



Christmas

IN ABERDEENSHIRE'S TOWNS

EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS IN ABERDEENSHIRE'S TOWNS THIS CHRISTMAS, GATHER YOUR LOVED ONES AND MAKE MEMORIES AS YOU SHOP LOCAL.

DISCOVER UNIQUE GIFTS IN CHARMING BOUTIQUES, ENJOY THE WARMTH OF FRIENDLY FACES AND PERSONALISED SERVICE, STROLL DOWN FESTIVELY DECORATED STREETS, BROWSE MARKET STALLS, OR VISIT ONE OF OUR WONDERFUL ATTRACTIONS. AND LET'S NOT FORGET THE DELICIOUS LOCAL FARE FOUND IN OUR BAKERIES AND CAFES.

READ ON TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN BANCHORY, BANFF, ELLON, FRASERBURGH, HUNTLY, INVERURIE, MACDUFF, PETERHEAD, STONEHAVEN, AND THE ABERDEENSHIRE LOVES LOCAL GIFT CARD & COMPETITION.

SO, MAKE THIS FESTIVE SEASON ONE TO REMEMBER. SHOP LOCAL, SUPPORT YOUR TOWN, AND EMBRACE THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS RIGHT HERE IN ABERDEENSHIRE.





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BANCHORY

BANCHORY IS THE GATEWAY TO DEESIDE. IF YOU CRAVE THE CALM OF THE COUNTRY, THEN VISIT BANCHORY, WHERE YOU CAN EASILY PARK, AND SHOP WITHOUT STRESS. BANCHORY IS A CHARMING COUNTRY TOWN, THAT BOASTS A GREAT CHOICE OF CAFES, BARS, RESTAURANTS, AND SHOPS. BANCHORY HAS A PARK AND A MINI-AMUSEMENT PARK.

FESTIVE EVENTS

'CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH-ON' ON FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER, 4PM - 7PM FEATURING A REINDEER PARADE, VISIT BY SANTA, TRACTORS, FIRE ENGINES, MUSIC, FOOD STALLS & MORE. VENUE: BELLFIELD CAR PARK, BANCHORY, AB31 5XS.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR ON SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER, 10AM - 3PM. SHOP LOCAL FOR UNIQUE FESTIVE GIFTS HANDMADE BY LOCAL ARTISTS AND CRAFTERS. VENUE: TOWN HALL, BANCHORY, AB31 5NA.

SANTA RUN ON SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER, FROM 11AM. RACE FOR CHILDREN & 1 MILE RACE FOR ADULTS, 'CATCH THE TURKEY' COMPETITION. TICKETS FROM RUN BANCHORY. VENUE: STARTS FROM GUIDE HUT, KING GEORGE V PARK BANCHORY, AB31 5HT

VISITOR ATTRACTION WINTER OPENING HOURS

BANCHORY MUSEUM,

OPEN: MONDAY 10AM - 4.30PM, TUESDAY 10AM - 5.30PM, THURSDAY 10AM - 5.30, SATURDAY 11AM - 1.30PM.

THE ROYAL DEESIDE RAILWAY SANTA TRAINS, EVERY SATURDAY & SUNDAY BETWEEN 9.45AM - 4.45PM. (ADVANCE BOOK ONLY).



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BANFF AND MACDUFF

BANFF AND MACDUFF SHARE A FASCINATING HISTORICAL, CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE. FROM A STRONG FISHING HERITAGE TO HISTORIC BUILDINGS INCLUDING DUFF HOUSE, THERE IS MUCH TO LEARN ABOUT LOCAL LIFE PAST AND PRESENT. ENJOY BROWSING ARTS, CRAFTS AND VINTAGE SHOPS, AND DINE ON FRESHLY PREPARED SCOTTISH CUISINE.

FESTIVE EVENTS

REINDEER PARADE

SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER. FESTIVITIES FROM 12PM WITH REINDEER PARADE FROM 2PM.
VENUE: SPOTTY BAG SHOP, OLD MARKET PLACE, BANFF, AB45 1GE

BANFF PLAINSTONES CHRISTMAS CRACKER

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER, 12PM - 5PM. CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS SWITCH ON, SANTA'S GROTTO, CRAFT STALLS, FOOD VENDORS. VENUE: LOW STREET, BANFF, AB45 1AY.

VISITOR ATTRACTION WINTER OPENING HOURS

BANFF MUSEUM

OPEN SATURDAYS 10.30 AM - 1PM.

MACDUFF MARINE AQUARIUM

OPEN SATURDAY - WEDNESDAY, 11AM - 4PM

DUFF HOUSE

WINTER OPENING HOURS UNTIL 31 MARCH 2024: FRIDAY TO SUNDAY, 10.15AM TO 4PM (LAST ENTRY 3.15PM); CLOSED FOR LUNCH FROM 12.15PM TO 1PM. ACCESS IS BY GUIDED TOUR ONLY IN THE MORNING (10.30AM), THEN FREE FLOW ACCESS FROM 1PM.





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ELLON

IN ELLON, YOU'LL FIND INDEPENDENT RETAILERS, RESTAURANTS AND BARS, RIVER WALKS, HISTORIC GARDENS, AND NATURE. JUST BEYOND, THERE'S GOLFING, SHOOTING, FISHING AND RIDING. ROADS, HIKING AND CYCLING TRAILS LEAD TO NATURE RESERVES, STATELY HOMES, STONE CIRCLES, HISTORIC RUINS, UNSPOILT BEACHES, DUNES, HARBOURS, INLAND LOCHS, THE YTHAN ESTUARY AND ICONIC WILDLIFE.

FESTIVE EVENTS

ELLON FARMERS MARKET

25 NOVEMBER & 23 DECEMBER, 9AM - 1PM. VENUE: NEIL ROSS SQUARE, ELLON. AB41 9AA

ELLON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS EVENT

25 NOVEMBER, 10.30AM - 6.30PM. FUN AND STALLS WITH EARLY EVENING PARADE FROM 5.15PM AND FIREWORKS AT 6PM. VENUE: RIVERSIDE CAR PARK, ELLON, AB41 9JD

CHRISTMAS MARKET

2 DECEMBER, 11AM - 3PM. SUPPORT LOCAL VENDORS AND BUY YOUR GIFTS AND TREATS IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS. VENUE: DOGTAP BEER MUSEUM, ELLON, AB41 8BX.

SNOW WHITE PANTOMIME

2 & 3 DECEMBER. VENUE: THE ELLON KIRK CENTRE, STATION ROAD, ELLON, AB41 9AE.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS UNDER THE ANCIENT YEW TREES

17 DECEMBER, CAROLS STARTING AT 4PM. ACCOMPANIED BY A SMALL ENSEMBLE OF THE BON-ACCORD SILVER BAND. VENUE: ELLON CASTLE GARDENS, ELLON, AB41 9JB.

VISITOR ATTRACTION WINTER OPENING HOURS

BREWDOG BREWERY TOURS

OPEN FRIDAY: 4PM, 6PM; SATURDAY: 12AM, 2PM, 4PM, 6PM; SUNDAY: 12AM, 2PM, 4PM.

ELLON CASTLE GARDENS

OPEN: SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS, 11AM - 3PM



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FRASERBURGH

FRASERBURGH IS A UNIQUE FAMILY FRIENDLY COASTAL TOWN WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF INDEPENDENT LOCAL SHOPS, CAFES, RESTAURANTS AND LEISURE FACILITIES. A BEAUTIFUL BEACH, WORKING HARBOUR AND NEARBY COASTAL VILLAGES ALL EASILY ACCESSIBLE FOR WALKING, BIKES, CAR, BOAT OR BUS. OUR DRAMATIC COASTLINE IS BEAUTIFUL IN ALL WEATHERS AND SEASONS.

FESTIVE EVENTS

FRASERBURGH CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON
FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER AT 6PM. VENUE: FRASERBURGH TOWN CENTRE, AB43
9DA

FAITHLIE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER, 5PM - 8PM & SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER, 11AM-2PM.
ARTWORK, HOMEWARE, ACCESSORIES, GIFTS FOR THE KIDS AND FANCY BAKES,
THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. VENUE: FAITHLIE CENTRE, SALTOUN
SQUARE, FRASERBURGH. AB43 9DA.

FRASERBURGH PRODUCERS MARKET

SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER, 10AM 2PM. VENUE: FISH MARKET 2, FRASERBURGH
HARBOUR, FRASERBURGH.

VISITOR ATTRACTION WINTER OPENING HOURS

MUSEUM OF SCOTTISH LIGHTHOUSES

OPEN WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY, 10AM - 5PM.





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HUNTLY

HUNTLY IS ABUNDANT WITH HISTORY, HERITAGE AND ARCHITECTURE. LOCATED NEAR THE SPEYSIDE WHISKY TRAIL, IT IS ALSO HOME TO A HOST OF LOCAL PRODUCERS WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO SCOTLAND' RICH LARDER. OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS CAN ENJOY BEAUTIFUL RURAL SURROUNDINGS, AND THE HUNTLY NORDIC AND OUTDOOR CENTRE FACILITY FOR CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING AND ROLLER-SKIING.

FESTIVE EVENTS

AURORA PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER – SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER. VENUE: THE STEWARTS HALL, HUNTLY, AB54 8AJ

HUNTLY FESTIVE FARMERS' MARKET

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER, 9AM - 1PM. EXTENDED FESTIVE FARMERS' MARKET CELEBRATING LOCALLY PRODUCED QUALITY FOOD & DRINK, STREET FOOD, MUSIC & FESTIVE FAMILY FUN. VENUE: THE SQUARE, HUNTLY, AB54 8BR.

HUNTLY CRAFTERS CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER, 9.30AM – 2PM. OVER 30 CREATIVES OFFERING LOCALLY PRODUCED HANDMADE ART, CRAFTS & GIFTS. VENUE: THE GORDON ARMS HOTEL, THE SQUARE, HUNTLY, AB54 8AF.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER, 10AM - 1PM. CHRISTMAS MARKET PACKED WITH FOOD, DRINK, CRAFTS, GIFTS, STREET FOOD VENDORS AND MORE. VENUE: THE SQUARE, HUNTLY, AB54 8BR

SANTA & REINDEER VISIT

SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER, PM (TIME TBC). THE ROTARY CLUB OF HUNTLY INVITE YOU TO COME ALONG AND MEET SANTA AND HIS REINDEER BEFORE THEIR BUSIEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR. VENUE: THE SQUARE, HUNTLY, AB54 8BR.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHARITY TRACTOR RUN

SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER, TRACTORS LEAVE THE MART AT 6.30PM TOWARDS THE SQUARE IN HUNTLY, DRUMBLADE AND GARTLY, RETURNING TO HUNTLY AUCTION MART. IN AID OF THE ARCHIE FOUNDATION AND RSABI.

VISITOR ATTRACTION WINTER OPENING HOURS

DEAN'S VISITOR CENTRE

OPEN: MONDAY TO SUNDAY, 10AM – 4PM.

HUNTLY CASTLE

OPEN: SATURDAY – WEDNESDAY, 10AM – 4PM (LAST ENTRY 3PM).

HUNTLY NORDIC & OUTDOOR CENTRE

OPEN: MONDAY & TUESDAY 9AM – 6PM, FRIDAY 9AM – 4PM, SATURDAY 9AM – 5PM, AND SUNDAY 10AM – 4PM.





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INVERURIE

INVERURIE IS THE IDEAL ALTERNATIVE TO BIG CITY SHOPPING WITH A WIDE RANGE OF BOTH SPECIALIST INDEPENDENT AND NATIONAL CHAINS. IT IS THE IDEAL BASE FOR EXPLORING THE CASTLES, HILLS, HISTORIC SITES AND SCENERY IN ABERDEENSHIRE. INVERURIE HAS IT ALL FOR SHOPPING, DINING, LEISURE AND RECREATION!



FESTIVE EVENTS

THE BIG SWITCH ON 2023

SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER, 2PM – 6PM. STALLS, FOOD VANS, FUNFAIR, FIREWORKS AND THE SWITCH ON ITSELF. VENUE: INVERURIE TOWN CENTRE.

SANTA'S GROTTTO

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER: 1PM – 4PM, SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER: 2.30PM – 5.30PM, SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER: 1PM – 4PM. VENUE: MARKET PLACE, INVERURIE, AB51 3PU.

REINDEER PARADE

SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER, 2.30PM – 5.30PM. REINDEER PARADE, FACE PAINTING, HAIR BRAIDING AND SANTA'S GROTTTO. VENUE: MARKET PLACE, INVERURIE, AB51 3PU.

SANTA RUN

SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER, KIDS RACE AT 10.30 AT KELLANDS PARK, INVERURIE, AB51 3YJ. ADULTS RACE AT 12PM AT MARKET PLACE, INVERURIE, AB51 3PU.

VISITOR ATTRACTION WINTER OPENING HOURS

GARIOCH HERITAGE CENTRE

OPEN TUESDAY – SUNDAY, 10AM – 4PM.





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PETERHEAD

PETERHEAD IS A NAME SYNONYMOUS WITH SEAFOOD. STEEPED IN RICH HISTORY, WAITING FOR YOU TO DISCOVER ON THE 'PETERHEAD TRAIL', THE 'BLUE TOWN' HAS A FANTASTIC ARRAY OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESSES, FIVE SCREEN LUXURY CINEMA, AND MONTHLY PRODUCERS MARKET IN THE TOWN CENTRE AND NEARBY IS PETERHEAD PRISON MUSEUM.

FESTIVE EVENTS

LIGHT UP PETERHEAD SWITCH ON EVENT
SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER 2023. REINDEER PARADE WITH SANTA - STARTS AT 10.30AM WINDMILL STREET, ST PETER STREET, PRINCE STREET; REINDEER WILL BE IN THE OLD INFANT SCHOOL ACROSS FROM THE PALACE FROM 1.30-3.45; FUN FAIR WILL BE HELD AT ERROL STREET; FOOD VANS ALSO AT ERROL STREET; SANTAS GROTTO; 4PM - LORRY PARADE FROM DALES INDUSTRIAL PARK TO THE LIDO - OVER 200 LORRIES TAKING PART; FIREWORKS AT THE LIDO FOLLOWING THE PARADE.

PETERHEAD PRODUCERS MARKET
SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 10AM - 2PM. FARMERS MARKET AND SEASONAL ENTERTAINMENT. VENUE: DRUMMERS CORNER, PETERHEAD, AB45 1AB.

VISITOR ATTRACTION WINTER OPENING HOURS

PETERHEAD PRISON MUSEUM
OPEN MONDAY TO SUNDAY, 10AM - 3PM.



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STONEHAVEN

STONEHAVEN BOASTS AN ATTRACTIVE HARBOUR & BEACH BOARDWALK, AN OLYMPIC-SIZED OUTDOOR POOL, GOLF COURSE & DUNNOTTAR CASTLE. THE TOWN CENTRE OFFERS A VARIETY OF INDEPENDENT SHOPS SELLING UNIQUE GIFTS, QUALITY FOOD & DRINK ALONG WITH A VARIETY OF EATERIES & COFFEE SHOPS TO SUIT ALL TASTES.

FESTIVE EVENTS

FARMERS MARKET

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER, 9:00AM - 1.00PM. VENUE: MARKET SQUARE, STONEHAVEN, AB39 2BT.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

25 NOVEMBER, 1PM - 6PM. VENUE: MARKET SQUARE, STONEHAVEN, AB39 2BT.

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING

30 NOVEMBER 6PM - 8PM. FREE PARKING. VENUE: STONEHAVEN TOWN CENTRE.

FIREBALLS

31 DECEMBER, ENTERTAINMENT FROM 11PM, FIREBALLS FROM MIDNIGHT. A PURIFYING RITUAL WITH FIRE AND FLAMES WHICH, ACCORDING TO TRADITION, AIMS TO BURN THE EVIL SPIRITS OF THE YEAR JUST ENDED. NUMBERS ARE LIMITED SO ARRIVE EARLY.

NIPPY DIP

1 JANUARY AT 12 MIDDAY. PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE. VENUE: THE HARBOUR, STONEHAVEN, AB39 2JU.

VISITOR ATTRACTION WINTER OPENING HOURS

DUNNOTTAR CASTLE

OPEN DAILY 10AM - 3PM.

STONEHAVEN TOLBOOTH MUSEUM

OPEN SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS, 12.30PM - 3.30PM





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TURRIFF

TURRIFF, AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS TURRA, IS HOME TO ONE OF SCOTLAND'S BEST-KNOWN ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL SHOWS - THE TURRA SHOW. IN THE TOWN YOU WILL FIND A BUSTLING CENTRE THAT FEATURES LOTS OF INDEPENDENTLY OWNED BUSINESSES, OFFERING UNIQUE ITEMS AT GREAT PRICES. DON'T MISS THE FAMOUS 'TURRA COO' STATUE.

FESTIVE EVENTS

TURRIFF'S SWITCH ON EVENT!

SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER, 1PM - 5PM. SHOPS OPEN WITH ONE-OFF SPECIAL DEALS FOR THE DAY. FEATURING LIGHTS SWITCH ON, SANTA, FIRE ENGINE, FACE PAINTING. DISCO DOME SLIDE, INDOOR & OUTDOOR STALLS, CAROL SINGING. VENUE: TURRIFF TOWN CENTRE.

VISITOR ATTRACTION WINTER OPENING HOURS

DELGATIE CASTLE

A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS AT DELGATIE CASTLE, 25 & 26TH NOVEMBER, 2 & 3 DECEMBER, AND 9 & 10 DECEMBER, 10AM - 4PM.





ABERDEENSHIRE GIFT CARD

Take the stress out of Christmas shopping this year and *give the gift of local choice.*

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CLOSING DATE: 8 DECEMBER 2023

