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2020 GUIDE

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Nethy Bridge Golf Course

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WELCOME TO THE 2020 MORAY SPEYSIDE GOLF GUIDE

Looking for a golf trip in Scotland, then look no further. Nestling between the Scottish Highlands, the Cairngorms National Park and Aberdeenshire, Moray Speyside is home to dramatic mountain scenery, an award-winning coastline, incredible food, world-famous Speyside flavours, luxury cashmere and a host of world-class golf courses.

GOLF



Scotland is well known as "The Home of Golf" and is famous for many of their championship courses, however, some are still waiting to be discovered. With miles of rugged coastline delivering some fantastic links courses and dramatic mountain scenery providing the perfect backdrop for some of our parkland courses, we are confident that you will find some real jewels here in Moray Speyside.

We have some fantastic golfing events here in Moray Speyside every year, such as the very well attended Moray Open. If you are not that competitive, then don't worry we have many more fabulous courses waiting for you to try.

STAY



Moray Speyside offers accommodation in great variety and to suit all budgets – from country house hotels to friendly guest houses and B&Bs. There are many wonderful self-catering properties, some by the shore, others tucked away in the countryside, caravan & camping parks and even glamping pods with mountain views!

EAT



Here in Moray Speyside we have everything from wild salmon, seafood, venison and game, grass-fed beef and lamb, whisky, craft breweries, ice cream and much more. There are some great places to eat in Moray, where the restaurants, cafes, bars and inns let the quality of the local ingredients speak for themselves. In short, you will be spoiled for choice!

This guidebook has been developed to help navigate you round the many spectacular golf courses on offer here in Moray Speyside. We do not just want you to merely visit and play a round of golf, we want you to explore and discover here. Whether that be relaxing in our serene environment or indulging your adventurous nature.



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FOREWORD



Dave Edwards is a seasoned sports journalist, who has written for the Press & Journal for the last 17 years. Specialising in football and golf, Dave knows a great course when he sees one, here he gives his take on golf in Moray Speyside.



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Moray is a mecca for golfers, it always has been!

Whether you're coming up the 18th at Moray Old in lovely Lossiemouth, regarded by many as one of the finest but toughest closing holes in Scottish golf, or playing anything from a wedge to a 5-wood on 1999 Open champion Paul Lawrie's all-time favourite par 3, the 'Prelsach' in nearby Hopeman, you'll be assured of truly amazing coastal views, even better sunsets and the warmest of welcomes.

But Moray isn't all about traditional links like Moray. Old and New, or Hopeman, or other hidden coastal gems, all within 10 miles, such as a delightful 9-holes at Covesea Links, Garmouth and Kingston with immaculately kept saucer-shaped greens, the Ben Sayers' designed Spey Bay, Buckpool, with what many regard as the best greens in the North, and nearby Strathlene, an intriguing mix of links and moorland, then, just a couple of miles along the coast, Cullen Links, with its spectacular rocky outcrops offering blind shots galore, over, around and between those spectacular monoliths.

We also boast equally spectacular inland courses, Elgin, widely regarded as one of the finest inland tracks north of the Forth, Forres, yet another James Braid masterpiece, its signature par 4 short 16th played through an avenue of trees over a pond to a well-guarded green, a couple of miles away why not pay and play at Kinloss, and let's not forget the new kid on the block, Maverston, near Elgin, with equally stunning views.

There are also three scenic courses in the heart of malt whisky country, Dufftown, a challenging, if at 5000yds, shortish 18 holes, then two 9-holers, firstly Donald Steel's mini-masterpiece at Ballindalloch, beautifully manicured with 18 different tempting tees, and last but not least, my home town club, Rothes, where the beauty of the scenery is matched only by the faint whiff of Speyside's finest product.

I sincerely hope you enjoy all that golf in Moray has to offer!

Yours in golf,

Dave Edwards

Member of AGW (Association of Golf Writers)

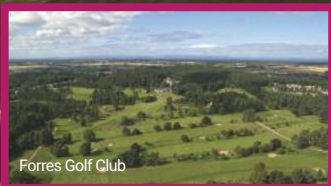




DESIGNED BY THE GREATS



Cullen Links Golf Club



Forres Golf Club



Moray Golf Club

With miles of rugged coastline to the north and the undulating mountains of the Cairngorms to the South, it's no wonder that some of the worlds most revered course designers decided to make their mark here in Moray Speyside.

Founded in 1889, Moray Golf Club's old course was designed by the legendary Old Tom Morris. Regarded as the father of modern greenkeeping, Tom Morris was influential in beginning The Open Championship in 1860, along with James Fairlie, and struck the very first shot in that event.

Morris designed the Old Course at Moray as a classic links, with deep rivetted bunkers, undulating gorse lined fairways and smooth fast greens. It is considered by many to be one of the finest links courses in Scotland, a superb test of golf with seven par fours over 400 yards.

But Moray Golf Club doesn't stop delivering great architecture there. In 1979, Sir Henry Cotton designed the Moray New Course. Mostly associated with golf architecture in Portugal, where he called home, The New Course at Moray is one of only two courses in Scotland designed by the three-time Open Champion.

Old Tom Morris, impressed by Moray Speyside's natural coastline and sandy soil, went on to design the original nine holes at Cullen Golf Links. The result: An impressive design from golfing history that is classed by many as a true hidden gem.

Another former Open Champion, James Braid, also ventured to Moray Speyside. He designed the original nine holes at Forres Golf Club in 1889. The course was then further expanded in 1912 to eighteen holes by Willie Park Jnr, another two-time Open Champion. The 6,236-yard, par-70 course has hosted various professional tournaments, a true testament to the quality of the course, and continues to please members and visitors alike.

The course at Spey Bay Golf Club was designed in 1907 by Professional golfer Ben Sayers, who went onto become a distinguished golf teacher, golf course designer and manufacturer of golf clubs and equipment. Sayers used the natural shape of the rugged coastline to create what has been described as "coastal heathland type of links golf". Several holes were lost during the 1980's due to storm damage, however, most of Sayers original layout still exists.

Immersed in golfing history, the classic yet quirky courses in Moray Speyside will provide players from all over the world, a challenging yet enjoyable experience, thanks to the foresight and creativity of some of the icons of the golfing world.

We hope you enjoy!



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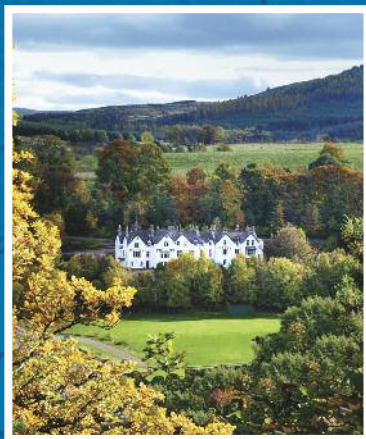


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EXPLORE MORAY SPEYSIDE



Craigellachie

If you are reading this guide, then the chances are you are interested in golfing in Moray Speyside. However, you may not know that the region is packed full of fun things to do on your time away from the courses.

From dramatic mountain scenery to an award-winning coastline, incredible food, and of course, world famous Speyside Malt Whisky, the region has all the ingredients to make sure every visitor enjoys a magical, memorable experience. Here are just a few suggestions.

LANDSCAPE & NATURE

From the high tops of the Cairngorms to the cliffs and coves of a spectacular coastline, Moray Speyside offers great landscape diversity and the wildlife that goes with it, including the famous dolphins of the Moray Firth.



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Bow Fiddle Rock

Bow Fiddle Rock is a natural sea arch situated on the coast near Portknockie. Named for its resemblance to the tip of a fiddle bow, this rock formation is a nesting place for sea birds including herring gulls, great black-backed gulls and lesser black-backed gulls to name but a few. Photographed by hundreds of tourists each year, this rock has become somewhat of an icon in Moray Speyside.



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Dark Skies

Why not take a trip up into the Cairngorm National Park to the Glenlivet National Dark Skies Discovery site, the most Northernly and darkest dark sky site in the UK. An excellent stargazing experience where you can not only view the milky way, but if you're lucky you may even experience the Northern lights.



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Dolphins / North 58

The Moray Firth is home to the largest school of dolphins in the UK. There are thought to be over 130 bottlenose dolphins living in the Moray Firth, as well as a large population of seals. The WDC Scottish Dolphin Centre is situated at the mouth of the River Spey and is a haven for wildlife including bottlenose dolphins, ospreys, grey and common seals, the occasional otter and many coastal birds. Or if you are more adventurous, why not take a boat trip out into the water with North 58 to spot these magnificent creatures.

HISTORY, HERITAGE & CULTURE

Moray Speyside offers contrasts in culture – from upland crofters to coastal fisherfolk; a living heritage of the Scots tongue; tales of religious conflict and battles long ago – plus some of the finest castles of the north.



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Castles

Moray Speyside is home to over 30 historic castles. Follow in the footsteps of iconic Scottish figures such as, Mary Queen of Scots and Robert the Bruce and visit sites such as Balvenie Castle and Spynie Palace. Or, not forgetting Moray Speyside's most prominent villain "The Wolf of Badenoch" who famously burned down Elgin Cathedral in a fit of rage.

Picts

Burghead Headland on the Moray coast is the site of what was the largest Pictish promontory fort in Scotland. Take a trip to the Burghead Visitor Centre where the staff will take you through the history of Burghead from about 400AD to present time.

ACTION & ADVENTURE



The rugged Moray coast and the wild Speyside uplands provide a perfect backdrop to a wide range of active pursuits from mountain biking to rafting and a whole lot more. But it's not all adrenalin, there's a gentler side to Moray's activity offer too, such as cycling, sailing, hillwalking and of course, Golf! The soft climate and low rainfall make the area the perfect place for all sorts of activities. Here are just a few:



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Ace Adventures

Situated near the banks of the River Findhorn in Moray, Ace Adventures offer a wide range of exhilarating water sports that are sure to please even the biggest thrill seekers.

Cycling

The Moray Speyside landscape is ideal for cycling. From the adrenaline rush of mountain-biking amidst spectacular scenery and stunning views to the meandering exploration of peaceful forest tracks, and from exhilarating high-speed road-cycling to companionable evenings in cyclist-friendly hotels, the region provides a range of options to suit your abilities, equipment and interests.

Angling

Whether you want to try your hand on the Famous River Spey or enjoy a more laid-back session on the River Findhorn, Moray Speyside has no shortage of waterways for anglers to enjoy.

SHOPPING & STAYING



A visit to Moray Speyside offers retail lovers a varied and unique shopping experience. Take some time during your trip to browse and buy and you'll discover that the shopping part of a visit to Moray Speyside is a real pleasure.

Yes, we can do "big name" stores, but we also offer all sorts of crafts and small-scale shops too; each providing a completely different experience, with customer service excellence to the fore throughout the region. We also do 'exclusive' – Moray isn't just home to most of the world's most sought-after single malts, you'll also find high-class cashmere, artisan gins, independent bookshops and everything in between. As for staying with us here in Moray Speyside – there is accommodation in great variety and to suit all budgets – from country house hotels to friendly guest houses and B&Bs.



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Johnstons of Elgin

Johnstons of Elgin have been creating the finest woollen and cashmere cloth, clothing and accessories at their Moray premises since 1797. Take a free, guided tour around the mill to experience the production process. Then, browse round their men's, ladies' and children's collections alongside beautiful accessories and homewares in their mill shop. Afterwards, why not stop into their onsite coffee shop, where the emphasis is firmly on fresh, local produce, with homemade soups, gourmet salads, sandwiches and award-winning salmon.

Baxters

Fochabers is home to the iconic luxury soup and condiments manufacturer Baxters. Visit their Highland Village Visitor Centre and travel back in time in their original grocery store. Browse all of their famous foods and recipes including the popular Audrey Baxter range and sample the delicious choice of Scottish fayre in their restaurant, their pancakes are legendary in Moray Speyside.

A TASTE OF MORAY



© Bothy Bistro



Moray's low rainfall and high sunshine records mean sun-ripened barley for whisky, good weather for fishermen, long growing season for kitchen gardens, grass-fed cattle and a host of other benefits for food and drink producers.

Moray Speyside is home to some of the world's most famous food and drink brands, to more than half of Scotland's distilleries, to smoked salmon, shortbread and much more. It is a region rich in food and drink heritage, with a strong sense of regional identity. With almost 30% of Scotland's produce coming from Moray Speyside, it's no wonder the region is known as Scotland's Larder.

Whatever the weather, Moray offers something of a treat for foodies – wild salmon, seafood, venison and game, grass-fed beef and lamb, whisky, ice cream and much more.

But it's not just the traditional food & drink on offer here. The popularity of craft beer and gin has not been overlooked in Moray Speyside.

You can visit brands such as Speyside Brewery and Windswept Brewing, take a tour and enjoy learning all about the brewing process. Or why not visit "Against the Grain", Elgin's craft beer bar where you will find a whole host of Ale's to sample.

If you are not a fan of beer, then don't worry! We also have four fantastic craft Gin producers: Avva Gin, ElGin, Gordon Castle Gin and Red Door Gin, all of which are featured on the Visit Scotland Gin tour.

Moray Speyside is also home to the world-famous Cullen Skink, why not visit Lilly's tea room in Cullen and enjoy a bowl of the Cullen Skink World Championship winning soup, it is guaranteed to warm the soul.

In short, there are some great places to eat in Moray, where the restaurants, cafés, bars and inns let the quality of the local ingredients speak for themselves.

HERE ARE OUR TOP TEN PLACES TO TRY IN MORAY SPEYSIDE



The Copper Dog

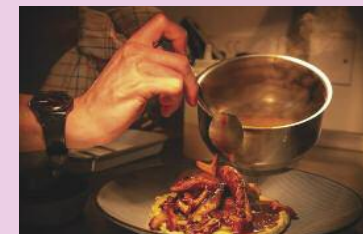
A great place for those who love a great pub. At the copper bar you'll find a selection of beers from local craft breweries alongside the familiar favourite ales and a large cocktail list, full of delicious whisky cocktails. The Copper Dog's food menu is strictly farm to fork. serving fresh, honest, local Speyside produce sourced from within a 50mile radius where possible.

Opening Hours

Open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner with live music every Friday and Saturday night.

Address Craigellachie Hotel, Victoria Street, Craigellachie, Speyside, AB38 9SR

Telephone 01340 881 204



The Bothy Bistro

A hidden gem in the heart of Burghead serving Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner or just Coffee or an Ale. Famed for its locally caught seafood, you will not be disappointed if you stop in for a bite to eat. With a specials menu that changes daily depending on what is sold from the boats at the local harbour that morning, fresh produce is guaranteed!

Opening Hours

**9am – 4pm Sunday – Thursday
9am – 11pm Friday & Saturday**

Address

16 Grant Street, Burghead, Moray

Telephone 01343 830006



Bijou by the Sea

Bijou by the Sea is a coffee shop by day and restaurant by night. Proud of their use of locally sourced ingredients and home bakes made fresh on the premises daily, you are sure to be impressed.

Opening Hours

**Monday to Friday 9:30am – 4:30pm
Saturday 9:30am – 8pm
Sunday 10:30am – 4:30pm**

Address Great Eastern Road, Portessie, Moray, United Kingdom

Telephone 01542 833915



The Rockpool

Set in the main square of the beautiful coastal town of Cullen, with free parking right outside, Rockpool is the perfect place for a stop off or to simply relax, sit back, enjoy the food and watch the world go by. Rockpool has a real fresh, contemporary and sea-side feel, and serve delicious locally caught seafood. However, we would highly recommend not leaving here without trying Cullen Skink!

Opening Hours

Monday – Friday 10am – 3:30pm
Saturday & Sunday 10am – 4pm

Address

10 The Square, Cullen
Telephone 01542 841397



The Dowans Hotel

At the Dowans Hotel you can choose to indulge in a 3 or 5 course Tasting Menu or choose a fine dining experience at their two amazing restaurants. Their menus are seasonal, reflecting all the fresh ingredients that are sourced locally and sustainably: whether it be venison and game from the Ballindalloch Estate, fresh fish from Portsoy or fresh lobster from Lossiemouth.

Opening Hours

Monday – Sunday 12pm – 11pm

Address Dowans Road,
Aberlour, Moray, AB38 9LS

Telephone 01340 871488



Harbour Lights

With a spectacular view of the marina, Harbour Lights offers something for everyone, soups & light bites, a large selection of main courses based on locally sourced ingredients, sandwiches, desserts and a children's menu. And no forgetting the very popular daily specials board.

Opening Hours

Monday – Sunday
8.30am till 4pm

Saturday 6.30pm – 8.30pm
(Bookings Only)

Address 5 Pitgaveny Quay,
Lossiemouth, IV31 6TW

Telephone 01343 814622



The Kimberley Inn

Situated right on the shore of Findhorn Bay, The Kimberley Inn offers great food, drinks, and the most stunning of views. The perfect location to unwind after a busy day on one of Moray Speyside's courses.

Opening Hours

Monday – Sunday
11:30am – late

Address

The Kimberley Inn, 94 Findhorn

Telephone 01309 690492



A TASTE OF MORAY



The Mosset Tavern

Located in the heart of Forres in the peaceful setting of the tranquil Rose Garden and the Mosset Duck pond, the Mosset Tavern is a warming family orientated pub and dining room with a range of fine ales and excellent food.

Opening Hours

Monday – Saturday 11:30am – 9pm
Sunday 11:30am – 7:30pm

Address Gordon St, Forres

Telephone 01309 672981



Gordon Castle Walled Garden

Winners of the Best Eating Experience at the 2018 Highlands and Islands Tourism Awards, Gordon Castle Walled Garden tish dishes that are prepared with care using the finest local ingredients. They operate a *Plant | Pick | Plate* ethos to make the most of their eight-acre walled garden. Whether you fancy a coffee, lunch or a delicious evening meal Gordon Castle Walled Garden is worth a visit.

Opening Hours

Monday – Sunday 10am – 2:30pm

Address Gordon Castle Estate,
Fochabers, Moray, IV32 7PQ

Telephone 01343 820244



The Drouthy Cobbler

A charming and modern bar, restaurant and live entertainment venue in the heart of Elgin. With around 150 whiskies, 30 gins, real ales, great wines, coffee & top notch locally sourced food. Sourcing the best possible Scottish ingredients from independent local butchers, fishmongers and veg growers, the Drouthy Cobbler provides minimal food miles with maximum flavour.

Opening Hours

Monday – Thursday 4pm – 12.30am
Friday 2pm – 1.30am
Saturday 12pm – 1.30am
Sunday 12pm – 12.30am

Address 48a High Street, Elgin,
Scotland IV30 1BU

Telephone 01343 596000



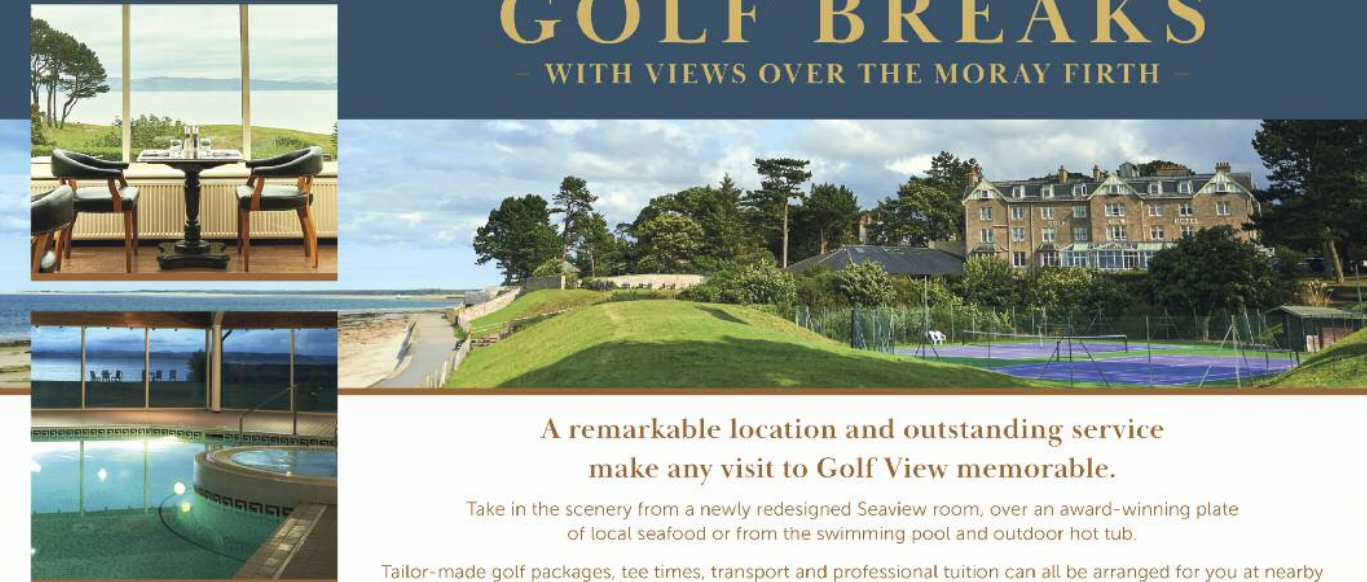
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So whether it's tee time or you're ready for the 19th hole, make Golf View your first choice for a golf break.

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WELCOME TO MALT WHISKY COUNTY



Moray Speyside is home to some of Scotland's most beautiful scenery and lush landscapes, not to mention some breath-taking golf courses. As if this wasn't enough, it is also home to roughly half of all of Scotland's whisky distilleries. Situated in between Inverness and Aberdeen, the region spreads from the rugged Moray coastline down towards the majestic Cairngorms National Park. The River Spey, Scotland's fastest flowing river, runs through the area, starting in the Cairngorm mountains, finally joining the sea at Spey Bay on the Moray Coast. The majority of our distilleries are situated in the beautiful glens surrounding this iconic water source.

The area's rich supply of pure water and beautiful inland setting help to produce smooth and complex whiskies that provide an elegant contrast to the salty and heavily peated whiskies that are produced by distilleries in other regions. Speyside whiskies are characterised by sweet and fruity notes, ranging from ripe pears to sultanas. Hints of nuts and malt are common, while some whiskies also possess a refined smokiness.

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Spirit of Speyside Whisky Festival

With so many distilleries packed into our fabulous region you're never far from a distillery or two. From small scale producers who handcraft whisky using traditional methods to some of the most famous distilleries in the world, Moray Speyside is the perfect place to learn all you need to know about the art of whisky creation.

Why not visit during the famous Spirit of Speyside Whisky Festival, which is normally held at the start of May, and get involved in some of the unique whisky events in the festival's packed programme. With over 500 events spread over five days, you are guaranteed to find something to enjoy. Why not pay a visit to the fantastic Speyside Cooperage, the only working cooperage in Scotland to have a visitor centre, where you will discover the craft that goes into making the whisky casks for some of the world's most famous brands. Whether you're already a whisky lover or are still to sample your first dram, you're sure to uncover more than a few fascinating facts – as well as some delicious drams – during your trip to Moray Speyside.





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FORRES GOLF CLUB



Forres Golf Course was designed by Open Championship winners James Braid and Willie Park, the Par 70 course is just less than 6300 yards, providing a good test for golfers of all abilities.

The course itself is a wonderful parkland golf course with spectacular views. Aimed at golfers of all abilities, it is extremely well maintained and has a fine reputation in the area for the condition of its greens. Offering an interesting layout that will satisfy all who play it, the course is full of memorable holes; none more so than the 16th, aptly named 'Pond'.

Course Highlights

From the back tees the course measures just under 6300 yards with a par of 70. The front nine is par 36 but is the shorter nine. It is however quite tight with several tree-lined holes and great variety. The back nine is longer and at par 34 can be a real challenge but there is more room to open the shoulders. The signature hole is the 16th hole, a shortish par 4 played between trees and over a pond to a well-guarded green.

Green Fees

Winter Green Fee	£15.00
High Season	£60
1.00pm to 3.00pm	£45
After 3.00pm	£30



MORAY GOLF CLUB



Where else could you follow in the footsteps of Old Tom Morris and Henry Cotton in the same day? Perhaps the region's most well-known course; The old course is considered to be, one of the finest links courses in Scotland. A classic links designed by Old Tom Morris with deep bunkers, undulating gorse lined fairways and smooth fast greens.

The Moray New links carries the stamp of Henry Cotton, with the signature 10th running along West beach toward the lighthouse, playing to a green hewn from the dunes, and not a single bunker in sight.

Course Highlights

The signature 18th hole on the Moray Old Course, playing to the arena of the final green and the imposing club house, was recently merited "second finest finishing hole in the country," by Visit Scotland.

Green Fees

Period	Old Course	New Course
1st January – 31st March	£25.00	£12.50
1st April – 30th April	£70.00	£35.00
1st May – 30th September	£100.00	£50.00
1st October – 31st October	£70.00	£35.00
1st November – 31st December	£25.00	£12.50
Day Ticket (May – September)	£150.00	£70.00



ELGIN GOLF CLUB

Founded in 1906 and situated in the heart of Moray & Speyside, Elgin Golf Club is widely regarded as one of the finest inland courses in the North of Scotland.

Originally designed as a 9-hole course, the course was extended to an 18-hole in 1924 due to a rise in popularity of the game. Since this time Elgin Golf Club has proven itself as a must play course amongst golf fans, becoming ranked in the top 100 of Scotland's courses.

Course Highlights

Measuring 6,458 yards with par of 69 and a standard scratch of 71, this challenging but fair course is a true test of low and high handicap players alike.

Green Fees

May 2019 to September 2019

Round Ticket Mon–Sun	£65.00pp
Afternoon (1pm–3pm)	£50.00pp
Afternoon (after 3–6pm)	£30.00pp
Day Ticket Mon–Sun	£90.00pp
12 Hole (after 6pm)	£20.00pp
Special Deal (Play 2 rounds in the same week)	£90.00pp
Special Fourball Rate	£200.00 (Strictly 4 players)



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HOPEMAN GOLF CLUB



Originally a nine-hole course, which was extended to 18-holes in 1985 making it probably one of the most demanding links courses to play golf in Moray. Most of the fairways are fervently guarded by gorse and broom, adding an additional challenge to members and visitors alike. Along your round you will also find some of the most spectacular views of the stacks and coves that grace this stretch of coastline.

The Prieslach is a spectacular hole, with its green nestling in the Clashach cove over 100 feet below the tee and is undoubtedly Hopeman Golf Club's signature hole. Whilst the hole is only 150 yards long, the green is protected by two bunkers left and right, and with gorse and heather not far away. Depending on wind conditions, almost any club in your bag might be selected.

Course Highlights

Don't be fooled by the course only being 5624 yards long! It is an enjoyably challenging course. Honorary President at Hopeman, Paul Lawrie OBE described the signature Par 3 12th Hole as "probably the best Par 3 he has ever played".

Green Fees

	Per Round	Per Day
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Dufftown Golf Club is an 18-hole course set among the most breath-taking scenery in Speyside.

Founded in 1896, originally as a 9-hole hole course, this little club and course has survived being ploughed and farmed during WWI, left neglected during WWII to come back as a true hidden gem of a course in the heart of Malt Whisky Country.

Hole numbers 7 and 10 both feature in Britain's Extraordinary Golf Holes and Sam Torrance included the 10th hole in his 'Ultimate Fantasy Course' for Visit Scotland.

Set amongst rolling parkland and because of its elevation and topography, Dufftown offers interesting and unique golfing challenges with spectacular views from every aspect. This stunning course also boasts the biggest tee-to-green drop in Britain, the 10th hole at Dufftown is the club's pride and joy

Green Fees

Weekday Green Fee	£20
Weekend Green Fee	£25
Junior Weekday Green Fee	£10
Junior Weekend Green Fee	£10
Visitor with club member Weekday Green Fee	£10
Visitor with club member Weekend Green Fee	£12.50



KINLOSS COUNTRY GOLF CLUB

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Enjoy this 9-hole layout at Kinloss Country Golf Club that will provide a testing challenge for golfers of all levels. Set in stunning woodland, this course is the perfect place to enjoy a quick round of enjoyable golf.

The occasional winds sweeping in from the Moray Firth test the abilities of all golfers. The stunning views over the Moray Firth towards the mist shrouded mountains on the Black Isle also make for a fine golfing experience.

The newly extended clubhouse offers a varied menu of tasty treats including Light Snacks Home-made Soups, All day breakfast, Paninis, and Specialty Burgers. The bar is fully stocked with local malts, their own clubhouse dark ale and a selection of wines and beers.

Green Fees

Rates (1st March to 31st October)

9 holes	£12.50
18 holes	£20.00

Rates (November to February)

9 holes	£10.00
18 holes	£15.00



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COVESEA LINKS



This 9 hole course sits at the end of its own windy road, nestled in a cove right on the coast between Lossiemouth and Hopeman.

The course follows the contours of the cove, offering stunning views of the coast along the way.

The aim of the course is to provide exceptional pay and play golf on the beautiful Moray Coast that is playable for beginners whilst also a challenge for the experienced.

No need to book, simply turn up and play.



ROTHES GOLF CLUB

Located in the heart of the Spey Valley, on the famous Whisky Trail, this attractive 9-hole inland course built on parkland, features lush tree-lined fairways which overlook wonderful panoramic views of the Spey Valley and the friendly village of Rothes.

The 9-hole course is a gem! The rolling woodland covered slopes provide a breath-taking view, with the pagodas from nearby distilleries dotted around the landscape, it may be hard to keep your eye on the ball. This course provides entertaining challenges throughout for golfers of all abilities.

Course Highlights

Hole 1 – Elchies – A much more difficult hole than its yardage suggests. The first hole on Rothes Golf Course has a gradual incline to the green that is ignored at your peril. This truly can be a ‘make or break’ hole if chasing a score in the second nine.

Green Fees

Adults (Day ticket)	£25
Adults (9 Holes)	£15
Juniors (Day ticket)	£10
Juniors (9 Holes)	£7.50



SPEY BAY GOLF CLUB

Located at the mouth of the famous River Spey on the stunning Moray Firth coastline, this course is surrounded by beautiful countryside and only minutes from the famous Speyside Way.

Opened in 1907, The course was designed by the legendary Ben Sayers and provides challenging drives, undulating fairways and natural green sites, all in a stunningly beautiful location, all in all a natural and highly captivating links course.

The late prime minister Ramsay Macdonald was a member at Spey Bay and the magnificent club championship trophy which remains at the club, was presented by him.

Course Highlights

The signature hole is the 138 yards 8th, situated at the most easterly point of the course, with a nasty bunker positioned to the front left of an elevated shallow putting surface. When playing this hole, you will want the wind to be on your side to be in with a chance of making the green.

Green Fees

One Round	£20
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CULLEN LINKS GOLF CLUB



Originally designed as a 9-hole course by renowned golf course architect 'Old Tom Morris', then later developed into an 18-hole by Charlie Neaves, Cullen is an enchanting course - perfectly located along the stunning shores of the Moray Firth. On the noted 7th tee, keep one eye on the ball and another to the shore to survey for Bottlenose Dolphins.

As one of the world's 264 true links courses, Cullen is known as the shortest of all these. While the course may be short, it packs a plentiful punch with an exciting mix of straightforward and challenging holes – to accommodate golfers of any ability.

Course Highlights

At 4600 yards you would expect this par 63 course to be aimed at families who want to enjoy a leisurely game of golf. However, "The Confidential Guide to Golf Courses" rated Cullen Links as being well above the average course.

Green Fees

Day ticket (Mon – Sun) - £30.00
 Weekly Ticket (Mon – Fri) - £100.00
 After 1700 hours (twilight) - £20.00
 Winter Round - £15.00



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BUCKPOOL GOLF CLUB



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The fishing town of Buckie in the North East of Scotland has been keeping one of Scottish Golf's best kept secrets for many a year – its links style course.

Slightly elevated above the sea, the course boasts unbeatable views across the Moray Firth towards the hills of Caithness. Built on sand, Buckpool has fast, rolling fairways, often lined by tall mature gorse bushes. Swales and hollows are littered around the approaches to slick undulating greens, so precious, some are protected by cavernous bunkers providing golfers of all abilities an enjoyable challenge.

Course Highlights

Hole 5 – Morven, which is a 434yd par 4, the hardest hole on the course. A tough Par 4 that doglegs to the right. The gorse that line both sides of the fairway make an accurate tee shot a must.

Green Fees

Per Round (Apr to Oct)

Monday – Sunday	£40
Senior Citizens	£30
Juniors up to 16	£15

Day Ticket

Monday – Sunday	£50
Senior Citizens	£40
TWILIGHT GOLF after 2.30pm	Adult £30, Seniors £20, Junior £10



MAVERSTON GOLF CLUB

Designed by former Scottish international golfer Euan McIntosh, this course is set in a stunning location with the spectacular backdrop of the local mountains to the south and wonderful views towards the Moray Firth in the north and east.

Boasting an 18-hole, 6,335 yard Par 71 parkland course and a 9-hole, 1250 yard Par 3 course, Maverston Golf Course is set to compliment Moray's fantastic array of golfing facilities.

Course Highlights

The 18-hole, 6335yd Par 71 parkland course makes best use of the gently undulating landscape and offers a challenging, but fair test to all levels of golfer.

Green Fees

Adult Round	£35.00
Adult Day Ticket	£50.00
2 Round Ticket	£50.00
9 Holes	£20.00
Par 3 Course	£10.00
Junior Round	£10.00
Junior Day	£20.00
Winter Round (Nov – Mar)	£20.00



STRATHLENE GOLF CLUB

Founded in 1877, Strathlene Buckie Golf Club is the epitome of ancient antiquity when it comes to Scotland golf, as it's one of the oldest golf clubs in the nation.

A cliff top links course, Strathlene is notable in that it combines modern with old. You will play recently redesigned holes that will give players a unique challenge, while heading in, you'll play some of the original holes – more than 120 years old.

Course Highlights

Playing to nearly 6,000 yards from the back tees, Strathlene gives golfers of all levels more than enough challenge than they could for and more. Undulating fairways, elevated greens and strategically placed bunkers make it a thinking-players course, where course management and ball placement will lead to a solid score.

Green Fees

Green Fees from April 1st 2019 Monday to Sunday are:

Full	Round £30.00	Day £35.00
Senior	Round £25.00	Day £28.00
Junior	Round £12.00	Day £14.00
Twilight Golf	Tee off after 4.00pm for £12.00	



BALLINDALLOCH CASTLE GOLF COURSE

Ballindalloch Castle Golf Course, with its nine holes and 18 tees, provides a fair test for golfers of all standards. The golf course is set on the banks of the Avon River, among 150-year-old trees and with marvellous views of the surrounding purple heather-clad hills and native birch woods.

The course was designed by Donald Steel and Tom Mackenzie, both internationally recognized golf course architects. They created a heady mix of challenging golf and aesthetic appeal, just as they have done at their other famous Scottish design, the Carnegie Course at Skibo Castle.

Course Highlights

The layout delivers a par 72 over two levels, making the most of the natural landscape. A combination of wide fairways and narrow approaches give a course that is as testing as it is attractive.

Green Fees

£10 per 9 holes



GARMOUTH & KINGSTON GOLF CLUB

Garmouth & Kingston Golf Club was founded in 1932 and is situated on the west bank at the mouth of the River Spey.



The 18 holes are played over a combination of parkland and links and provide an enjoyable challenge for all standards of players. Surrounded by sea, river, hills and wildlife, your memories of Garmouth & Kingston will be a mixture of a superb course and a friendly welcome from everyone at the club.

Course Highlights

At 5038 yards with a standard scratch score of 66 it is not too demanding of a course, however it is enjoyably challenging and offers excellent greens and stunning scenery.

Green Fees

Weekday Round	£25 (9 Holes £13)
Weekday Day Ticket	£32
Weekend Round	£32 (9 Holes £16)
Weekend Day Ticket	£44
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KEITH GOLF CLUB

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Green Fees

Weekday Round	£15
Weekend Round	£20
Accompanied Guest	£7
Accompanied Junior	£2
Weekly Ticket	£30
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