



## Junior School Local Information

**TAXI SERVICE:** DB Taxis T: 0044 (0)7704 737508  
C&R Taxis T: 0044 (0)1343 545456

### RECOMMENDED PLACES TO STAY IN THE AREA

#### DUFFUS

Duffus Estate (0) 7812 017386 [www.duffusestate.com](http://www.duffusestate.com)

Mossyards (0) 7831 945204 [www.mossyards.co.uk](http://www.mossyards.co.uk)

#### BURGHEAD (approx. 3 miles west from Gordonstoun, 10-minute drive)

Salty Dog Holidays (0) 7786 071163 [hello@westbeachcaravanpark.co.uk](mailto:hello@westbeachcaravanpark.co.uk)

#### LOSSIEMOUTH (approx. 3 miles east from Gordonstoun, 10-minute drive)

Norland Guest House (0) 1343 813570 [www.norlandbandb.com](http://www.norlandbandb.com)

Links Lodge Guest House (0) 1343 813815 [www.linksloodge.co.uk](http://www.linksloodge.co.uk)

Cliffside Apartment (0) 7831 386172 [chloe.mcdowell@gmail.com](mailto:chloe.mcdowell@gmail.com)

Bowmore, 4 Marine Court (0) 7492738549 [jenniferjones76@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferjones76@gmail.com)

#### ELGIN (approx. 6 miles south from Gordonstoun, 10-minute drive)

Mansefield House Hotel (0) 1343 540883 [www.themansefield.com](http://www.themansefield.com)

The Lodge Guest House (0) 1343 549981 [www.thelodge-elgin.com](http://www.thelodge-elgin.com)

Laichmoray Hotel (0) 1343 540045 [www.laichmorayhotel.co.uk](http://www.laichmorayhotel.co.uk)

Linkwood Lodge (0) 1343 550747 [www.premiertravelinn.com](http://www.premiertravelinn.com)

#### ALVES (approx. 8 miles, 15-minute drive West from Gordonstoun)

Ardgye House (0) 1343 850 618 [www.ardgyehouse.co.uk](http://www.ardgyehouse.co.uk)

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**FORRES** (approx. 12 miles, 20-minute drive West from Gordonstoun)

Blervie House, Rafford (0) 1309 674 629 [www.blervie.com](http://www.blervie.com)

Cluny Bank Hotel (0) 1309 674 304 [www.clunyanbankhotel.co.uk](http://www.clunyanbankhotel.co.uk)

Ramnee Hotel (0) 1309 672410 [www.ramneehotel.com](http://www.ramneehotel.com)

**FOCHABERS** (approx. 15 miles, 30-minute drive East from Gordonstoun)

Trochelhill Country House (0) 1343 821 267 [www.trochelhill.co.uk](http://www.trochelhill.co.uk)

Gordon Castle (0) 1343 820 244 [www.gordoncastle.co.uk/staying-with-us](http://www.gordoncastle.co.uk/staying-with-us)

The Gardeners Cottage (0) 7786 111 100 [mel.collett2015@outlook.com](mailto:mel.collett2015@outlook.com)

**ROTHERS** (16 miles south of Gordonstoun, 30-minute drive)

Rother Glen Luxury Castle (0) 1340 832 335 [www.rothesglenspeyside.com](http://www.rothesglenspeyside.com)

The Station Hotel (0) 1340 832 200 [www.stationhotelspeyside.com](http://www.stationhotelspeyside.com)

**CRAIGELLACHIE** (approx. 19 miles south from Gordonstoun, 35-minute drive)

Craigellachie Hotel (0) 1340 881 204 [www.craigellachiehotel.co.uk](http://www.craigellachiehotel.co.uk)

**ABERLOUR** (approx. 19 miles south of Gordonstoun, 35-minute drive)

The Dowans Hotel (0) 1340 871 488 [www.dowanshotel.com](http://www.dowanshotel.com)

Burnroy House (0) 7798 758146 [www.burnroyhouse.co.uk](http://www.burnroyhouse.co.uk)

**FINDHORN** (19 miles west, 25/30-minute drive)

Findhorn House [www.findhornhouse.com](http://www.findhornhouse.com)

**AULDEARN** (20 miles west, 30-minute drive between Forres & Nairn)

Boath House (0) 1667 454 896 [www.boath-house.com](http://www.boath-house.com)

**NAIRN** (25 miles west, 40-minute drive, en-route to Inverness Airport)

Invernairn Guest House (0) 1667 452 039 [www.invernairne.co.uk](http://www.invernairne.co.uk)

**INVERNESS** (approx. 39 miles west from Gordonstoun, 1-hour drive to the city centre)

Courtyard by Marriott (0) 1463 423111 [www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com)

Rocpool Reserve (0) 1463 717 274 [www.rocpool.com](http://www.rocpool.com)

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Loch Ness Hotel	(0) 1463 230 512	<a href="http://www.lochnesscountryhousehotel.co.uk">www.lochnesscountryhousehotel.co.uk</a>
Glenmoriston Town	(0) 1463 273 777	<a href="http://www.glenmoristontownhouse.com">www.glenmoristontownhouse.com</a>
Bunchrew House Hotel	(0) 1463 234 917	<a href="http://www.bunchrewhousehotel.com">www.bunchrewhousehotel.com</a>
Kingsmills Hotel	(0) 1463 257 100	<a href="http://www.kingsmillshotel.com">www.kingsmillshotel.com</a>
Culloden House Hotel	(0) 1463 790461	<a href="http://www.cullodenhous.co.uk">www.cullodenhous.co.uk</a>
Loch Ness Lodge	(0) 1456 459 469	<a href="http://www.loch-ness-lodge.com">www.loch-ness-lodge.com</a>

**AVIEMORE** (approx. 45 miles, in the Cairngorm National Park. Allow 1hr15min for travel)

Premier Inn	<a href="http://www.premierinn.com">www.premierinn.com</a>
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**ABERDEEN** (70 miles east of Gordonstoun. Allow 90 -120 minutes for travel)

Courtyard by Marriott Hotel	(0) 1224 770 011	<a href="http://www.marriott.com">www.marriott.com</a>
Crowne Plaza	(0) 1224 608 350	<a href="http://www.cpaberdeen.com">www.cpaberdeen.com</a>
Hampton by Hilton	(0) 1224 984 584	<a href="http://www.hilton.com/hampton/aberdeen">www.hilton.com/hampton/aberdeen</a>
Marcliffe of Pitfodels	(0) 1224 861 000	<a href="http://www.marcliffe.com">www.marcliffe.com</a>
IX The Chester Hotel	(0) 1224 327 777	<a href="http://www.chester-hotel.com">www.chester-hotel.com</a>
Malmaison	(0) 8446 930 649	<a href="http://www.malmaison.com/locations/aberdeen">www.malmaison.com/locations/aberdeen</a>
Thainstone House Hotel,	(0) 1467 621 643	<a href="http://www.crerarhotels.com/thainstone-house">www.crerarhotels.com/thainstone-house</a>

**ROYAL DEESIDE** – area to south of Aberdeen Airport, Scottish home of the Royal Family (allow at least 2 Hours to drive – some small roads)

The Fife Arms, Braemar	(0) 1339 720 200	<a href="http://www./thefifearms.com">www./thefifearms.com</a>
Hilton Craigendarroch	(0) 1339 755 858	<a href="http://www.higvc.co.uk/resorts/scotland/craigendarroch">www.higvc.co.uk/resorts/scotland/craigendarroch</a>
Raemoir Hotel, Banchory	(0) 1330 824 884	<a href="http://www.raemoir.com">www.raemoir.com</a>



# Places of Local Interest

## TOWNS AND VILLAGES

- Duffus** Post Office, village shop and children's playpark.
- Hopeman** (3 miles West): Harbour, beaches, coastal walks, village shop and post office, butcher, café, ice cream parlour, fish & chip/Chinese take away, public bars, gallery, children's playpark.
- Cummingston** (3.5 miles West): Pebbled beach, children's playpark, bistro (seasonal).
- Burghead** (4 miles West): Working harbour, beaches, coastal and woodland walks, village shop, post office, bistro, public bars, Chinese take away, children's playpark.
- Covesea** (1.5 miles East): Lighthouse, beach, café.
- Lossiemouth** (5 miles East): Harbour, beaches, ice cream parlours, children's playpark, choice of eateries/cafés/take away and a larger selection of shops.
- Elgin** (6 miles South): Elgin Cathedral, high street shopping and shopping centres, extensive choice of eateries/cafés/take away and amenities.
- Findhorn** (12 miles West): Bay with water activities, beach, village shop and post office, public bars, café.
- Aviemore** (56 miles South): An excellent base for exploring the beautiful Cairngorms National Park, great for walking, winter and summer climbing, skiing, mountain biking and shopping for the great outdoors.

## VISITOR ATTRACTIONS AND PLACES OF HISTORIC INTEREST

- Duffus Castle** A typical Norman Castle (ruins).
- Spynie Palace** (Near Elgin): Dating back to the 12th Century and at one time residence of the Bishops of Moray. Beautiful surroundings and substantial wildlife and birdsong.
- Pluscarden Abbey** (Near Elgin): The only medieval monastery in Britain still inhabited by monks and being used for its original purpose.
- Gordon Castle Walled Garden** (Fochabers): Walled garden with organic cafe, gift shop, children's playpark.
- Logie Steading** (a few miles south of Forres): A Visitor Centre with arts and crafts, shopping, walled gardens, lovely river walks, an adventure playground and café.
- Brodie Castle** (4.5 miles west of Forres): French furniture, paintings, European and Chinese porcelain, Japanese artefacts, picnic area, tea room and gift shop. Adventure playground with timber fort for children, woodland walks, gardens and a lake.
- Brodie Countryfare** (on the A96 towards Nairn): Shopping for gifts and clothing.
- Cawdor Castle** (29 miles): Cawdor Castle, said to be the most romantic castle of the Highlands.
- Ballindalloch Castle** (nr Aberlour): A family home in beautiful grounds - open to the public for viewing.
- Fort George** (six miles west of Nairn): An outstanding artillery fortification.
- Culloden** Visitor Attraction and site of the last hand-to-hand battle fought on British soil.
- Malt Whisky Trail** The World-famous Malt Whisky Trail with 7 distilleries in Moray and the Speyside Cooperage.
- Ice-cream Trail** Five Moray shops have been included in Scotland's first ever 'Ice Cream Trail'.



## WALKING AND OUTDOOR PURSUITS

<b>Loch Na Bo Wood</b>	3.5km loop near Elgin suitable for all skill levels. Walking or Mountain biking.
<b>Roseisle Woods</b>	Long stretch of beach, connecting Burghead to Findhorn, and forest walks/mountain biking behind the dunes.
<b>Quarrel Woods</b>	5.5km loop near Elgin. The trail is primarily used for walking and running of all skill levels.
<b>Hopeman harbour</b>	Try Harbour jumping or stand-up-paddle boarding in the calm of this recreation harbour
<b>Burghead Bay</b>	This shallow bay is ideal for sea kayaking, stand-up-paddle boarding or open water swimming. In windy conditions it is a kite surfers' paradise. Fishing charters available for hire for the keen sea fishing enthusiasts.
<b>Findhorn Bay</b>	Sailing is the primary activity in Findhorn Bay with stand-up-paddle boarding, open water swimming and sea tours to spot dolphins, porpoises and basking sharks departing from Findhorn Bay.
<b>Culbin Forest</b>	(along the A96 west from Forres) Lovely walks, mountain biking and watch tower viewpoint.
<b>Spey Bay</b>	A rugged river mouth. Dolphin watching and Wildlife centre.
<b>River Spey</b>	A Site of Special Scientific Interest and a Special Area of Conservation.
<b>Winding Walks</b>	(near Fochabers): This circular walk heads up the side of the Small Burn with the option of taking one of the winding paths through the trees.
<b>Ben Aigan</b>	(off the A95) 275m ascent. Ben Aigan is largely covered with forestry plantations but the summit area rises clear to give some of the most extensive views over Moray, from the coastal plain to the distant Cairngorms. The ascent is a straightforward hill walk.
<b>Ben Rinnes</b>	(near Aberlour) 541m ascent. Ben Rinnes is the dominating summit of Moray and is a very popular hill walk. The views, as might be expected, are extremely extensive, taking in much of northeast Scotland.
<b>Glenmore Estate</b>	A beautiful forest for walking and mountain biking.
<b>Rothiemurchus</b>	(Estate approximately 1.5 miles south east of Aviemore): Loch an Eilein (loch of the island) with its 13th century island castle, magnificent ancient pines, great mountain bike and walking trails.
<b>Loch Morlich</b>	(at the foot of the Cairngorms) Great for water sports.
<b>Grantown-on Spey</b>	Mountain bikers Pump track (red, blue and green trails).

