

# Magic MUSEUMS

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## 12 ST MUNGO MUSEUM OF RELIGIOUS LIFE AND ART

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[glasgowlife.org.uk](http://glasgowlife.org.uk)

Let's be honest, Glasgow has a pretty convoluted history with religion. It hasn't always been pretty, but this space only promotes education and acceptance to both the most devout and most sceptic amongst us. Named after the patron saint of Glasgow, the museum shows art and artefacts from the world's largest religions. There is a floor dedicated to Scotland, which illustrates how religion has influenced and dictated opinion for over 5000 years. The zen garden at the back was the first in Britain and the overlooking Glasgow cathedral the oldest building in Scotland.

## 13 PETERHEAD PRISON MUSEUM

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[peterheadprisonmuseum.com](http://peterheadprisonmuseum.com)

Peterhead Prison, also known as Scotland's Alcatraz, was made notorious by the 1987 riots, when prisoners took control of D hall and took two guards hostage. The siege rampaged for 5 days until home secretary Douglas Hurd decided to send in the SAS (British Special Forces) to take back control. Jackie Stuart, who is now in his late 80s, was one of the guards taken captive and works now at the museum as a guide. The tour is interesting and provides a thought-provoking insight into Scotland's only convict prison.

## 14 THE V&A DUNDEE

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This truly unique and outstanding building makes quite the impression on the Dundee skyline. Designed by Japanese architect Kengo Kuma, its form is said to be inspired by the cliffs of the North East and is quite the structure to ponder over. It's the first ever museum in Scotland dedicated to design and showcases some of the most influential and inspiring collections of international and Scottish design, both physically and virtually and certainly is a bold statement to begin with. Ten years in the making, it's a grand addition to the UNESCO city of design.



14 THE V&A DUNDEE



30 WALK TO THE DEVIL'S PULPIT / FINNICH GLEN

## 29 BELHAVEN BRIDGE

20 Shore Road

Dunbar

EH42 1NX

Lothians

Belhaven Bridge or the 'bridge to nowhere' seems the oddest thing at high tide. The bridge looks stranded with no purpose whatsoever as the water engulfs the bases. However at low tide, the bridge serves to allow access to the sandy beach on the other side of a small outflow stream. The bridge has allowed many an interesting Instagram picture for professional and amateur photographers alike.

## 30 THE DEVIL'S PULPIT / FINNICH GLEN

A809

Dumgoyne

G63 9QL

Loch Lomond & Trossachs

Finnich Glen or the Devil's Pulpit is steeped in mysterious folklore. It's named after a protruding bulbous type rock that you can spot at low waters and looks like a pulpit. It's here where the devil was said to have stood and addressed his worshippers and where black magic druids held secret meetings, out of the surveillance of prosecuting eyes. The river runs red and is said to reflect the blood of the victims, however it's the red sandstone of the gorge that gives it this colour and the green moss adds to the eerie feel. Given its dark history, this is a beautiful place to explore within the 21-metre-high walls. Please note that the Devil's Pulpit is difficult to access and should be avoided after heavy rainfall. It's steep, slippery and dangerous when the water is high. So correct footwear and care is needed. Parking can also be an issue, as there are not many spaces. So please apply common sense.



ROAD TO PLOCKTON

## PLACES ⓘ

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## Selected WHISKY DISTILLERIES

### 85 SPRINGBANK DISTILLERY

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[springbank.scot](http://springbank.scot)

Campbeltown used to be known as Whisky Capital of the World, with over 30 whiskies produced here. Only three distilleries now remain, with Springbank being the oldest independent family-owned distillery in Scotland, with the Mitchell family being 5th generation in. The distillery is housed in buildings dating back to 1828. It is the only Scottish distillery to have 100% of its production onsite and one of a handful of distilleries to keep the traditional floor malting methods. The tours are excellent and starting from £10, which includes a nip and a miniature to take away.



### 86 EDRAOUR DISTILLERY

Pitlochry  
PH16 5JP  
Highlands &  
Islands  
[edradour.com](http://edradour.com)

Edradour Distillery was officially founded in 1825 by a cooperative of farmers, but dates back earlier and is steeped in illicit pot distilling history. It is the smallest distillery in Scotland and has stuck to its handmade and small-scale production roots, which only adds to the charm of this little distillery. Now back in Scottish hands – after ownership from larger cooperatives and the New York mafia – there are plenty of tales to be told on their guided tours.

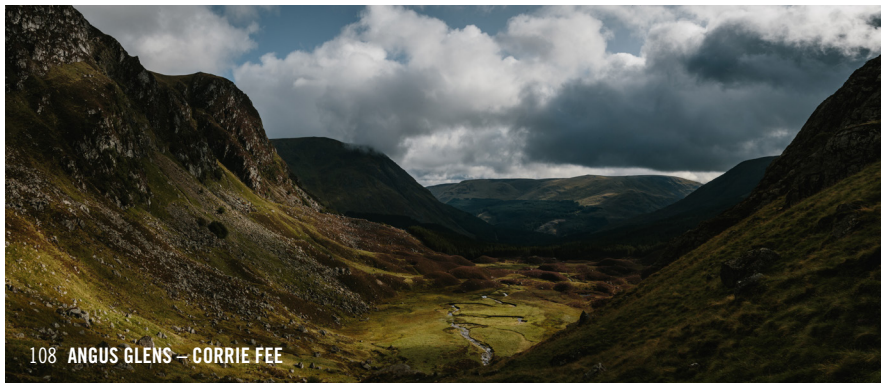


## WILD WALKS *to discover*

### 108 **ANGUS GLENS – CORRIE FEE**

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(Ranger Centre)  
[visitangus.com/glen-doll-ranger-centre](http://visitangus.com/glen-doll-ranger-centre)**

Corrie Fee has been shaped over thousands and thousands of years by the Ice Age and now leaves a stunning and rugged glacial *corrie* that's well worth the walk. *Corrie* in Gaelic means cauldron and you can see where it gets its name from. Its bowl shape provides a dramatic backdrop and access to some of the best of Scotland's wilderness. You'll also find rare Arctic flora and fauna here, such as the Alpine blue-sow-thistle amongst others. That's also why it qualifies as a National Nature Reserve and SSSI (Site of Specific Scientific Interest). Park at the Glen Doll car park and allow 2,5 hours for this 7,5-km walk. The paths are clearly marked, however check in at the ranger centre if unsure. There are also toilets available.



108 ANGUS GLENS – CORRIE FEE

### 109 **BEN LAWERS NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE**

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Forget Ben Nevis, it's busy and full of tourists trying to tackle it in their flip-flops. Ben Lawers is where to go. Sitting at 1214 metres it is the 10th highest Munro in Scotland and it is a magnificent place to escape and take in nature, too. Red deer, ptarmigan and black grouse are just some of the wildlife you'll spot here. For those who don't want to walk to the top there are well-marked lower slope trails, but for those who want to take on the challenge and summit: please allow at least 6 hours to do so. Once you get to the top, breathtaking views await, especially over Loch Tay, Glencoe and over to the Cairngorms. It's really quite special. The National Trust frequently runs guided walks that are a great way to explore, especially for the less experienced. See their website for booking details. Please don't get caught out in the Scottish mountains, they are ruthless. So take walking essentials with you, even on a nice day. Park at the NNR car park and remember your £2 for parking.

### 110 **PUCK'S GLEN**

**1,6 KM SOUTH OF  
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[forestryandland.gov.scot](http://forestryandland.gov.scot)**

Puck's Glen is a beautiful steep and narrow gorge that leads you through densely packed forest with lots of mosses and little waterfalls. It's darker in there, but that's what adds to the beautiful atmosphere. The glen is usually described as enchanting and you can see why within this Celtic rainforest. Tales in Scottish folklore say that fairies live here, such as Ghillie Dhu, a soft-natured mountain spirit that guards the trees. Watch your footing on the slippery stones when wet, and enjoy the circular walk.

## Dramatic LOCHS

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### 123 LOCH MORAR

**Morar**  
**PH40 4PB**  
**Highlands & Islands**

Created over 10,000 years ago by the Ice Age, Loch Morar is the deepest freshwater Loch in the British Isles. It measures 310 metres or 1017 feet in depth and is 19,6 kilometres long and 1,6 kilometre wide, making it the fifth largest loch by surface area. Around the loch are superb views, and it provides a pretty backdrop to some of the area's best walks. There are three waymarked paths: Glasnacardoch to Lochs an Nostarie and Eireagoraidh, Bracorina to Tarbet and Allt an Loin to Loch a Bhada Dharaich. Make sure you have a map, as a couple of these trails are quite lengthy. You can often spot boats out on the loch fly fishing, usually for brown trout. Permits apply and there is a *ghillie* (meaning servant in Gaelic) service available to get a permit and to guide you. Fish by the rules of the *ghillie*! One of Scotland's great lochs.

### 124 LOCH TORRIDON

**Torridon**  
**IV22 2EY**  
**Highlands & Islands**

Loch Torridon is a vast and incredible landscape that takes in a few villages and townships on its 24-kilometre stretch. The Loch is a sea loch, and surrounded by magnificent Munros that arise from the sea, making this place a mecca for sea kayakers, hillwalkers and mountain bikers. Not to mention the famous Torridon sandstone that also attracts climbers. The bounty from the loch is also to be desired, with it producing top-quality Scottish seafood. One of the most beautiful spots in Scotland, it has plenty to offer and explore.



124 LOCH TORRIDON



196 **THE OYSTER-CATCHER**

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*theoystercatcher*  
[otterferry.co.uk](http://otterferry.co.uk)**

Head down this long and winding single-track road until you eventually come to The Oystercatcher. It has a beautiful pontoon outside that must be a hit with sun baskers and bathers alike in the summer, or for those who enjoy a cold dip. Admittedly, the building looks unassuming from the outside, but what happens inside is what matters. With new owners Phoebe and Steve, it's great to see the pub continue its upward trajectory. The interior has a modern, spacious but cosy pub-feel to it, with rustic wooden furniture and panelling. The menu is superb, with everything made in-house and carefully paired. There are lots of fresh fish choices, veggie options, and Ballimore oysters from Loch Fyne, which the pub overlooks. The bar stocks an array of Scottish craft beer, with lots of really nice options to try. The Oystercatcher is well worth the detour, or even a destination in itself.



196 THE OYSTERCATCHER

197 **THE SHIELDAIG BAR & COASTAL KITCHEN**

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The outside seating and upstairs deck provide an amazing setting to watch the world go by in one of Scotland's most scenic settings on Loch Torridon. Specialising in local seafood and wood-fired pizza, this bar is a perfect stop-off if you are in the area. Local An Teallach Brewery on tap for ale lovers and not a bad selection for a wee bar. Get the *craic* on Saturday nights as they usually have a folk session on the go, which is worth popping your head in the door for. Booking advised at the height of the season.



197 VIEW FROM THE SHIELDAIG BAR AND COASTAL KITCHEN

# AT HOME *far from home*

## 298 **SPRINGFIELD HOUSE**

AT: LOVE CAIRNGORMS

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Springfield House is a luxury yet homely getaway in the centre of quaint Highland village Carrbridge. The rooms are spacious, and the interiors have been carefully selected by owner Kim, making the place not just feel good but also look good. Little touches like the Technics turntables and vinyls also provide great vibes to your stay. Outdoor decking and fire pit for summer months and only a few strides away from the brilliant Cairngorm Hotel pub, where you can feed and water yourself if you don't fancy cooking. Epic spot!

## 299 **URBAN QUARTERS APARTMENTS**

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This building consists of four individual contemporary apartments from the basement to the attic. Each self-catering apartment is named after a famous Dundonian. All fitted with modern appliances. Ideally located just a 10-minute walk from the train station and the V&A museum, this neighbourhood offers plenty of options to dine out in this revamped area. Minimum three nights stay.

