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### HOW TO GET HERE

### CAR/BUS

If you plan to drive to Moray Speyside from either Edinburgh or Glasgow it takes just over 3 and half hours from both. The A9 is the best option in terms of time and it takes you through the stunning Cairngorms. The megabus runs regularly from both Edinburgh and Glasgow.

### TRAIN

There are railway stations in Forres, Elgin, Keith. Trains from Inverness and Aberdeen connect regularly with services to Moray. There are regular services to and from Aberdeen including a Sleeper Service from London.

### PLANE

The nearest airport to Moray Speyside is just 30 minutes away at Inverness Airport. Aberdeen Airport to the east is around a 60 minute drive from Elgin.

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### DESIGNED BY THE GREATS

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 nineholes 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.





Ballindalloch Castle Golf Course, features nine holes and 18 tees and offers a fair challenge for golfers of all skill levels. Nestled along the Avon River amidst century-old trees, the course boasts stunning vistas of purple heather-covered hills and native birch woods.

Designed by acclaimed architects Donald Steel and Tom Mackenzie, known for their work on the renowned Carnegie Course at Skibo Castle, it blends challenging golf with aesthetic charm.



**Green Fees** 9 Holes £10 Season Ticket £132 The coastal town of Buckie in Northeast Scotland holds one of Scottish Golf's true hidden gems - its links-style course, Buckpool Golf Club. Perched above the sea, it offers sweeping views of the Moray Firth toward Caithness hills. Built on sandy terrain, Buckpool features rapid, undulating fairways bordered by tall gorse bushes. Its greens, often guarded by natural contours, demand precision.



Green Fees
Per Round
Monday - Sunday £40
Senior Citizens £30
Juniors up to 16 £15
Day Ticket
Monday - Sunday £50
Senior Citizens £40



Nestled in a cove between Lossiemouth and Hopeman, this 9-hole course is accessible via its own winding road along the coast. Following the cove's contours, it offers breathtaking coastal views. Designed for both beginners and experienced players, it aims to deliver exceptional pay-and-play golf on the stunning Moray Coast. No reservations required; just show up and play.



Green Fees 9 holes £20

18 holes £30 Under 16 £15 Over 65 £15

Originally crafted as a 9-hole course this 'Old Tom Morris' beauty has been expanded to 18 holes by Charlie Neaves. Cullen Links is a captivating course set against the picturesque shores of the Moray Firth.

From the memorable 7th tee, golfers can spot Bottlenose Dolphins along the shoreline. As one of the world's 264 true links courses, Cullen stands as the shortest among them. Despite its length, the course offers a diverse array of straightforward and challenging holes, catering to golfers of all skill levels.



Green Fees 18 Holes **£4**5 Day Ticket £60



Dufftown Golf Club, established in 1896 initially as a 9-hole course, now offers 18 holes amidst Speyside's stunning scenery. Surviving wartime challenges, it's now a hidden gem in Malt Whisky Country.

Notable holes 7 and 10 are featured in Britain's Extraordinary Golf Holes and Sam Torrance's 'Ultimate Fantasy Course.'
Nestled in rolling parkland, Dufftown presents unique challenges and breathtaking views. The 10th hole boasts Britain's largest tee-to-green drop, a source of pride for the club.



Green Fees Weekday Fee £30 Weekend Fee £40 Established in 1906, Elgin Golf Club, nestled in Moray & Speyside, stands out as one of Northern Scotland's premier inland courses. Initially a 9-hole layout, it expanded to 18 holes in 1924 to accommodate the growing popularity of golf. Since then, it has earned a spot among Scotland's top 100 courses, attracting golf enthusiasts from far and wide.



**Green Fees** Premium £80 Standard £60 Twilight £30



Designed by Open Championship winners James Braid and Willie Park, Forres Golf Course is a Par 70 layout spanning nearly 6300 yards, ideal for golfers of varying abilities.

Nestled in parkland, it offers spectacular views and well-maintained greens, earning a fine reputation in the area. With an interesting layout, highlighted by the memorable 16th hole, aptly named 'Pond', it satisfies all who play it.



Green Fees
Peak Time Round £70
Afternoon Round £50
Twilight Round £35

Established in 1932, Garmouth & Kingston Golf Club sits on the west bank of the River Spey. Its 18 holes span parkland and links, offering an enjoyable challenge for players of all levels. With its scenic backdrop of sea, river, hills, and wildlife, Garmouth & Kingston leaves visitors with memories of a superb course and a warm welcome from the club's friendly members.



Green Fees
9 Holes £10
18 Holes £20
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### HOPEMAN GOLF CLUB

Visit the Golf Fitting Centre and 24-hour Driving Range at Covesea, Lossiemouth for a comprehensive golf experience. Stocked with top brands like Cobra, Mizuno, and Srixon, the shop caters to all golfing needs.

Whether tuning up your game or seeking lessons, the Golf Dedication Centre offers expert tuition with Trackman 4 technology. Just a 5-minute drive from Lossiemouth, the 24-hour Driving Range boasts stunning views of Covesea Lighthouse and offers family-friendly pitch and putt alongside the Twenty Nineteen Café. Originally a 9-hole layout, extended to 18 holes in 1985, making it one of Moray's most challenging links courses. Gorse and broom fiercely line most fairways, presenting a tough test for members and visitors. Spectacular views of coastal stacks and coves adorn the course.

The Prieshach stands out as the signature hole, with its green nestled 100 feet below the tee in Clashach cove. At only 150 yards, the hole presents a formidable challenge with bunkers and surrounding gorse and heather, requiring careful club selection depending on wind conditions.



Green Fees Summer Fee £60 Day Ticket £70 Twiliaht Ticket £40



Welcome to the exciting 18-hole course in Keith, known as the "Friendly Town". This parkland course spans 5,802 yards with a Par of 69. Enjoy catering and bar facilities in the Clubhouse, offering scenic views of the golf course and surrounding countryside. Members and guests have access to additional amenities like a putting green, shower rooms, and changing facilities.



Green Fees

Weekday £25

Weekend £30

Weekly Ticket £100

Designed by former Scottish international golfer Euan McIntosh, Maverston Golf Course is set against the breathtaking backdrop of local mountains to the south and scenic views towards the Moray Firth in the north and east. Featuring an 18-hole, 6,335-yard Par 71 parkland course, along with a 9-hole, 1250-yard Par 3 course, Maverston Golf Course adds to Moray's impressive golfing offerings.



Green Fees
Adult £55
Day Ticket £75
Twilight Ticket £35
9 Holes £30
Junior £25
Junior Day Ticket £35
Par-3 Course £12



Walk in the footsteps of Old Tom Morris and Henry Cotton in the same day at two renowned courses. The Old Course, a classic links designed by Old Tom Morris, stands as one of Scotland's finest, featuring deep bunkers, undulating gorselined fairways, and fast greens. Meanwhile, the Moray New Links, influenced by Henry Cotton, boasts the signature 10th hole along West Beach, leading to a green sculpted from the dunes, uniquely devoid of bunkers.



Green Fees Old New Adult £130 £50 Day Ticket £190 £75 Nestled in the heart of the Spey Valley along the Whisky Trail, this picturesque 9-hole inland course offers lush tree-lined fairways and panoramic views of the Spey Valley and Rothes village. With rolling woodland slopes and distillery pagodas dotting the landscape, it's a challenge to keep your eye on the ball. Entertaining challenges await golfers of all abilities on this gem of a course.



Green Fees
9 Holes £15
18 Holes £25



Situated at the mouth of the renowned River Spey on the breathtaking Moray Firth coastline, this course is enveloped by stunning countryside and minutes away from the famed Speyside Way. Designed by the legendary Ben Sayers and opened in 1907, it offers challenging drives, undulating fairways, and natural green sites in a breathtaking location, presenting a captivating links course experience. Notably, the late Prime Minister Ramsay Macdonald was a member at Spey Bay, adding to its illustrious history



Green Fees 18 Hole Round £25 Established in 1877, Strathlene Buckie Golf Club stands as one of Scotland's oldest golf clubs, embodying ancient antiquity in the nation's golfing history. Perched atop cliffs, its links course seamlessly blends modern design with historic charm. Players encounter recently redesigned holes offering a unique challenge, alongside original holes dating back over 120 years, providing a captivating journey through golfing history.



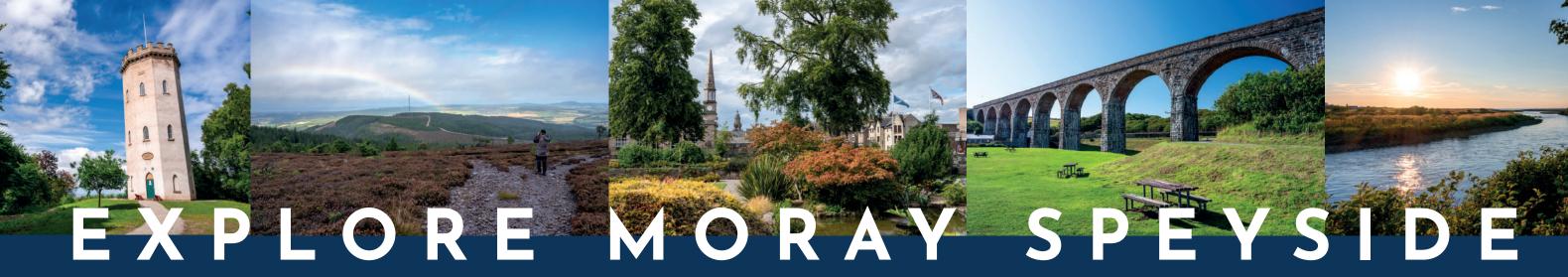
Green Fees

18 Hole Round £40

Day Ticket £55

Senior Round £35

Junior Round £15





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.

### ROW 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

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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.

### MORAY FIRTH COAST

The Moray Firth is home to the largest school of dolphins in the UK. There are thought to be over 130 bottlenose dolphinsliving 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.





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.

Moray Speyside is also home to the world-famous Cullen Skink, why not visit Cullen Bay Hotel 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.

Five of The Best

Badenoch's Bar, Elgin

The Seafield Arms, Cullen

The Old Mill Inn, Brodie

Hotel 1888, Archieston

Gordon Castle Walled Gardens, Fochabers



Plan where you'll eat before you travel!



The Moray Speyside region has hundreds of accommodation options for all golfers. Accommodation options range from cosy self-catering to luxury hotels, cottages with stunning coastal views to hidden chalets.

The region also offers accommodation in great variety and to suit all budgets - from country house hotels to friendly guest houses and B&Bs.

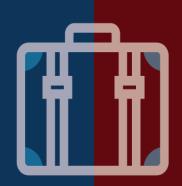
Find where's best for you to stay in Moray Speyside

### Perfect for Groups

Stotfield Hotel, Lossiemouth

Cullen Bay Hotel, Cullen

West End Guest House, Elgin



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.

Book a Whisky Distillery Tour Now



## MORAY SPEYSIDE GOLF PASS



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