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KINLOCH RANNOCH

AND FURTHER AFIELD

things to do and places to go



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ON YOUR DOORSTEP

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The Hermitage: Located near Dunkeld, The Hermitage is a beautiful woodland area with walking trails that lead to the impressive Black Linn Falls and Ossian's Hall, a picturesque folly overlooking the falls. The area is rich in history and offers a serene natural environment.

Birnam Hill and Dunkeld: Take a walk up Birnam Hill, which provides panoramic views of the surrounding countryside and the River Tay. The trail starts from Dunkeld and offers a rewarding hike with stunning vistas.

The Cateran Trail: This long-distance circular walking route passes through Perthshire and the neighboring Angus region. The trail is approximately 64 miles (103 kilometers) long and takes you through rolling countryside, forests, and historic sites, offering a diverse range of scenery.

Loch Tay: Explore the picturesque shores of Loch Tay, one of Scotland's most beautiful and longest freshwater lochs. There are several walking paths in the area, including the Tay Forest Park trails, which offer stunning views of the loch and surrounding mountains.

Scone Palace and Grounds: Visit Scone Palace near Perth, the historic crowning place of Scottish kings. Explore the palace and its extensive grounds, which include beautiful gardens, woodland walks, and a maze.

The Falls of Acharn: Located near Kenmore, the Falls of Acharn is a hidden gem nestled in a wooded gorge. Follow the path to the waterfall, passing through ancient oak woodland and discovering a hidden hermit's cave along the way.

Queen's View: Just outside Pitlochry, Queen's View offers breathtaking panoramic views of Loch Tummel and the surrounding mountains. It's a perfect spot for a short walk and a picnic while enjoying the stunning scenery.

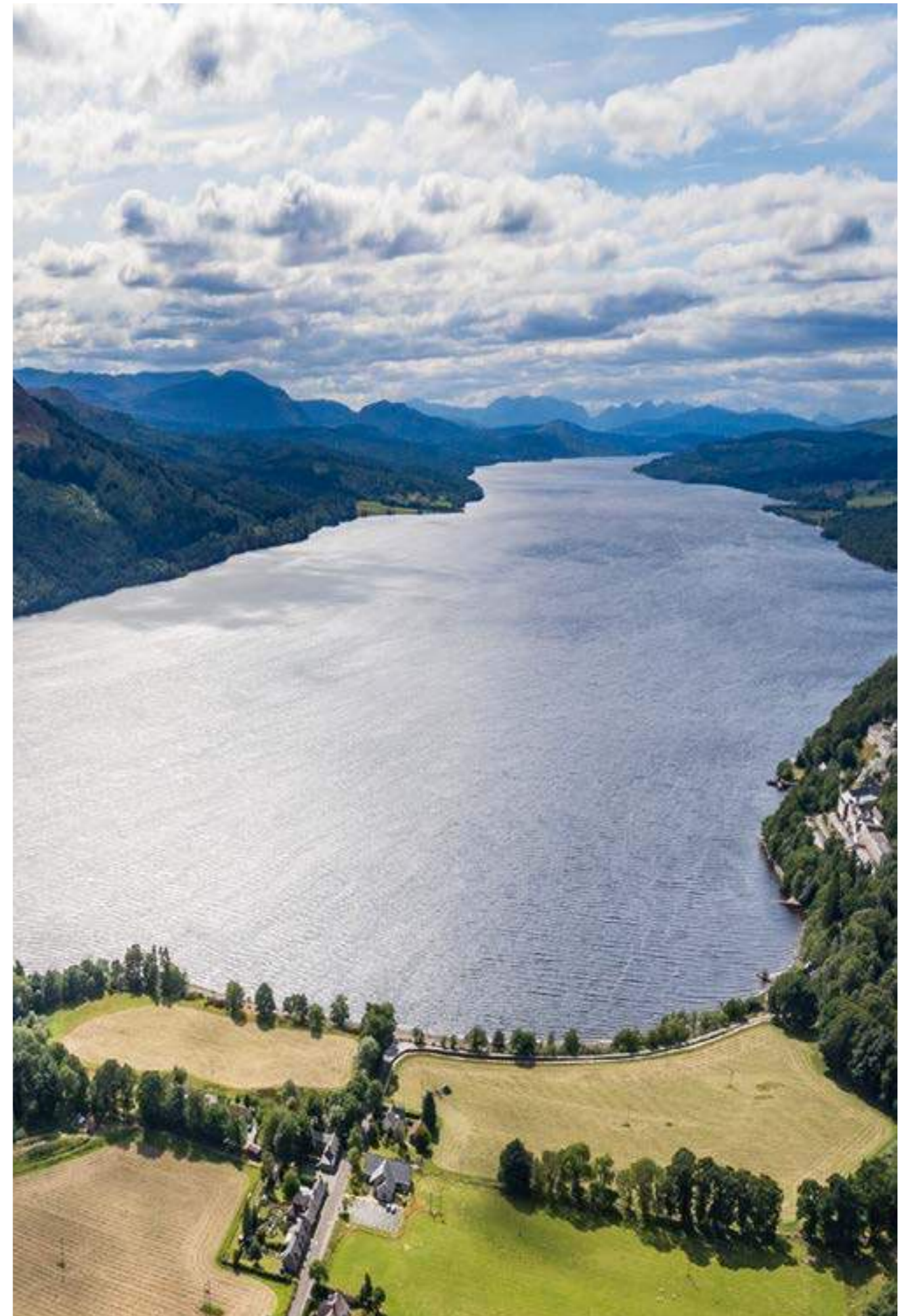
Killiecrankie: Explore the dramatic gorge and wooded paths of Killiecrankie, known for its historical significance as the site of the Battle of Killiecrankie in 1689. Walk along the riverside trail and marvel at the natural beauty of the area.

Crieff and Lady Mary's Walk: Take a leisurely stroll along Lady Mary's Walk in Crieff, a path that runs along the banks of the River Earn. Enjoy the peaceful atmosphere, beautiful views, and wildlife sightings.

Loch Leven Heritage Trail: Located near Kinross, Loch Leven Heritage Trail is a 13-mile (21-kilometer) path that encircles Loch Leven. The trail offers scenic views of the loch, the surrounding hills, and historic sites such as Lochleven Castle, where Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned.

Rannoch Moor: Embark on a walking adventure across the vast expanse of Rannoch Moor. This unique and wild landscape is known for its rugged beauty, dramatic views, and abundant wildlife. There are various walking routes to choose from, ranging from easy strolls to more challenging hikes.

Right: Loch Rannoch, splendid in all its changing moods





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Schiehallion: Scale the majestic Schiehallion mountain, which offers panoramic views of Loch Rannoch and the surrounding mountains. The mountain is a popular hiking destination, and its distinctive shape and geology make it a fascinating place to explore.

Loch Rannoch: Enjoy a leisurely walk along the shores of Loch Rannoch, taking in the tranquil scenery and the reflection of the surrounding mountains on the water. You can also opt for a boat trip on the loch to appreciate the beauty from a different perspective.

Dunalastair Estate: Explore the extensive grounds of Dunalastair Estate, which features scenic walking trails through woodlands, along the River Tummel, and up into the hills. Keep an eye out for wildlife and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere.

Queen's View Visitor Centre: Visit the Queen's View Visitor Centre, located a short drive from Kinloch Rannoch. This iconic viewpoint offers breathtaking vistas of Loch Tummel and the surrounding mountains, providing an ideal spot for photography and relaxation.

Highland Safaris: Take an exhilarating off-road safari with Highland Safaris, based in nearby Dull. Explore the rugged terrain, learn about the local wildlife, and soak in the stunning Highland landscapes. They also offer mountain biking and gold panning experiences.

Kinloch Rannoch Forest: Discover the enchanting Kinloch Rannoch Forest, where you can enjoy peaceful walks amidst towering pine trees, spot wildlife, and breathe in the fresh Highland air. The forest is part of the wider Tay Forest Park, offering several walking and cycling trails to explore.

Rannoch Station: Take a trip on the West Highland Line to Rannoch Station, one of the most remote and picturesque railway stations in the UK. Enjoy the stunning views of Rannoch Moor and take a walk along the scenic paths surrounding the station.

The Rannoch Experience: Join a guided tour with The Rannoch Experience, offering activities such as guided walks, wildlife watching, and photography workshops. They provide knowledgeable guides who can enhance your understanding of the area's natural and cultural heritage.

Remember to check trail conditions and any access restrictions before embarking on your walks. These locations provide a mix of natural beauty and historical significance, allowing you to immerse yourself in the captivating heritage and landscapes of Perthshire.



Left: Schiehallion, Rannoch Moor, local walking and cycle paths around Kinloch Rannoch

within 40 minutes

LOCAL RESTAURANTS

The Bothy Restaurant - Located in Perth, The Bothy Restaurant offers a range of dishes made with locally-sourced ingredients. They have a separate vegetarian menu with options like stuffed mushrooms, risotto, and vegetable curry.

The Meikleour Arms - Situated in Meikleour, this restaurant offers vegetarian options in their menu, including dishes like roasted vegetable tart, vegetarian haggis, and mushroom risotto. They also cater to vegan and gluten-free diets.

Café Tabou - This French restaurant in Perth offers vegetarian-friendly dishes such as vegetarian moussaka, stuffed peppers, and vegetable tarte tatin. They also have vegan options available.

The Twa Dogs Inn - Located in Blairgowrie, The Twa Dogs Inn serves a variety of freshly-cooked dishes including homemade vegetarian burgers, pasta dishes, and curries.

The Courtyard Bar & Grill - Situated in Pitlochry, The Courtyard Bar & Grill offers a vegetarian menu with options like halloumi and vegetable skewers, vegetarian burgers, and salads. They also have vegan options available.

The Scottish Deli - Located in Dunkeld, The Scottish Deli offers a selection of vegetarian

sandwiches, soups, and salads made with locally sourced ingredients. They also have a variety of vegetarian-friendly deli products.

The Watermill Café - Situated in Aberfeldy, The Watermill Café offers vegetarian and vegan options in their menu, including homemade soups, salads, and vegetarian-friendly mains. They also have a range of delicious cakes and baked goods.

Willowgate Café - This café, located in Perth, serves vegetarian and vegan options, including plant-based burgers, soups, salads, and wraps. They focus on using fresh, local, and sustainable ingredients.

Giraffe Café - Situated in Perth, Giraffe Café offers a vegetarian and vegan-friendly menu with options like vegetable stir-fry, falafel wraps, and lentil curry. They also serve a tasty selection of cakes and desserts.

Comrie Croft - Located near Crieff, Comrie Croft is an eco-friendly venue that offers a café with vegetarian and vegan options. They have a variety of dishes made with organic and locally sourced ingredients.

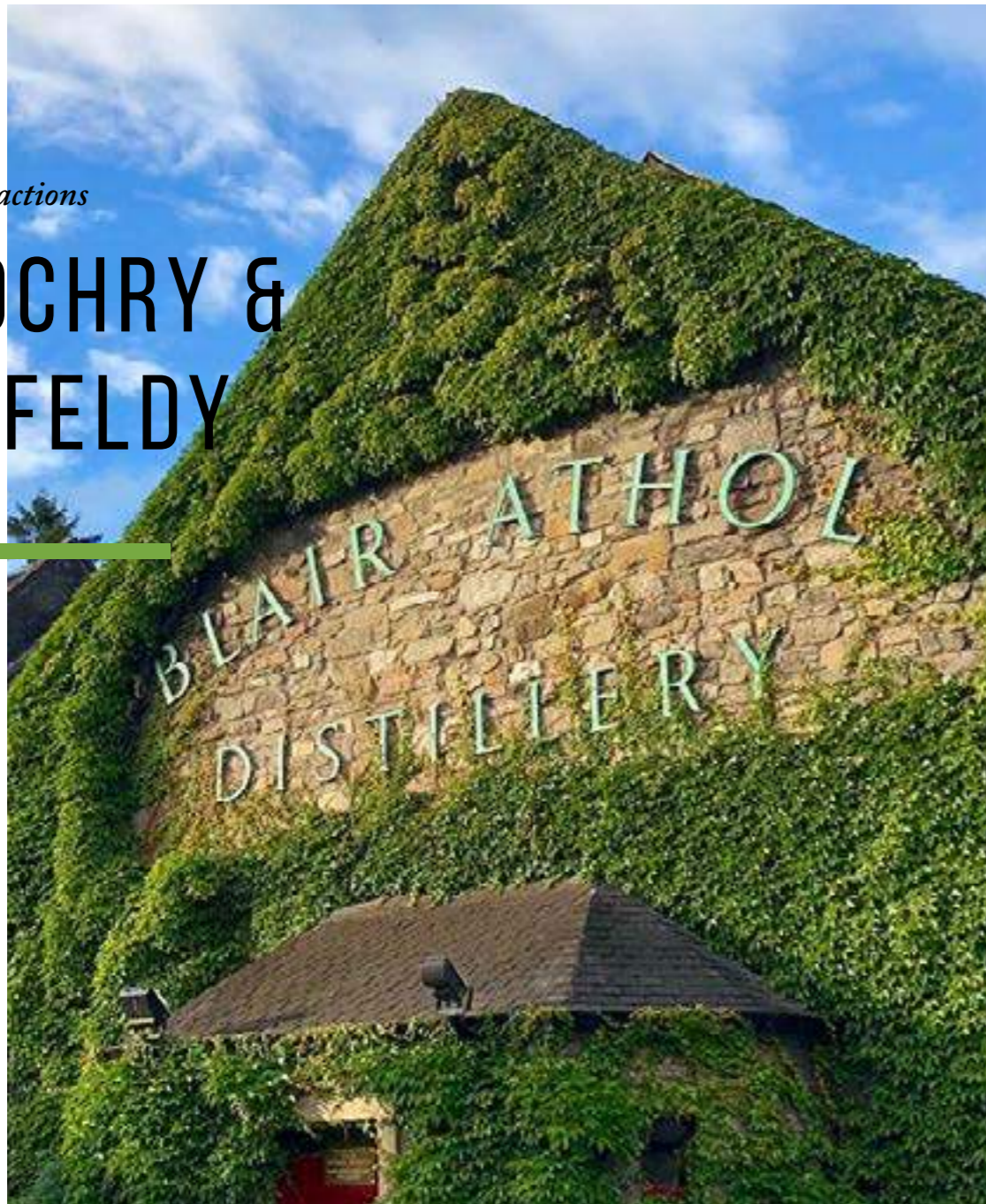
These are just a few options, and it's always a good idea to check with the restaurant in advance to ensure they can accommodate your specific dietary requirements.



Right: a traditional dish of smoked haddock in a creamy sauce

Highland attractions

PITLOCHRY & ABERFELDY



Above: Blair Athol Distillery, located near the River Tummel on the southern edge of Pitlochry

Explore Blair Athol Distillery: Take a tour of this renowned whisky distillery and learn about the whisky-making process. Discover the history and traditions behind Scotch whisky and enjoy tastings of their fine single malt.

Visit Pitlochry Festival Theatre: Catch a performance at this award-winning theatre, known for its summer season of plays, musicals, and concerts. The theatre is located in a beautiful setting and offers a unique cultural experience.

Discover the Enchanted Forest: If you visit during the autumn season, don't miss the Enchanted Forest, a spectacular light and sound show set in Faskally Wood. Walk through the illuminated forest trails and be mesmerized by the enchanting displays.

Explore the Queen's View: Just a short drive from Pitlochry, the Queen's View offers stunning panoramic vistas across Loch Tummel and the surrounding mountains. It's a perfect spot for nature lovers and photographers.

Walk or cycle in the Perthshire countryside: Pitlochry is surrounded by beautiful landscapes, offering numerous walking and cycling trails. Enjoy the fresh air, scenic views, and abundant wildlife as you explore the countryside.

Visit the Pitlochry Dam and Fish Ladder: Learn about hydroelectric power at the Pitlochry Dam Visitor Centre. Take a guided tour, watch the salmon leaping up the fish ladder, and enjoy the interactive exhibitions.

Discover Pitlochry's shops and galleries: The town has a variety of charming shops, boutiques, and art galleries where you can find unique souvenirs, Scottish crafts, and artwork.

Explore the Explorers Garden: This botanical garden showcases a diverse collection of plants from around the world, particularly those associated with Scottish plant collectors and explorers. Enjoy a peaceful stroll and learn about the plant species.

Enjoy outdoor activities at Loch Faskally: Just outside Pitlochry, Loch Faskally offers opportunities for fishing, boating, and watersports. Take a boat trip on the loch or simply relax on its shores.

Indulge in local cuisine: Pitlochry has a range of cafes, restaurants, and traditional pubs where you can sample Scottish cuisine. Try local dishes, enjoy homemade treats, and savour a wee dram of whisky.

Explore the Birks of Aberfeldy: Take a walk along this picturesque gorge, which inspired the famous poet Robert Burns to write a poem of the same name. The scenic trail features waterfalls, woodland paths, and stunning views.

Visit Dewar's Aberfeldy Distillery: Discover the art of whisky-making at this renowned distillery. Take a guided tour to learn about the whisky production process, enjoy tastings, and explore the heritage exhibition.

Discover Castle Menzies: Explore this historic castle, which dates back to the 16th century. Admire its stunning architecture, explore the rooms, and learn about its rich history.

Enjoy outdoor activities at Loch Tay: Located nearby, Loch Tay offers a range of activities such as fishing, kayaking, canoeing, and boat trips. You can also explore the scenic lakeside trails or simply relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings.

Take a scenic drive: Aberfeldy is surrounded by breathtaking landscapes, so consider taking a drive through the stunning countryside. The nearby Glen Lyon, known as Scotland's longest enclosed glen, offers spectacular views and opportunities for hiking or picnicking.

Visit The Watermill: Explore this unique bookshop, café, and art gallery housed in a converted watermill. Browse through a wide selection of books, enjoy a cup of coffee, and appreciate the artwork on display.

Experience Highland Safaris: Embark on a guided land rover safari to discover the natural beauty of the surrounding area. Learn about the local wildlife, visit a red deer park, and enjoy panoramic views of the countryside.

Play golf at Aberfeldy Golf Club: If you're a golf enthusiast, head to Aberfeldy Golf Club to enjoy a round of golf amidst stunning scenery. The course offers a challenging yet enjoyable experience for players of all levels.

Visit the Aberfeldy Gallery: Explore this contemporary art gallery, showcasing the works of local and national artists. Admire various art forms, including paintings, sculptures, ceramics, and jewellery.

Enjoy local cuisine and hospitality: Aberfeldy has a variety of charming restaurants, cafes, and pubs where you can savour delicious Scottish cuisine. Sample traditional dishes, try local specialties, and indulge in a wee dram of whisky.

These are just a few suggestions, and there is much more to explore and discover in and around Pitlochry & Aberfeldy.

Remember to check the opening times and availability of attractions in advance, as some may have specific operating hours or seasonal variations.

Below: seek out seasonal and local produce for a delicious taste of Scotland



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FURTHER AFIELD

We are the perfect base to explore the areas around Fort William and Inverness, and a staging post to the Isle of Skye

Fort William, located in the Scottish Highlands, offers a stunning natural landscape and plenty of outdoor activities for visitors to enjoy. Here are some of the top things to do in Fort William:

Ben Nevis: Hike up the UK's highest mountain, Ben Nevis. The trail offers breathtaking views of the surrounding Highlands. If you're not an experienced hiker, consider hiring a guide or joining a group.

Nevis Range Mountain Resort: This resort offers year-round activities, including skiing and snowboarding in winter, and mountain biking and hiking trails during the warmer months. The gondola ride to the top provides incredible panoramic views.

Jacobite Steam Train: Take a scenic journey aboard the Jacobite Steam Train, famously known as the Hogwarts Express from the Harry Potter films. The train ride takes you through picturesque landscapes, including the Glenfinnan Viaduct.

Glen Coe: Drive or hike through Glen Coe, one of Scotland's most dramatic and breathtaking glens. The valley is surrounded by towering

mountains, making it a popular spot for photographers and nature lovers.

Cruises on Loch Linnhe: Enjoy a boat trip on Loch Linnhe, the sea loch that stretches from Fort William to the open sea. Cruises often offer opportunities to spot wildlife such as seals, porpoises, and seabirds.

Old Inverlochy Castle: Explore the ruins of Old Inverlochy Castle, a historic site that dates back to the 13th century. The castle is just a short distance from Fort William and offers a glimpse into Scotland's medieval past.

West Highland Museum: Learn about the history and culture of the Highlands at the West Highland Museum. It houses various artifacts, including items related to Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Jacobite Risings.

Braveheart and Outlander Tours: For fans of the movie "Braveheart" and the TV series "Outlander," there are guided tours that take you to filming locations and historical sites featured in these productions.

Spean Bridge Mill: Visit this working water-powered mill and learn about traditional weaving techniques and the history of Highland textiles.

Steall Waterfall: Embark on a hike to Steall Waterfall, one of Scotland's most impressive waterfalls, surrounded by beautiful scenery.

Commando Memorial: Pay your respects at the Commando Memorial, a monument dedicated to the British Commandos who trained in the area during World War II.

Inverness, located in the heart of the Scottish Highlands, offers a wide range of activities and attractions for visitors to enjoy. Here are some of the top things to do in Inverness:

Inverness Castle: Visit the Inverness Castle, located on a hill overlooking the city and the

Right: Loch Linnhe, which opens to the sea, offers sailing and sealife spotting tours





River Ness. While the castle itself is not open to the public, the grounds offer fantastic views of the city and the surrounding area.

River Ness: Take a stroll along the picturesque River Ness, which runs through the city. There are walking paths and bridges that provide great views of the river and the beautiful scenery.

Culloden Battlefield: Explore the Culloden Battlefield, where the famous Battle of Culloden took place in 1746. The visitor center offers an interactive exhibition that delves into the history of the Jacobite Rising.

Urquhart Castle: Visit Urquhart Castle, located on the shores of Loch Ness, just a short drive from Inverness. The ruins of this historic castle offer stunning views of the loch and are steeped in Scottish history.

Loch Ness: Take a boat tour or simply enjoy the scenic drive along the shores of Loch Ness. You might even catch a glimpse of the elusive Loch Ness Monster!

Dolphin Watching: Head to Chanonry Point on the Black Isle, a short drive from Inverness, to watch dolphins frolic in the Moray Firth. It's a popular spot for dolphin sightings.

Ness Islands: Enjoy a leisurely walk or a picnic on the Ness Islands, a group of small islands in the River Ness connected by footbridges. It's a tranquil and picturesque spot within the city.

Inverness Botanic Gardens: Explore the beautiful Botanic Gardens, featuring a wide variety of plants and flowers from around the world, as well as a tropical house and cactus house.

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Inverness Museum and Art Gallery: Discover the history and culture of the Highlands at the Inverness Museum and Art Gallery, which offers an intriguing collection of artifacts and artworks.

Whisky Distillery Tours: Take a tour of one of the nearby whisky distilleries, such as Glen Ord or Tomatin, to learn about the traditional whisky-making process and sample some of Scotland’s famous spirits.

Golfing: If you enjoy golf, Inverness has several golf courses with stunning Highland backdrops to enjoy a round of golf.

Shopping and Dining: Explore the charming streets of Inverness, with a mix of traditional shops, boutiques, and restaurants offering Scottish cuisine and international fare.

These are just a few of the many activities and attractions that Inverness has to offer. Whether you’re interested in history, nature, or simply soaking in the Highland ambiance, Inverness has something to offer every visitor.



Left: alongside the River Ness in Inverness, a statue of Donald Cameron, the Hogwarts Express, Urquhart Castle

“The Isle of Skye, located on the west coast of Scotland, is renowned for its dramatic landscapes, rugged mountains and picturesque coastal scenery”



Here are some highlights and attractions on the Isle of Skye:

The Quiraing: Explore the otherworldly landscape of the Quiraing, a landslip on the eastern side of the Trotternish Ridge. This geological formation offers stunning views of jagged cliffs, pinnacles, and green valleys.

Fairy Pools: Discover the enchanting Fairy Pools, a series of crystal-clear pools and waterfalls located in Glen Brittle. You can take a scenic walk along the river to explore these natural pools, and if you're feeling adventurous, even take a dip.

Old Man of Storr: Hike to the iconic Old Man of Storr, a large pinnacle rock formation that stands prominently on the Trotternish Ridge. The walk provides breathtaking views of the surrounding landscapes and coastline.

Dunvegan Castle: Visit Dunvegan Castle, the oldest continuously inhabited castle in Scotland

and the ancestral home of the MacLeod Clan. Explore the castle's gardens, view historical artifacts, and take a boat trip to see the resident seal colony.

Talisker Distillery: Experience the famous Talisker Distillery, situated in Carbost. Take a tour to learn about the whisky-making process and enjoy a tasting of their distinctive and peaty single malt whisky.

Neist Point Lighthouse: Journey to Neist Point, the westernmost point on the Isle of Skye, to see the iconic Neist Point Lighthouse. Enjoy the scenic coastal views and spot wildlife such as dolphins, seals, and seabirds.

Fairy Glen: Visit the enchanting Fairy Glen, a surreal landscape characterized by small conical hills and mystical rock formations. Explore the miniature landscape and immerse yourself in the magical atmosphere.

Talisker Bay: Take a walk along Talisker Bay,

a picturesque beach with stunning views of the Cuillin Mountains. Admire the rugged coastline, search for fossils, and enjoy the tranquility of the surroundings.

Coral Beach: Discover the unique Coral Beach near Dunvegan, featuring beautiful white sands and crystalline waters. Despite its name, the beach is made up of fossilized seaweed known as maerl, creating a captivating sight.

Skye Museum of Island Life: Immerse yourself in the island's history at the Skye Museum of Island Life, located in Kilmuir. Learn about traditional crofting life on Skye and explore the preserved thatched cottages.

These are just a few of the many attractions and natural wonders that the Isle of Skye has to offer. Remember to check the local weather conditions, plan your visits in advance, and follow any guidelines or restrictions in place to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience on the island.



Above and right:
Portree at sunset,
the fairy pools



CASTLES

Perthshire, located in central Scotland, is a region known for its stunning landscapes, rich history, and many castles. Some of the notable castles in and around Perthshire include:

Blair Castle: Located near the village of Blair Atholl, Blair Castle is one of Scotland's most famous castles. It dates back to the 13th century and has been the ancestral seat of the Dukes of Atholl for over seven centuries. The castle is open to the public and features beautiful gardens and a rich historical collection.

Scone Palace: Situated near the city of Perth, Scone Palace has great historical significance. It was the crowning place of Scottish kings, including Macbeth and Robert the Bruce. The current palace is a reconstruction of the original, and visitors can explore its grand

Above and right: Blair Castle in Blair Atholl; Castle Menzies

rooms and extensive grounds.

Huntingtower Castle: Located just outside Perth, Huntingtower Castle is an impressive tower house with a unique history. It was once two separate towers, each with its own set of residents, and is now open to the public for guided tours.

Castle Menzies: Situated near the town of Aberfeldy, Castle Menzies is a 16th-century Z-plan castle that was the seat of the Clan Menzies for centuries. It fell into disrepair but has been partially restored and is now open to visitors.

Doone Castle: Although not technically in Perthshire, Doone Castle is nearby and worth mentioning. It's located in Stirling and is famous for its appearances in popular movies and TV shows, such as "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" and "Game of Thrones."

Drummond Castle: Located near the town of Crieff, Drummond Castle features beautiful formal gardens that were laid out in the 17th century. The castle is not open to the public, but the gardens can be visited during certain times of the year.

Castle Campbell (also known as Castle Gloom): Situated in Dollar Glen, Castle Campbell is perched on a steep cliff and offers stunning views of the surrounding area. It has a turbulent history and is now managed by Historic Environment Scotland.

These are just a few of the many castles you can find in and around Perthshire. Exploring these historical sites is a great way to immerse yourself in Scotland's fascinating past and enjoy its picturesque landscapes.



Perthshire offers several shopping options where you can find unique items, local crafts, and Scottish products. Here are some shopping ideas and locations around Perthshire:

Perth City Centre: The city of Perth is the main shopping hub in Perthshire, offering a range of high street stores, independent boutiques, and specialty shops. You can explore the pedestrian-friendly streets such as High Street, St. John's Street, and George Street.

Crieff: This charming town is known for its independent shops and boutiques. Visit Strathearn Artspace for local crafts and artwork, The Crieff Food Company for delicious local produce, and The Crieff Trading Company for unique gifts and home decor.

Aberfeldy: The town of Aberfeldy has a selection of boutique shops and specialty stores. Visit the Watermill Bookshop and Cafe for a unique book-buying experience, The Aberfeldy Gallery for local artwork, and Aberfeldy Whisky Shop for a wide range of Scotch whiskies.

Dunkeld: This historic town is known for its quaint shops and craft stores. Visit The Scottish Deli for local food and drink products, The Scottish Antique & Arts Centre for antiques and collectibles, and The Duchess Anne for handmade Scottish gifts.

Pitlochry: The town of Pitlochry offers a variety of shops catering to different interests. Explore The House of Bruar, known as the "Harrods of the North," for luxury Scottish goods. Additionally, check out the Pitlochry Woollen Mill for tartans and knitwear and Heathergems for unique jewelry made from Scottish heather.

Blairgowrie: This town is famous for its berry



farms, and you can find a selection of locally produced jams, preserves, and other berry products. Visit the Blairgowrie Farm Shop and Café for a wide range of local produce.

Perth Farmers' Market: If you're looking for fresh local produce and artisanal products, visit the Perth Farmers' Market. It takes place on the first Saturday of every month in the city center and offers a great opportunity to support local producers.

Remember to check the opening times and availability of shops, as they may vary. Exploring the smaller towns and villages in Perthshire often leads to unique shopping finds, so don't hesitate to venture off the beaten path.

SHOPPING

Above and left: traditional kilts, elegant homewares