Start the morning with a walk along a deserted beach, then travel back in time amid the stones of an ancient abbey, spark your creativity in a famous artists’ town before relaxing with some fine food and drink in a place that Robert Burns called home. Then, the next day, do something completely different.

You’ll find Dumfries & Galloway to be a constantly surprising and fascinating region of inspiring landscapes, enthralling culture and curious wildlife. You can explore our coast and dig your toes into the sand along miles of tranquil beaches and gaze out across the sparkling Solway Firth. Visit the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere or follow the South West Coastal 300, a stunning 300-mile route which will take you through the quaint streets of the region’s coastal villages and past many amazing attractions.

Take your pick of peaceful and inspiring walking routes, from long distance trails to shorter woodland walks. Play a round of golf on over 25 courses, or take to the water for adventure sports or a spot of fishing.

Make 2020 the year you discover the wealth of incredible experiences in Dumfries & Galloway – get active, discover great attractions and have an adventure!
Our hills, forests, lochs, countryside and miles of shoreline give you a whole new world to explore on foot. Lace your boots and get out and discover the area’s wonderful walking routes.

Come to the Galloway Forest Park and feel your cares drift away in the freedom of 300 square miles of lush green forest, heather-clad hills and tranquil valleys.

The 7stanes centres are mountain bike hubs par excellence, and you can visit five of them in Dumfries & Galloway. Cycle gently through scenic landscapes or challenge yourself with technical mountain bike trails. Pedal to the coastal Dalbeattie, Forest of Ae, dedicated skills area of Mabie or Galloway Forest Park centre of Glentrool and Kirroughtree.

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If you’re after a true test of your golfing skills, take on the mighty Sapphire Trail, made up of the region’s most demanding courses. Beginners should take on the Little Gems Trail, while the Emerald Trail is perfect if you want to improve your skills. Find out more about golf at www.southofscotlandgolf.com

There’s nothing quite like doing an activity you love in a landscape so beautiful it makes your heart skip a beat. From a serene walk along the Solway Coast to an exhilarating downhill mountain biking route, Dumfries & Galloway has enough outdoor adventures to keep you delighted and diverted for years.

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Want to take a walk on the wild side? The wonderful scenery of Dumfries & Galloway is home to wildlife in the water, on the land and in the air, especially in the region’s Forest Park and UNESCO Biosphere. In the unspoilt countryside you can see many rare and endangered species – we have a fifth of Scotland’s red squirrels!

Watch red squirrels bounding through the trees up close from the specially designed hide at Eskrigg Reserve, Lockerbie. You can also see the squirrels in their natural habitat at Kirroughtree Visitor Centre, Barhill Woods and Dalbeattie Forest.

Follow the Galloway Kite Trail to see the re-introduced red kites with their distinctive forked tails. Stop at the viewpoints around the beautiful Loch Ken to catch them hunting in the wild, and visit the red kite feeding station at Bellymack Hill Farm in Laurieston, where the birds are fed at 2pm each day.

Ospreys make fishing look easy, and you can see these beautiful birds at three Dumfries & Galloway locations – Wigtown Bay, Threave Estate and WWT Caerlaverock Wetland Centre.

As the year moves into winter, huge flocks of barnacle geese come to live on the Solway’s salt flats and merses, while in spring you can watch ospreys and in summer see barn owls in and around their nests via CCTV at the WWT Caerlaverock Wetland Centre.

The peregrine falcon is the fastest creature on the planet – it can stoop at over 200 mph. You might catch a glimpse of these speed machines at Threave Castle and the Mull of Galloway, as well as some slower-moving feral goats, at the Grey Mare’s Tail Nature Reserve.

It’s worth travelling to the south west of the region to visit the Mull of Galloway RSPB Reserve which offers not only fascinating wildlife but breathtaking views. Seeing the frantic activity of a large cliff colony of seabirds from guillemots to razorbills and kittiwakes is an experience you’ll never forget.

You can see thousands of geese arriving during the autumn season at RSPB Mersehead. Wander along the nature trails and stop at the viewing hides to see what birds you can spot.

Explore the spectacular 1,400-acre wild reserve of WWT Caerlaverock Wetland Centre. Tread quietly and you could spot otters, dragonflies, rare natterjack toads and birds such as ospreys, barnacle geese and whooper swans.

Don’t miss the Sir Peter Scott Observatory, a state of the art wildlife viewing facility where from March to October there are twice daily feedings of wild swans.

A walk through the Galloway Forest Park in October could reward you with the sights and sounds of magnificent rutting red deer stags. Take a guided walk with one of the expert UNESCO Biosphere Guides or explore one of the UNESCO Biosphere Communities.
Walk beneath the portcullis of one of our castles or the door of a museum and you’ll be transported back in time to see how people lived centuries ago. What were Robert Burns and Robert the Bruce really like in person? Who did they love? What did they fear? Come and find out for yourself...

Clan Douglas was once one of Scotland’s most powerful families, and they have called Dumfries & Galloway home for hundreds of years. Threave Castle fortress is a former stronghold of the notorious Black Douglas, while the astonishing Drumlanrig Castle was built by William Douglas, first Duke of Queensberry, in the 17th century. You won’t see another castle like Caerlaverock anywhere in Britain. Its triangular shape is unique and a walk around it gives you a full sense of the strength, form and pleasing geometry. It also has a fine moat, twin-towered gatehouse and imposing battlements.

At the Dumfries Museum and Camera Obscura you can learn all about the land and people of the region. The camera obscura was installed in 1836 on the top floor of the windmill tower, and lets you see a moving panoramic view of the town.

At the Dumfries & Galloway Aviation Museum, get up close to a salvaged Spitfire found at the bottom of Loch Doon and a mock up of a World War II era living room, then read some of the touching and profound personal histories.

The largest munitions factory the world has ever seen was built at Gretna. Over 9 miles long and 3 miles across, the city-like facility produced 800 tons of explosives per week. Today you can see what life was like for the people who lived and worked here at the Devil’s Porridge Museum, a 5-star attraction in Eastriggs. Try the virtual reality experience and take the control of the Chapelcross Nuclear Power Station.

How did people live 5,000 years ago? See for yourself at the Cairn Holy Chambered Cairns overlooking Wigtown Bay. These Neolithic burial cairns were built from around 4,000 - 3,000 BC.

Stand in the cave by Kirkpatrick Fleming where legend says Robert the Bruce went into hiding. After suffering defeat in 1307, he hid out for three months in this tiny cell before being inspired back into battle by a spider’s relentless effort to spin its web.

You can see another Bruce monument in the Galloway Forest Park – Bruce’s Stone. After his first victories in battles at Glentrool and Raploch Moss, Robert the Bruce rested against this granite boulder to savour the taste of success. It’s easy to picture 12th-century Cistercian monks saying their prayers in hallowed Dundrennan Abbey. The north and south transepts are well preserved with elegant arches and fine stonework.

Whithorn is a gem of a town with connections to the bishop and missionary St Ninian, who founded the first Christian church here in the fifth century. Thousands of pilgrims journeyed to the town to pay their respects to him long after he had died in 432 and are believed to have left carvings on the walls of St Ninian’s Cave, dating back to the eighth century.

The Whithorn Priory and Museum has a collection of ancient stones and is well worth a visit, as is St Ninian’s Chapel, on the coast near the Isle of Whithorn. Or explore the Iron Age Roundhouse at the Whithorn Trust for a trip back in time to 450 BC.

Make a visit to the ancestral home of Clan Armstrong at Gilnockie Tower in Canonbie. It’s a fine example of a Scottish pele tower.

Following in the skipping steps of thousands of soon-to-be-married couples as you make your way to Gretna Green. Visit the Gretna Green Famous Blacksmiths Shop to hear of the days when people eloped across the border to take advantage of Scotland’s lenient marriage laws.
Moat Brae in Dumfries is the birthplace of Peter Pan, a home which provided inspiration for J.M. Barrie’s now-treasured children’s story. Revisit the classic tale and let your imagination run wild as you explore this fascinating house.

There’s just something about the light in the riverside town of Kirkcudbright. Artists are drawn to its beauty like bees to nectar, and there was a flourishing artists’ colony here in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Visit the 18th-century town house, Broughton House, in Kirkcudbright, accompanied by a poem by Mary Smith. Thrill your mind and feelings with the sensory benches created by leading environmental artists in the Galloway Forest Park. Helping you tune in to natural surroundings, the Rosnes Benches can be found at 12 locations including Cairnsmore and Glen Trool.

Keep your eyes sharp in the Galloway Forest Park and you’re sure to spot some al fresco art. Many pieces can be found on the main routes, while some are hidden away. Starting from Clatteringshaws Visitor Centre, see if you can find the earthwork labyrinth, Journey, on the Raider’s Road, and Eye, the spire beside the Black Loch.

Explore a wondrous Charles Jencks-designed art land at Crawick Multiverse. Located near Sanquhar, this unique landscape links the themes of space, astronomy and cosmology.

Art isn’t just in the countryside – in Creetown you can see the result of a project to bring culture and heritage together in the heart of the town with internationally renowned sculptor Hideo Furuta’s giant sphere.

Celebrate the beauty of the written word in Wigtown, Scotland’s National Book Town, where at any one time you can browse over 250,000 books for sale. Wigtown is full of literary surprises, especially in autumn when the Wigtown Book Festival takes place from September to October.

Famous Scottish poet Hugh MacDiarmid grew up in the town of Langholm, and on nearby Whita Hill you can find an unusual monument in his honour – it’s a large, open, cast-iron book depicting images from his works.

Step out on the Dumfries Art Trail around the town to discover a collection of fantastic galleries and studios, all within a short distance of each other.
We are blessed with a wonderfully warm climate and rich soil in Dumfries & Galloway, and you can see many exotic plants and trees at our fabulous gardens and nurseries.

Their beauty has been nurtured over the years by green-fingered students at the National Trust for Scotland’s School of Heritage Gardening.

The Crichton Gardens is home to acres of beautifully kept lawns and colourful flower beds which was established in the early 1900s. Explore the various paths to see a variety of species of plants and trees, such as the Handkerchief Tree, Tulip Tree, Paper Bark Maple and many more.

Stop for a moment and take in the beautiful views across Luce Bay and to the Mull of Galloway from Glenwhan Gardens. The 12 acres features two small lochs planted with water lilies, a wilderness area and a shady glen.

Visit Arbigland Gardens from May to September to explore the 24 acres of woodland and formal sections. Located on the Solway coast near Southerness, the gardens are set in a beautiful position, looking out to the sea on three sides.

A trip to Japan inspired Scottish artist E.A. Hornel to develop part of Broughton House Garden in Kirkcudbright in a Japanese style, with a mix of formal and relaxed planting and a profusion of colourful plants.

Are you a keen gardener? Then make sure to visit the family-run nursery, Elmea Plants, specialising in herbaceous perennials and grasses. The nursery offers a wide range selection of plants suitable for all conditions, including campanulas, achilleas and geraniums.

You can also pick up horticultural treats at Tinnisburn Plants near Canonbie, Claymoddie Garden & Nursery by Whithorn or Elizabeth MacGregor’s Nursery near Kirkcudbright.

At Soleburn Garden Centre near Stranraer you can browse the large selection plants and shrubs, find gifts and treats in the retail area and stop for a tasty bite to eat in the Conservatory Coffee Shop.
A TASTE OF THE REGION

With a larder full of delicious local ingredients, chefs in Dumfries & Galloway are never short of ideas when creating sumptuous dishes for you to savour in the many cafés, tea rooms and restaurants.

Try another farm-to-plate delicacy at the Loch Arthur Creamery and Farm Shop – handmade, organic cheeses. One taste and you’ll know why they’ve been winning major accolades for almost 20 years.

Tour the re-born Annandale Distillery in Annan to discover how they make their Scotch whisky. Closed in 1918, the distillery was triumphantly reopened in 2014. Travelling west, visit Bladnoch Distillery near Wigtown to take a tour and try three tastings.

Explore Crafty Distillery in Newton Stewart for a unique, ‘grain to glass’ craft spirit. Using locally foraged ingredients, these tasty new spirits will appeal to everyone who loves a tipple. ORO Gin in Dalton make award-winning dry gin, and the Ninefold Distillery near Lockerbie produce premium small batch Scottish rum.

Sample the sweeter side of Dumfries & Galloway at one of our chocolate and sweet shops. In House Chocolates produce a range of award-winning handmade quality treats from Castle Douglas.

All the family will love a day out at the CocoaBean Company at Twynholm, where you can watch delicious chocolates being handmade by the experts.

Pop into the Moniaive Chocolatiers in Thornhill to buy the world’s first tartan chocolate.

Visit Moffat to try some traditional confectionery. For well over 100 years the same local family have been making toffee to a secret recipe. Look out for sweets including Moffat whoppers, bonfire toffee, Couters candy, puff candy, tablet (in four flavours), 16 flavours of fudge and 12 flavours of truffles.

A top quality butcher, deli, larder and a café all rolled into one – that’s Kilnford Barns Farm Shop. Browse their superb range of foods, wine and beer as well as beautiful local crafts and gifts.

Drop in to Galloway Lodge Coffee Shop at Gatehouse of Fleet to savour soups, sandwiches and home-baking at their finest. You will find Galloway Lodge Preserves based here, a family-run producer of popular marmalades, jams, chutneys, jellies and mustards.

EATING OUT

- A delicious Scottish dinner tastes even better with the stunning views across the River Nith and the Southern Upland Way you get at the Blackaddie Country House Hotel at Sanquhar.
- Cream o’ Galloway make their own cheese at Rainton Farm so when you visit, you can try their savoury tarts, scrumptious cheesecakes or simply try a slice with an oatcake.
- The Boathouse at Glencaple near Dumfries sits in a beautiful spot overlooking the River Nith. Stop in to grab a tasty bite to eat from a menu that is bursting with local ingredients, and browse in the shop for treats to take home.
- Boost your spirits with a reviving cup of coffee at the Gallie Craig Coffee House in the Mull of Galloway. It was custom-built into the cliff edge, giving it a grass roof and a terrace with views you’ll never forget.
From stunning sandy bays perfect for gentle strolls and beachcombing to adrenaline-inducing water sports where you can really make a splash, there’s a wealth of experiences to be discovered along the coastline, lochs and rivers of Dumfries & Galloway. Take in breathtaking scenery, historic towns and villages, attractions and activities, fantastic food and drink, and much more around the coasts and waters of Scotland’s most southerly region.

At just over 300 miles, the South West Coastal 300 is a wonderful way to explore Dumfries & Galloway. For many, the highlight of this driving route is the journey along the glorious Solway Coast, where you can take in stunning vistas of the sparkling Solway Firth, and stop off at the charming coastal villages and tranquil beaches that encapsulate the magic of the region.

At Scotland’s most southerly point, the Mull of Galloway, you can enjoy views of England, Ireland, and the Isle of Man on a clear day, and listen to the cacophony of colonies of guillemots, razorbills, and kittiwakes who inhabit the RSPB nature reserve. The historic Mull of Galloway Lighthouse has been operational since 1830 and the engines and foghorn are now working again. Pop in for a demonstration. The lighthouse is also the starting point for the 26 miles (40 km) Mull of Galloway Trail which runs northwards along the scenic eastern coastline, before heading inland to your final destination at the port of Stranraer.

Stop off at Caerlaverock Castle, an unusual triangular ruin dating back to the 13th century, which, complete with its moat and twin-towered gatehouse, is the epitome of a dramatic medieval fortress. Combine your visit with the chance to see the outstanding WWT Caerlaverock Wetland Centre, which is located nearby. Explore, and look out for ospreys, barn owls and, in winter, the spectacular sight of thousands of barnacle geese!

Affectationally known as ‘the Queen of the South’, the historic town of Dumfries is located on the mouth of the River Nith. First built in the 13th century, the Devorgilla Bridge in Dumfries is one of the oldest bridges in Scotland. This landmark is named after Lady Devorgilla of Galloway, an influential and wealthy benefactor, who is buried 8 miles south of Dumfries at the charming Sweetheart Abbey.

If you are looking for unspoilt, gorgeous sandy beaches to explore and enjoy fresh sea air, then look no further. From Mousymard and Carrick Bay, near Gatehouse of Fleet, through the sheltered calm of Luce Sands, and on to Portpatrick and Port Logan on the west coast of the Rhins of Galloway, Dumfries & Galloway is both a beachcomber’s delight and the perfect place for building sandcastles.

The River Nith is one of the finest places in Scotland for fishing, renowned for its salmon and sea trout. To see an alternative form of fishing, go to Annan, where, between April and September, you can still see ‘haaf netting’, a tradition that dates back over 1,000 years that involves fishermen taking a large net into the shallower waters of the Solway Estuary to catch the fish.

With such a magnificent landscape as your surroundings, it is no surprise that golfers are drawn to Dumfries & Galloway’s stunning coastal courses. With Brighouse Bay, Colvend, Kirkcudbright, Solway Links, and Southerness along the Solway Coast, and Portpatrick and Stranraer on the Rhins of Galloway, there are no shortage of venues for sporting as well as ornithological ‘birdies’.

Dumfries & Galloway is a fantastic place to visit whatever the season, but special events bring the coastal heritage to life, such as the Portpatrick Lifeboat Week in August and the Stranraer Oyster Festival in September.
If you have a passion that you love to celebrate, or perhaps you want to try something different or meet new people, Dumfries & Galloway is a wonderful place to seek out an event or two. From classic cars to jazz, wildlife and art, there’s always something interesting happening here.

Time for poetry, haggis and a dram or two – celebrate Scotland’s National Bard in modern style with a fantastic festival, the Big Burns Supper. At the end of January, get your ticket for awe-inspiring performances and enjoy the likes of cabaret, music, theatre, comedy and much more.

Tap your toes to a fantastic musical line-up from across the globe at the Knockengorroch World Ceilidh near Carsphairn in May. There’s everything from folk and fusion to electronica, hip-hop and more.

Get your culture fix at the Dumfries & Galloway Arts Festival which runs in May. With music, theatre, comedy, dance and spoken word on the bill, there are over 170 artists performing at venues right across the region.

At the end of May, the Spring Fling gives you a great insight into the life and work of the region’s artists. You can step inside arts and craft studios to see the artists in action, with special events, workshops and tours. Speak to the artists themselves and find out what inspires them about Dumfries & Galloway.

Calling all petrolheads! The Moffat Car Rally takes place in June and is the biggest classic car event in Scotland. Set deep in the glorious Moffat hills, the rally is a great place to admire hundreds of classic and vintage motor cars.

For a display of an older form of transport (horses!), catch the Riding the Marches events at Lockerbie in June, Annan in July and Sanquhar in August.

Enjoy the agricultural shows which take place across the region; Dumfries, Wigtown, Stranraer, Stewartry, Langholm, Moffat and Glenkens.

At the Wigtown Book Festival in late September and early October, find your next read as you explore the many bookshops, meet authors and listen to talks in Scotland’s National Book Town.

September also sees the vibrant Stranraer Oyster Festival serve up a celebration of coastal heritage and delicious local seafood.

Stretch your legs amid Dumfries & Galloway’s stunning countryside on foot at one of the walking festivals in Newton Stewart and Dalbeattie.

For insider tips visit www.visitscotland.com/community
Dumfries & Galloway is a surprisingly big region, with remote mountains and wild peninsulas, but there are plenty of travel options to make getting about as much fun as arriving.

**By road**
Dumfries & Galloway has a great network of roads, which makes it easy to get around the region. Most are quiet and peaceful, so you can enjoy stress-free country driving between the towns and villages.

**By ferry**
You can catch regular ferries running daily from Larne in Ireland and be in Cairnryan in around 2 hours, or from Belfast to Cairnryan in around 2 hours 15 minutes. For more information visit [www.poferries.com](http://www.poferries.com) or [www.stenaline.co.uk](http://www.stenaline.co.uk).

**By bus**
You’ll find we have a good network of local bus services connecting almost all the little villages and main towns and making it easy for you to visit the attractions, restaurants and shops.

**By rail**
Trains run in the east side of the region from Carlisle through Gretna Green, Annan, Dumfries, Sanquhar and Kirkconnell. A direct service to Lockerbie from Glasgow and Edinburgh is also available. In the west you can go from Stranraer through to Glasgow. You can also get a train to Barrhill which is just outside of Newton Stewart in Ayrshire.

**By air**
Carlisle Lake District airport operates direct flights from London, Belfast and Dublin, providing easy access to south Scotland.

**Where to find out more**
Discover more of Dumfries & Galloway in a VisitScotland iCentre. Our friendly information experts can offer advice on what’s on and where to go as well as book accommodation and tickets for events, activities and transport. Our Shop Local initiative promotes local artisans so we can also help you find the perfect Scottish gift.

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You can get all local and national public transport timetables and journey planning by contacting Traveline Scotland 24 hours a day on 0871 200 22 33, [www.travelinescotland.com](http://www.travelinescotland.com) or download their app.

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**Explore More**

- **Tour the region by following the circular South West Coastal 300,** and explore many miles of coastline as well as beautiful hills, glens, forests and lochs.
- **The Galloway Tourist Route** takes you from the motorway at Gretna along the scenic Solway Coast through charming villages, market towns and alongside the Galloway Forest Park.
- **The Burns Heritage Trail** takes you on a geographical journey through the great poet’s life in Dumfries & Galloway from Sanquhar to Dumfries, Dalbeattie to Kirkcudbright, and Gatehouse of Fleet to Newton Stewart.
- **Take the Solway Coast Heritage Trail** which runs between the vast tidal flats of the Solway Firth at Annan and the towering sea cliffs of the Rhins, to Scotland’s most southerly point at the Mull of Galloway.
- **Or enjoy a Scotland in a Snapshot tour from Solway Tours** covering incredible parts of the region.
- **Hop aboard a train from Edinburgh or Glasgow and reach Lockerbie Station in around an hour.**
PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The listings within this guide have been split into the following sections:

- Places to visit
- Leisure activities
- Shopping
- Food & drink
- Tours

Businesses within these sections are listed in alphabetical order by business location then by business name. Each entry has a map reference (see example) rating to the map which appears at the back of this guide. Most entries have a postcode which can be used to pin point locations but it is always wise to check the actual location before making your journey.

SAMPLE ENTRY

Location
‘By’ designates that a property is within 10 miles of this location. Mileage in brackets after the location indicates the distance from the named location.

Name of business

Contact details

Business description

Quality award

Where a Quality Assurance award has been included on an entry, the business has been graded by VisitScotland and provides assurances on quality and standards. Further information on page 23 of this guide. Quality Assurance awards are correct as at January 2020.

Pricing
Prices shown in entries for admission, services and facilities are provided by the advertisers. Please note that prices are for your guidance only and include VAT where applicable (VAT as at December 2019). It is always advisable to check cost prior to booking.

Booking
Accepting a booking by telephone or in writing means you have entered into a legally binding contract with the proprietor of the establishment. If you cancel or fail to turn up, for whatever reason, the proprietor has the right to ask you for compensation. You should always check the cancellation terms in advance and, if you must cancel a booking, advise the business immediately. Online bookings are also subject to terms and conditions, please check directly with the proprietor of the business.

Insurance and cancellations
Should you have to cancel for whatever reason, it is reassuring to know that you can be insured against any compensation claim. It is advisable to take out cancellation insurance prior to your trip.

Accessibility
Whether you want a cosmopolitan city break or a relaxing holiday in the countryside, you’ll find a great range of accessible accommodation, attractions, things to see and do and transport. You can stay in a bustling city centre, with great access-friendly attractions right on your doorstep, or out in the countryside, where you can enjoy accessible walks or trips to the beach. For more information go to www.visitscotland.com/holidays-breaks/accessible. Also go to www.euansguide.com for information on businesses throughout Scotland with good access reviews from disabled people, their family and friends.

Businesses with the logo (below) on their www.visitscotland.com entries have their own Accessibility Guide which will include information on their facilities such as onsite restaurants, free WiFi, hearing loop, level access and accessible parking or drop off points. It is always advisable to check the businesses own website for this information, which will be highlighted by this symbol 📚.

Facilities and symbols
See page 23 and the page opposite for details.

Opening times and admission prices

For further information go to www.visitscotland.com

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Our friendly information experts can offer advice on what’s on, where to go and book tickets for events, activities and transport. Our Shop Local initiative promotes local artisans so we’re sure to help you find the perfect gift from Scotland. Find us on page 19.

Only in Scotland can you find information and advice in so many places.

Quite simply, it takes us the length and breadth of Scotland to visit thousands of different properties every year and grade them on the things we know matter to you. Things like the overall quality on offer and warmth of welcome to help you make a more informed choice. VisitScotland Quality Assurance – Quality you can trust.

- An acceptable standard
- A good, all round standard
- Very good standard, with attention to detail in every area
- Excellent – superb food where provided and friendly, professional service
- An exceptional standard where quality, hospitality and service are hard to fault

Serviced accommodation establishments awarded gold stars have consistently achieved the highest levels of excellence within their star grading.

Taste Our Best
One way to ensure that you’ll enjoy great quality Scottish food and drink, prepared with care and delivered with passion, is to look for places that are part of Taste Our Best, our food and drink quality scheme.

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CASTLE DOUGLAS
McGill Duncan Gallery
Jill Blamire and Zoe Davidson, 231 King Street, Castle Douglas DG7 1DT
T: 01556 502468 M: 0752 574 5826
zoe@mgoldinduncangallery.com
www.mgoldinduncangallery.com
Selling works by national and international artists, and Scottish paintings from the 19th century onwards.
Open: All year: Mon, Wed-Sat, 10am-5pm.

KIRKCUDBRIGHT
Kirkcudbright Galleries
Kirkcudbright Galleries, St Mary Street, Kirkcudbright DG6 4AA
T: 01557 331276 kirkcudbright.galleries@dumgal.gov.uk
kirkcudbrightgalleries.org.uk
A new gallery of national significance in the heart of Dumfries and Galloway. Stunning permanent and temporary exhibitions throughout the year.
Admission: Free, some temporary exhibitions charged, see on-line for details.

CASTLE DOUGLAS
Clience Studio
Angela Lawrence 212 King Street, Castle Douglas DG7 1DS
T: 01556 504318 M: 0790 230 1883 angela@cliencestudio.co.uk
www.cliencestudio.co.uk
Gallery of widely exhibited artist Angela Lawrence showing frequently changing displays of contemporary land & seascape paintings, notably of Galloway, also Highlands & Islands. Cumbria & More. Affordable commissions, wide selection of prints, calendars & art gifts from Angela’s paintings. Meet the artist & see work in progress!
Open: All year: Tues-Sat, 10am-5pm, with additional opening for Spring Fling Open Studios weekend Sun 24 & Mon 25 May, closed from Christmas to new year.
Admission: Free, with free parking.

By CASTLE DOUGLAS
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Historic Scotland, 3 miles west of Castle Douglas on the A75 DG7 1TJ
T: 01557 122 3101 customer@hscot.gov.uk
www.historicenvironment.scot/daysout
Cross the River Dee by boat to visit this enchanting castle on its own island.
Open: Check website for up to date opening times
Admission: Check website for current admission prices

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Open: Check website for up to date opening times
Admission: Check website for current admission prices

DUMFRIES
Gracefield Arts Centre
arts@dumgal.gov.uk 28 Edinburgh Road, Dumfries DG1 1JQ
T: 01387 262084 arts@dumgal.gov.uk www.dgculture.co.uk
Enjoy local, national and international contemporary art and craft exhibitions, plus selected exhibitions from our collection of Scottish art. Our excellent café Hubbub, craft shop and galleries are set in spacious grounds with easy parking for a great all-year round attraction.
Centrally located just by the railway station and a short walk from the town centre, Gracefield is a vibrant hub of art activity for a great start to your visit to this creative region.
• Free art and craft exhibitions • Convenient location with café • Relaxed atmosphere • Adult and Kids’ art activities • Printmaker’s workshop
Open: All year: Mon, Wed-Sat, 10am-5pm.
Admission: Free, well-behaved dogs welcome.

By GATEHOUSE OF FLEET
Cardoness Castle
Historic Scotland, 1 mile South West of Gatehouse of Fleet, on the A75, DG7 2EH
T: 01557 814427 customer@hscot.gov.uk
www.historicenvironment.scot/daysout
Scale this impressive tower house for panoramic views over Fleet Bay built by the notorious McCulloch family in the 1400s.
Open: All year, Mon-Sat. 10.30am-5pm, or phone/email beforehand. Other times by appointment only. 4 minutes walk from new gallery heading south on A771 (look out for the palette sign).
Admission: Commissions welcome. International shipping available. Cards, prints & coasters also available!

OPENING TIMES
PLACES TO VISIT

KIRKCUDBRIGHT

MacLean’s Castle
Historic Scotland, in Kirkcudbright off the A711, DG6 4BD
T: 01557 331856 customer@hes.scot www.historicenvironment.scot/dayout
Discover the impressive 15th century residence of a powerful family. Descend into the vaults to see the conditions in which their servants once worked.

By THORNHILL

Drumlanrig Castle and Country Estate
Thornhill DG1 4AQ
T: 01848 331555 info@dumgalcastle.co.uk www.drumlanrigcastle.co.uk
Explore the impressive 15th century residence of a powerful family. Descend into the vaults to see the conditions in which their servants once worked. Also an Outlander filming location.

NEW ABBEY

New Abbey Corn Mill
Historic Scotland, 7 miles South of Dumfries on the A710, DG2 8BX
T: 01387 850397 customer@hes.scot www.historicenvironment.scot/dayout
See this beautifully restored village mill in action and learn about how oatmeal was once made.

By WHITWORTH

Whithorn Priory and Museum
Historic Scotland, 6 Bruce Street, Whithorn DG8 8PY
T: 01988 500700 customer@hes.scot www.historicenvironment.scot/dayout
Founded by St Ninian on the site of Scotland’s first Christian church. Display of carved stones and palm trees as well as a wicker dinosaur which will delight the kids.

NEW ABBEY

Sweetheart Abbey
Historic Scotland, New Abbey village on the A710, DG2 8BU
T: 01387 850397 customer@hes.scot www.historicenvironment.scot/dayout
A monument to human and divine love. Splendid remains of a Cistercian abbey founded by Lady Dervorguilla in memory of her husband.

By WHITWORTH

Whithorn Priory and Museum
Historic Scotland, 6 Bruce Street, Whithorn DG8 8PY
T: 01988 500700 customer@hes.scot www.historicenvironment.scot/dayout
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LOGAN, by STRANRAER (14 miles)

Logan Botanic Garden
Port Logan, Stranraer DG9 9ND
T: 01776 860231 logan@rbge.org.uk www.rbge.org.uk
Discover ‘Scotland’s most exotic garden’. Warmed by the Gulf Stream, Logan is famed for its spectacular collection of southern hemisphere plants, over 5,000 species and plants flourish here. The atmosphere on a sunny day is truly tropical. The walled garden encloses lawns, ponds and palm trees as well as a wicker dinosaur which will delight the kids.

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Explore 40 acres of beautiful gardens and woodland including Victorian glasshouse, plant centre, rhododendrons and Heather Houses. Miles of way marked walks and fantastic adventure playground.
**ANNAN**

**Annan Museum**
Bank Street, Annan DG12 6AA
T: 01461 201384  T: 01387 253374 Annan.Museum@dumgal.gov.uk
www.dgculture.co.uk
This family friendly museum houses a permanent exhibition on the history of Annan and the surrounding area. A fascinating journey through time takes visitors from the prehistoric period up to the era of nuclear fission. The museum also hosts a lively programme of special exhibitions and events.

- Child friendly • Close to public transport • Local history • Temporary exhibition programme • Wheelchair access • Shop

**Visitor Attraction**
Open: 1 Apr-30 Sep: Daily, 10.30am-5pm
Admission: Adult £4.50, Children free, Concis £4.

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**DUMFRIES**

**John Paul Jones Museum**
Arbigland, Kirkbean DG2 8QQ
T: 01387 880613 jpjmuseum@gmail.com www.jpj.demon.co.uk
Signposted off A710, 13 miles south west of Dumfries. Cottage where John Paul Jones “The Father of the American Navy” was born in 1747.

**Dalbeattie**

**Dalbeattie Museum**
Dalbeattie Museum 81 High Street, Dalbeattie DG5 4BT
T: 01556 611657 info@dalbeattiemuseum.co.uk www.dalbeattiemuseum.co.uk
Displays of the granite industry, Victorian kitchen, grandpa’s workshop, period shop, wartime radio bunker, Titanic and much, much more. A warm friendly welcome awaits the visitor to Dalbeattie’s award-winning museum. Find out about the link with the Titanic and Dalbeattie.

- Family friendly • Gallery trails and investigations • Shop and visitor information

**Visitor Attraction**
Open: 1 Apr-30 Sep: Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, 2-5pm. 1 Oct-31 Mar: Tues-Sat, 10am-1pm; 2-5pm.
Admission: Free.

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**Dumfries Museum**
The Observatory, Rotchell Road, Dumfries DG2 7SW
T: 01387 253374 Dumfries.Museum@dumgal.gov.uk
www.dgculture.co.uk
A treasure house of history in Dumfries and Galloway telling the story of the land and people of the region. Look out for fossil footprints left by prehistoric animals, the wildlife of the Solway and stone carvings by Scotland's first Christians. The museum also hosts a lively programme of special exhibitions.

- Family friendly • Gallery trails and investigations • Shop and visitor information

**Visitor Attraction**
Open: 1 Apr-30 Sep: Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, 10am-4pm. Closed 14 Dec-10 Jan.

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**Devil’s Porridge Museum**
The Devil’s Porridge Museum Annan Road DG12 6TF
T: 01461 700021 info@devilsporridge.org.uk www.devilsporridge.org.uk
Discover the remarkable WW1 story of the greatest munitions factory on earth and the intriguing lives of the people who worked there. Our museum brings to life the secret wartime history of Border Solway through objects, exhibits and interaction. New displays tells our amazing WW2 story. Great cafe and tearoom.

- Explore life in the WW1 trenches • Discover the worst rail disaster in British History • Learn about women at war • Dress up as a WW2 evacuee

**Visitor Attraction**
Open: 6 Jan-13 Dec: Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, 10am-4pm. Closed 14 Dec-10 Jan.

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**Old Bridge House**
Mill Road, Dumfries DG2 7BE
T: 01387 253374  T: 01387 256904 dumfries.museum@dumgal.gov.uk
www.dgculture.co.uk
Built in 1660 into the sandstone of Devorgilla Bridge, Dumfries’ oldest house is now a museum of everyday life in the town.

**Visitor Attraction**
Open: 1 Apr-30 Sep: Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun 2-5pm. Admission: Free.

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**EASTRIGGS, by ANNAN**

**Dumfries Museum Camera Obscura**
The Observatory, Rotchell Road, Dumfries DG2 7SW
T: 01387 253374 dumfries.museum@dumgal.gov.uk
www.dgculture.co.uk
The world’s oldest working Camera Obscura is on the top floor of the windmill tower at Dumfries Museum. This astronomical instrument was installed in 1836 when the windmill was converted into an observatory. From it you can see a fascinating panoramic view of Dumfries and the surrounding countryside.

- Installed in 1836 • A unique experience

**Visitor Attraction**
Open: 1 Apr-30 Sep: Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, 2-5pm (weather permitting).
Admission: Adult £4.00, Concis £2.00.
KIRKCUDBRIGHT

Stewartry Museum
5 Mary Street, Kirkcudbright DG6 4AQ
T: 01557 331643 stewartymuseum@dumgal.gov.uk
www.dumgal.gov.uk/artsandmuseums
Opened in 1892, the museum has a friendly, old-world feel. With a remarkable range and quality of exhibits it reflects much of the human and natural history of the Stewartry. Children’s trails all year round and special events in the holidays. This year’s summer exhibition, “SPACE: a journey through the stars” is ideal for all ages.

- Social history collections
- Siller Gun
- Programme of exhibitions
- Shop
- Natural history collections
- Kids trails

Museum
Open: Jan-15 Apr: Mon-Sat, 11am-4pm. 16 Apr-30 Sep: Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm. Mid Sep-Oct: Mon-Sat, 2-5pm. All other times by appointment. Last admission 4.30pm.
Admission: Adult £3, accompanied children 50p. Charity Reg:- SC01849B

DUMFRIES

Robert Burns House
Burns Street, Dumfries DG1 2PS
T: 01387 255297 dumfries.museum@dumgal.gov.uk
www.dgsculture.co.uk
It was in this simple sandstone house in a quiet Dumfries street that Robert Burns, Scotland’s national poet, spent the last years of his brilliant life. He died here in 1796 at the age of just 37. The house gives a picture of how the poet lived and is a place of pilgrimage for people from around the world.

- Kilmarnock edition
- Original manuscripts
- Burns’ desk & chair
- Shop

Museum
Open: April-September: Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 2-5pm. October-March: Tuesday-Saturday 10am-1pm, 2-5pm.
Admission: Free.

NEWTON STEWART

The Museum, Newton Stewart
York Road DG8 6HN
T: 01671 401048 T: 01671 402164 themuseumns@gmail.com
The museum houses many artifacts of past times and informs on the life and times of local people. A unique collection of antiquity under one roof.

Museum
Open: 31 Mar-end June: Mon-Sat, 2-5pm. Jul-mid Sep: Mon-Sat, 10.30am-5pm. Mid Sep-Oct: Mon-Sat, 2-5pm. All other times by appointment. Last admission 4.30pm.
Admission: Free.

WIGTOWN

Wigtown Museum
County Buildings, Wigtown, Newton Stewart DG8 6HN
T: 01776 705088 www.dumgal.gov.uk/artsandmuseums

A small museum in the very Grand Wigtown County Buildings. Learn about the Wigtown Martyrs, then pay a visit for a bird’s eye view of the Solway wildlife.

Museum
Open: All year. Mon-Sat, 10am-4pm.
Admission: Free.

SANQUHAR

Sanquhar Tolbooth Museum
High Street, Sanquhar DG4 6AH
T: 01387 253374 T: 01659 50186 dumfries.museum@dumgal.gov.uk

Located in the town’s fine 18th century tolbooth, the museum has displays on Sanquhar knitting, industry, community life, literature and archaeology.

Museum
Open: April-September: Tuesday-Saturday 10am-1pm, 2pm-5pm. Sunday 2-5pm.
Admission: Free.

STRANRAER

Stranraer Museum
55 George Street, Stranraer DG9 7JF
T: 01776 705088 stranraermuseum@dumgal.gov.uk
www.dumgal.gov.uk/artsandmuseums
The story of Wigtownshire from earliest times with displays on archaeology, local history, costume and archives. Special events during school holidays. An exciting programme of temporary exhibitions throughout the year. This year’s summer exhibition is Dinosaurs! Visit if you dare.

Museum
Open: All year: Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm; Sat, 10am-1pm; 1.30-4pm.
Admission: Free.

Places to visit

Robert Burns

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Robert Burns Centre
Mill Road, Dumfries DG2 7BE
T: 01387 264808 dumfries.museum@dumgal.gov.uk

Situated in an 18th century watermill on the banks of the River Nith, the centre tells the story of Robert Burns’ creative final years. Visitors can explore the bustling streets and lively atmosphere of late 18th century Dumfries, listen to the songs of Scotland’s bard and examine his manuscripts and personal belongings.

- Scale town model
- Audio booth
- Family activities
- Interactive gallery
- Shop and café

Visitor Attraction
Open: April - September: Monday - Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 2-5pm. October - March: Tuesday - Saturday 10am-1pm, 2-5pm.
Admission: Free.

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**Creetown Gem Rock Museum**
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**DUMFRIES**

**The Crichton Memorial Church**
The Crichton, Bankend Road, Dumfries DG1 4TL T: 01387 702020 T: 01387 247544 events@crichton.co.uk www.crichton.co.uk

- Completed in 1897, the Crichton Memorial Church sits prominently at the heart of The Crichton, an IS acre parkland estate on the outskirts of Dumfries. As a non-denominational church, it is used for weekly services and can be hired for weddings, graduations, concerts, dinners, history tours and TV productions. Events online at www.crichton.co.uk
- Easterbrook Hall • Easterbrook Bistro, Bar & Spa • Holiday Inn Hotel
- Business Park • Academic Campus • Wedding Venue • Conference Venue • The Crichton Gardens
- Open: Weekly services on a Sunday morning. Visitors are welcome to visit the church all year. Access can be arranged via Easterbrook Hall or Easterbrook Bistro, Bar & Spa.
- Admission: Free access to 85-acres of landscaped grounds, gardens and car parking.

**LOGAN, by STRANRAER (14 miles)**

**Logan Botanic Garden**
Port Logan, Stranraer DG9 9ND T: 01776 860231 logan@rbge.org.uk www.rbge.org.uk

- Discover ‘Scotland’s most exotic garden’. Warmed by the Gulf Stream, Logan is famed for its spectacular collection of southern hemisphere plants. Over 5,000 exotic trees and plants flourish here. The atmosphere on a sunny day is truly tropical. The walled garden encloses lawns, ponds and palm trees as well as a wicker dinosaur which will delight the kids.
- To visit the church all year. Access can be arranged via Easterbrook Hall or Easterbrook Bistro.
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- • Exhibitions • Events • Arts and crafts • Books • Information
- • Easter to the end of October - Exhibition open daily. Lighthouse open weekends & Bank Holidays plus daily during July & August. See the website for additional information. Group bookings are welcome by appointment.
- Admission: Admission charges apply, children under 5 free. Unique location at Scotland’s most southerly point.
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- Open: Exhibition centre: Late Mar-end Oct: Daily, 10am-5pm. Admission: FREE (donations welcome).
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NEW GALLOWAY

CatStrand
High Street, New Galloway, Castle Douglas DG7 3RN
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CatStrand is an Arts and Visitor Centre in the heart of Dumfries & Galloway at the gateway to Galloway Forest Park, Dark Sky Park and Galloway & Southern Ayrshire Biosphere. Established in 2007, CatStrand has a year-round programme of music, film, workshops and activities plus regularly changing art exhibitions, a gift shop and a café bar with free wifi.

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PLACES TO VISIT

Galloway Red Deer Range & Wild Goat Park
Forestry and Land Scotland, Galloway Forest Park, near Newton Stewart
T: 0131 370 5500 enquiries.south@forestryandland.gov.scot
www.forestryandland.gov.scot/gallowayfp
Visit an area of 135 ha where red deer, their milk, meat, and skins. Goats. Goats like these were kept by our ancestors, who valued them for their milk, meat, and skins.

Drumlanrig Castle & Country Estate
By THORNHILL
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T: 01387 770200 info@catstrand.com www.catstrand.com
Discover one of Dumfries and Galloway’s most iconic visitor attractions, a stunning Castle set in a beautiful Country Estate. Enjoy History, art, gardens, walking, cycling, adventure playground, tearoom and shops.

Forestry and Land Scotland, Galloway Forest Park, near Newton Stewart
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www.forestryandland.gov.scot/gallowayfp
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Open weekends in February and March from 10.00am - 5.00pm Daily from Saturday 28th March until Sunday the 1st of November 10.00am - 5.00pm

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**By LAGGAN (2 miles)**
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Laggan, Gatehouse of Fleet D67 25Z
T: 01571 480277 bookings@laggannotheathouse.co.uk
www.laggannotheathouse.co.uk
Laggan Outdoor Activity Centre offers first-class, award-winning activities for all the family. Choose from archery, Scotland’s longest zip wire, segway adventures and clay pigeon shooting. Stunning location with an on-site café/bistro and Luxury Coastal Accommodation.

- **• Awesome Adventure Activities • Something for everyone • Booking essential • Restrictions apply • Luxury Coastal Accommodation • Café/Bistro**

**Activity Centre**
Open: Daily, 10am-5pm during the season. Booking is essential. See website for seasonal opening times.

Admission: Charges per activity. Group discounts available.

**By DUMFRIES (4 miles)**
Mabie (Part of the 7stanes trail network)
Forestry and Land Scotland. Off the A710, 4 miles south of Dumfries. DG2 8NH
T: 0131 370 5500 enquiries.south@forestryandland.gov.scot
www.forestryandland.gov.scot or www.forestryandland.gov.scot/7stanes
Mabie is one of the world-class 7stanes mountain biking centres and caters for beginners right through to the most expert of riders.

Open: All year.


**By DUMFRIES & County (4 miles)**
The Dumfries & County Golf Club
James Erskine, Golf Professional Edinburgh Road, Dumfries DG1 1TX
T: 01387 253585 admin@thecounty.co.uk
www.thecounty.co.uk
Beautifully mature parkland course with USGA standard greens. A challenge to all levels of golfer.

Open: All year.

Admission: See website for green fee details.

**By GATEHOUSE OF FLEET (1 mile)**
Kirroughtree Visitor Centre (Part of the 7stanes trail network)
Forestry and Land Scotland, Off A77, at Palnure, 3 miles east of Newton Stewart DG8 7BE
T: 0131 370 5500 enquiries.south@forestryandland.gov.scot
www.forestryandland.gov.scot/7stanes/gallowayfp
Kirroughtree Visitor Centre is one of the world-class 7stanes mountain biking centres and caters for beginners right through to the most expert of riders.

Open: Easter-end Sep: Weekends and Bank Holidays.

Adult: £5, Child 3+y £2.50, Concessions £4. Family £12.

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www.thecounty.co.uk
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Open: All year.

Admission: See website for green fee details.

**By MOFFAT (2 miles)**
Moffat Golf Club
Coachbuilt, Moffat, Dumfrieshire DG16 9SB
T: 01668 220020 booking@moffatgolfclub.co.uk
www.moffatgolfclub.co.uk
Come and Play “The Jewel in the South”. Our fine moorland course is guaranteed to give you a great Scottish golfing experience.

Open: All year.

Admission: Please see website for details. Rounds from just £20. Buggy, trolley and club hire available. Changing rooms, bar, catering, snooker tables, pool table, table tennis and darts.
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**Leisure activities**

**Leisure centres/swimming pools**

- **DUMFRIES**
  - **Barracuda Club, Caidnadle Hotel & Leisure Club**
    - English Street, Dumfries DG1 2DF
    - T: 01387 254111 F: 01387 240138 sales@caimdahotel.co.uk
    - www.caimdahotel.co.uk
    - Located within the Caidnadle Hotel in Dumfries, the Barracuda Club offers a Championship-quality layout and the final golf course designed by the highly esteemed James Braid, who was 5 times Open champion.

- **NEW GALLOWAY**
  - **New Galloway Golf Club**
    - High Street, New Galloway DG7 3RJ
    - T: 01644 420737 M: 0771 560 9975 brown@nggc.co.uk www.nggc.co.uk
    - A delightful 9-hole golf course which is a gem among rural courses in Scotland.

- **STRANRAER**
  - **Stranraer Golf Club**
    - High Street, Stranraer DG9 0LF
    - T: 01988 700358 mail@stmedangolfclub.com
    - www.stmedangolfclub.com
    - Friendly 9 hole course with 18 tees on the shores of Luce Bay in south west Scotland.

- **THORNHILL**
  - **Castle Douglas Cycle Centre**
    - 11 Church Street, Castle Douglas DG7 1EA
    - T: 01556 504542 info@cdcycles.co.uk
    - www.cdcycles.co.uk
    - Friendly service for any type of cycle enquiry. New bikes, repairs, servicing, spare parts and accessories.

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**Mountain biking/leisure biking**

- **CASTLE DOUGLAS**
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    - T: 01556 504542 info@cdcycles.co.uk
    - www.cdcycles.co.uk
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**Antiques & bookshops**

**MOFFAT**
The Moffat Bookshop
9 Bank Street, Moffat, Dumfries DG10 9DP
T: +44 (0)1387 256601
www.themoffatbookshop.co.uk
The Moffat Bookshop provides a temporary home to a wide variety of publications seeking more permanent accommodation. Find us on Facebook!

Open: All year: Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm; Sat, 9.30am-5pm. (No alcohol sales prior to 10am on any day)

**WIGTOWN**

Beltie Books & Café
6 Bank Street, Wigtown, Newton Stewart DG8 9AP
T: +44 (0)1988 402730
www.beltiebooks.co.uk

Open: 10am to 4.30pm Winter (Oct - Mar) Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat.
Admission: Free.

**AN NAN**

Mad Notions Craft & Gift Shop
19 Bruce Street, Annan DG12 5AB
T: +44 (0)1461 758383
mad-notions-craft-shop@outlook.com
www.madnotions.co.uk
Find a selection of craft supplies & locally handcrafted gifts as well as classes, parties & drop in sessions for all ages. Class details online.

Open: All year: Tue-Thu, 10am-6pm; Fri, 9am-5pm; Sat, 9am-1:30pm.
Admission: Class and drop-in session from £3. Classes must be pre-booked online or in store. Drop-in sessions available Tues

**DUMFRIES**

Garden Wise Plant and Garden Centre
Castle Douglas Road, Dumfries DG2 9PP
T: +44 (0)1387 262654
info@gardenwise-dumfries.co.uk
www.gardenwise-dumfries.co.uk
One of the largest independently-owned garden centres in Scotland. Wide selection of healthy plants, garden sundries, superb coffee shop.

Open: All year: Mon-Sat, 9am-5.30pm; Sun, 10am-5.30pm. Coffee shop closes 4.30pm.
Admission: Free.

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e: enquiries@tbwatson.co.uk
www.drambusters.com

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- Sugar free range
- Shortbread + Biscuits
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High Street, Moffat, Dumfries and Galloway, DG10 9SN
www.moffattoffeeshop.com

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Clarencefield Road, Collin, Dumfries DG1 4PX
T: 01387 750599 enquiries@drummuirfarm.co.uk
www.drummuirfarm.co.uk

Home-made ice cream, light lunches and home baking. Enjoy a freshly made coffee whilst the children play outside, or the wee ones have fun in our indoor toddler area. We are just 2 miles from the A75, with ample parking and situated in beautiful countryside.

- Delicious ice cream and food
- Indoor toddler area
- Outdoor park
- Disabled facilities
- Motorcyclists welcome

**Tourist Shop**
Open: Apr-End Aug: Daily, 10.30 am-5:30 pm. Sept & Oct: Wed-Sun, 10.30 am-4:30 pm. Closed Nov-Feb. (Open for a few days prior to Christmas).

**NEW ABBEY**

**Abbey Cottage Tearoom**
24 Main Street, New Abbey, Dumfries DG2 8BY
T: 01387 850377 info@abbeycottage Tearoom.com
www.abbeycottage Tearoom.com

Long established family-run tearoom beside Sweetheart Abbey serving coffees, light meals and afternoon teas, with home made food and local produce. Past winners of Taste of Scotland “Best Tearoom”.

- Table service
- Afternoon tea
- Food allergy menu
- Car parking
- Garden meals
- Dog friendly garden
- Beautiful view


**BEESWING**

**Loch Arthur Farm Shop and Café**
New Abbey Road, Beeswing, Dumfries DG2 8IQ
T: 01387 259669 shop@locharthur.org.uk
www.locharthur.org.uk

Award-winning organic farmhouse cheeses, freshly baked breads, cakes, biscuits, pies, organic fruit, vegetables, meat, poultry & eggs. All produced on our own farm or sourced as locally as possible. You can also relax in our beautiful café with our simple menu of drinks, cakes & light meals.

- Unique shopping experience
- Winner of BBC Food & Farming Awards
- Wide range of baskets, pottery & crafts

**Tourist Shop**
Open: All year. Shop: Mon-Fri, 9am-5.30pm; Sat, 9am-5pm. Café: Mon-Fri, 9.30am-4.30pm.

**MULL OF GALLOWAY, DRUMMORE**

**Gallie Craig Coffee House**
Mull of Galloway, Drummore, Stranraer DG9 9HP
T: 01776 840558 enquiries@galliecraig.co.uk
www.galliecraig.co.uk

Visit the award-winning Gallie Craig Coffee Shop/restauranteur and gift shop, perched on the cliff edge at Scotland’s most southerly point with breathtaking panoramic views of Luce Bay, Isle of Man & Ireland. Enjoy our delicious freshly prepared meals, snacks and home baking, there’s something for all the family!

- Turf roof
- Cliff-top terrace
- Extensive gift shop
- Ample free parking
- Coach parties welcome
- Disabled access


**Tourist Shop**
Open: All year: Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm.

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**Kilnford Barns Farm Shop**
The Glen, Dumfries DG1 2BT
T: 01387 253087 info@klinford.co.uk www.kilnford.co.uk
“Know your farmer – know your food.”
There is more to Kilnford than our fantastic farm shop: enjoy our modern farm kitchen café, visit our butchery, discover local crafts/gifts, enjoy the play area and beautiful nature trail.

- **Excellent In Food**
- **Home Reared Meats**
- **Super Deli**
- **Fresh Fish**
- **Farm Kitchen Café**
- **Garden Play Area**
- **Nature Trail**

**Food & drink**

**Restaurants**

**Powfoot Hotel & Del Amitri Restaurant**
Lisa Avey Links Avenue, Powfoot, Annan DG12 5PH
T: 01461 700300 T: 01461 700266 thepowfoothotel@gmail.com
www.thepowfoothotel.com
Del Amitri is based at the calm and cozy Powfoot Hotel on the beautiful Solway Coast, offering a wide range of local cuisine to a high standard, with the restaurant listed in the Michelin Guide and at previous site AA Rosette.

Open: Restaurant: Mon-Sun, 6-8.45pm; Sun, 12-2pm. Hotel/Bar: Daily, 12-2.30pm; 6-8.45pm. Morning coffee & cake served daily, 9-11.30am. Afternoon tea Mon-Sat, 3-5pm.

**Admission:** Advance booking for the restaurant is essential.

**CASTLE DOUGLAS**

**Mr Pook’s Kitchen**
The Old Bank, 38 King Street, Castle Douglas DG7 1AD
T: 01556 540000 info@mrpooks.co.uk www.mrpooks.co.uk
Mr Pook’s Kitchen offers a friendly, fine dining experience in the centre of Castle Douglas.

- **Fresh. Seasonal. Local. Foraged.**
- **Pre Theatre Menu available Tues, Wed and Thurs**
- **Car Park to Rear**
- **Disabled Access to side**

Open: All year: Mon-Fri, 9am-5.30pm; Sat: 9am-5pm. Sun, 9.30am-5pm.

**DUMFRIES**

**Food & Drink at The Crichton, Dumfries**
The Crichton, Bankhead Road, Dumfries DG1 4TL
T: 01387 702200 T: 01387 702500 events@thecrichton.co.uk crichton.co.uk-looking to eat, drink or host an event at The Crichton? Options include Eastertown Bistro, Bar & Spa, Eastertown Hall, Crichton Memorial Church, Holiday Inn Dumfries, Bankhead Bar & Brasserie, Costa or Xest Restaurant at Dumfries & Gallosay College & The Clubhouse Bar at Crichton Golf Club. A NEW Crichton Central facility is opening in 2020 in Criffel View and of course the Crichton is an ideal spot for a picnic too.

Open: Opening times vary by venue, please visit www.crichton.co.uk for up to date details for each venue.

**Admission:** Access to The Crichton is free of charge 365 days a year. Free parking. For information on venue hire costs and menus please contact each venue directly. www.crichton.co.uk

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reception@moffathouse.co.uk
Stunning country mansion serving first class food in The Oaktree Restaurant and Healthy Bar. A popular Wedding and Function destination.

Open: All year.

**RINGFORD**

**The Schoolhouse**
Ringford, Castle Douglas DG7 2AL
T: 01556 820250 lawrie710@btinternet.com
The Schoolhouse is a light airy restaurant. A warm welcome awaits. Lunch from 12pm. Tea time meal deal from 3pm. Sunday lunch. Everything sourced locally where we can & all made here by our dedicated team. Fruit & vegetables are from our garden.

Open: Feb-Dec: Mon-Tues, 10am-6pm; Thurs-Sun, 10am-6pm.

**Admission:** Breakfast from 10am (coffee & freshly baked scones available), lunch from noon (tasties to freshly baked salmon and homemade bread with soup).

**SANQUHAR**

**Blackaddie House Hotel**
Blackaddie Road, Sanquhar DG4 6JJ
T: 01556 50270 F: 01556 495935 ian@blackaddiehotel.co.uk
www.blackaddiehotel.co.uk

The award-winning Selkirk Arms Hotel offers everything from B&B and family rooms to fine dining in the Restaurant. The award-winning Selkirk Arms Hotel offers casual dining for both lunch and dinner in the bistro and alfresco in the garden or a more formal dining experience in Artista restaurant.

Open: All year. Bistro: 12noon-2pm; 6-9pm. Restaurant: 7-9pm.

**Admission:** Breakfast from 10am (coffee & fresh baked scones available), lunch from noon (tasties to freshly baked salmon and homemade bread with soup).

**KENNINGTON QUAY, by DUMFRIES**

**The Swan**
Angela McIntyre The Swan, Kingholm Quay, Dumfries DG1 4SU
T: 01387 253756 info@theswandumfries.co.uk
www.theswandumfries.co.uk

Situated on the Quay next to the River Nith in the village of Kingholm Quay, With a fantastic beer garden, children’s play area & views over the water & the hills beyond. Great accessibility for wheelchair & buggies. Serving good honest home cooked classic & gastro pub food in a welcoming atmosphere.

- **Home cooked classic, gastro pub food**
- **Fantastic beer garden & kids play area**
- **On the River Nith**
- **Veggie, GF choices**

Open: All year: Mon-Sat, 12noon-2.30pm; 6pm-9.45pm. Sun, 12noon-9pm.

**Admission:** To book a table please call 01387 253756 or use our website for up to date details for each venue.

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**DUMFRIES**

*Visit The Crichton Gardens, Events & Venues*
The Crichton, Bankend Road, Dumfries DG1 4TL
Tel: 01387 702020 events@crichton.co.uk www.crichton.co.uk
Events at The Crichton include everything from weddings, fayres, fun days, charity and awards events to live concerts, conferences, arts festivals, lectures, tours, college/university open days and parkrun. Find out what’s on at www.crichton.co.uk.

Open: Events take place in various indoor and outdoor locations at The Crichton all year. For details of venues, hospitality services, commercial properties, gardens and events visit www.crichton.co.uk

Admission: Free access to 85-acres of landscaped grounds and gardens.

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*Easterbrook Hall*
The Crichton, Bankend Road, Dumfries DG1 4TL
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Easterbrook Hall, the largest auditorium in the South of Scotland, has a main hall and five additional function rooms. A popular venue for weddings, conferences, concerts, diners and festivals. Onsite hotel, church, bistro, spa and gardens.

Open: The Crichton is an 85 acre parkland estate on the outskirts of Dumfries. To visit or book Easterbrook Hall or the Crichton Memorial Church please call 01387 702020.

Admission: Free access to the Crichton grounds, gardens and car parks all year round. www.crichton.co.uk

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*Theatre Royal Dumfries*
Theatre Royal Dumfries 66-68 Shakespear St, Dumfries DG1 2JH
Tel: 01387 254209 admin@theatreroyaldumfries.co.uk www.theatreroyaldumfries.co.uk
The oldest theatre in Scotland, Theatre Royal Dumfries is in the heart of the town and first opened its doors in 1792. It has strong associations with the renowned Scottish poet Robert Burns, who wrote several pieces specifically for its stage.

Attend one of the touring productions presented throughout the year which includes live music, stand-up comedy and theatrical dramas. The Guild of Players presents a regular season of four shows, as well as a family-friendly Christmas panto and pantomime. It’s a 1.5 hour train journey to Dumfries from Glasgow or just under one hour’s drive from Carlisle.

Open: Year round programme of events. Guided tours of this historic theatre are available for individuals and groups. Contact the theatre for more information.

Admission: Purchase tickets online, by calling our Box Office on 01387 254209 or at the Midsteeple Box Office in Dumfries.

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*The Swallow Theatre*
Moss Park, Ravenstone, Whithorn DG8 8DR
Tel: 01988 850368 info@swallowtheatre.co.uk www.swallowtheatre.co.uk
Scotland’s smallest theatre offers an intimate setting for professional theatre, live music and other events. See our website for our full programme. Ample parking and disabled access.

Open: Situated in the owners’ garden, the theatre is open on performance days. Garden open and drinks available in our foyer/bar area from one hour before the show.

Admission: Tickets sold in advance online or by phone via credit/debit card bookings. Any remaining tickets are sold on the door.

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The Devil’s Porridge Museum Annan Road, Eastriggs DG12 6TF
T: 01461 700221 info@devilsporridge.org.uk www.devilsporridge.org.uk
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By GATEHOUSE OF FLEET
Laggan Outdoor Activity Centre
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Thornhill, Dumfries & Galloway DG3 4AQ
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**Facilities symbols**

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**Accommodation options and costs**

Number in brackets refers to number of rooms/units of that type.

Sgl – Single
Db – Double
Twin – Twin
Family – Family
Site – Suite

- Bed & Breakfast (B&B)
- Self Catering
- Ensuite (Ensuite)
- Private bath (Private bath)
- Ground floor (Ground floor)
- Pet friendly (Pet friendly)
- Parking (Parking)
- Parking on site (Parking on site)
- Self-catering (Self-catering)
- Dishwasher (Dishwasher)
- Fridge (Fridge)
- Freezer (Freezer)
- Pets accepted (Pets accepted)
- Garden (Garden)
- Garden furniture (Garden furniture)
- Fishing (Fishing)
- Open fire (Open fire)
- Open hearth (Open hearth)
- Linen (Linen)
- Towels (Towels)
- Cleaning (Cleaning)
- Washing machine (Washing machine)
- Tumble dryer (Tumble dryer)
- Microwave (Microwave)
- Further information

**Further information**

For further information either visit www.visitscotland.com or contact the accommodation provider directly.

**Example**

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Fraser Suites Glasgow

These indicate schemes the establishment may be a member of, and signposts whether they have accessible facilities and if they offer short breaks. See pages 21 & 23.

**Accessible**

Symbol denotes that this establishment offers access, please check with establishment prior to booking.

**Additional costs**

- Breakage and cleaning charge
- Car parking adjacent to caravans or tents
- Car parking charge
- Pet deposits
- Pet fees
- Pet damage fee
- Pet staying in your property
- Additional facilities
- Additional facilities available
- Additional facilities near
- Additional facilities on site
- Additional facilities provided
- Additional facilities nearby
- Additional facilities available
- Additional facilities charged for
- Additional facilities by arrangement
- Additional facilities free
- Additional facilities for hire
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