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► Accommodation Suggestions - Aberdeenshire

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Mill of Nethermill Holidays - Banffshire Coast

Mill of Nethermill Holidays is four luxury self-catering apartments in a secluded bay by the village of Pennan located on the beautiful Banffshire Coast, Northeast Scotland.

They have sympathetically restored the 18th century mill using recycled architectural supplies. Some of the character features include exposed stone walls, timber beams, and cast iron radiators.

The Mill of Nethermill is metres from the beach, and there are sea views from every location of the property.

Mill of Nethermill is the winner of the Visit Scotland Thistle Awards 2016/2017 for "Best Accommodation Provider".



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Cairnton Farm Cottages - Royal Deeside

Cairnton Cottages are 3 superbly finished self catering cottages set within the grounds of The Cairnton Aberdeen Angus beef farm on Royal Deeside, and with stunning views across the Dee Valley.

Royal Deeside is a premier outdoor playground for lovers of adventure sports, and boasts several castles and stately homes including Balmoral, a world class whisky distillery, an abundance of scenic walks to suit all levels, many picturesque towns and villages, and is only a short drive from Aberdeen city.



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Northern Lights Apartments Aberdeen - close to the City

Aberdeen Lighthouse Cottages are comfortable places to relax, see dolphins, watch the sea and generally unwind. They are only 2 miles from Aberdeen city centre and 12 miles from Aberdeen International Airport.

Choose from three cottages inside the 1 acre grassed compound each sleeping 4-6 and all professionally interior designed with period features dating from 1833 and the time when they were lived in by the lighthousekeepers and their families.

There is plenty of free parking on-site. The cottages have central heating, well equipped kitchens with dishwasher, laundry and WiFi.

The lighthouse itself is still operating and used to guide marine traffic. Its beam shines out to sea during the hours of darkness.



► Accommodation Suggestions - Aberdeen City

i Skene House Hotel Suites

Skene House offers its guests 189 apartments spread over 3 sites in the City Centre. Why book a hotel room when you can book an apartment with full hotel facilities?

Their 1, 2 or 3 bedroom apartments come complete with lounge and fully equipped kitchen while their 24 hour reception and concierge would be more than happy to assist with making plans for your break in the Granite City. Enjoy a hearty breakfast in the breakfast restaurant or coffee in the lounges to set you up for the day.



i The Royal Athenaeum Suites

Located in one of the city's most iconic buildings - these Aberdeen serviced apartments overlook the city's Town House, historic Castlegate Square and offer spectacular city centre views.

Newly refurbished in 2014, these 46 suites are operated by the Aberdeen Douglas Hotel.

They are fully serviced with their own 24-hour reception desk on Union Street.

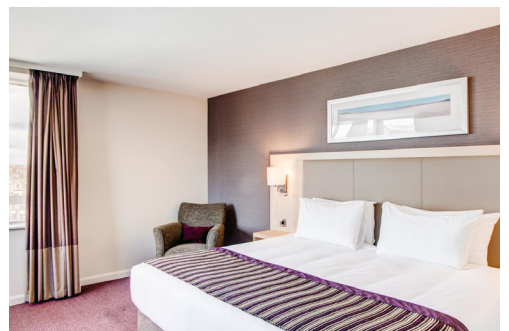
Designed with high-quality bespoke finishings, furniture and upholstery - they offer studio, one bedroom and two bedroom apartments that are perfect for short or long term stays.



i Jurys Inn Aberdeen

Jurys Inn Aberdeen has 203 bedrooms in total. More spacious than you'd expect, rooms can accommodate three adults or two adults with two children or just one guest. The well lit spacious feel is clearly designed around their guests' comfort.

Located in the city centre at Union Square Shopping Centre, this hotel is very close to the bus and train stations, as well as local attractions.



► Things to do - Banffshire Coast and North Aberdeenshire

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Kinnaird Head Castle and Lighthouse Museum

Explore a fine castle turned lighthouse. Built for the Fraser family in the 1500s, Kinnaird Head was altered in 1787 to contain the first lighthouse built by the Northern Lighthouse Board.

The museum tells the great story of the Northern Lighthouse Board, the engineers who built the lights and the keepers who tended them.

It is a story of skill, courage, technical genius and brilliant organisation.



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Aden Country Park

Aden Country Park is a 230 acre country park in the heart of Buchan offering a warm welcome, beautiful surroundings, and a wide range of opportunities for relaxation and recreation for individuals, families, and groups to enjoy.

Aden, often referred to as “the jewel in the Buchan crown” has been recognised, year on year, as one of the country’s best green spaces with the prestigious Green Flag Award.

Situated in the heart of the park lies a semi-circular farmstead housing the award winning Aberdeenshire Farming Museum. Other facilities include a café/restaurant, gift shop, children’s play area, picnic and BBQ sites, walks and trails, Hareshowe Farm, Book of Deer visitor centre, SANDS, carers and sensory gardens, outdoor gym, dog agility and exercise area, horse arena, Victorian arboretum, parking, toilets, and an enjoyable stay at the 4 Star Aden Caravan & Camping Park.



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Guide Charter Cruises

Guide Charter Cruises offer a unique experience to view the coastline and the wildlife from the sea.

On leaving from Macduff Harbour you can see an abundance of wildlife in the sea and on the shoreline. The boat shall pass close by Gardenstown and Crovie before reaching Scotlands only mainland Gannet Colony. Further on to Lion Head you can see nesting Kitty wakes and Guillemots. Onto passing the village of Pennan before arriving at Pennan Head where there is a colony of Puffins and Grey Seals. Dolphins, Porpoises and Minke Whales can also be seen when sailing on the tour where their Wildlife expert Sophia will give you a fascinating talk.



► Things to do - Royal Deeside and South Aberdeenshire

i Deeside Activity Park

Based on Royal Deeside, Aberdeenshire, Deeside Activity Park offers a wide and extensive range of exciting outdoor activities. Only 45 minutes from the centre of Aberdeen, on offer are activities ranging from quad bike trekking around their mud-splattered course, to go-karting on their asphalt racing circuit. Or how about hitting the bulls-eye on the fully automatic archery range and breaking clays at the clay shooting facility.

In addition, they also offer 4x4 off-road driving, Clay Shooting and rifle target shooting amongst others.



i Royal Deeside Railway

The Royal Deeside Railway operates trains from April to mid-October, recreating the original Deeside Line from Aberdeen to Ballater. Steam and diesel services start from Milton of Crathes and provide splendid views over the River Dee and the hills to the south. Refreshments are available on board.

The original Deeside Line opened in September 1853 between Aberdeen and Banchory, reaching Ballater some 13 years later. The railway was regularly patronised by the Royal Family and other VIP visitors to Balmoral until it closed in 1966. Thirty years later, the Royal Deeside Railway Preservation Society was formed and, after a great deal of hard work, passenger services re-started in 2006. Today, the railway hosts thousands of visitors who enjoy a trip on the 'friendly line' by the River Dee.



i Craigievar Castle

Discover the beautiful pink castle said to be the inspiration for Walt Disney's Cinderella Castle.

Begun in the Scottish Baronial style around 1576 and completed by c1626, this iconic tower house is amongst the best preserved and the most loved in Scotland. Craigievar was a family home until the 1960s, creating a quirky blend of modern comforts and rare antiquities within the ancient walls.

The parkland grounds surrounding the castle are equally bewitching, with an unusual Scottish glen garden, a Victorian kitchen garden and two waymarked woodland trails. In early summer the woodland floor glows with bluebells. Keep an eye out for red squirrels or even pine martens scurrying through the undergrowth.



► Things to do - Aberdeen City

i Aberdeen Science Centre

Established in 1989, Aberdeen Science Centre (formerly Satrosphere) is a pioneer of interactive science discovery in Scotland. Today their dynamic team continues to develop interactive programmes transporting visitors, of all ages and backgrounds, to the heart of discovery.

The Science Centre uses interactive, hands-on exhibits and live science shows to help visitors discover more about the world and the physics of life all around them.



i Maritime Museum

Aberdeen Maritime Museum tells the story of the city's long relationship with the Sea. This award-winning museum is located on the historic Shiprow and incorporates Provost Ross's House, which was built in 1593. The Maritime Museum houses a unique collection covering shipbuilding, fast sailing ships, fishing and port history. It is also the only place in the UK where you can see displays on the North Sea oil and gas industry. Aberdeen Maritime Museum offers visitors a spectacular viewpoint over the busy harbour.

The Maritime Museum is a free visitor attraction.



i Aberdeen Beach

Aberdeen Beach is a well-loved and extremely popular recreational area of the city.

Only a short distance from the city centre, the beach is visited by holiday makers and city residents all year round.

The area is well provided with sporting and recreational facilities, including the Beach Leisure Centre and the Linx Ice Arena, cafes, restaurants, multiplex cinema and Codona's fun fair. You might even spot one of the dolphins that live here!



i TechFest

TechFest (running from 26th Aug - 25th Sep) is North-East Scotland's annual festival of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). 2017 will be the 24th anniversary of the festival in TechFest's 40th year.

TechFest science festival is highly regarded as a key event within education, industry and the wider community, and is well supported by the Scottish Government, local authorities, industry and further education establishments. The festival aims to promote STEM subjects to young people and to the wider community by providing an accessible, diverse and entertaining programme.

