

Located on the coast with countless fishing harbours, the seafood in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire is world famous. Here is your two day foodie break inspiration:



See a famous castle ruin

[Dunnottar Castle](#) is a dramatic and evocative ruined cliff top fortress that was the home of the Earls Marischal, once one of the most powerful families in Scotland. Steeped in history, this romantic and haunting ruin is a photographer's paradise, a history lover's dream and an iconic tourist destination for visitors the world over.



Taste the best chippie in the world

[The Bay Fish & Chips](#) is an award-winning fish and chip shop located on the scenic [Stonehaven](#) seafront. With an ethos of great quality food that tastes great and doesn't cost the earth, and that's exactly what is served. In August 2018, The Bay Fish & Chips was ranked 31st - making it the top UK entry and Lonely Planet's top Fish and Chip shop in the world.



Explore the unexpected

[Footdee](#) - known locally as [Fittie](#) - is a quirky fishing quarter at the end of [Aberdeen's mile long beach](#), with squares of tiny cottages, flower-filled gardens and brightly painted outhouses, their eccentric decorations drawing on the city's seafaring soul.



Find your muse

[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' House which was built in 1593. The museum houses a unique collection covering shipbuilding, fast sailing ships, fishing and port history.



Evening meal in the city

Sample the culinary delights of a Masterchef finalist at [Moonfish Cafe](#) featuring an innovative menu of modern British cuisine. Or enjoy spectacular, panoramic views across the sweeping coastline and bustling harbour of Aberdeen at [The Silver Darling](#), a French inspired seafood restaurant.



Satisfy your sweet tooth

Located 19.2 miles from the farm where Mackie's started making ice cream, [Mackie's 19.2](#) is an ice cream parlour located in Marischal Square. Enjoy views of [Marischal College](#) (the second largest granite building in the world) as you sample the award-winning ice cream.



Enjoy an evening tipple

Put your feet up and sample a cooling craft beer at [BrewDog's Flagship Bar](#) - the bar that started it all and has a rotation of one hundred or so BrewDog favourites.



Be entertained

Check out our [what's on calendar](#) to see what fantastic events are happening during your trip.



Visit sands with the seal of approval

Just 20 minutes north of Aberdeen find yourself at a vast sandy beach. [Newburgh Beach](#) is home to an extensive sand dune system at the mouth of the Ythan River and even a 400 strong colony of seals.



Spot a puffin

Puffins don't go a miss here either. Further along the coast, the dramatic cliffs at the [Bullers of Buchan](#) are where many have been lucky enough to get up close to Aberdeenshire's puffins and many other species of seabirds.



Dine by the seaside

Refuel after a busy morning of wildlife spotting at [The Captain's Table](#) in [Fraserburgh](#), a family run restaurant that focuses its menu on the finest local seafood. The menu frequently changes to incorporate the catch of the local fishermen.



Live on the edge

Rather like seabirds which have adapted to living in the nooks and crannies of cliffs, buildings in [Gardenstown](#) also cling to steep slopes as the village has grown vertically towards the sea's edge. The first houses in Gardenstown were constructed at sea level next to the harbour and over the centuries subsequent development has taken place in tiers above. The houses right at the top of the cliff provide an incredible vista of the stunning bay. Even those with vertigo must be envious of their view.



Visit ice cream heaven

[Portsoy](#) is a popular village thanks to its vibrant trademark festival and picturesque [17th century harbour](#). As well as being famed as the home of culinary delight, [Portsoy Ice Cream](#) - an award winning homemade family run ice cream shop, Portsoy was also the filming location for [Whisky Galore! \(2017\)](#).



Evening meal with a view

Known for its friendly and relaxed feel, [Cullen Bay Hotel](#) makes the perfect getaway on the North-east coast and even won the [Cullen Skink World Championships](#) in 2014 and 2017. The hotel's restaurant looks out onto breathtaking views of the sea and boasts excellent local cuisine.



Visit the home of Cullen Skink

[Cullen](#) homes a mix of brightly coloured cottages built gable end to the sea. The shimmering golden sands of Cullen beach are where the bathing waters are recognised as being of the highest standard in Europe! It's here, of course, that the world-famous fish soup, Cullen Skink, was created! The delicacy now appears on menus all over the globe, but the original and the best is still found in its spiritual home - no one should leave without trying it.

This is just a flavour of what there is to do in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire. For more inspiration about what to do here just go to www.visitabdn.com.

