingdom is the Great British Pound.

Scottish banks issue their own bank notes but they have exactly the same value as those issued by the Bank of England and they are legal tender in all parts of mainland UK.

Most hotels, restaurants and shops accept all major credit cards and cash machines are located throughout the city.

There are no set rules about tipping in the UK, but it is normal to tip about 10% of the total bill in restaurants and cafes. Some establishments add a service charge on top of the bill as standard so you may wish to check before leaving a further gratuity. It is not common practice to tip bar staff in clubs and pubs unless you are eating there. You would normally tip taxi drivers by rounding up to the nearest pound (£).

All prices in the UK include VAT at 20%. Visitors from outside the EU may not need to pay VAT on all purchases and there are some stores that operate a VAT refund system.

Visit HM Revenue & Customs for further information. www.gov.uk

Electricity

British electrical standards are 50Hz 230 volts, so some North American and European electrical devices may require converters. All will require plug adapters.

Health

There are no vaccinations required or recommended for entry into the UK.

Medical Treatment

European Union citizens are entitled to free medical treatment at National Health Service (NHS) hospitals, which can be made quicker and easier on production of a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC card). The card is not, however a replacement for insurance.

Australia, New Zealand and several non-EU European countries have reciprocal healthcare arrangements with the UK.

Citizens of other countries will be charged for most medical services with some exclusions including emergency treatment.

You should obtain travel insurance with medical cover before your trip.

Doctors' surgeries are usually open during the working day from 9am to 5pm, and some have late surgeries in the evening. Outside of surgery hours, you can visit the nearest hospital

which has an accident and emergency or minor injury department for complaints that require immediate attention.

Pharmacists can dispense only a limited range of drugs without a doctor's prescription. Most are open standard shop hours, though in large towns some may close as late as 10pm. Local newspapers often carry lists of late-opening pharmacies, or you can call the NHS inform Helpline on **0800 22 44 88** or visit the NHS 24 website.

The main hospital for the area is Raigmore - **01463 704000**

For information on all other medical services go to: <http://www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk/>

Emergency Numbers

If there is an emergency situation and a life is in danger, or a crime being committed then call **999** to be put through to police, fire rescue or ambulance services.

For non-urgent emergencies such as car theft, damage to property, a minor traffic collision etc. please call **101**.

Smoking

Since April 2006, there has been a ban on smoking in all enclosed public places throughout Scotland.

Shopping

Most shops and shopping centres are open seven days a week.

Opening hours vary with the majority being:

Monday to Friday 9am to 6pm/8pm

Saturdays 9am/10am to 6pm

Sunday 10am/11am to 5pm/6pm

Visas

For information on visa entry requirements to the UK please visit the Foreign and Commonwealth Office website.

You will require a visa to come to the UK for a business visit of up to six months if you are a citizen of one of the countries that currently require a visa to enter the UK.

You can also apply for a visa up to 3 months before your date of travel at visa sections of UK embassies, high commissions and consulates and through visa application centres around the world.

For further information please visit the Home Office UK Border Agency.

If you require a letter of invitation to the conference in order to apply for a visa then please do not hesitate to contact us to arrange this.

Climate

Inverness has an oceanic climate, its sheltered location makes it one of the driest areas in all of Scotland.

	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sep	Oct - Dec
Average High °C (°F)	6.9 - 9.3 (44.4 - 48.7)	11.6 - 16.9 (52.9 - 62.4)	18.9 - 16.1 (66 - 61)	12.6 - 7.0 (54.7 - 44.6)
Average Low °C (°F)	1.1 - 2.4 (34 - 36.3)	4.0 - 9.3 (39.2 - 48.7)	11.4 - 8.9 (52.5 - 48)	6.0 - 1.2 (42.8 - 34.2)
Precipitation mm (inches)	76.9 - 57.6 (3.028 - 2.268)	39.4 - 59.3 (1.551 - 2.335)	53.4 - 67.2 (2.102 - 2.646)	78.1 - 65.0 (3.075 - 2.559)

Driving

You can drive on any full foreign driving licence for up to 12 months but after that you will need a full UK driving licence. The UK Driving Test includes both practical and theory tests.

In the UK, cars drive on the left side of the road.

The National Speed Limit is 60mph (98km/h) on single-carriageway roads and 70mph (112km/h) on dual-carriageways and motorways.

Built-up areas have a standard 30mph (48km/h) limit in force, though in some areas (near schools, housing estates etc), it drops to 20mph.

Driving under the influence of alcohol is taken very seriously in Scotland and the UK and there can be heavy penalties for those found to be above the legal blood/alcohol limit. As of 5 December 2014, the legal limit has been lowered to 50 mg of alcohol in 100 ml of blood (from 80 mg of alcohol).

It is illegal to use a hand-held phone, or similar device, when driving a vehicle in Scotland and the UK.

Wherever in the world you are travelling from you will be amazed by our beautiful country Scotland.

Inverness is truly the heart and travel hub of the Highlands of Scotland, and being so close to Loch Ness is one of the iconic global destinations most people want to visit at least once in their lives.

Inverness is well served with transport links and with the airport just 10 minutes from the city centre it is easy for travellers from all parts of the globe to get here by air.

There are also good road and rail links into Inverness from the south both offering the opportunity to enjoy fabulous scenery on route, thus making the journey a part of your Highland experience.

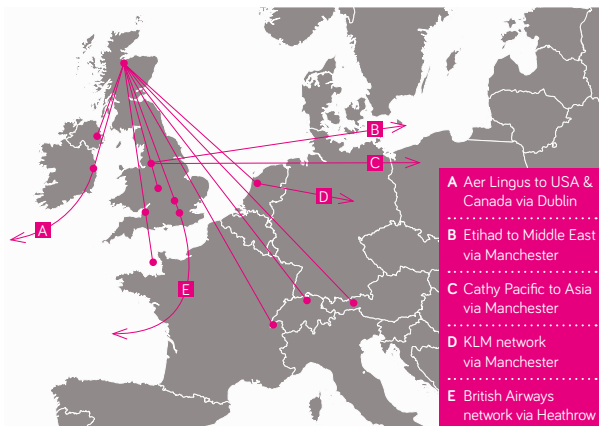
Air ✈️

Inverness Airport is located some 7 miles east of Inverness, 21 miles from Loch Ness. Direct flights to Inverness from Flybe, Easyjet and British Airways (May 2016) are available to and from London Heathrow, London Gatwick, Luton, Amsterdam, Belfast, Bristol, Birmingham, Dublin and Manchester, with Summer arrivals from Jersey and Zurich, and weekly Geneva and Innsbruck flights in the winter season.

Codeshare agreements with Aer Lingus, BA, KLM, Cathay Pacific and Etihad, to name a few, allow for worldwide connections through their extensive networks.

The airport is also used to handling all aspects of charter flights and business aviation with full handling services available.

www.hial.co.uk/inverness-airport



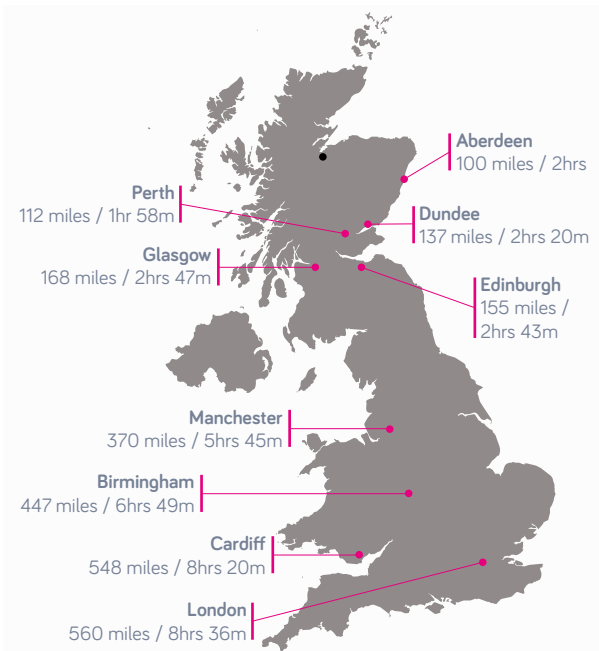
Road 🚗

The A9 is the main access road to Inverness from the South, Perth, Edinburgh and Glasgow and points further afield.

The A82 on the north side links Loch Ness is the main trunk route which links Loch Ness along the length of the Great Glen with Inverness in the north and Glasgow in the south.

Megabus and National Express Coaches operate regular coach service to the Scotland's capital Edinburgh with connections to Glasgow at Perth and overnight services from Inverness to London Victoria.

The journey by road to Inverness is a combination of spectacular scenery and wonderful places to visit.



Rail 🚂

Inverness railway station in the city centre operates services around the picturesque Highlands, with frequent trains to major cities throughout Scotland and England.

Virgin Trains East Coast services from Inverness include Edinburgh, Newcastle, York and London King's Cross.

First ScotRail services from Inverness include Aberdeen and Glasgow.

Travellers from London can take a sleeper service to arrive in Inverness bright and early.

ScotRail have created Business Direct, exclusively for businesses and organisations to offer support managing your business travel needs. With a dedicated account manager to help you every step of the way; their service can help you save time, effort and money.

Both ScotRail and Virgin Trains East Coast offer discounts for group travel and have regular specials on First Class upgrades.

Catering and WiFi are available on all rail services.



Caledonian Sleeper

If you are looking for a way to beat the crowds and make better use of your time, why not travel overnight?

An exciting new Caledonian Sleeper service will operate between London and Scotland from April 2015.

The new Sleeper service will see guests arrive at the heart of their destination refreshed and ready to go.

Serco has been chosen by the Scottish Government as the new operator, with a vision for the Sleeper to be a modern, revitalised overnight travel and hospitality experience.

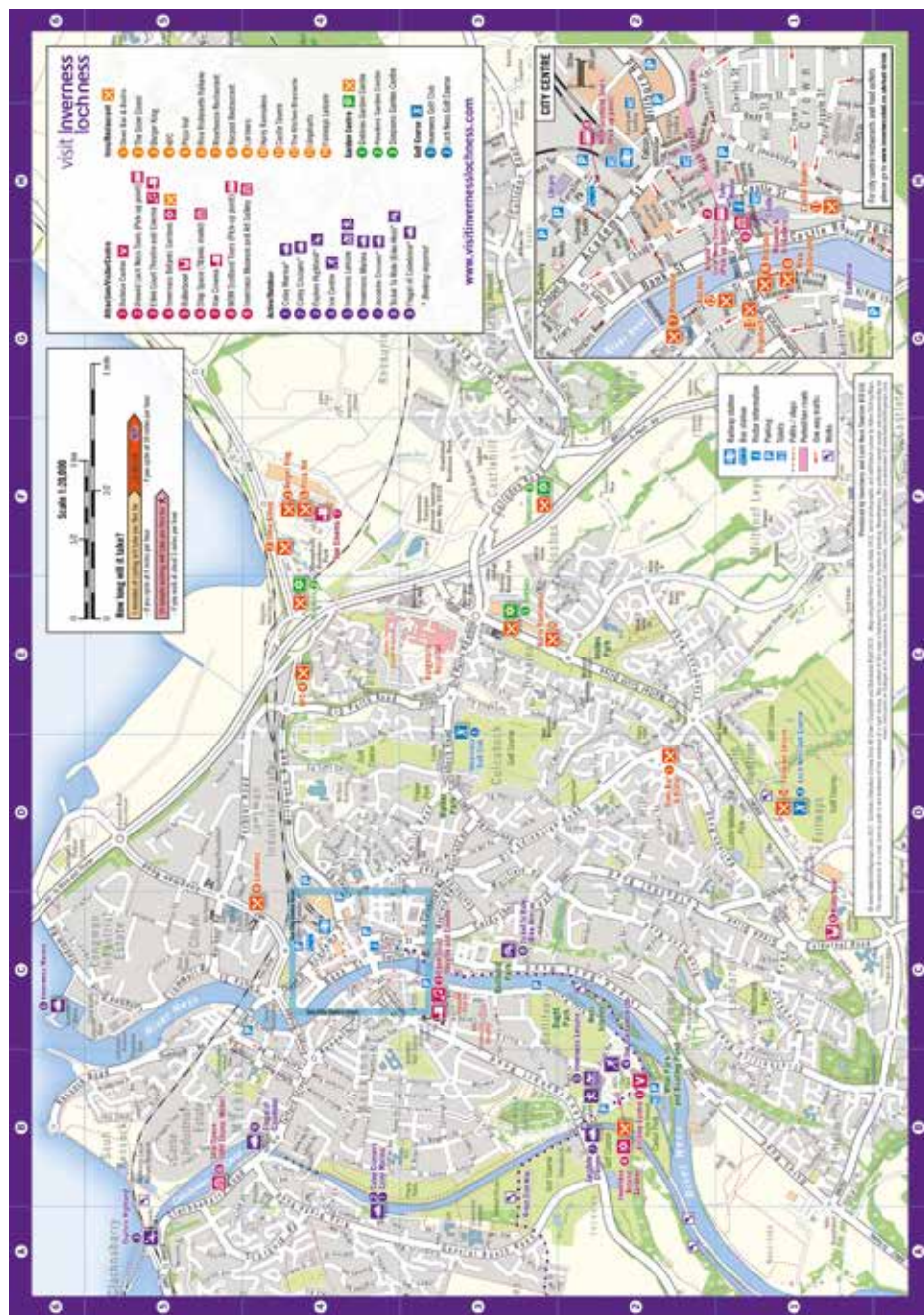
Operating six nights a week (Sunday to Friday), the Caledonian Sleepers are overnight train services that run between Scotland and London Euston – getting you to your destination refreshed and ready to start your day.

ScotRail's Caledonian Sleeper offers:

- Air-conditioned single or twin berth cabins - first and second class
- Seated accommodation
- Cabins with soft beds and comfortable duvets, bedside lighting, washbasin and shaver point
- A pleasant lounge car where you can stretch your legs before bed, enjoy a light snack, hot or cold drink or even a nightcap from our well stocked bar
- Light snacks from room service
- London Euston to Inverness - Depart 21:15 Arrive 08:36
- Inverness to London Euston - Depart 20:44 Arrive 07:47

www.sleeper.scot





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