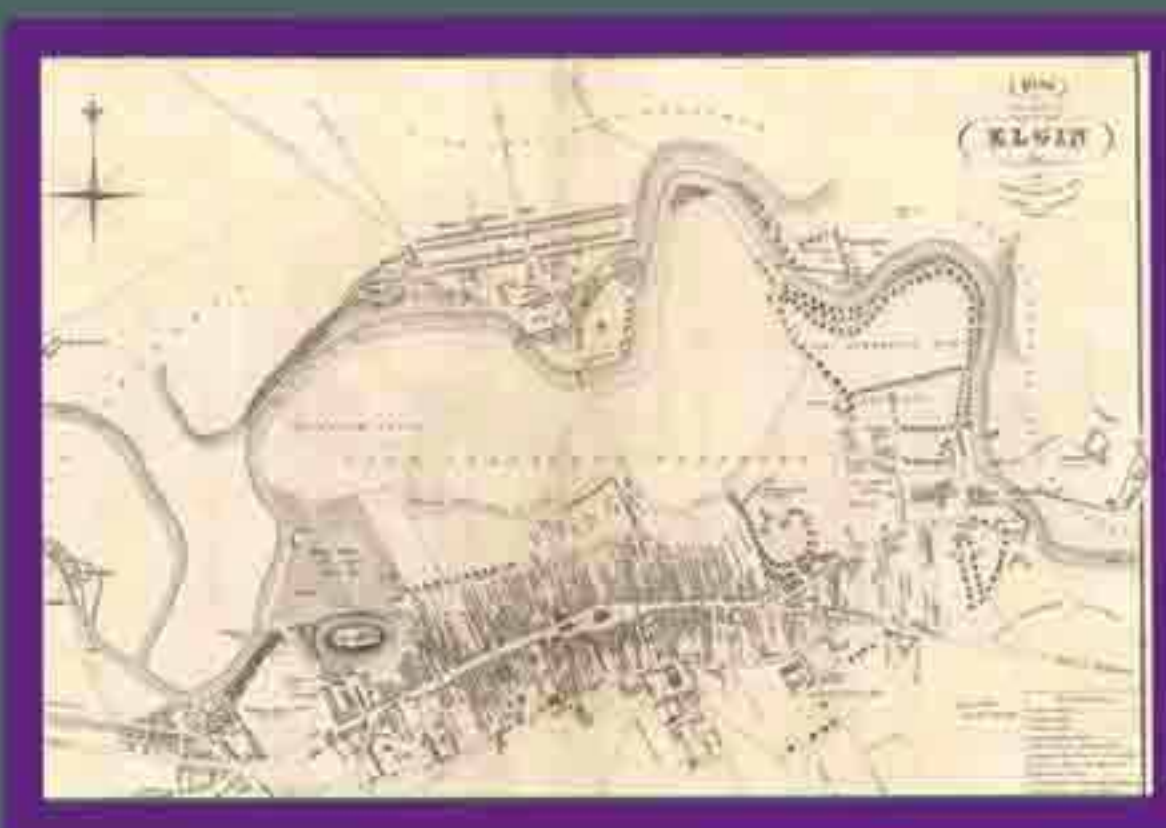




ELGIN THE HEART OF MORAY-SPEYSIDE

The historic city of Elgin is the capital and principal town of Moray.

Once the heart of power in Scotland, the area is steeped in history and wherever the visitor looks there is evidence of Elgin's past



FOOD AND DRINK

Elgin has a fantastic range of cafes, restaurants and bars with the vast majority being independent, adding to Elgin's charm and welcoming feel.

Visit the Elgin Food & Drink guide to see the extensive list.
www.elginfoodanddrink.com

TRANSPORT

Elgin has a great transport network of buses and trains. Locally based charity Shopmobility provide wheelchairs and motorised scooters.

SHOPMOBILITY | www.shopmobilitymoray.co.uk

BUS TIMETABLES | www.stagecoachbus.com

TRAIN TIMETABLES | www.scotrail.co.uk

PUBLIC TOILETS

Elgin runs a 'Comfort Scheme' providing clean and accessible toilets in convenient locations in many of the businesses, with no purchase required. Visit www.elginbid.co.uk for a list of participating businesses.

SHOPPING

The city centre and its surrounding streets offer a range of unique independent shops as well as your national favourites for an exciting shopping experience.



JOHNSTONS OF ELGIN

Alexander Johnston established the Elgin Mill on the banks of the River Lossie in 1797, core values and family heritage continue to be at its heart.

Johnstons of Elgin have been awarded the Royal Warrant of Appointment as manufacturers of estate tweed for H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Duke of Rothesay.

ELGIN MUSEUM

The award winning Elgin Museum is the oldest purpose built museum in Scotland. In 1836 when a group of Elgin ministers, bankers and merchants met to form the Elgin and Morayshire Literary and Scientific Association. Elgin Museum funded by public subscription was opened in 1843.

It contains high quality collections of Fossils, archaeological finds including coin hoards, Pictish Stones and a 1000 years of Moray's history.

ST GILES CHURCH

Since the 12th century there has been a place of worship in the centre of Elgin. Surrounded by a graveyard and used as a market place until the early 1800's, the present church was built in 1820 in the style of a Greek temple reflecting the ambition of the period. Today it provides an important focal point for the wider community surrounded by a selection of shops and places to eat & drink

ELGIN CATHEDRAL

The foundation stone for Elgin Cathedral was laid in 1224, it was famously destroyed by fire in June 1390 by Alexander Stewart, the Wolf of Badenoch who took his revenge against Bishop Burr following a dispute.

Under the stewardship of Historic & Environmental Scotland in 2015 a major investment was completed and a unique exhibition 'A Story in Stone' provides an unparalleled insight into this iconic piece of Moray - Speyside and Scottish history.

CASTLE

In August 1040, in the castle of Ladyhill Elgin, King Duncan died following the bloody battle with Macbeth at Pitgavney, only 3 miles North East. In 1135 King David I rebuilt the original wooden castle and for the next 300 years it became the Royal Residence used by a succession of Kings and Queens. In 1296 Edward I of England came to Elgin with 5,000 armed horsemen and 30,000 foot soldiers demonstrating his military might and the power and wealth of the area in medieval times.

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Castle to Cathedral to Cashmere is a partnership whose vision is to bring the last 1000 years of Elgin's history to life as a "Heritage Experience" showcased though out the city centre.

This ambitious project, valued at £430,000, will highlight Elgin's fascinating and rich history starting at its foundation in early medieval times through to the 20th century. The stories will be told through four main themes – Power, The Royal Burgh, Prosperity and People – which will be illustrated using a variety of media throughout the town.

The experience will be completed by December 2016 and provide a completely new and extensive insight into Elgin - The Heart of Moray-Speyside.

