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Described as "one of the world's outstanding coastlines" by National Geographic it's no surprise that water sports on our beaches are a firm favourite but it's not just the coast. Inland we've got glorious lochs and rivers perfect to compliment the coastline. We've pulled together a two day itinerary to help you make the most of your watersports trip to Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire:



Make a splash

Start by riding the waves with [Surf and Water Sports Club Scotland in Banff](#). From total beginners to advanced surfers [Banff Links](#) offers excellent waves for you to enjoy. Or perhaps you'd prefer to start the day off slightly drier, try coastal rowing, kayaking or dinghy sailing at [Cullen Sea School](#).



Refuel on the coastline

Cullen is the birthplace to the iconic soup Cullen Skink, sample the culinary delight at the reigning champion of Cullen Skink with a twist at [The Cullen Bay Hotel](#). Or in Banff take a visit to [Bridgeview Restaurant in The Spotty Bag Shop](#) for homemade goodies.



Watch the waves

Take a post-meal walk around [Sandend](#), one of the earliest fishing communities in North-east Scotland with a characteristic harbour. Watch the waves crash on to the long, sandy beach which are regarded as some of the best waves in the country. Surfers often say it's like Cornwall without the crowds. Nearby [Glenglassaugh Distillery](#) is a must for whisky lovers and will certainly provide some warmth after a dip in the sea.



Walk on water... if you can

Now this activity is sure to leave you with a case of the giggles, try your hand at water zorbing at [Greenwood Loch Activity Centre in Turriff](#) or Lochter Activity Centre. Step in to a giant inflated zorb and try your best to stand upright (you'll find it's much harder than it sounds). [Lochter Activity Centre](#) in [Oldmeldrum](#) also offers an opportunity to try your hand at raft building.



Meal with a view

You'll be in need of a much-earned treat so kick back at the beach for a meal with a sea view. Sit on the top deck of a parked double-decker bus transformed into a cafe at [The Highlander Cafe Bus](#) or enjoy views of the bustling harbour at [The Silver Darling](#).



Enter an underwater oasis

[Aberdeen Beach](#) is a well-loved and extremely popular recreational area. Surfers are frequently spotted on the horizon riding the waves and now is your chance to join them with Scot Surf School. Or enter an underwater oasis scuba diving with Core 94 watersports in [RGU Sports Centre](#).



Be lulled to sleep by the sound of lapping waves

Travel south to [Stonehaven](#) for an overnight stay overlooking the water. Located right on the picturesque harbour are [The Ship Inn](#) and [Shorehead Guesthouse](#) which provide a tranquil spot to be lulled to sleep by the sound of the waves. For larger groups check in to [Elsick House](#) an exclusive use property that can accommodate up to 20 guests.





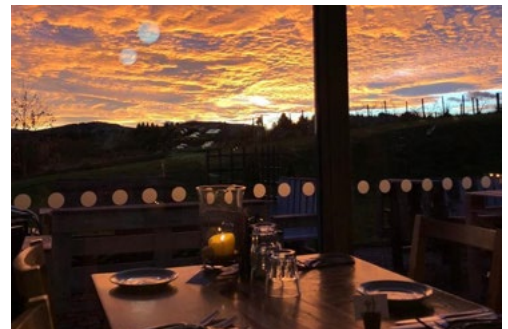
Paddle into the sunrise

Rise and shine. Begin your day early and experience paddleboarding on a sunrise tour (there is also the option of sunset tours too) with [Stonehaven Paddleboarding](#). You'll get to see one of Scotland's most iconic landmarks from a whole new perspective as you gaze up at [Dunnottar Castle](#) perched on the cliffs. Curious dolphins and seal pups have been known to say 'Hello' to you on your tour so you're sure to have an experience to remember.



Breakfast with great views

After a mesmerising start to the day head to [Stonehaven Golf Club](#) for breakfast served with a panoramic views of the coastline and you'll be able to see the spots you saw earlier in the day from a different angle. Coming away from the coastline in Banchory you'll find [Buchanan Bistro](#) serving organic, ethical and wholesome foods in a light and bright atmosphere with wonderful views overlooking the surrounding countryside near your next stop of the day.



Have an activity day

Can't decide what activity you fancy more? Spend a fun-filled day at [Knockburn Sports Loch](#), a purpose build multi-sport venue, near [Banchory](#), offering open water swimming, raft building, stand up paddleboarding, kayaking and sailing. The hardest decision will be working out which activity to try first.



Time to refuel

En-route from Banchory to Braemar stop off at [Douneside House](#) in [Aboyne](#) or [Clachan Grill](#) in [Ballater](#) for a tasty meal. You'll have earned it and will certainly need some energy for your next activity. Both restaurants boast award-winning Head Chef's that take pride in featuring the freshest local produce.



Warm up by the fire

After an adventurous 48 hours spent dipping in and out of the water, warm up with relaxing next to [The Fife Arms](#) glorious Robert Burns fireplace. If you look closely at it you will find characters from the poet's tales carved into the fireplace as you reflect on your whirlwind trip to Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire.

For more inspiration on watersport activities available in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire click [here](#).

