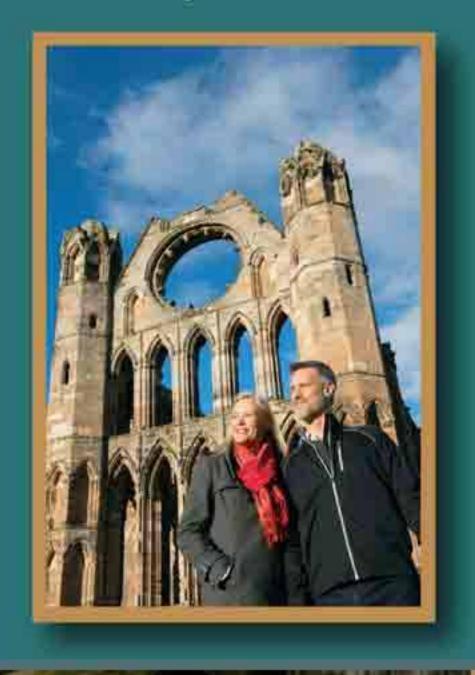


# HISTORY AND CULTURE

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 convienent 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.











"You will find amazing history everywhere you turn"

#### ELGIN CATHEDRAL

Known as the 'Lantern of the North' it's a majestic, historic ruin situated in Elgin. It is one of Scotland's most beautiful medieval buildings, dating back to the 13th century and has a fascinating rich history. A shop and information point can be found at the entrance.

King Street, Elgin, Moray, IV30 1HU 01343 547171 | www.historic-scotland.gov.uk

#### JOHNSTONS OF ELGIN

Creating the finest woollen and cashmere cloth, clothing and accessories since 1797. Visitors can find out more about the production process on one of their popular free mill tours. Or you can have a leisurly wander around the lovely clothing and homeware departments.

Heritage Centre, Newmill, Elgin, Moray, IV30 4AF 01343 554099 | www.johnstonscashmere.com

#### BRODIE CASTLE

An iconic Scottish tower house set amidst 71 hectares of peaceful parkland. Filled to the turrets with antique furniture and paintings, the legacy of generations of Clan Brodie, this 16th-century castle is a slice of Scottish history not to be missed.

Brodie, Forres, Moray, IV36 2TE www.nts.org.uk/Property/Brodie-Castle

#### DUFFUS CASTLE - FREE

Served as a fortress residence for over 500 years, from the 1100s to the 1700s. When the first castle was built, around 1150, it was among the strongest castles in Scotland. By the time of its abandonment in 1705, it was little more than a decaying fragment but still stands as a beautiful ruin. Walk around the outer moat and climb the mound to enjoy the lovely views.

Duffus Castle, Elgin, Moray, IV30 4AF 01667 460232 | www.historic-scotland.gov.uk

#### GLEN MORAY DISTILLERY

A warm welcome awaits you at this friendly and informal working distillery. Glen Moray Single Malt Whisky has been distilled here since 1897 by a small dedicated team of craftsmen. In over a century of distilling much has changed, however the ingredients, processes and skills of those responsible for producing Glen Moray remain constant.

Bruceland Road, Elgin, Moray, IV30 1YE 01343 550900 | www.glenmoray.com

#### ELGIN MUSEUM - FREE

Scotland's oldest independent museum. Here you will find objects displayed from all around the world, but especially from Moray, dating from before the dinosaurs to the present day. They also run a range of children's activities throughout the year. Visit their website for seasonal opening times.

1 High St, Elgin, Moray, IV30 1EQ 01343 543675 | www.elginmuseum.org.uk

## OTHER SUGGESTIONS

- Spynie Palace www.visitscotland.com
- Lady Hill www.scotlandsplaces.gov.uk
- Pluscarden Abbey www.pluscardenabbey.org
- The BenRiach Distillery www.benriachdistillery.co.uk

For more information visit www.elginbid.co.uk or Facebook page 'elginbid'.

