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foreword

Paul Lawrie OBE

1999 Open Champion and
Ryder Cup player 1999 and 2012



Golf has been good to me over a career spanning 30 plus years (and counting). Last year I reached a milestone. I won the Scottish Senior Open at Craigiellaw in my 'rookie' season as a senior. It came 20 years after my Open triumph at Carnoustie. Now at the beginning of a new decade, I look back on a career that began for me playing some of the best golf courses that Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire have to offer.

This is prime golfing country with great links courses such as Royal Aberdeen, Murcar Links, Cruden Bay, Fraserburgh and Trump International. Away from the coast there are fabulous parkland courses to be found at Newmachar, Aboyne, Banchory, Ballater and Braemar. Another favourite is Duff House Royal in Banff, the venue for the 2020 Scottish Senior Men's Amateur Open Championship.

A number of our golf courses have staged major tournaments over the years. Royal Aberdeen held the Senior British Open, ASI Scottish Open, Walker Cup and Amateur Championship. Murcar Links was the venue for my first Match Play event on the European Tour, while it is probably only a matter of time before Trump International hosts a top-class tournament.

I've spent my life travelling the world, playing some of the very best golf courses on tour. But Aberdeen is my home and I always look forward to returning. It has so much to offer beyond golf with some of the most stunning scenery you'll find in Scotland, not to mention fine foods, like our world-renowned Aberdeen Angus steak and fresh seafood.



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I cannot recommend a golf break in the North-east of Scotland highly enough. We would be delighted to share what we are able to enjoy in this part of Scotland with you.

Yours Aye, Paul



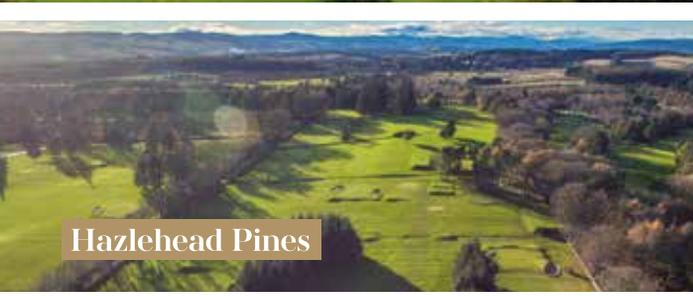
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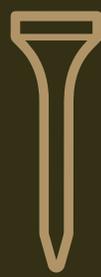
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Golf in **Aberdeenshire** Where will you play?



Cruden Bay

The North-east of Scotland offers some of the finest golf in Scotland. Over 100,000 golfers visit Aberdeenshire every year to play its many famous links courses and inspiring parkland and tree-lined fairways.

Visitors from all over the world are attracted to gems such as Murcar Links, chosen to host the 2020 Scottish Men's Amateur Championship.

This classic links has gained international recognition as a European Tour venue, having hosted the Saltire Paul Lawrie Match Play in 2015 and the R&A 123rd Amateur Championship qualifying rounds in 2018.

Its near neighbour Royal Aberdeen is the sixth oldest club in the world. Royal Aberdeen is one of

Scotland's top links courses, testing some of the very best in the game, having held the 43rd Walker Cup in 2011, the Scottish Open in 2014 and the Amateur Championship in 2018. European tour player and former U.S. amateur champion, Aberdeen's Richie Ramsay is an honorary member of the club.

These two championship courses are the beginning of a stretch of links golf that leave golfers gasping for more. And what treats await with the renowned Trump International Links and Cruden Bay, two stunning golf courses that are among the best, not just in Scotland but anywhere in the world.



Royal Aberdeen



Trump International

Between them lies Newburgh-on-Ythan founded in 1888 and today a challenging par 72 championship course overlooking the North Sea and Sands of Forvie National Nature Reserve.

Head north along the coast to Peterhead and continue your golfing education at the 18th oldest club in the world. Set among the dunes, this is seaside golf at its best with tricky shots that require pinpoint accuracy.

On to Fraserburgh, established in 1777 and the seventh oldest golf course in the world. This traditional links takes you back in time with its undulating fairways and strategically placed bunkers that lie in wait. Another challenge where course management will triumph over brute force.

From great links golf to a change in scenery. Aberdeenshire is blessed with some superb parkland courses. The settings are stunning, and the golfing experience is rich and rewarding.

Duff House Royal is to host the Scottish Senior Men's Open 17-19 June 2020, an international event attracting players from all over the world.

Remodelled by the legendary Dr Alister MacKenzie, architect of Augusta National, Duff House Royal should prove a worthy venue for this prestigious tournament with its contoured two-tier greens and beautifully manicured fairways.



Duff House Royal



Banchory



Hawkshill, Newmachar



Meldrum House

Elsewhere the Dee Valley of Royal Deeside is home to Aboyne, Banchory, Ballater and Braemar – all popular visitor courses.

What awaits are fantastic fairways, true rolling greens and magnificent views to inspire golfers of all abilities. Braemar is located in the heart of the Cairngorms National Park and is the highest 18-hole golf course in Great Britain.

Ballater is a wonderful golf course. Set in one of the most beautiful parts of Upper Deeside, Ballater lies within a circle of hills and several holes run alongside the River Dee. The opening six holes are a real test with two difficult par threes that can make or break your round.

Not far from the city of Aberdeen lies Newmachar Hawkshill, a modern but mature golf course with stately pines and birch trees lining many of its fairways. Designed by Peter Aliss and legendary architect Dave Thomas, be aware of water hazards and well-formed bunkers that narrow the target and creates doubt in the mind of the golfer. Newmachar has a second eighteen, Swailend, another superb Dave Thomas design, more forgiving but still a great test of golf.

Meldrum House is another superb parkland course considered to be one of the finest in Scotland. Ranked in Golf World's top 100 courses, golfers will enjoy the USGA-constructed greens, cross-cut fairways and a choice of five tee positions.

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Duff House Royal to host Scottish Senior Open Championship

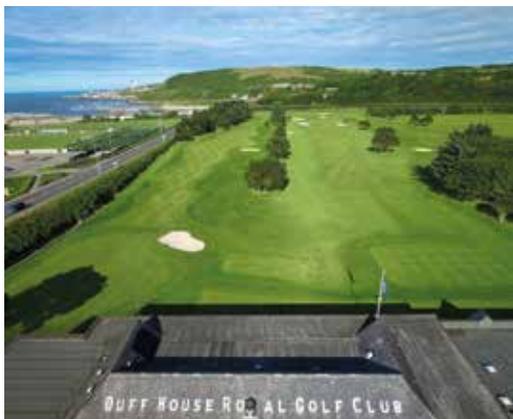
Duff House Royal is set to welcome the Scottish Senior Men's Open to its championship course on 17-19 June, in what promises to be a sensational few days of golf.

This three-day stroke-play event is played over 54-holes with a cut after the first 36. The top 60 progress to the final round with prizes presented to the top three golfers and leading over 65-year old.

Duff House Royal Golf Club in the historic town of Banff was designed by Archie Simpson (who laid out Royal Aberdeen's Balgownie). The course was formally opened in 1909 with an inaugural match played between two of the great golfing "triumvirate" - J.H. Taylor (then Open Champion) and James Braid. Taylor triumphed with a score of 75, three shots ahead of his great rival.

The course was later re-designed by Dr Alister MacKenzie in 1923 who went on to design Augusta National. He first saw the potential for the course from the Hill of Doune and wrote in his letter to the club: "I have rarely come across a piece of golfing ground which lends itself so well to the construction of an attractive course."





Today that attraction is there for all to see. This beautiful course is relatively flat, but this makes it no less a challenge with the River Deveron coming in to play on a number of holes. Strategically placed bunkers are ready to catch a wayward shot and then there's the large MacKenzie two-tiered greens where pace and touch will make or break a score.

If that's not enough to inspire, the majestic Duff House is situated in the middle of the course and is managed by Historic Scotland. It's considered to be one of the country's grandest classical country houses from the 18th century.

Duff House Royal has always been a popular course and is listed in both Golf World and Golfer Scotland's Top 100 course guides. Include Duff House Royal as part of your golfing itinerary and discover why it has been chosen to host this year's Scottish Senior Men's Open Championship.

Did you know?

Duff House Royal Golf Club

The club is the only royal golf club where the royal title is used as a suffix and not a prefix. It is believed the reason for the royal title being a suffix to Duff House was a tribute to Louise, third child and eldest daughter of King Edward VII and Alexandra of Denmark, who was known as the Princess Royal, not the Royal Princess.

The Town of Banff

Banff is a royal and ancient burgh. Its history stretches back to the tenth century. As the former county town of Banffshire, it received its charter as a royal burgh from Robert II, King of Scots, in 1372. The author Neil Paterson described it as a miniature Edinburgh; an old town with stately streets intersected by breakneck lanes with spires and historical monuments and dignified public buildings; a gracious town with unexpected vistas framed between gables and chimney pots.



Callum Bruce

Duff House Royal member Callum Bruce is a two time NJCAA Jack Nicklaus Player of the year (2018, 2019) Scottish International and played in a PGA Tour event last year.

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We hope to see you soon at the Marcliffe, and if I have one piece of advice for you when tackling the great links courses of the North-east, it would have to be "keep it slow and low"!

Best wishes

J. Stewart Spence

J Stewart Spence MBE (Handicap 8)

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23 April	Cruden Bay Golf Club
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Book online at www.southportcoastchampionship.co.uk/competition



Fraserburgh



Royal Aberdeen



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Tee Time

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Laura Murray



Finishing an impressive fourth in the 2019 LET Access Series, Aberdeenshire-born Laura Murray has earned her place on the 2020 Ladies' European Tour.

With the ladies' game growing in popularity, the 31-year-old has been working hard on her game and now feels well equipped for the challenge of competing on the elite European tour.

Q When did you first play golf?

A I began lessons at the age of nine in Alford and was able to play at Alford Golf Club on the way home from school. From the age of eleven my grandfather took me to Aboyne. I've always loved the course layout and the views are incredible – particularly from the 12th. Aboyne and Alford are great courses and I still enjoying playing them today.

Q What's the strongest part of your game?

A I am a long-hitter. People don't expect that of me, but I am quite tall at 5' 8" and I am able to utilise my power on the shorter LET Access courses. Of course it's not all about length and I spend endless hours practising my short game at my home club, Kippie Lodge.

Q You last played on the full Ladies' European Tour in 2015 – what will be different in 2020?

A I am physically and mentally in a much better place now after the year I've had on the LET Access Tour, and I feel I have the all-round game to compete on any course. On top of that I know the other girls well and have played most of the courses before so it's useful to be familiar with the layout and the greens.



Q How often do you get to play at Kippie Lodge?

A Kippie Lodge has supported me for a number of years now, and my coach Keil Beveridge is the pro there. It means I can practise to my heart's content when I am in the North-east. The course is in great condition so it's the ideal place to prepare for tournaments.

Q How has the popularity of the 2019 Solheim Cup affected ladies' golf?

A It was great to see the crowds and the coverage which proved that ladies' golf can be just as entertaining as the men's game. The finish was just incredible and hopefully that interest will help address some of the disparity in terms of prize money and sponsorship.

Q Who would you most like to play?

A Apart from Tiger Woods of course, and the mighty Suzann Pettersen, I would also love to play with Anne van Dam again. We played together on the LET Access Series and qualified at the same time for LET Tour in 2015. She now plays on both the LPGA Tour and LET Tour. It would be great to play together again. Anne drives the ball a long way so it would be quite a show!

Q What is your plan for 2020?

A To keep my card! The better placed I am, the more invitations I'll receive to play in the top events so my aim is to finish as high as I can, certainly top 50 and hopefully top 21.





Banchory

Royal Deeside

A golfer's delight

If you're planning a golf break in Royal Deeside, there's plenty to look forward to. Not only will you play some great golf courses, but you'll be able to bask in the breathtaking scenery that makes Royal Deeside such a popular destination. So popular, that the Royal Family has a long association with the area - Balmoral Castle, between Ballater and Braemar being the official summer residence of the Queen.

The Royal Deeside Golf Classic

At the end of July, the Royal Deeside Golf Classic takes in four of the area's best courses: Aboyne, Ballater, Banchory and Braemar. This is a 72-hole Stableford with daily prizes and an overall prize for the week. The Royal Deeside Golf Classic is open to ladies and gents.

It's an unmissable event in the golf calendar and attracts visitors from far and wide. If you would like to play The Royal Deeside Golf Classic, contact any one of the four participating clubs for an entry form. The club secretaries will be delighted to assist you with finding comfortable accommodation whatever your budget, from 4-star hotels to family-run bed and breakfasts.

The tournament tees off at Aboyne before moving to Ballater on day two. The third round is played over Braemar, the highest 18-hole golf course in the country, while the final round is at Banchory.

A free day has been included to allow you to visit the many places of interest and scenic beauty which abound on Royal Deeside or, alternatively, you could use your rest day to play another popular Deeside course, Peterculter on the banks of the River Dee and get your game ready for the final two rounds at Ballater and Banchory.

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Summer Golf (1 April - 31 October)

A 3-day visitor ticket costs just £90.

A 5-day visitor ticket costs only £150.

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Aboyne

Winter Golf (1 November - 31 March)

A 3-day visitor ticket is only £60.

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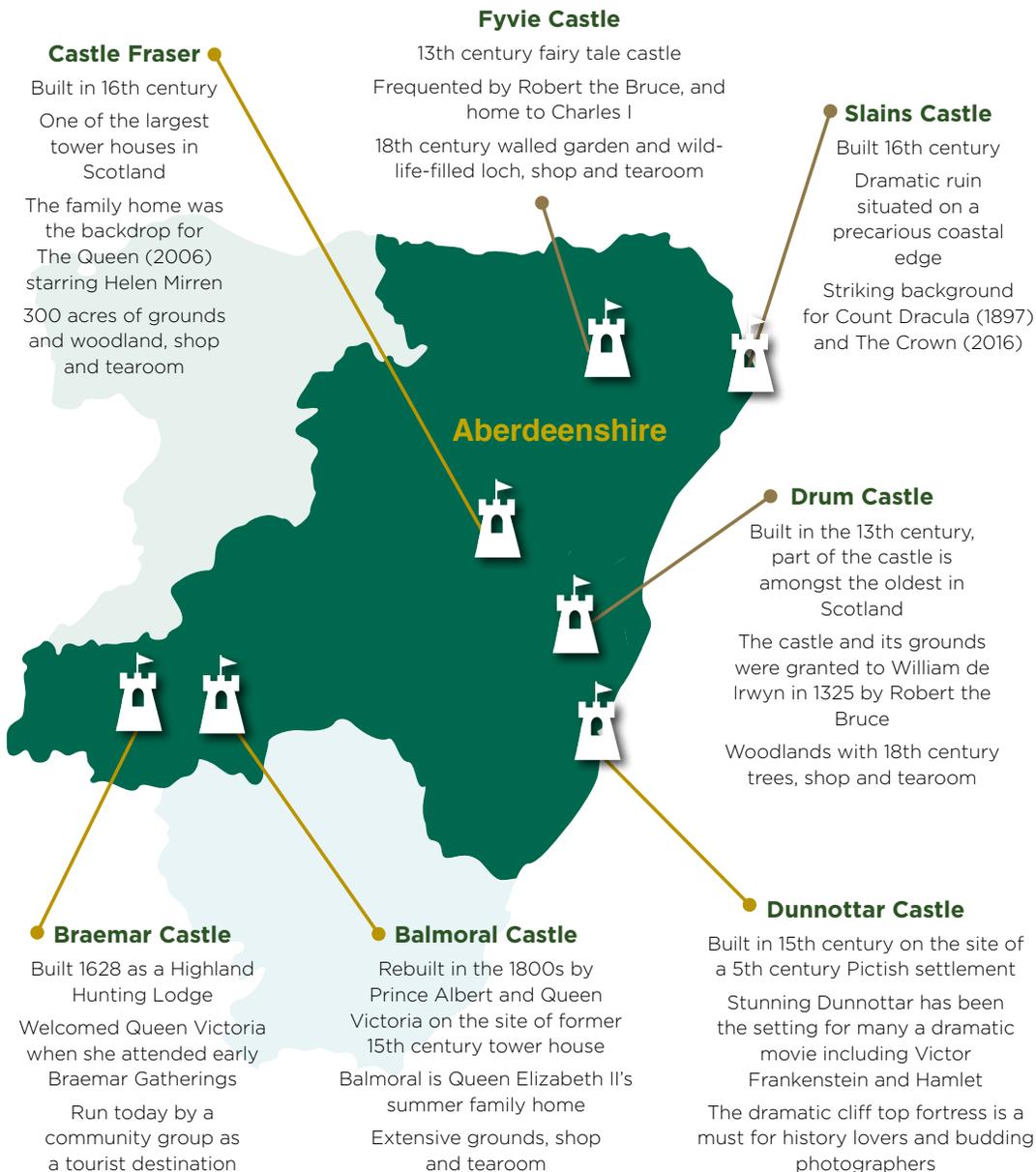


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Aberdeenshire's 263 castles are steeped in history. With more castles per acre than anywhere else in the UK, there are plenty of dramatic homes and fortifications for you to visit on a rest day.

Relive the lives of kings and queens or be enthralled by breathtaking Hollywood backdrops, with this small selection of Aberdeenshire's historical castles.



Fyvie Castle
13th century fairy tale castle
Frequented by Robert the Bruce, and home to Charles I
18th century walled garden and wild-life-filled loch, shop and tearoom

Castle Fraser
Built in 16th century
One of the largest tower houses in Scotland
The family home was the backdrop for *The Queen* (2006) starring Helen Mirren
300 acres of grounds and woodland, shop and tearoom

Slains Castle
Built 16th century
Dramatic ruin situated on a precarious coastal edge
Striking background for *Count Dracula* (1897) and *The Crown* (2016)

Drum Castle
Built in the 13th century, part of the castle is amongst the oldest in Scotland
The castle and its grounds were granted to William de Irlwyn in 1325 by Robert the Bruce
Woodlands with 18th century trees, shop and tearoom

Braemar Castle
Built 1628 as a Highland Hunting Lodge
Welcomed Queen Victoria when she attended early Braemar Gatherings
Run today by a community group as a tourist destination

Balmoral Castle
Rebuilt in the 1800s by Prince Albert and Queen Victoria on the site of former 15th century tower house
Balmoral is Queen Elizabeth II's summer family home
Extensive grounds, shop and tearoom

Dunnottar Castle
Built in 15th century on the site of a 5th century Pictish settlement
Stunning Dunnottar has been the setting for many a dramatic movie including *Victor Frankenstein* and *Hamlet*
The dramatic cliff top fortress is a must for history lovers and budding photographers

Old Aberdeen, new adventures

Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire are steeped in a rich history. The region's proud links to royalty, education and maritime are most evident in two of Aberdeen's most treasured areas.

Turn back time by navigating Old Aberdeen and Footdee, the city's most fascinating districts to visitors and locals alike.



Old Aberdeen as we know it today grew out of two distinct communities - New Aberdeen and Old Aberdeen. Monks and scholars, traders and travellers settled round Old Aberdeen in the area where 14th century St Machar's Cathedral still stands and where King's College, the forerunner to Aberdeen University, was founded by Bishop Elphinstone in 1495.

Today, quaint Old Aberdeen, where cobbled roads run through the heart of the area, is one of Aberdeen's favourite hidden gems. Home to the University of Aberdeen and more than 14,000 students from around the world, Old Aberdeen is a vibrant community waiting to be discovered.

Step back in time as you visit the historic sites on campus. Don't forget to explore neighbouring Seaton Park and walk through the characteristic Chanonry, home to some of the most stunning buildings in the city.

Make some time to also appreciate the old perfectly blended with the new as you admire the architecturally distinctive, and award-winning, Sir Duncan Rice Library.



Footdee: vibrant village by the sea

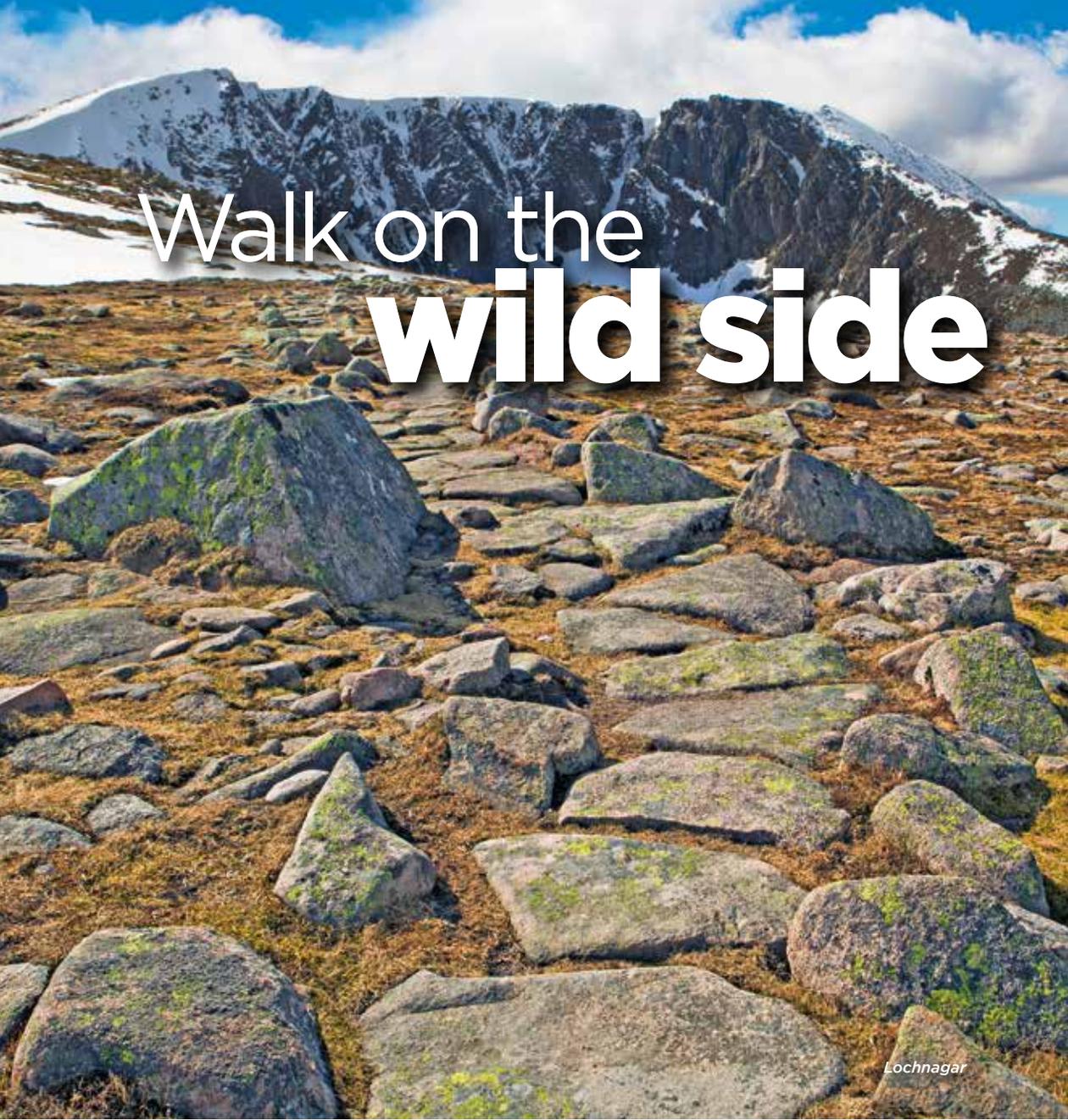
Footdee - or Fittie as it is known by locals - is one of the most unique communities in the UK, huddled at the end of a long, pleasant stroll along the historic Aberdeen beach front.

The charming mid-19th century former fishing community was designed by John Smith, the architect responsible for Balmoral Castle. The cottages all face inwards in squares with their backs to the ocean to protect them and their inhabitants from the sea.

Today, Footdee is still a residential area and is home to a vibrant creative quarter. As well as being a residential community, Footdee is now home to a number of art studios and plays an important role in the area's North East Open Studios event which takes place every September.

Remember, if you do visit glorious Footdee, to respect the area and the locals that live there.





Walk on the **wild side**

Lochnagar

Whether you prefer low level walking or getting up into the hills, **Aberdeenshire is the perfect place to get your walking boots on and experience some of the world's most iconic scenery.**

The Deeside Way

Following the Victorian Old Royal Deeside Railway Line, the Deeside Way is an easy walk, following 41 miles of changing scenery which takes you from the back gardens of Aberdeen city along the beautiful River Dee to Ballater.

Enjoy watching salmon leap or herons perch along the river as well as pretty towns of Drumoak, Banchory and Aboyne.



Bennachie

Lairig Ghru

Scotland's best-known mountain pass is a popular 19-mile trail through some of the wildest land in Scotland.

The Lairig Ghru can be approached from Glen More through the notorious rocky Chalamain Gap and from Aviemore through the Rothiemurchus Forest. Set between the popular and welcoming towns of Aviemore and Braemar, the route cuts through the Cairngorm National Park range with breath-taking views of Ben Macdui.

Lochnagar

Perhaps the most famous of all the munros in Aberdeenshire is the mighty Lochnagar, which is popular with walkers all year round. The striking peak, Lochin y Gair, inspired a poem by Lord Byron, who spent his childhood in Aberdeenshire.

For a low level circular route, head to Loch Muick



Loch Muick

which sits below Lochnagar and is a stunning 8-mile walk.

Bennachie

Although not high compared to the nearby Cairngorms, the Bennachie hill range is a local favourite. The scene of leprechaun-inspired folklore, the landscape transforms from forested lower slopes to dramatic hill top cairns.

The circular walk will reward even the less experienced walker with magnificent views and the visitor centre (open April to October) includes interactive exhibits, refreshments and a dedicated wildlife viewing area.

Keep it safe

With fast changing weather conditions, walking in Scotland can be challenging. Check weather forecasts, plan your route, go with friends and wear good walking boots and warm waterproof clothing.



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As well as comfortable and relaxing places to stay, our North-east hotels have some of the most talented and creative chefs who produce culinary excellence time and time again.

The luxurious Chester Hotel has undergone an expansion to include a new bar, named The Gallery. Take a trip to Meldrum House to sample Pineapple, a new dining experience using the freshest local produce or enjoy the splendour of The Clunie Dining Room at the incredible Fife Arms Hotel in Braemar.





Heading out towards Deeside, Maryculter House Hotel offers riverside dining while further north the Kilmarnock Arms Hotel, the Banff Springs Hotel and Buchan Braes bring a little luxury to coastal dining.

If you are looking for something a little different, a few new eateries have opened up in Aberdeen. Smoke & Soul at Six Degrees North on Littlejohn Street is offering wholesome wood-fired food, while Tango Turtle on Belmont Street brings the colourful Caribbean to the granite city.



For smaller bites, cheese fans have been flocking to Melt on Belmont Street, while new pop-up avocado business AVO is bringing hungry workers and tourists into Aberdeen Indoor Market. Or if you are looking for something special, do what the locals do and head for the Moonfish Café in Correction Wynd.

Whatever your appetite or taste, Aberdeenshire is the place to be for high quality, tasty and memorable meals.

For more information, go to visitabdn.com.

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No visit to North-east Scotland would be complete without a round of golf, but once your clients have hit the fairways, there are plenty of other exciting things to do in the area.

A range of sample itineraries in the travel trade section of our website will help ensure that your clients can make the most of the fabulous scenery and history including the region's 263 castles.

Some are awe-inspiring ruins, others fully furnished and some welcome overnight guests, each worth a visit to give your clients a real feel for Scotland.

The online itinerary guide will provide you with a host of ideas or the VisitAberdeenshire experts can help prepare a detailed plan for your large group. VisitAberdeenshire has a number of suggested itineraries which can take the stress out of planning activities.

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BANCHORY

Forging out into majestic Royal Deeside from the heart of the town, Banchory Golf Club offers a charming course and characterful clubhouse. With views of the shimmering river and rolling hills, it's a captivating setting for golf.

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Banchory is a highly enjoyable riverside course with hints of both park and heathland in evidence. The club dates from 1905 and the original course was laid out with advice from Archie Simpson.

Fairways pass indigenous pines and birch, heathers and wildflowers as they flow towards small but perfectly formed greens, with the surrounding hills and forests providing a beautiful backdrop.

A short walk from the town's bustling high street, the clubhouse is a social hub and a welcoming, lively place for "après golf." On course and off, Banchory GC delivers a memorable day out.



Holes: 18 Par: 69 SSS: 68 Length: 5,864 yards (5,362m)

Architects: Local designers with advice from Archie Simpson



CRAIBSTONE

A true hidden gem, situated minutes from Aberdeen International Airport and set in beautiful surroundings visitors will love the tranquil setting and enjoy the warm welcome that awaits. Golf buggies, trolleys and clubs all available to rent.

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Craibstone will test all abilities with each hole offering a different but truly enjoyable challenge. The greens are recognised as some of the best in the North-east with subtle breaks and slopes and with the course in fantastic condition throughout the year you can enjoy a round at any time. Craibstone caters for all size of groups and can offer green fees only or even half day packages from coaching sessions to lunch to a round of golf. The bistro is open to visitors serving home cooked local produce and the golf academy offers coaching packages as well as outing enhancements. Visit customise-your-day on the website or call to book your next golf outing.



Holes: 18 Par: Parkland 69 SSS: 69 Length: 5,876 yards (5,373m)

Architects: Greens of Scotland



CRUDEN BAY

Originally designed by Old Tom Morris with help from Archie Simpson, Cruden Bay is a classic Scottish links course. Opened in 1899, its 18 holes are set against a backdrop of towering sand dunes and dramatic views of the North Sea.

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Cruden Bay creates unique challenges demanding the skills of power, placement and fine judgement of the discerning golfer. This championship course makes a big impression and has attracted golfers from across the world who have been keen to take on the challenge of one of the world's top 100 courses.

It is one of Scotland's hidden gems, where every hole provides a test and its difficult not to completely enjoy a round of golf.



Championship Course Holes: 18 Par: 70 SSS: 71 Length: 6,263 yards (5,727m)

St Olaf Holes: 9 Par: 64 SSS: 64 Length: 4,866 yards (4,449m)

Architects: Old Tom Morris and Archie Simpson

1926 redesign by Tom Simpson and Herbert Fowler



CULLEN LINKS

Old Tom Morris design in late 1800s. Combination of clifftop and links land golf. Spectacular seaviews all around the course and from the hotel next to the second green.

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Cullen Links offers seaside golf but an alternative to the nearby classic championship layouts. Location is halfway between Aberdeen and Inverness on the Moray Firth coastline. Three hours on the shortest true links of the world.

Nothing short about the holes themselves. There just happens to be more of the par 3 variety. Fun is the key. The Old Tom Morris architecture of playing golf on sandy turf and between the geological features of the 80ft high red rocks gives a unique golfing experience.



Holes: 18 Par: 63 Length: 4,623 yards (4,227m)

Architects: Old Tom Morris/ Charlie Neaves



DUFF HOUSE ROYAL

The original course was designed by Archie Simpson and opened in 1909. The course was later re-designed in 1923 by Dr. Alister MacKenzie who later went on to design Augusta National. To this day Duff House Royal still retains the design set out by MacKenzie.

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Duff House Royal is a popular parkland course renowned for its beautifully manicured fairways, majestic tree-lines, well positioned bunkers and large MacKenzie two-tiered greens. It overlooks the River Deveron which features as a hazard on a number of holes. Nestling in the middle of the course is Duff House, considered one of the grandest classical country houses built in the 18th century and designed by William Adam.

The course is a fair but challenging par 68 for gents and par 72 for ladies. Visitors are always made to feel extremely welcome.



Holes: 18 Par: 68 SSS: 69 Length: 6,043 yards (5,526m)
Architect: Archie Simpson, Dr Alister MacKenzie



FRASERBURGH

Founded in 1777, Fraserburgh Golf Club is the seventh oldest club in the world. Redesigned in the 1920s by five-time Open Champion James Braid, Fraserburgh's 18-hole Corbie Course is a true traditional links course.

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Set against the backdrop of the shimmering North Sea and substantial sand dunes that create an invigorating atmosphere reminiscent of how golf must have been over a century ago. The 6,318-yard layout offers visitors a genuine slice of real Scottish golf history.

Wildly undulating fairways, sandhills, unpredictable winds, wonderful views and some truly spectacular holes make Fraserburgh a true adventure from start to finish. In addition, the club also boasts the nine-hole Rosehill which is a splendid addition to its big brother.



Holes: 18 Par: 70 SSS: 71 Length: 6,318 yards (5,777m)
Architect: James Braid



INVERALLOCHY

Inverallochy is a truly beautiful links golf course on the coast of North-east Scotland and is regarded as one of the areas hidden treasures. Every hole offers stunning views of the sea while golfers enjoy the challenge of a traditional Scottish links.

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Inverallochy is short by modern day standards but don't let this lull you into a false sense of security. With six par threes it is a real test of shot-making. Add in the wind and Inverallochy can roar with the best of Aberdeenshire's links courses. There are numerous challenging par fours but each and every hole provides a challenge to golfers of all abilities. Inverallochy dates back to 1888 and this short but demanding course will give you a true sense of traditional links golf that many visitors call a 'hidden gem'.



Holes: 18 Par: 67 SSS: 67 Length: 5,436 yards (4,971m)



INVERURIE

The Royal Burgh of Inverurie nestles in the heart of rural Aberdeenshire. It lives up to its motto: "Urbs in Rure" - Town in the Country.

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Inverurie Golf Club is a friendly members' club. The clubhouse is attractively designed on two levels with a very pleasant outdoor veranda overlooking the first and eighteenth holes. The club extends a warm welcome to visitors, corporate events and golf outings for whom a rewarding golfing experience and day-out is on offer.

The course, 5725 yards, par 68, features an initial gently undulating opening nine holes followed by a more testing and tight finish with broom, gorse and tree-lined mature woodland.



Holes: 18 Par: 69 SSS: 68 Length: 5,725 yards (5,234m)
Architects: Graeme Webster



MURCAR LINKS

Playing Murcar Links is a truly memorable and rewarding experience where each hole offers its own challenge.

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Murcar Links has undergone alterations over the years, which has stretched the layout to 6516 yards. Originally designed by Archie Simpson and revised by James Braid, it is located on a classic stretch of links land with massive sand dunes, undulating fairways, and is covered in whins and heather with some magnificent views across the North Sea. There can be some wicked bounces off the crumpled fairways and there are burns and the odd blind shot to contend with. The signature hole is considered to be the seventh – a 423 yard par four which is ominously called Serpentine. From a high tee, the drive is over a twisting burn with a ravine on the right and heavy rough on the left with towering dunes everywhere.



Holes: 18 Par: 71 SSS: 73 Length: 6,516 yards (5,958m)
Architects: Archie Simpson, redesigned by James Braid



NEWBURGH-ON-YTHAN

Newburgh-on-Ythan Golf Club was founded in 1888 on the Udney links and is set against a dramatic backdrop of the Ythan Estuary, the North Sea and the ever-changing dunes of the Forvie National Nature Reserve. It is situated midway between Trump International Links and Cruden Bay Golf Club.

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The course has enormous variety with every hole presenting a different challenge and great fun to play. The club has recently retained its place in Scotland's top 100 courses. A true hidden gem.

Welcoming to visitors, tee times are available throughout the week including Saturday mornings. The club has a modern and spacious clubhouse where a warm welcome awaits and golfers can relax and enjoy the spectacular views.



Holes: 18 Par: 72 SSS: 72 Length: 6,423 yards (5,870m)
Architects: James McAndrew



NEWMACHAR

Located in rolling countryside on the outskirts of Aberdeen. Newmachar Golf Club is home to two exceptional 18-hole courses. Both courses were designed by Dave Thomas, with Hawkshill opening in 1990 and Swailend following seven years later.

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Despite its youth, Hawkshill looks and feels more mature than its age suggests, mainly due to the stately pine and birch trees flanking the fairways. With clever bunkering and water hazards coming into play in no fewer than seven of the holes, this is one of the area's toughest tracks.

Swailend is not as mentally challenging as its older brother, but its subtle contours, well positioned bunkers and testing greens present every standard of golfer with a challenge which should not be underestimated.

Although challenging, Newmachar provides two memorable golfing experiences.



Hawkshill: Holes: 18 Par: 72 SSS: 74 Length: 6,717 yards (6,143m) Architect: Dave Thomas
Swailend: Holes: 18 Par: 72 SSS: 71 Length: 6,323 yards (5,783m) Architect: Dave Thomas



PETERCULTER

Founded in 1989, Peterculter Golf Club is the Gateway to Golf on Royal Deeside. Situated on the banks of the River Dee in some of the most beautiful scenery in Aberdeenshire.

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Peterculter Golf Club is the Gateway to Golf on Royal Deeside.

A spectacular 18-hole course that follows the natural contours of the River Dee with stunning views of the Grampian mountains.

Spread over several terraces, the course offers a fair test to all golfers.

Now in its 30th year, the course has matured magnificently and enjoys year-round visitor and member praise alike. Surrounded by picturesque views of the course, the clubhouse is the heart of Peterculter Golf Club providing a cosy atmosphere, a large menu as well as a busy social calendar. Come along and try the club for yourself, you will not be disappointed.

Holes: 18 Par: 71 SSS: 70 Length: 6,226 yards (5,693)
Architects: Eddy Lappin





PETERHEAD GOLF CLUB FND.1841

Set in the breathtaking dunes of the North-east of Scotland, Peterhead is the 18th oldest golf club in the world and certainly one of the best.

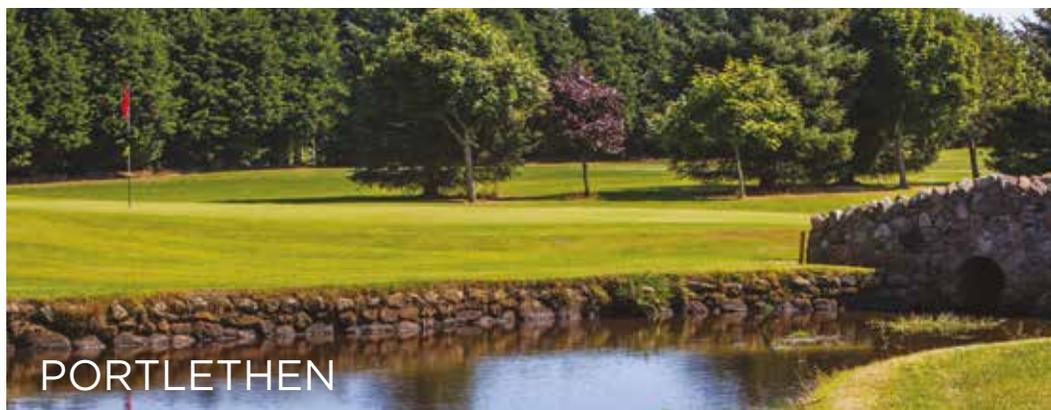
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Among the dunes and across the Craigewan Links the course is a classic example of Scottish seaside golf at its best - and the toughest! Peterhead Golf Club was established in 1841. The current 18 hole layout "Craigewan Links" began as a 9 hole course in 1892, designed by Willie Park Jnr a dual winner of the Open Championship and was extended to 18 holes in 1908. A second 18 hole course was established in 1923, however today it exists as a nine hole course, appropriately named the "New Course". Take the opportunity to come and play the course and enjoy the warm and friendly atmosphere of the club. Groups and societies welcome. Full catering and bar facilities for visitors. Advanced bookings required for large groups.



Holes: 18 Par: 70 SSS: 71 Length: 6,147 yards (5,621m)
Architect: Willie Park Jnr



PORTLETHEN

Portlethen Golf Club is conveniently situated on the A90 only six miles south of Aberdeen city centre making it an ideal location for golfers travelling to or from the City from the South.

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Maturing into one of the more popular parkland courses in the North-east of Scotland having been blessed with natural features, the principal being the Findon burn which, lined with mature broadleaf trees, crosses five of the holes on the first nine influencing either tee or approach shots.



As well as hosting the Scottish Under-16 Boys Stroke-play Championship in 2013 the course has been chosen to host many local golfing events including the 72 hole North-East Open and offers players the option of a gentle, but still testing, 5,757 yard, Par 70, SSS 68 course or for those who prefer a greater challenge play from our white tees to lengthen the course to 6,449 yards, Par 72, SSS 71.

Holes: 18 Par: 72 SSS: 71 Length: 6,449 yards (5,897m)
Architect: Donald Steel



ROYAL ABERDEEN

The 6th oldest club in the world, founded in 1780, awarded royal patronage in 1903 by Edward VII.

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Often referred to as having the best opening nine holes in golf, Royal Aberdeen offers a challenge for any avid golfer, boasting spectacular views across the undulating dunes and fairways of the Balgownie links while providing each golfer with scenery that can only be described as remarkable, with views of the River Don and North Sea. Royal Aberdeen is a Championship course, proud of its heritage and welcoming atmosphere to new members and visitors. Having recently hosted 'The Amateur Championship in 2018, Scottish Open 2014 and the 43rd Walker Cup in 2011' it's simply a must play course.

Holes: 18 Par: 71 SSS: 75 Length: 6,922 yards (6,329m)

Architect: The Course was originally designed by the Simpson Brothers, Archie and Robert of Carnoustie and later re-bunkered and lengthened by James Braid. Hawtree & Company are now engaged as the club's architects to ensure our classic links keeps pace with the modern game.



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ROYAL TARLAIR

A clifftop parkland course with panoramic views of the Moray Firth Coast and home to one of the most stunning and challenging holes of golf in Aberdeenshire.

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Royal Tarlair Golf Club in the town of Macduff is a clifftop parkland course with spectacular views which presents a challenge for the serious golfers and offers enjoyable golf in an ideal setting for the not so serious. The signature hole is the unforgettable "Clivet" the par 3 thirteenth, one of Scotland's best and undoubtedly one of the most memorable holes you will ever play. Walk off with a par and you will have done well. Played from an elevated tee over steep slopes to a narrow peninsula below with the splendid Moray Firth as a backdrop, the only safe shot is the green. The club is one of a select few with "Royal" included in its title. Overseas visitors can enjoy a very attractive international membership of this club.

Holes: 18 Par: 71 SSS: 69 Length: 5,894 yards (5,389m)

Architect: George Smith



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